



Post Conference Tours

6 DAY TRIP AROUND AUSTRIA: 26.8. - 31.8.2008

Valleys with lots of woods with nearly no settlers, alpine pastures like in a fairy tale, majestic mountains, huge glaciers and clear mountain lakes – and on the other hand hectic city life, modern industries and traditional handcrafts. All that is Austria.

Day 1: Wien – Linz – Salzburg

Departure from the hotel. On the motorway, passing St. Pölten, the capital town of Lower Austria, we arrive Krems, the gate to the “Wachau”, the most exciting part of the Danube River valley. There we will see picturesque castles and old churches as well as the typical wine yards on the hills aside the river. Then we reach Melk, the largest Benedictine monasteries in Austria. From here we go to Linz, the capital of Upper Austria. Linz is an interesting mixture of living history. A guided walk shows us the Main Square and the most important examples of architecture trough the centuries. With the first pack of impressions we are leaving Linz for Salzburg, where we will have dinner and the night at the hotel.

Day 2: Salzburg – Hallein – Innsbruck

After a good Austrian breakfast we will explore Salzburg, the city of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Our local guide will show us the most exciting places and buildings of this unique town. We may understand, that the flair of Salzburg makes this town one of the most visited in Europe. We continue to Hallein, famous because of it’s salt mines. The first people, digging salt out of the mountain, had been Celtic tribes. Visiting the salt mine and the “Celtic Village”; we can imagine the development that had taken place within the passed 2000 years. Now our coach will bring us to Innsbruck, capital town of Tyrol. This town is surrounded by high mountains and had been twice the place of the Winter Olympics. Dinner and night at the hotel.

Day 3: Innsbruck

Today we do sightseeing in and around Innsbruck. We start with a guided walk through the centre of the old town that is an example of medieval architecture. We will see the beautiful houses of the noble families as well as the houses of the rich traders. We will see the “Goldenes Dachl” a roof with gold-plated tiles r. We’ll see the old “Landhaus”, the former Tyrolean house of commons and lords, the “High Tower” of the former fortress, the cathedral, the Imperial Palace and some more. Our guide will show us the battlefield of “Berg Isel”, where the Tyrolean farmers had been victorious against Napoleon and his French and Bavarian troops. And we will see the “Berg Isel-Schanze”, the place, where the famous ski jump competition takes place every year. In the afternoon we will have the possibility to relax or to do shopping or some more sightseeing. We can take a cable car to go up to the “Seegrube”, a place halfway up to the top of mount “Hafelekar”, where you will have a wonderful view over Innsbruck and the valley. Dinner and night at the hotel.



Day 4: Innsbruck – Pustertal – Villach

We are leaving Innsbruck on the way to the Brenner. We will have a stop at the “Europabrücke”, the highest motorway bridge in Austria, more than 130 meters high. We enter Italy, the province of South Tyrol. We pass the old towns of Sterzing and Innichen before we return to East Tyrol in Austria. Till 1918 all this country had been part of the Austrian Empire. Crossing Lienz and Spittal/Drau, two nice small towns, we arrive in Carinthia and Villach, the capital of the Austrian carnival. Dinner and night at the hotel.

Day 5: Villach – Klagenfurt – Graz

Our coach will bring us to the “Wörthersee”, the biggest lake in the south of Austria. In Klagenfurt, capital of Carinthia, a guided walk let us see all the famous buildings and monuments of this old town, like the “Landhaus” and the “Lindwurm”, the monument of a legendary dragon, who had liked to eat young and innocent girls. The entire region had been settled and cultivated by Celts, Romans, Slaves and at least by Bavarian tribes. During the Roman period this area had been very famous because of the “Noriker” horses, the most common horse of the Roman cavalry. Leaving Carinthia in eastern direction, we cross the border to Steiermark and in the late afternoon we arrive at Graz, the Styrian capital town. Dinner and night at the hotel.

Day 6: Graz – Semmering – Wien

After breakfast we start a guided tour, to the “Landhaus” and the “Zeughaus”, the buildings where all the armament and weapons had been stored. We will see the river Mur and the Clock Tower up the hill “Schlossberg”, the Opera House, the Town Hall and all the snuggly places, they make Graz so famous. In the afternoon we start for the last part of our trip around Austria. Following the beautiful landscape along the rivers Mur and Mürz, we arrive the “Semmering”, the “Balcony of Vienna”. At the end of the 19th century some famous poets like Schnitzler or Krauss called it the “Mystery Mountain”. The region is known for skiing and other winter sports in only a distance of 100 km from Vienna. We will arrive at Vienna in the afternoon.

Included are: Journey in a Comfort Coach with cold and warm drinks, 5 nights in good middle class hotels (3*** and 3***+), Half board including breakfast and dinner. All guided sightseeing’s in English, French and German in Linz, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt and Graz, Entrance and guided tour in the salt mine and Celtic village at Hallein, All taxes included

Costs:

€599.— per person in a double room (twin bed or two beds)

€ 98.-- plus for single room

Attention: There are only a small number of single rooms available ! Please try to share a double room with a partner and save money.

4 Days: Post conference tour 2008 from 26.8.2008 to 29.8.2008.

Tuesday: Departure in the morning to the Burgenland. Weinstrasse (wine road). Visit the Esterhazy farm. Lunch. Wine tasting at selected Winyards. Dinner, accomodation in 3* or 4* Hotel/Pension.



Wednesday: Departure for Graz all day sightseeing in the former European Cultural Capital. Overnight between Graz and Weiz.

Thursday: Departure for Carinthia. Visit Gurk with the oldest Cathedral, than to Friesach “The CASTLE Town – 7 Fortresses!) On to Klagenfurt with city tour. Evening at the Wörther See (lake). Enjoy lunch and sunset there. Spend the night in the region Faaker See (lake)

Friday: Visit the largest fortress in Austria, Hochosterwitz, continue to the Gerlitzten, a short walk (20-25 minutes) will be possible to the Thuner and Steinwender Hütte (alpine restaurant) with lunch. For people with walking problems there will be a bus available). Großglockner and return to Vienna.
Arrival at around 20:00

Costs 430.- EURO

Including breakfast, lunches and dinners.