

## PRIVATE GRAND TOUR OF AUSTRIA 2025

PREMIUM ITINERARY. PREMIUM LUXURY EXPERIENCE.









#### **ABOUT THIS TRIP**

#### 10 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / UNESCO SIGHTS / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

Enjoy the Premium Private Grand Tour of Austria – the luxury way of traveling. Discover Imperial **Vienna**, City of Mozart - **Salzburg**, **Graz** and **Innsbruck**. Take a tour in the Alps with its beautiful peaks, valleys and lakes. Visit with us all the highlights and discover out-of-the-beaten-tracks and many UNESCO sights. Enjoy famous Austrian cuisine and the specialties of every region. It's not only Wiener Schnitzel and Sacher Cake.

Let us pamper you, plunge into the wellness sphere and enjoy undisturbed moments. Fall in love with Austria.

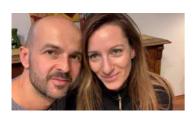
All entrances to the top sights are already included in the tour price. Overnights are in 4-star, carefully selected hotels (we visited and checked them personally).

Our top priority is exclusive customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always take care of your highest comfort, the attention to detail, your safety, your special requests and that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

It is essential to have a top tour guide on your tour. Our tour guide-drivers are highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of the history of Central Europe, with excellent English and driving skills. They are trained for private tours and will make your tour a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped specious and luxury personal cars Skoda Superb (1-3 travelers), new luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class (4-7 travelers). They offer the highest possible comfort and safety. Enjoy our luxury suites on the wheels. For larger groups, our partner agency offers Setra buses (30 and 50 seaters).

All our vehicles are non-smoking and without any car perfumes.



Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours - Travel Team



#### ROUTE / TOTAL of 1350km / 838mi

Start and end of the tour: Vienna, Austria

#### YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO VIENNA

Welcome drink and Welcome dinner. Your lovely holiday starts today.

Book with us an airport pick up service from Vienna Schwechat airport and get the best possible price, travel in style with the highest comfort. How do we provide this service? We will wait for you at the airport's arrival hall holding a sign with your name, help you with your luggage, drive you safely and comfortably to Vienna center to your hotel and help with the check in process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive. At leisure.

Overnight in Vienna

### DAY 2 VIENNA QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR



We'll start with our local expert tour guide the Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour to see all the Must-Sees Vienna has to offer. Admire the world-famous Opera's house, walk on the famous shopping street Kartnerstrasse, enter the gothic St. Stephan's Cathedral, - the symbol of Vienna, would you like to take an elevator in the northern tower to get the great views or you rather walk up 343 steps in the southern tower? Walk on Am Graben and Kohlmarkt and enter into the former seat of the Austro-Hungarian empire –

the imperial **Hofburg palace**, - the unique heart of this great city. We'll walk to see **the Parliament building**, **Burgtheater**, **City Hall**. We'll give you an overview about the city's rich

Habsburg history, music, architecture, gastronomy. Lunch break and trying Austrian delicacies. Walking down the narrow cobblestone streets of the city's historic First District (Erstes Bezirk), one can almost hear the classical compositions of Mozart, Schubert and Strauss in the melodic clatter of old-style horse carriages.

We'll visit a marvellous **Schonbrunn Palace** – the summer residence of former Empress Elisabeth with an attractive interiour exposition. Take a guided tour around the palace (Imperial or Grand Tour), afterwards, we walk around the spectacular gardens.

Enough time to enjoy a coffee and maybe to try a famous Sacher cake. What about a concert of classical music?

<u>Optional visits:</u> Museum Albertina – home to one of the largest and most precious graphic art collections in the world. View works by Schiele, Klimt, Warhol Museum of Fine Arts – collection of ancient Egyptian, Green & Roman antiquities Museum Belvedere – an art lover's dream, view works by Schiele, Klimt and Munch Spanish Horse-Riding school

#### Overnight in Vienna

Total driving distance: 25km / 15mi, Driving time: 40min, Walking: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

#### DAY 3 VIENNA – MELK – WACHAU - SALZBURG



We'll drive to **Wachau Valley**, - the scenic part of Austrian landscape famous for its vineyards on the steep terraces and monumental wines. We'll stop in a small town **Durnstein** and také a walk through the heart of the historic old town and walk up to Durnstein castle ruin where famous King Richard I of England was held captive. As some of the world's finest white wines come from this area, try a glass of Riesling or Gruner Veltliner. Continue to **Melk** – a spiritual and cultural center of the

country for more than 1000 years, first as a castle for the Babenbergs, then from 1089 as a Benedictine monastery, founded by Margrave Leopold II. Melk Abbey presents one of Austria's highlights and as Europe's great cultural ensemble. Drive to Salzburg.

#### Overnight in Salzburg

Total driving distance: 330km / 205mi, Driving time: 3hrs 45min, Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

# DAY 4 SALZBURG – THE BIRTH PLACE OF WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART



Salzburg is the birthplace of W. A. Mozart, a spectacular city dominated by churches, castles and palaces, no doubt it is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. We'll start with a Quality Walking Tour and will immerse in the city's rich history. Start with the visit of the Hohensalzburg castle – the majestic fortress high above the Old city (by funicular railway). Enjoy stunning views. Continue with the Old town walking tour through famous street Getreidegasse – the bustling heart of Salzburg's Old city and visit of Mozart's birthplace (the

museum gives a wonderful overview of the composer's life and his relationship with the city), walk on the **Cathedral Square** and enter the **Salzburg Cathedral**, where Mozart was baptized. The next must-to-see is **the Mirabell Palace** and **Gardens**.

