

## **Vienna Highlights Tour with Belvedere Palace,** focus on Baroque Architecture

At the end of this 4 -hour private walking tour (also using public transportation) you will have seen the main UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Vienna's city center: St. Stephen's cathedral, Hofburg - the imperial residence of the Habsburgs, the monumental buildings on the Ringstrasse,, the Belvedere Palace - Prince Eugene's baroque summer residence and much more.

You will get information and ideas about entertainment, cultural and culinary spots for your further exploration of the city on your own.

### **Planned Route:**

- St.Stephen's Cathedral
- Graben, Trinity Column, Peters Church
- Kohlmarkt, Demel
- Michael's Square
- Spanish Riding School
- Joseph's Square, Austrian National Library (books Prince Eugene)
- Hofburg
- Heldenplatz, ( Equestrian Statue: Prince Eugene)
- Volksgarten
- Tram Ride (Ring Boulevard: Parliament,Natural History Museum, KHM, Academy of Fine Arts, State Opera, Hotel Imperial, Schwarzenberg Platz, Belvedere)
- Belvedere Palace (from outside) and Gardens, (Prince Eugene's, summer residence)

**Meeting Point:** St. Stephen's Cathedral(main entrance). Metro Lines U1, U3, metro station Stephansdom, exit: Stephansdom

**Tour End:** Belvedere Palace

**Duration:** 4 hour

The tour offers a flexible program that can account for stops for rest.

Halfway through our tour, I offer a small break for coffee, or coffee to-go.This is an option and not a tour feature.

## **Private overview walking tour of inner-city Vienna (Introductory High Lights Tour)**

At the end of this 3 hour private walking tour you will have seen the main places of interest in Vienna's city center: St. Stephen's cathedral, Hofburg - the imperial residence of the Habsburgs, the majestic buildings on the Ringstrasse,

You will get information and ideas about entertainment, cultural and culinary spots for your further exploration of the city on your own.

### **Planned Route:**

St. Stephen's cathedral  
Mozart's House  
Back Streets, hidden court yards,  
Franziskanerplatz  
Prince Eugenes Winter Palace  
capuchin Crypt (Imperial Vault), Neue Markt  
Monument Against War and Facism  
Palais Lobkowitz  
Josephs Square  
Augustine Church  
Austrian national Library  
Spanish Riding School  
Micheal's Square  
Hofburg Palace  
Hero's Square (Heldenplatz)  
Maria Theresa Platz  
Museums Quartier  
Roof-top terrace of Leopold museum (Cafe Libelle)  
End

**Meeting Point:** St. Stephen's cathedral(main entrance). Metro Lines U1, U3,  
metro station Stephansdom, exit: Stephansdom

Duration: 3 hours

All by foot

## **In the Foot Steps of Woman in Gold (2,5-3hr)**

The film, *Woman in Gold*, is based on the true story of Maria Altmann 1916-2011, an elderly Jewish refugee living in, Los Angeles, who, together with her young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg, fought the government of Austria for almost a decade to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt Adele Bloch-Bauer, *Portrait of Adele ...*

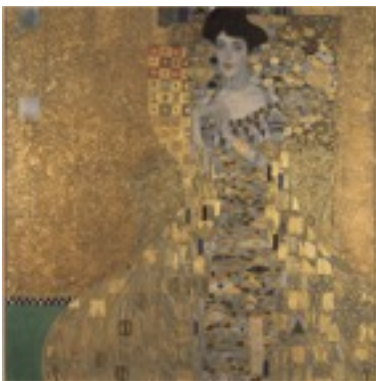
You will hear all about Gustav Klimt, his background, his rise to fame, and his women. About Adele Bloch-Bauer, her affluent Jewish family and her sophisticated intellectual circle. We learn how Klimt came to paint Adele's famous portrait and how it became the *Mona Lisa* of fin de siècle Austria.

Why did so many cultured and respected people in the Austrian art world cooperate with Nazi leaders in carrying out the greatest plundering operation ever. The Third Reich perpetrated the greatest art theft in all history during the Second world war.

Learn about the Nazi art world and their looting of some of the most valuable treasures in Europe and the confiscation of "Degenerate Art".

MEETING POINT: Albertina Platz 2 (next to Cafe Mozart)????

Meeting Point Options: The tour starts in front of the Vienna State Opera, (main entrance). Metro Lines U1, U2 or U4, metro station Karlsplatz, exit Opera



**WWII - Hitler in Vienna - The Dark History (2hrs)**

This tour focuses on Vienna at the turn-of-the century and what led up to the Second world war. With 2 million inhabitants, Vienna was one of the most populous and multi-ethnic cities on earth, a melting pot of immigrants from across the empire. We will hear about the thriving Jewish community that had emerged in Vienna.

But Vienna simmered with provincial nationalism, socialist ideals, and a pervasive wave of anti-Semitism.

