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## WACHAU HIGHLIGHTS

The Wachau is a valley on the UNESCO World Heritage List and holds so much in store for you: myriad artistic and cultural treasures plus scenic landscapes, award-winning restaurants and world-famous wines. Enjoy the days you spend here with all your senses – eyes, palate and nose.

The dual town of Krems-Stein is more than 1,000 years old and serves as the eastern gateway to the Wachau. The town center has a large number of fine historical buildings and was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in the year 2000. The guided walking tour ends at the Caricature Museum Krems, Austria's only museum for caricature and satire. It features extensive works by the top Austrian caricaturist Manfred Deix plus special exhibitions.

On a boat ride on the Danube from Krems to Melk, you can see the Wachau from its loveliest side.

Next is the Schallaburg, one of the loveliest Renaissance castles north of the Alps featuring two-story arcades decorated with terracotta ornamentation. The Schallaburg is a place of encounter and home of annually changing exhibitions in the international context.

The medieval town of Dürnstein is the pearl of the Wachau. The abbey church with its famous blue tower is well worth seeing, as are the striking ruins towering high above the town.

The baroque Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig is often called Austria's Montecassino because of its fantastic location.

The monumental imperial stairway and frescos by Paul Troger are impressive, as are the abbey church and the museum in the imperial wing.

### The package includes:

- \_ Two overnight stays with breakfast in \*\*\*hotel in Krems
- \_ Guided walking tours of Krems and Dürnstein
- \_ Admission to Caricature Museum
- \_ Hot buffet at heuriger wine tavern in Krems
- \_ Danube boat ride from Krems to Melk
- \_ Admission to and tour of Schallaburg
- \_ Cellar tour and wine tasting at the Winzer Krems
- \_ Admission to and tour of Göttweig Abbey

### Price on request

Bookable: April to October



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## WORLD HERITAGE TRAIL AS A HIKER'S PARADISE

Hear that gravel crunching under your soles? Feel your muscles straining a bit on the ascent? You will have forgotten ascent, effort and every day cares at the latest on reaching one of the countless breathtaking lookout points on the World Heritage Trail.

### Itinerary:

The 180 km World Heritage Trail takes you throughout this unique river landscape. The group bus transports you to the starting point and picks you up again at the end point of the daily leg. On request, you can book a hiking and wine guide to accompany you. You cover the Wachau, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape, in three legs between Dürnstein, Weissenkirchen, Spitz and Rossatz.

### The package includes:

- \_ Three overnight stays with half board in a three-star hotel in Spitz
- \_ Guided walking tour of Dürnstein
- \_ Three bag lunches with regional products prepared by lodging hosts
- \_ Wine tasting at winery (three wines and one Wachauer (a famous local roll))
- \_ Hiking packet with map and trail description

Price on request

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## MELK ABBEY AND THE WACHAU VALLEY

Melk has been a spiritual and cultural center of the region for more than a millennium. This total work of art includes the abbey park with its baroque pavilion. The Paradise Garden was replanted as originally laid out by Walafrid Strabo, a 9th century Benedictine abbot. Explore it on your own. The north bastion dating to 1736 at the entrance to Melk Abbey was completely transformed and now has a lookout terrace that affords wonderful views of the park, the abbey buildings and the surrounding area. Further highlights of this day trip are a boat ride on the Danube and a visit to a heuriger wine tavern.

### The package includes:

- \_ Admission to/tour of Melk Abbey plus famous north bastion
- \_ Exploration of abbey park on own
- \_ Admission including guided tour of Dürnstein Abbey
- \_ Danube boat ride from Melk to Dürnstein
- \_ Hearty supper with regional specialties at heuriger

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



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## WINE AND APRICOTS

On this guided walking tour of the historical center of Krems, you delve into the more than 1,000-year history of the town. Kunsthalle Krems presents international artworks while the Caricature Museum features fine and entertaining works from the realms of caricature and pictorial satire. On a Danube boat ride from Krems to Spitz you enjoy a two-course meal and experience the Wachau from its loveliest side. Mühldorf is home to Marillenhof-Destillerie Kausl. On a tour of this distillery, guests find out more about tasty treasures and the artwork in the apricot orchard.

The outing ends at a heuriger wine tavern.

### The package includes:

- \_ Guided walking tour of Krems
- \_ Admission to the Caricature Museum
- \_ Danube boat ride from Krems to Spitz, includes two-course meal
- \_ Tour of Marillenhof-Destillerie Kausl
- \_ Supper of cold cuts, cheese and bread at heuriger in Spitz

Price on request

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## WACHAU – ALSO A DREAM IN THE WINTER

From mid-November to Christmas, there are a number of romantic and lovely Advent markets held every weekend throughout the entire Danube region of Lower Austria. The settings include castles, monasteries and other historical buildings and ensure a special atmosphere. High quality handicrafts and evocative cultural readings and concerts round out the offerings.

