

Welcome to Vienna



The imperial city at the crossroads of Europe offers elegance and nostalgia, luxury and romance, charm and tradition and well as innovation and flair.

Vienna is the international capital of the opera, the home of the classical music tradition, of the Waltz King Johann Strauss and of Balls conducted in the unparalleled splendor of the city's palaces, but it does not live in the past; it is a modern city in which contemporary creativity lives in harmony with the city's rich heritage.

A range of new buildings, such as the uniquely converted gasometers, are complementing the existing skyline, and restaurants, bars and shops offer the very latest in taste and fashion.

Most importantly though, you feel at home in Vienna, in the Parkhotel Schönbrunn which offers a high quality of service and typical Austrian confort, in the numerous and unhurried Kaffeehäuser, Vienna's most important social institutions and their charming restaurants, their rustic wine taverns which welcome you in their shaded terraces.

Consistently taking third place in the ranking of the world's best cities to live in, Vienna is clean, safe and still relatively good value for money !

The Programme that is proposed to you is a small sample of what the city can offer : We recommend that you take the opportunity of some free time before or after the main events to visit some of the numerous Museums or attend a Concert or an Opera at your leisure. We have included some options in this document.

We hope that you will enjoy this week-end in Vienna among your Friends of Alliance Schlumberger !

Programme Summary

Friday 7 June :

17h00 Registrations of participants at Alliance Schlumberger desk in the Parkhotel Schönbrunn lobby
20h00 Dinner in Maria Theresia Restaurant at Hotel (Buffet dinner with drinks)

Saturday 8 June:

09h00: Departure hotel for RINGSTRASSE Orientation Tour (by Coach with Guides)
 Highlights of Old Vienna, followed by walk thru City Centre, Graben, St-Stephan Cathedral)
 Coffee breaks will be allowed ...

12h00 : Departure to Heuriger Fuhrgassl-Huber restaurant outside Vienna (30 mn drive)
 This is a tavern type in vineyards. Lunch either outdoors or in a large dedicated room

14h30 : Return to Hotel (for Voting members)
 Afternoon free for others and spouses : one of the Coaches could drive them back to town
 for shopping or museums visits (Klimt, Brugel, etc...)

16h00 - 18h00 : Assemblée Generale for Voting members (in Österreich Meeting Room)

19h00 : Cocktail offered by Alliance in Kaiserlounge

20h00 : Dinner in Hotel Main Ballroom :
 3-course menu with drinks (wine, beer, coffee) and some light music

Sunday 9 June:

09h00: Departure hotel for visit of Schönbrunn Palace (by foot : a few 100 meters)
 Highlights visit of the Imperial rooms

10h30 Departure by Coach (from the Palace) to Heiligenkreuz Abbey
 (about 45mn drive in Wienerwald)

12h00 : Gregorian Choral in Latin at Church by monks (" Terz und Sext" - 20mn)

12h30 : Lunch at Monastery's restaurant

14h00 - Visit of the Monastery and Cloisters

15h00: Possible stop on the way back at Mayerling (Carmel 3 km from Monastery).

This is the place where Crown Prince Rudolf and Mary Vetsera died

17h00: Arrival back to Hotel

One coach could drop directly at the airport the members who need to return early

Monday 10 June:

08h00: Option Golf Tournament nearby Vienna

Programme – Friday, 7th June 2013

Arrival at Parkhotel Schönbrunn

The hotel is located alongside Schönbrunn Palace within the Hietzing villa district of Vienna. Directly opposite the hotel, the 'Hietzinger Gate' leads into Schönbrunn Castle park.

The city centre is just a few minutes away by underground from station U4 Hietzing. Parking is available in a public garage next to the Hotel.

Two types of rooms (both air-conditioned) are available for booking, the mix being imposed by the large number of participants expected. All rooms have flat screen TV, radio, telephone, high speed internet, bath with bathtub, toilet and hairdryer, air conditioning, safe and minibar.



Deluxe Room (40 m2)

Hotel front

Superior Room (27 m2)

17.00 Registration at Schlumberger Desk in Hotel Lobby – Welcome package / badges

20.00 Dinner in the Maria Theresia Restaurant in Parkhotel Schönbrunn

Buffet Dinner with Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks



Early arrivals on Friday : Please see the Options proposed for Monday

Programme – Saturday, 8th June 2013

9H00 ORIENTATION TOUR BY COACH COMBINED WITH A CITY WALK IN THE OLD TOWN



Depart the hotel for a first orientation sightseeing tour around the “**Ringstrasse**” before disembarking at the “Albertina”. Formerly the city fortifications, the “Ring” became Europe’s most elegant boulevard under the supervision of Emperor Franz Joseph at the turn of the century. The State Opera House, the twin buildings of the Natural History Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, the Hofburg Imperial Palace, Parliament, City Hall – all can be found on the Ring. In the space of 20 minutes, guests will have an overview of the city.

