

Vienna & Bratislava

7 days / 6 nights

Start your journey in Vienna, the home of Mozart (*right*), with the gardens and showrooms of Schönbrunn Palace, see the Hofburg and the Parliament. Then on to Bratislava by high-speed catamaran where you can visit Bratislava Castle and enjoy panoramic views of the city.



Your 6-night Vienna & Bratislava package includes

In Vienna

- 3 nights hotel
- Historic Vienna city tour with *Schönbrunn*
- 1 dinner at *Piaristenkeller*
- Daily breakfast
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Transportation by catamaran Twin City Liner from Vienna to Bratislava

In Bratislava

- 3 nights hotel
- Private Bratislava city tour
- 1 dinner at *Reštaurácia Koliba-Expo*
- Daily breakfast
- Hotel taxes and service charges

~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Day 1 ~ Arrive Vienna: Arrive in Vienna (optional private transfers from the airport or a rail station available) to check into your hotel. (*Accommodation, Vienna*)

Day 2 ~ Vienna: After breakfast, you are scheduled for a city tour with hotel pick up. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore or relax as you choose. (*Breakfast & accommodation, Vienna*)



- **Historical City Tour with Schonbrunn** Your tour begins at 9:45 a.m. with hotel pick up 30-45 minutes prior in your hotel lobby. On your tour you see the Ringstrasse, the State Opera House, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Natural History, the Hofburg, residence of Empress Elizabeth, (known as 'Sisi' in Austria), the Parliament, City Hall, the Burgtheater, the University and the Votive Church. The highlight of your tour is a visit to Schonbrunn Palace (*pictured left*). (*Tour ends at the State Opera building, lasts 3½ hours.*)

Day 3 ~ Vienna: Your last full day in Vienna gives you options. You may wish to go shopping in this cosmopolitan city this morning, or consider an optional tour before your reservations for dinner tonight. (*Breakfast & accommodation, Vienna*)

- **Optional Tour: Vienna Woods Mayerling Seegrotte.** This four-hour tour visits the Vienna Woods, the Roman City of Baden, the Mayerling hunting lodge, past the Holdrichsmuhle where Franz Schubert composed "The Linden Tree" to Seegrotte. After a boat ride on the largest subterranean lake in Europe, you return to Vienna past Liechtenstein Castle. (*Ends at State Opera House. Operates daily at 9:30 a.m. or 2:45 p.m., lasts four hours.*)
- Your dinner tonight with 8:00 p.m. reservations is at the Royal Piaristenkeller Restaurant. Dinner menu consists Viennese dishes, 1/4 liter of wine and wine cellar visit with glass of sparkling wine. Founded in 1697 by Piarist monks as a tavern and wine cellar, recently renovated to resemble the tavern with centuries-old vaulted ceilings, this restaurant serves traditional Austrian specialties based on original recipes – including some of *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's favorites*. (*Please present your voucher before ordering, gratuities not included.*)



Piaristenkeller Monk

Day 4 ~ Vienna to Bratislava: After breakfast, arrive on your own for your 12:30 departure at the *Schwedenplatz* in Vienna for your 90 minute trip to the Old Town of Bratislava. (*Breakfast, Vienna; accommodation, Bratislava*)

About the Twin City Liner - Vienna to Bratislava

Vienna and Bratislava are only 37 miles apart; the quickest, most enjoyable way to travel between the two, city center to city center, is the catamaran Twin City Liner along the *Donaukanal* (Danube canal). You skim along the Danube at 32.5 knots (37 mph) in comfort and safety, getting a unique view of the river and the countryside. *(Operates April - November only. Transportation by rail December - March. Schedules at foot of page.)*



Day 5 ~ Bratislava: Arrive in Bratislava, optional transfers to your hotel are available. Today Bratislava is one of the most rapidly growing urban regions of Europe, a mixing pot of nationalities who live together in peace and harmony. There is a saying that a true 'Pressburgian' speaks three languages: Slovak, German and Hungarian. Visitors say that the city is a "seaside city without the sea", with a relaxed atmosphere, a splendid history and a special unique charm. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Bratislava)*



- **Private Bratislava City Tour** Meet your guide in your hotel lobby for your 3-hour tour. You visit Bratislava Castle then visit the famous Devin Castle *(left, with admission)*. A ruin since being blown up by Napoleon's army in 1809, Devin's Castle offers breath taking views of neighboring Austria and on a clear day, the Alps. Next you tour on foot the Presidential Palace, Government Palace, Opera House, Main Square, Old Town Hall, St. Michael's Gate and Primate Palace *(with admission)* before returning to your hotel.

- **Dinner at Reštaurácia Koliba–Expo in Kamzík** Arrive on your own for your 8:00 p.m. reservation for a 3-course dinner featuring authentic Slovak cuisine including fresh fish, local meats and game, and produce prepared using traditional mouth-watering recipes. *(Please present your voucher prior to ordering; beverages and gratuities not included.)*



Day 6 ~ Bratislava: After breakfast, a day free to explore, or enjoy an optional tour. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Bratislava)*

Optional Tours

- **Bratislava Bridges by Boat** A panoramic cruise on the Danube River with narration in English under the bridges of Bratislava bridges with extraordinary view of the city. *(Operates daily, lasts 45 minutes.)*
- **Private Bratislava walking tour** Meet your guide in your hotel lobby for a tour of downtown Bratislava from Bratislava Castle to the narrow cobbled streets courtyards of old town. Tour ends back at your hotel. *(Daily upon request, narrated in English, lasts 3 hours. Wear appropriate walking shoes.)*

Day 7 ~ Depart Bratislava: After breakfast at your hotel, you're ready to depart on your next Avanti destination. *(Breakfast, Bratislava)*

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent.



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