Many Advent markets are held each year around December 8. Those at Grafenegg Castle and Göttweig Abbey are two examples. Enjoy the magical winter atmosphere in the Wachau at one of these special Advent markets.

To make your winter journey to the Wachau even more unforgettable, add a visit to Melk Abbey or to the cellars and wine shop of Loisiium Wine Experience in Langenlois, or to Wein.Sinn, a wine experience for all the senses from the vintners of Krems. A boat ride on the Danube is also yours on request.



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### The package includes:

- \_ Two overnight stays with breakfast at a \*\*\*hotel in Krems or environs
- \_ One dinner at hotel as part of the half-board package
- \_ One dinner at Heurigenrestaurant Schreiberhaus (hot buffet)
- \_ Admission and guided tour of Melk Abbey, Loisiium Wine Experience or Wein.Sinn

### Price on request

Bookable:

mid-November to 23 December

### Our Danube Advent Partners:

- \_ Artistic Handicrafts Christmas Market at Aggstein Ruins
- \_ Advent at Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig
- \_ Grafenegg Advent – romantic Advent market in Renaissance castle
- \_ Advent in manor farm at Hof Palace



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## THE EGON SCHIELE EXPERIENCE

Egon Schiele was a pivotal artist in Austrian Modernism. In the „Egon Schiele Experience“ package, you explore many of the great Expressionist's favorite haunts in the town where he has grown up. His birthplace the train station master's apartment gives you authentic insights into Schiele's childhood. Explore Schiele's home town Tulln and find out many interesting things about it. Follow the footsteps of its most famous native son.

### The package includes:

- \_ Guided Egon Schiele city tour with the Tulli-Express
- \_ Admission to Egon Schiele's birthplace
- \_ Three-course lunch (beverages not included)

### Price on request

Bookable: Tuesday to Sunday  
mid-April to mid-October



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## DAY DREAM IN THE GREAT GARDENS OF TULLN

Leave your everyday cares behind and prepare yourself for unforgettable day dream of nature and gardens. Enter GARTEN TULLN, Europe's first ecological garden show, and explore the more than 65 show gardens. Enjoy a wonderful view of the beautiful garden world from the 30 meters high threetop trail. After a tasty lunch take a canoe tour in the waterways of the Danube wetlands and experience the flora and fauna.

### The package includes:

- \_ Guided tour of GARTEN TULLN
- \_ Three-course lunch (beverages not included)
- \_ Canoe tour through waterways

### Price on request

Bookable: mid-April to September





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## FOLLOW THE ROMAN FOOTSTEPS ALONG THE DANUBIAN LIMES

Take a ride in the time machine and explore the daily social and military life of the Romans on the Danubian Limes. Enjoy original roman cooking and wine at the former boarder of the Roman Empire.

### The package includes:

- \_ Guided Tour at the Roman Museum in Tulln
- \_ Roman Bread & Wine Tasting
- \_ Four-course meal (beverages not included)
- \_ Guided Tour of "ARRIANS AD DANUVIUM - The Roman Klosterneuburg"
- \_ Winery Tour in the Klosterneuburg Monastery including Wine tasting (three different wines)

Price on request

Bookable: April to October



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## TULLN, A CITY OF ART AND GARDENS ON THE DANUBE

With the tourist attraction "Tulli" you can get around comfortably in the Art and Garden city Tulln and experience the great views of the Danube.

Find out:

What is special about the Roman tower?  
What function had the Tulln channel house?  
What is the secret of the rat at the Monument of Nibelungs?

### The package includes:

- \_ Guided city tour with the Tulli-Express
- \_ Three-course lunch (beverage not included)

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



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## THE ROMANS AND THEIR WINE

Stroll through a Roman town reconstructed to original scale as an authentic encounter with the Ancient World. This is an experience to be had nowhere else. A small Ancient Roman vesper (snack) of mulsum mead (honey wine), olives, nuts and cheese awaits you. After lunch, proceed to Villa Vinum in Bruck an der Leitha for a memorable wine experience with Roman legionnaires and the legendary emperor Marcus Aurelius. Wine and a hearty meal at a cozy heuriger wine tavern in the Carnuntum wine region make for a perfect end to the day.