We continue on foot from the “Albertina” to discover the old Town of Vienna.

Passing by the Josefs Square, where you can admire the back of the Hofburg Imperial Palace with its entrance to the National library and the famous Spanish Riding School, along “Michaeler Square” where Roman excavations can be found and the “Michaeler Church”.

Stroll along the very elegant shopping street called “Kohlmarkt” with its famous coffee shop “Demel”, further on to the “Graben”, one of Vienna’s major crossroads and its unusual width gives it the presence and weight of a city square.

The last highlight of this walking tour is the gothic St. Stephan’s Cathedral in the very center of Vienna, the south tower rises 137 meter high. The Viennese call the church also “Steffl”.

Duration of walking tour: max 2 hours

12h00 Meeting point at Albertina, to take the coach for lunch at the Heuriger restaurant



12H30 LUNCH AT HEURIGER FUHRGASSL-HUBER



The "Heuriger" is best described as a vineyard on the outskirts of Vienna. Originally the taverns where local wine growers (vinters) sold their wine, "Heurigers" have become an essential part of Viennese life, where locals and visitors alike enjoy locally grown wines and rustic meals.

A stay at a "Heuriger" is a treat. The informal, rustic and at the same time cosy atmosphere encourages guests to relax and chat. The traditional "vinters" buffet is heavy with Austrian specialties, carafes of the young home-grown wine and local beers stand ready on the tables...

The Heuriger "Fuhrgassl-Huber" has a beautiful terrace in the gardens. The largest room "Stadl" (pictured below) would be used if the weather does not allow to have lunch on the terrace.



14h30 After Lunch, transfer back to hotel or to the city centre

FREE AFTERNOON

One of the Coaches can bring back to the city center the participants who wish to visit the city museums or do some shopping. The return to the Hotel via the U4 metro line is quite simple.

The other participants will go back to the Parkhotel Schönbrunn to prepare for the AG meeting or discover the very large Park of the Schönbrunn Palace or simply have a rest...



KHM Museum



Hofburg Imperial Palace



Schönbrunn Gardens

16.00 ALLIANCE SCHLUMBERGER MEMBERS MEETING

The Assemblée Generale of the Voting Members will take place in the **Österreich** Meeting room from 16.00 to 18.00

19.00 COCKTAIL in KAISERLOUNGE



Alliance Schlumberger is pleased to invite you in this charming open space to enjoy some canapés with sparkling wine, beer, wine, soft drinks before we meet for dinner.

20.00 GALA DINNER in MAIN BALLROOM

Where you will enjoy a delicious 3-Course menu with Beer, Wine, coffee or tea in the beautiful setting of the Hotel Main Ballroom with some light music.



Programme – Sunday, 9th June 2013

9h00 VISIT OF SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

Located next to our hotel, the Palace and park of Schönbrunn are among the most famous sights in Vienna. Schönbrunn was the summer residence of the Habsburgs. It was built by Leopold I, the grandfather of Maria Theresa after plans of the famous architect Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach. Leopold I died before the palace was finished in 1705. Further considerable changes were made between 1744 and 1749 by Nikolaus Pacassi. The palace has remained substantially unchanged since Maria Theresa. Until 1918 it was, together with the Hofburg, the principal seat of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire and subsequently that of the Austrian Emperor. Napoleon had his headquarters in Schönbrunn in 1806 and 1809. His son, the Duke of Reichstadt (known as L'Aiglon) died here in 1832.



Enjoy a guided tour through this impressive building and appreciate the magnificent splendor of baroque architecture.

You will see the state rooms and private apartments of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Sisi.



The park at Schönbrunn Palace was opened to the public around 1779 and since then has provided a popular recreational area for the Viennese population and international visitors alike. Extending for 1.2 km from east to west and approximately one kilometer from north to south, it was placed together with the palace on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1996.

9h00 Start walking through the park from the hotel

Highlight Tour of the Schloss Schönbrunn in small groups with guides (22 rooms, 60 min)

10h45 Departure by coach to Heiligenkreuz Abbey

The participants who need to travel to the airport in the afternoon will load their luggage in one of the coaches.

11h45 VISIT TO STIFT HEILIGENKREUZ

"Stift Heiligenkreuz", which means the "**Abbey of Heiligenkreuz**", is a beautiful and living **Cistercian monastery**, close to Vienna. Stift Heiligenkreuz is the second- oldest Cistercian monastery in the world and the oldest continuously active and inhabited one, now full of young vocations. In September 2007 it was blessed by an official visit by Pope Benedict XVI.

