



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Independent Austrian Alps

9-Day, 8-Night Journey

Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck

Experience the majesty of Austria on an unforgettable 9-day journey. From the imperial grandeur of **Vienna** and the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, you'll travel to **Salzburg**, the enchanting birthplace of Mozart and **Hallstatt**. The tour concludes in the breathtaking Alpine city of **Innsbruck**.

Immerse yourself in historic landmarks and cultural gems, and enjoy an unforgettable day trip to the stunning Wachau and Danube Valleys, including a visit to the magnificent Melk Abbey.



Schönbrunn Palace, a former imperial summer residence



Wachau: a picturesque river valley on the Danube with terraced vineyards



Melk Abbey: a magnificent Baroque monastery



Hallstatt and traditional Alpine houses (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



Salzburg Old Town



Innsbruck Old Town surrounded by towering Austrian Alps

Highlights

- Schönbrunn Palace & Gardens Tour
- Vienna City Walking Tour
- Wachau, Melk Abbey, and Danube Valleys tour with boat cruise
- Salzburg Walking Tour
- Salzburg Original Sound of Music Tour
- Hallstatt tour
- Tyrolean Evening Show with Dinner
- Innsbruck Walking Tour

Inclusions

- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & 1 Dinner
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking guided excursions (join your local guides at a meeting point)
- Airport and Train Station Transfers
- Vienna to Salzburg and Innsbruck Train Tickets

Exclusions

- International Air Fare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee (if applicable)
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Vienna - Vienna International Airport (VIE)

Innsbruck - Innsbruck Airport (INN)

Itinerary

3 NIGHTS IN VIENNA

DAY 1: VIENNA

Arrive at Vienna Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Vienna, the capital of Austria, is a city rich in history, culture, and arts. You will see the Gothic Cathedral and Schönbrunn Palace (a former imperial summer residence with stunning gardens and opulent rooms). Vienna was the home of great composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Don't forget to relax in a Viennese coffee house, enjoy traditional Viennese coffee and pastries; also sample Wiener



Schnitzel and Sachertorte. Vienna is a gateway to the Salzkammergut region that is renowned for its stunning natural beauty and charming villages, and to Bratislava, the beautiful capital city of Slovakia.

[Meals: None]

DAY 2: VIENNA | SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE & GARDENS, VIENNA WALKING TOUR

This morning you will join the **Schönbrunn Palace & Gardens Tour** (group, 2 hours in the morning).

Discover **Schönbrunn Palace** in Vienna with a licensed guide. Explore its **royal gardens**, learn about the Habsburgs, Empress Sissi, and marvel at the Great Gallery and Hall of Ceremonies.

This evening, join the **Vienna City Walking Tour** (1.5 hours in the evening). Explore Vienna's history on a walking tour of landmarks, including the Spanish Riding School, Vienna State Opera, Minoriten Church, Hofburg Palace at Michaelerplatz, and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: WACHAU, MELK ABBEY AND DANUBE VALLEYS TOUR

After breakfast, take a guided day trip to **Wachau, Melk Abbey, and Danube Valleys** (8 hours in the morning). Enjoy a romantic **Blue Danube boat cruise**. Visit Melk Abbey. Experience the scenic Wachau and Danube Valleys. Discover Instagram Hotspots for photos. Learn about the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

[Meals: Breakfast]

3 NIGHTS IN SALZBURG

DAY 4: VIENNA – SALZBURG, SALZBURG WALKING TOUR

Take the train from Vienna train station to Salzburg (morning train about 3 hours, standard class included, round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included).

This evening, we join the **Salzburg Walking Tour** (group, 2.5 hours in the evening). Discover Salzburg's unique history, rich culture, and fascinating sights, including churches, Getreidegasse, and historic squares.

Salzburg was Mozart's birthplace and its connection to the iconic movie "The Sound of Music". The city has a historic fortress, a cathedral and a charming old town by the Salzach river. Taste Nockerl (a local dessert) and visit a beer garden.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: SALZBURG ORIGINAL SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR

After breakfast, join the **Salzburg Original Sound of Music Tour** (group, 4 hours in the morning). Visit the locations used in the filming of "The Sound of Music". Hear songs from the original movie soundtrack, and discover historical/architectural landmarks on this tour.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: HALLSTATT TOUR

After breakfast, join the **Hallstatt day trip** (group, 5.5 hours in the morning). Explore Salzkammergut, a famous European town. Enjoy a lakeside walk, view unique houses, and visit the Bone House to learn about local customs.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN INNSBRUCK

DAY 7: SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK | TYROLEAN EVENING SHOW WITH DINNER

Take the train from **Salzburg train station to Innsbruck** (morning train about 2 hours, standard class included, round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included).

In the evening, we enjoy a **Tyrolean Evening Show with Drinking and Dinner** (group, 3 Hours in the evening). Experience an evening of authentic Austrian culture! The Gundolf Family performs traditional Tyrolean dances, including the famous "shoe-slapping" dance, while singers showcase their impressive yodeling skills. Enjoy live folk music for a truly memorable show.

Tyrolean dances are traditional folk dances originating from the Tyrol region, which spans parts of Austria and Italy. These dances are an integral part of Tyrolean culture and heritage.

Innsbruck is nestled in the heart of the **Austrian Alps**, and offers breathtaking mountain views and a picturesque landscape. Innsbruck is the capital city of Tyrol province. It also has an Old Town, a historic palace and a castle. Enjoy traditional Tyrolean cuisine, such as Tiroler Gröstl (a hearty potato dish), Kaiserschmarrn (a fluffy shredded pancake), and local sausages.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 8: INNSBRUCK WALKING TOUR

This afternoon, explore the pretty streets and parks with your guide leading the way (group, 2 hours in the afternoon). Discover **Innsbruck's** hidden gems! Beyond landmarks and monuments, connect with friendly locals for an authentic travel experience. Learn insider tips and best-kept secrets for navigating the city like a true local.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to **Innsbruck Airport** for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

- Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.
- The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

Optional Add-ons:

- Additional hotel nights are available at each city.

- Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrades available in the same hotel. Classic 3-star and deluxe 5-star hotels are available, please advise the budget.