### The package includes:

- \_ Roman vesper (snack)
- \_ Tour of Roman City Quarter Petronell
- \_ Carnuntum ticket (admission to Amphitheatre and Museum Carnuntinum)
- \_ Three-course lunch
- \_ "Good Old Days" tour at Villa Vinum (1.5 hours), samples of three wines
- \_ 1 drink free and cold vintner's supper at heuriger wine tavern

Price on request

Bookable: May to October



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## CARNUNTUM WINE EXPERIENCE

Opulent, full-bodied wines have flourished in the mild Pannonian climate of the Carnuntum wine region since Celtic times. The cellar-lined road in Prellenkirchen with its quaint museum on viticulture and the educational wine trail in Höflein vividly span the arc from tradition to the present day. You find out fascinating facts about wine growing and can test your own knowledge in the wine tasting session that follows. The hot vintner's buffet (home-smoked meat, caraway-seed roast, marinated pot roast, bratwursts, blood sausage...) gives you the right base at midday as does the

cold vintner's plate that afternoon in the cellar-lined road in Prellenkirchen.

### The package includes:

- \_ Walk on educational wine path with a winemaker
- \_ Wine tasting in Höflein (five top wines) and hot vintner's buffet
- \_ Visit to the viticulture museum in Prellenkirchen, wine tasting (five amples) and cold vintner's supper

Price on request

Bookable: year-round



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## DANUBE, FISH AND WINE

The Orth Castle National Park Center provides intriguing insights into the world of the Danube wetlands and the castle island with its unique underwater station is an inviting place to watch the inhabitants of these wetlands. We treat you at midday to fish specialties. Then it is time to explore this scenic area close-up in an adventure-some inflatable boat tour. An exciting guided hike reveals further amazing facts about the Danube wetlands. In the evening after your visit to the viticulture museum, you enjoy a delicious vintner's supper during a wine tasting session (five wines).

### The package includes:

- \_ Tour of Orth Castle National Park Center
- \_ Tour of castle island for insights into Danube wetlands (about 1.5 hours)
- \_ Three-course meal featuring fish specialties
- \_ Danube boat excursion and exciting guided hike (about three hours)
- \_ Prellenkirchen wine adventure (viticulture museum, wine tasting and vintner's cold supper)

### Price on request

Bookable: April to October



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## TIME TRAVEL TO MIDDLE AGES & BAROQUE ADVENTURE

You visit the prettiest spots in the medieval town of Hainburg accompanied by medieval mercenaries or noble ladies. Unique structures 700 years old await you plus fascinating tales and true stories from the eventful history of this venerable old town. At lunch you enjoy a three-course gourmet meal and then head onward to the magnificent Hof Palace and a magical world of Baroque exuberance. You can admire the private quarters of Maria Theresia and Emperor Joseph II, then proceed to the formal baroque gardens made up of seven terraces and afterwards

visit the lovable farm animals on the idyllic manor farm.

### The package includes:

- \_ Medieval tour of Hainburg an der Donau (about 1.5 hours)
- \_ Three-course lunch
- \_ Admission to and tour of Hof Palace (one hour)

### Price on request

Bookable: April to October



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## THE FASCINATING DANUBE WETLANDS

The Orth Castle National Park Center is a great introduction to the fascinating world of the Danube wetlands. The multimedia exhibition on Danubian habitats takes a fun and exciting approach to the national park and the history of the Danube. In a special tour through the adjoining outdoor space on the castle island you have a chance to observe turtles, fish, snakes and other animals from the Danube wetlands first-hand. After lunch, you hop on a tschaike, an historical Danube boat from around 1530, and enjoy a ride on the mighty Danube. A guide provides interest-

ing insights into Danube boatmen, their customs and superstitions.

### The package includes:

- \_ Tour of Orth Castle National Park Center and of castle island (three hours)
- \_ Three-course lunch
- \_ Round-trip ride on Danube on historical Danube boat (one hour)

### Price on request

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## IN SEARCH OF THE HABSBURGS

This package extends from the golden age of the Habsburg Empire to the end of the Danube Monarchy. You begin with a visit to magnificent Hof Palace and the private quarters of Maria Theresia and Joseph II, now authentically restored. You then proceed to the Baroque gardens extending over seven terraces and afterwards visit the lovable animals in the idyllic manor farm. For lunch, enjoy a delicious three-course meal. In the afternoon, your journey takes you to where the Danube Monarchy ended, Eckartsau, the fateful royal hunting lodge for Austria's last imperial

couple: Karl I and Zita. The more than 600 year rule of the Habsburgs in Austria ended there.

### The package includes:

- \_ Admission to and tour of Hof Palace (about one hour)
- \_ Three-course lunch
- \_ Admission to and tour of the Eckartsau royal hunting lodge (about one hour)

### Price on request

Bookable: April to October