

## Enhance Your Stay in Vienna with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

**After Hours Imperial Apartments and Sisi Museum:** Apart from its function as the seat of government, the Hofburg Palace was the winter residence of the royal family. Discover the lavish Imperial apartments on this special after-hours tour as you learn about Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife Empress Elizabeth. Unhappy with the constraints and demands of court life, Empress Elizabeth, affectionately known as Sisi, searched for happiness and personal fulfillment throughout her life. Dubbed “the reluctant empress,” she achieved nearly legendary status even during her lifetime. In the 1960’s, numerous films were made about her, with the famous Austrian-born actress Romy Schneider playing the role of the young Empress. Along with the palaces’ gorgeous furnishings, artwork and artifacts, this tour offers a fascinating look into the life of Empress Elizabeth. *Tour Duration 1 Hour*

**Vienna Walking Tour with Vienna State Opera:** Embark on a privately guided journey through Vienna’s musical heritage, tracing the footsteps of renowned composers. Begin by exploring the early career of Joseph Haydn, the marriage venue of Mozart and Constanze, and the site of Beethoven’s memorable first performance of the “Eroica.” Along the way, your expert guide will share fascinating insights into Vienna’s vibrant musical legacy. The tour culminates with a guided visit inside the iconic Vienna State Opera, an enduring symbol of imperial elegance. This architectural masterpiece continues to host world-class performances of opera, ballet, and classical music, making it a cultural cornerstone and a must-experience destination for discerning lovers of the arts. *Tour Duration 2.5 Hours*

**Spanish Riding School Tour + Training Lesson:** The Spanische Hofreitschule, founded in 1572, is the world’s oldest institution dedicated to preserving the art of classical dressage in its purest form. The school’s name reflects the Spanish origins of its iconic Lipizzaner horses, one of Europe’s oldest and most esteemed breeds. Going behind-the-scenes at the Spanish Riding School within the Hofburg Imperial Palace, you’ll enter the elegant Winter Riding School to enjoy a live training session—where skilled riders and horses practice their refined movements. This unforgettable experience provides insight into the precision and grace of classical equestrianism, a tradition that has been preserved here for over four centuries. *Tour Duration 2 Hours*

**Hidden Treasures of Vienna:** Set out with your personal in-the-know guide to explore Vienna’s hidden gems. In the heart of the 1st district, you’ll wander through charming inner courtyards and historic passages, discovering the city’s quieter corners often overlooked by other visitors. Marvel at the baroque splendor of the university quarter, while delving into fascinating stories about Mozart’s life. Exploring beyond Vienna’s well-known attractions, you’ll venture into inviting neighborhoods like Leopoldstadt, known for its cozy cafés and vintage boutiques, and marvel at the whimsical Hundertwasser Haus. This tour offers an intimate look at Vienna’s lesser-known treasures, revealing the city’s true character and charm. *Tour Duration 3 Hours*

**St. Stephen's Cathedral Rooftop + Catacombs Tour:** Explore Vienna's rich history from two captivating perspectives on this expertly guided private tour of St. Stephen's Cathedral. You can take the elevator up the North Tower for an up-close view of the 21-ton Pummerin Bell and the Cathedral's tile roof, a masterpiece of design. The energetic can ascend the steps of the South Tower for breathtaking panoramic views of Vienna. Then descend into the catacombs beneath St. Stephen's where you'll discover centuries-old relics and burial sites and including the tombs of 15 members of the Habsburg family. Please note that access to the South Tower viewing platform is via a tight spiral staircase with more than 340 steps. *Tour Duration 2.5 Hours*

**Vienna Woods Day Tour:** With your own chauffeured vehicle and personal guide, this tour takes you into the scenic Vienna Woods, designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Your first stop is the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz, a stunning Cistercian monastery founded in 1133 and known for its medieval cloister and serene atmosphere. As your guide shares historical insights, you'll also gain a deeper understanding of monastic life. Next, visit the former hunting lodge of Mayerling, now a commemorative chapel, where the tragic deaths of Crown Prince Rudolf and Baroness Vetsera unfolded in 1889. The journey continues through the picturesque Helenental Valley, a favorite retreat of Romantic poets. Conclude this tour with a visit to the spa town of Baden, celebrated for its thermal springs and cultural heritage. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel in the city. *Tour Duration 6 Hours*

**Wachau Valley Day Tour with Melk Abbey and Dürnstein:** Discover the enchanting Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning landscapes and rich history. This picturesque stretch of the Danube River is dotted with charming villages, vineyards, and architectural landmarks from the medieval to Baroque. Begin your journey with a guided visit to the magnificent Abbey of Melk, a baroque masterpiece that has long been a cultural and spiritual center in Austria. After exploring its splendid interiors and gardens, enjoy a leisurely lunch at a riverside restaurant, where you'll savor local cuisine with panoramic views of the Danube and surrounding vineyards. Continue with a scenic boat ride to Dürnstein, a village steeped in history, where your guide will take you on a walk through its quaint lanes. In the hills above town, you'll see the ruins of a castle as your guide shares the colorful story of King Richard the Lionheart's imprisonment there. Please note that the boat ride is only offered from mid-April to late October. *Tour Duration 8 Hours*

**Shop + Taste + Cook:** Join your culinary guide and host Andrea at Vienna's iconic Naschmarkt for a flavorful introduction to Austrian cuisine. As you stroll through the city's largest and oldest market, established in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Andrea will guide you to her favorite merchants. Sample local specialties as she shares her wealth of knowledge about Austria's rich culinary heritage.