Stift Heiligenkreuz, peacefully situated in the middle of the "Wienerwald", the Vienna woods, is one of the most beautiful medieval monasteries in the world. It was founded in 1133 by St. Leopold III of the House of Babenberg. Leopold's son, Otto, had been sent to Paris for an international education. Otto came in contact with Cistercian monks and soon decided to enter a Cistercian monastery. When Otto visited his father in Austria he asked him to build a similar monastery for Lower Austria. This was the reason St. Leopold built Heiligenkreuz as well as Klosterneuburg to the northwest of Vienna.

This Cistercian Abbey was founded as a house of prayer to thank and praise God and to intercede for the sake of the whole world. The spiritual and cultural life of this house has continued without any interruption or destruction. The Cistercians live in the rhythm of "ora et labora – pray and work".



11h45 – Monastic Choir Prayer :

These days the monks sing the office in Gregorian Chant (in Latin) five times a day.

We will attend Terz and Sext from **12:00 – 12:20**

Entrance in the church from 11:45 (all have to be seated at 11:55)

12h45 Lunch at Kloostergasthof of Heiligenkreuz located within the Abbey

14h00 Guided tour of the Cistercian Abbey

Featuring a romanesque nave with high gothic presbytery, the baroque choir stalls by Giovanni Giuliani, the sacristy with rare vestry cabinets, the monastic „fratry" (medieval workroom), the early gothic cloister with grisaille windows and statue groups by Giuliani, the funeral chapel, the chapter room with the graves of Babenberg margraves and dukes, the reading corridor, and the gothic fountain house with stained-glass windows showing the Babenberg family.

15h30 Transfer back to hotel or transfer to the airport (One of the coaches can be set to leave early afternoon directly to the airport for those who have an evening flight).

For the others, we will propose a stop on the way back at **Mayerling**, the location of the Hunting Lodge which witnessed the tragic deaths of **Crown Prince Rudolf** and his mistress **Mary Vetsera**.

Return at the hotel expected around 17h00.

For dinner on Sunday, a choice of restaurants will be proposed to the participants who stay overnight.

Options – Monday, 10th June 2013

OTHER VISITS RECOMMENDED

For those who are staying overnight on Sunday and leave later on Monday 10 or those who arrive early on Friday 7, we recommend the following activities :



Spanish Riding School

Morning Exercise only Fri. 07 June 2013, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday are main performances). No show on Monday morning.

Visit of the Spanish Riding school and the stables of the Lipizzaners on Fri 07, Sat 08 and Mo 10 June at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Museums

Klimt at **Belvedere**

Bruegel at **KHM**

MuseumsQuartier near Hofburg

Albertina Museum



Hofburg Imperial Apartments

and Sisi Museum located in the Hofburg Palace close to the Ringstrasse



Opera

Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Rossini) and Tosca (Puccini) will be performed at the Wiener Staatsoper during our visit to Vienna.

(Tickets to be booked well in advance : Please contact Silke Huber for assistance or via internet on the Opera's website www.wiener-staatsoper.at)

Link of interest : Vienna' Tourism site at www.wien.info is a mine of information.

GOLF COURSE IN VICINITY OF VIENNA

There are three 18-holes Golf Courses within reasonable distance (30 – 45 mn) from Vienna :

Golf Club Wien, GC Wien Sussenbrunn, GC Brunn. Green Fees range from 55 to 80 €.

A proposal will be made to the participants who express their interest through the Registration Sheet.

The Golf Tournament would be held on the **morning of Monday 10th June.**

GETTING THERE

By Air

Vienna receives direct flights from major cities in Europe and there are a few nonstop flights from North America, but you will get a much wider choice and lower fares flying via London, Paris or another European gateway. This also applies to flights from Asia and South America.

Should you need a **Visa**, Alliance can provide an introductory letter confirming the date and reason of the meeting. Please send a request to our Secretary at vandenabeele@orange.fr

You will arrive at **Flughafen Wien-Schwechat** international airport and have 2 options to reach the Hotel:

CAT, the City Airport Train runs 20 km to the city centre (from 5.30am to 11.30 pm).

Trains leave every 30mn, and take 16mn to reach the City Air Terminal at **Wien-Mitte**

Tickets cost 10€.

From there (Landstrasse) take the **U-Bahn line U4** direction **Hütteldorf** and stop at **HIEZING** (9 stops), the station close to the Hotel.

Ask for a single journey ticket (Fahrschein) for 1.80€.

These tickets are also available in all tobacco shops and valid on U-Bahn lines, trams and buses.

A Travel pass (Netzkarte) is available if you plan to make more than 2 journeys a day.