What influence did the city have on young Adolf Hitler? Find out about Hitler, and his early years in Vienna - The prestigious Academy of Fine Arts where Hitler wanted to study but was rejected. Heldenplatz where Hitler stood on the balcony in 1938 to declare the Annexation of Austria. Cafe Central, where Hitler, Jose Stalin, Leon Trotsky, Sigmund Freud visited.

Learn about the effect that over 100,000 bombs had on the city. Hear about what happened to the city's large Jewish community when ethnic opposition and fear took over Vienna.

See the oldest temple in Vienna - only synagogue that survived the Nazi regime. Visit the Holocaust memorial at the Jewish Square.

Learn about the drastic destruction of a rich Jewish culture and the abolishment of the city's 180,000 Jews through murder, exile and deportation... And much more

**Planned Route:**

Memorial Against War and Fascism (Helmut Zilk Platz)- Vienna State Opera - Burggarten - Academy of Fine Arts - Ring Boulevard - Heroes Square - Jewish Square - the Documentationarchive of the Austrian Resistance - City Temple - Morzinplatz,( former Gestapo Headquarters)...

The itinerary is flexible, for any changes please let me know.

**MEETING POINT**

Suggested by Guide: Monument against War and Fascism Helmut Zilk Platz  
Vienna Austria

Duration: 2 hours

Meeting Point Options: Your hotel, if it is centrally located.

**Baroque Architecture in Vienna:**

Baroque architecture in Vienna is one of the richest in Europe, thanks to five dozen well preserved palaces, churches, and landmarks of this period. The baroque period here coincided with a major construction boom, following the mass destruction of the Turkish Siege in 1648, which had created plenty of space. Many of the baroque palaces have been turned into museums and event venues, with the occasional restaurants and bars on the ground floor.

The Belvedere Palace and its beautifully laid out gardens are an outstanding example of baroque architecture. Learn about Prince Eugene and the important architects of the time. From there we can walk past the Scharzenberg Palace to Karlskirche, and end the tour with an interior visit of the Austrian National Library.

**Planned Route:**

Belvedere, Karlskirche and Austrian National Library (interior)  
*(2-2.5 hours)*

**Baroque Art & Architecture in Vienna:**

Trinity Column, St. Peters Church, Austrian National Library and KHM Baroque painters: Bruegel, Caravaggio, Rubens, Velasquez, Rembrandt, Vermeer.

**ITINERARY:**

Trinity Column, St. Peters Church, Austrian National Library and Kunsthistorisches Museum (Art History Museum visit)  
*(3.5 -4 hours)*



**KUNSTHISTORISCHES MUSEUM KHM** (2.5-3 hours) Entrance Fee not included  
Tour of the world-renowned Habsburg painting gallery including selected works from the early masters such as Tizian, Breugel, Velázquez , and more...Overview of the unique Kunstammer. Optional: Afterwards or in between, enjoy a coffee break under the impressive dome of the museum.



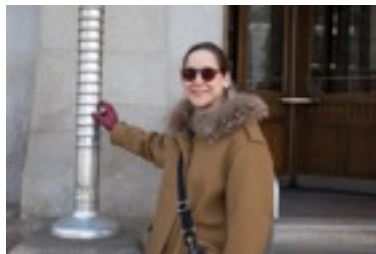
**Vienna 1900 -Art Nouveau** (2-2.5 hours)

The Viennese Secession movement at the turn of the 20th century launched a revolutionary spirit in architecture. Architect Otto Wagner (1841-1918) combined traditional styles and Art Nouveau influences. Later, architect Adolf Loos (1870-1933) established the stark, minimalist style we see at The Goldman and Salatsch Building. Eyebrows raised when Loos built this modern structure across from the Imperial Palace in Vienna. The year was 1909, and the "Looshaus" marked an important transition in the world of architecture. Karlsplatz Otto Wagner Pavillion, Secession Building, Majorca House, Stadtpark, PSK and more....



**Vienna Architecture old and New (2-2.5 hours)**

Inner city walk with focus on the famous classics of Adolf Loos (Loos Haus, Knize), Otto Wagner (PSK), Max Fabiani. We will explore buildings by the Austrian Pritzker Prize winner , Hans Hollein, as well as more recent work by world famous architects like Jean Nouvel, Sir Terence Conran. And the most recent work of Austrian Marie Therese Harnoncourt the next ENTERprise architects



**Vienna University of Economics, WU (1.5-2 hours)**

The buildings on Campus WU were designed by six internationally renowned architects. Including Zaha Hadid Architects/Hamburg each realized one building in their respective formal vocabularies.

Campus of the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) is a large-scale response to a major shortage of space – the Campus of the Vienna University of Economics and Business, completed in 2013, is home to six buildings and generously scaled outdoor spaces and sets new standards in Europe in the construction of universities.