Then, continue the experience in Andrea's private home, where you'll join her in the kitchen to prepare a delicious three-course Austrian meal together. With expert guidance and great conversation, you'll cook, taste, and learn—before sitting down to enjoy your creations paired with excellent local wine. This culinary experience is available to start at 11:00 am for lunch or 4:00 pm for dinner. Maximum of 6 guests. *Tour Duration: 4 Hours*

**Vienna Wine Tour:** Tucked into the hills just beyond Vienna's urban core, wine villages like Grinzing, Nussdorf, and Stammersdorf offer a timeless appeal—with leafy lanes, terraced vineyards, and rustic wine taverns known as *Heurigen*. Though within city limits, these neighborhoods have retained much of their traditional charm. On this tour, you'll travel in a chauffeured vehicle with your engaging personal guide through the scenic outskirts of Vienna—enjoying panoramic views of the city and the surrounding vineyards. Your destination: one of our favorite *Heurigen*, a family-run wine tavern where tradition thrives. Here, you'll enjoy a delightful evening with a guided wine tasting, a hearty dinner of traditional Austrian fare, and maybe even some live music. On weekends, you can ride the *Heurigen Express*, a small train that winds through the region's vineyards and wine towns. This tour is available to start at 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm. *Tour Duration: 4 Hours*

**Apple Strudel Baking Course – Shared Group Experience:** Step into an historic, barrel-vaulted bakery kitchen on the grounds of the elegant Schönbrunn Palace for the *Gerstner K. u. K. Hofzuckerbäcker*—a lively demonstration that will reveal the secrets behind Austria's most beloved dessert: Apple Strudel! In this fascinating one-hour experience, you and your fellow participants will watch a skilled baker prepare strudel the traditional way, stretching paper-thin dough and layering it with apples, cinnamon, and sugar. The sweet aroma fills the air as your freshly baked treat emerges from the oven. Enjoy a warm slice straight from the bakery, paired with a classic Viennese *Melange* coffee—for a truly delicious taste of Austrian tradition. Roundtrip transfers are included. This activity is offered 4 times daily at 11:00 am, 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

**Sound of Music Tour from Vienna – Shared Group Experience:** Begin your day with a comfortable, privately chauffeured transfer from Vienna to Salzburg, where you'll have time for lunch on your own before joining a group sightseeing tour that brings *The Sound of Music* to life. Led by a local expert, this guided tour visits both real-life locations from the Trapp family story and iconic filming sites from the beloved movie. See the Trapp family's former home in the Aigen district, and the Nonnberg Abbey, where Maria lived as a novice. Walk through the lovely Mirabell Gardens; with a terrific view of the imposing Hohensalzburg Fortress, this garden was immortalized in the joyful “Do-Re-Mi” scene. You'll also admire the beauty of Leopoldskron Palace and Hellbrunn Palace, key filming locations for the movie. Along the way, you'll gain insight into both the true story behind the Trapp family and the cinematic magic that made their tale a worldwide favorite. This excursion includes roundtrip chauffeured transfers, so after the tour, your driver will meet you for the return journey to Vienna. The *Sound of Music Group Tour* in Salzburg (2:00 to 6:00 pm) is a panoramic sightseeing tour and does not include entry to the sites listed. *Total Duration: 10-12 Hours*

**Sound of Music Tour from Vienna – Private Full-Day Experience:** Depart Vienna in the comfort of a chauffeured vehicle on this privately guided full-day journey to Salzburg, tracing both the cinematic legacy and real-life story of the Trapp family. En route, enjoy the scenic beauty of the Salzkammergut—Austria's lake district—where alpine peaks and crystal-clear lakes have long made this a beloved retreat for Austrians including Emperor Franz Joseph who maintained a summer villa here. Stop in the charming village of Mondsee, home to the church where the wedding scene from *The Sound of Music* was filmed, and enjoy a brief lakeside break before continuing to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart.

On arrival, explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, a Baroque masterpiece rich in history and the backdrop of the Trapp family story. Visit key filming locations and historic

architectural landmarks in and around Salzburg including Leopoldskron Palace (viewed from across the lake), Nonnberg Abbey where Maria lived as a novice, and the gardens of Hellbrunn Palace, where the “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” gazebo still stands. This is a panoramic sightseeing tour with your own private guide, and does not include entry to the sites listed.

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