Taxi . Select an Airport taxi rather than a standard one (C&K Airport services is an example).

They will charge around 30-40 € one way from the Airport to the Hotel.

By Road

It may be a cheaper alternative for participants coming from neighbouring countries such as Switzerland, Italy or Germany.

If you take an Austrian autobahn, you will have to buy and display a Vignette (about 8€).

Parking is available in a public garage next to ParkHotel Schönbrunn (€24/day, ticket available at hotel reception)



By Train

Arriving by train from the West, you will end up at the **Westbahnhof**, west of Stephansplatz in the City center.

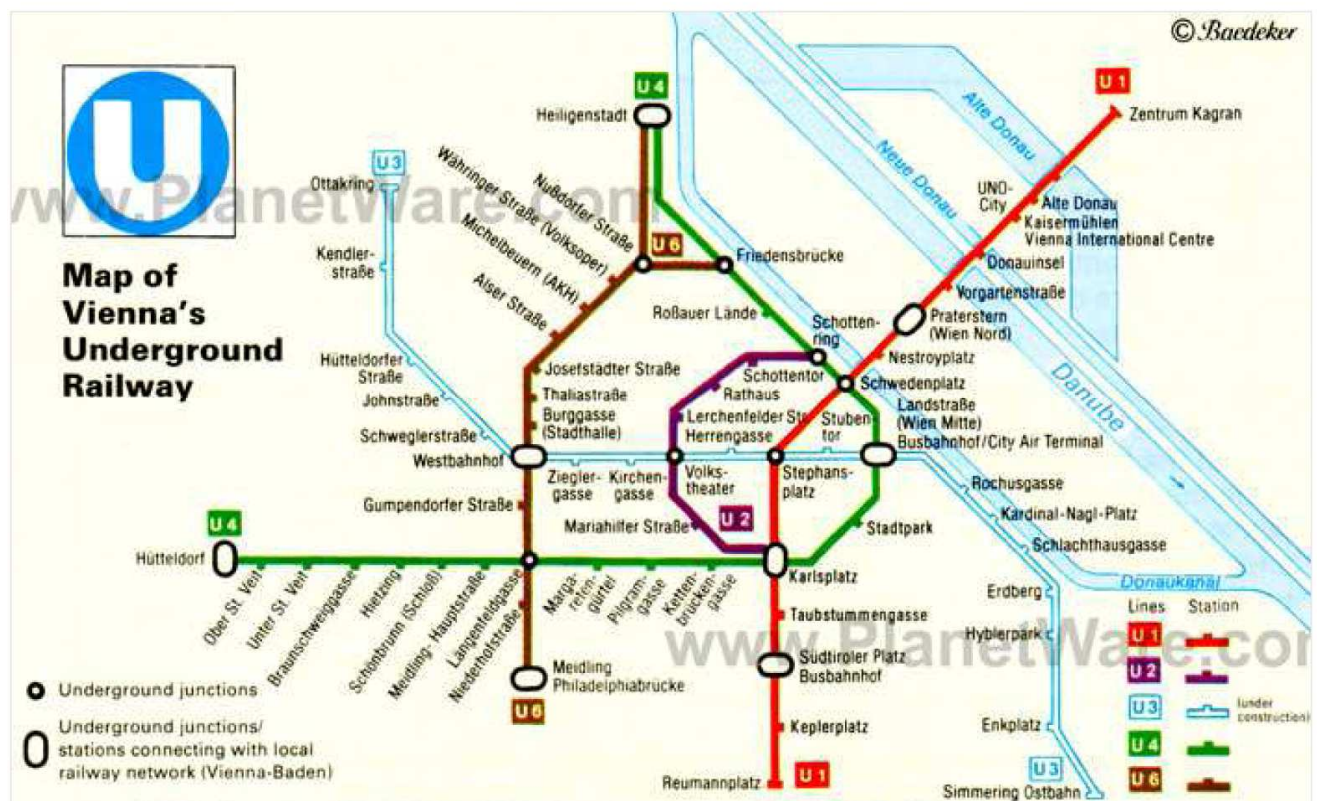
Take the **U1** U-Bahn line from **Stephanplatz** to **Karlsplatz**, then the **U4** line to **Hietzing**.

Other trains currently terminate at **Wien-Meidling**, southwest of the city center. Take the **U6** line to **Langenfeldgasse** then the **U4** line to **Hietzing**.

Travel from the Hotel to the City Center

The **Hietzing** U-Bahn station is located next to Parkhotel Schönbrunn.

Take the **U4** line towards **Heiligenstadt** and stop at **Karlsplatz** station (7 stops) which is on the **Ringstrasse** close to the **Opera**.



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