

VIENNA

10 – 14 NOVEMBER 2027

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£3,395
PER PERSON

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This tour embodies the very essence of historic Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, encompassing the magnificent art collections and the unrivalled acquisitions of the Habsburg Emperors who over six centuries made Vienna one of Europe's most important cities. Austria had long been their home, yet the dynasty acquired land throughout Europe, partly through conquest but more shrewdly through dynastic connections and inheritance. After repelling the Ottoman sieges in the 16th and 17th centuries, Vienna flourished into a golden age of superb Baroque architecture and the city became a global centre for the arts and music.

We explore the city's superb artistic heritage, from the Old Masters of the Kunsthistorisches Museum to the late-19th and early-20th century masterpieces housed in the Baroque Belvedere Palace. We visit the impressive Imperial Library and see the unique works of art at the Liechtenstein City Palace.

There will be the option to hear Mass sung by the Vienna Boys' choir at the Imperial Chapel and to attend an opera performance at the Wiener Staatsoper or a concert at any of the renowned concert halls. There is also the option to visit the city's Christmas Markets including the most famous Rathausplatz Christkindlmarkt.



The Kiss by Klimt



St. Stephen's Cathedral



The Hunters in the Snow by Pieter Bruegel

5-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 10 NOVEMBER 2027

10 November London / Vienna

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA694 departing London Heathrow at 10.30 hrs arriving Vienna at 13.50 hrs. Group transfer into the city and check into the Leo Grand Hotel, a 5-star boutique hotel located close to St. Stephen's Cathedral, where four nights are spent. Short orientation walk including a visit to the impressive Romanesque and Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel.

11 November Vienna

Depart on foot to visit the Ceremonial Hall of the Prunksaal (Imperial Library), considered one of the finest examples of a Baroque library, containing some 200,000 works and magnificently decorated with a glorious fresco by Daniel Gran. Continue to the Hofburg Palace, created in a variety of differing styles by the Habsburgs between the 13th and 19th centuries. Here visit the Sisi Museum, housed in the Stephan Apartments, displaying numerous

personal items belonging to the much famed and beautiful Empress Elisabeth of Austria, known as Sisi. Lunch at Café Central. Return to the Hofburg Palace to visit to Treasury (Schatzkammer) where the twenty-one rooms contain the Imperial gems, relics of the Holy Roman Empire, the Imperial crown, coronation regalia, valuable Habsburg jewellery, and splendid liturgical objects, relics and vestments from the Imperial court, as well as an outstanding collection of porcelain. Dinner under own arrangements.

Optional opera performance at the Wiener Staatsoper or concert at the Musikverein (subject to performance schedule).

12 November Vienna

Depart by coach to visit the Liechtenstein City Palace (completed 1705 and still owned by the Princely Family of Liechtenstein) which has one of the finest Baroque grand staircases in Vienna leading to impressive fully furnished staterooms of the period. The

artworks rank amongst the most important works of art spanning five centuries and include paintings by Rubens, Rembrandt, Raphael, van Dyck and Monet. One of the most valuable pieces of furniture on display is the famed Badminton Cabinet, completed in Florence in 1732 (commissioned by the Duke of Beaufort) with other pieces from the Biedermeier era.

Lunch in the Kunsthistorisches Museum restaurant. Visit the Kunsthistorisches Museum which houses the paintings, sculpture, decorative arts and ancient antiquities collected by the Habsburgs – considered one of the greatest and most extensive in the world. Highlights include masterpieces by artists such as Titian, Canaletto, Brueghel, Rubens and Van Dyck. Dinner under own arrangements.

Optional opera performance at the Wiener Staatsoper or concert at the Musikverein (subject to performance schedule).



Secession Building with Golden Dome also called Wiener Secession

13 November Vienna

Depart by coach to visit to the Vienna Secession Building designed by Joseph Maria Olbrich in a modern Art Nouveau style in 1897/8 – one of the best-known buildings in Vienna. The leafwork dome ('Golden Cabbage') is the symbol of the Secession, the artistic movement in 1896, during which Gustav Klimt and several other artists quit the conservative Künstlerhaus and founded a new art association. Here see the famous Beethoven Frieze by Gustav Klimt.

Continue to Schloss Belvedere, Prince Eugène of Savoy's summer palace, considered one of the finest examples of late Baroque architecture in Europe. Visit the Oberes (Upper) Palace, which houses a superb collection of 19th and 20th-century paintings, including works by Klimt, Renoir and Schiele. Here, in the Great Hall, The Staatsvertrag or Austrian Independence Treaty was signed by the Allied occupying powers (France, United Kingdom, United States and Soviet Union) and the Austrian Government in 1955.

Lunch under own arrangements. Afternoon at leisure. Optional visit to the Albertina Museum, famed for its one million Old Master drawings and prints, including A. Durer's *Hare* (sometimes on view). See masterpieces by Picasso, Monet, Degas, Cezanne, Chagall and Modigliani as well as more modern graphic works, photographs and architectural drawings. Alternatively there is the option to take the tram to visit the Christmas Market in the Rathausplatz. Dinner at Restaurant Griechenbeisl.

14 November Vienna / London

Option to walk to the Imperial Chapel to hear Mass sung by the Vienna Boys' Choir, accompanied by members of the Vienna Philharmonia. Return to the hotel and depart by coach to visit to the Leopold Museum, home to one of the largest collections of modern Austrian art, featuring artists such as Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt, Oskar Kokoschka and Richard Gerstl.

Lunch at Glacis Beisl restaurant. Group transfer to Vienna Airport. Suggested flight (not included) British Airways BA725 departing at 17.00 hrs arriving London Heathrow at 18.20 hrs.

Please note there will a substantial amount of walking and a certain level of fitness and mobility is required on this tour.

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Tour Price	£3,395
Single Supplement	£975

Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price. Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 3 lunches; 2 dinners
- Group airport transfers and transportation as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to guides/s; gratuities to driver/s; portorage
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- The services of your tour leader throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Meals indicated 'under own arrangements'
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 17/07/26



Liechtenstein City Palace



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Tania Illingworth (nee Tolstoy) has a degree in Russian Language & Literature, with Byzantine Art. Tania is one of our most long-standing, experienced and popular tour leaders and has led tours widely throughout Western, Central and Eastern Europe. Tania's interests are history, architecture and the arts. She speaks Spanish and French.

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