<u>Optional visits:</u> Sound of Music tour – the story of the Trapp family, the sound of music movie is recipient of five Oscars and is among the most successful productions in cinematic history

Overnight in Salzburg

Total driving distance: 10km / 6mi, Driving time: 20min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 5-6 hours

# DAY 5 HALLSTEIN SALT MINE & WOLFGANGSEE & SCHAFBERG



We'll drive to Hallstatt Saltmine to discover the mysterious and enchanting world of ancient mining.

After the Salt Mine visit, we'll move to **Wolfgangsee** and take a ride on the steepest cog railway in Austria from St. Wolfgang to the 1783m tall **Schafberg** where you can admire one of Austria's most beautiful and scenic views.

Overnight in Salzburg

Total driving distance: 150km / 93mi, Driving time: 2hrs 30min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

#### DAY 6 INNSBRUCK



We'll drive to Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of Austria's Tyrol region, surrounded by mountains on all sides. Lunch break and a walk through the old town to see the highlights such as the **Golden Roof**, the Imperial Palace and the medieval city tower. Relaxing afternoon.

Celebrate your first evening in Innsbruck with a traditional Tyrolean dinner – in the heart of the Old Town.

Overnight in Innsbruck

Total driving distance: 190km / 118mi, Total driving time: 2hours, Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

DAY 7
INNSBRUCK – EASY HIKING TOUR



We'll take a **Nordketten Cable Car** and within 20minutes will be in 2000mASL above the city. Walk up to the highest point and enjoy the stunning views from the top.

Lunch break and a lovely walking tour to see the **Grawa Waterfalls**, - the broadest waterfalls of the Eastern Alps. (total walking time: 2hrs 30min, walking distance: 5.2.miles)

Overnight in Innsbruck

Total driving distance: 20km / 12mi, Total driving time: 30min, Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

#### DAY 8 GRAZ



We'll drive to **Graz**, Styrian capital, the second largest Austrian city, surprisingly, pleasantly uncrowded. We'll go up by lift to **Schlossberg**. Admire Clock Tower – the symbol of the city. Enjoy the relaxing afternoon.

Farewell dinner (included), trying Styrian tasty specialties.

Overnight in Graz

Total driving distance: 460km / 285mi, Driving time: 5hrs 15min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

#### DAY 9 VIENNA

Drive to Vienna, check in and on your own. Shopping, relaxing and strolling around lovely Vienna.

\*\*\*\*\*End of tour guide-driver services\*\*\*\*\*

#### Optional visits:

Albertina museum - home to one of the most important collections of graphic art in the world

What about a coffee and cake in some of the most traditional Viennese coffee houses? Café Central – one of the oldest coffeehouses, once a hub for renown intellectuals and artists. Café Sacher – legendary Sachertorte. Café Frauenhuber where Mozart and Beethoven once played their table music.

Evening with Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Musikverein or Vienna State Opera

Overnight in Vienna

Total driving distance: 200km / 125mi, Driving time: 2hrs 15min

#### **DAY 10**

#### **DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA**

Your memorable private premium Austria Tour comes to an end today. We'll book for you an airport transfer (included).

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

**UNESCO** World Heritage sights

- ✓ Explore Imperial Vienna
- ✓ Admire Benediktine monastery Melk
- ✓ Easy walking-hiking in Innsbruck
- ✓ Enjoy breath-taking Wachau valley & Durnstein castle (Lower Austria region)
- ✓ Admire the Clock Tower from Schlossberg Graz
- ✓ Taste all gastronomical delights in traditional Austrian cuisine
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services

#### WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

Meals: 9x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner and 1x Farewell dinner

Accommodation: first class 4star carefully selected hotels

Including VAT (value added tax)

City tax (mandatory local tax charged per person per night)

Tour guides: Top Guide-driver, 1x local expert guide in Vienna

**Transportation:** 1-3 travelers – new, luxury personal car Skoda Superb (A/C, comfortable seats), 4-7 travelers - new luxury van Mercedes Benz V-class, fully equipped with adjustable, comfortable leather seats and A/C in all zones, fridge on board, for 8-18 travelers we use from our partner agency Mercedes Benz Sprinter, groups of 19+ will enjoy spacious buses Setra 30 or 50 seaters

#### Entrances to the top sights:

Schonnbrunn palace – Grand Tour, Melk Abbey, Salzburg Castle, Mozart's house, Salt Mine, Nordketten Cable Car, Schafberg Funicular, Lift to Schlossberg

Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)
Map of Austria, information material, brochures, Transfer from Hotel to the airport (included)

#### WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Austria, Airport to Hotel transfer (please let us know where you fly to and we'll pick you up), Meals and drinks, Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Souvenirs Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), Any services not listed above as "Included"

#### **AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2025**

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality tours.

Group of 2 travelers: € 4950.00 per person Group of 4 travelers: € 3450.00 per person Group of 6 travelers: € 2650.00 per person

#### IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- \* During the low season, some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered
- \* All prices are per person sharing twin/double room in 4star carefully selected hotels
- \* Extra bed possible for a surcharge, single supplement for a surcharge of €750.00
- \* Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

#### **TOUR REVIEWS**

Read about us on the world's largest travel site – on Tripadvisor.\_Best Slovakia Tours is dedicated to the best service quality and this is reflected year after year when TripAdvisor awards us with their Certificate of Excellence.





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