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*Vienna viewed from the Belvedere Palace, painting by Bernardo Bellotto, called Canaletto
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"VIENNA IN DEPTH"

11 days, Saturday, June 9, to Tuesday, June 19, 2018

A leisurely exploration of the superb architecture, fascinating history and culture, and the glorious music and food of one of the world's truly great cities! Our tour includes all the major sights, such as St. Stephen's Cathedral, the State Opera, and the Habsburg Dynasty's Schönbrunn and Belvedere Palaces, as well as fabulous museums and monuments associated with painters such as Bruegel and Klimt and musicians such as Mozart and Schubert. The tour host will be historian Jacques R. Pauwels, PhD, who will lecture on the history and culture of Vienna and Austria in general.

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$3,775 CAD from Toronto (including all taxes & fees)
"Land only" (from/to Vienna Airport): \$2,640 - Single room supplement: only \$375 (limited availability!)

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Saturday, June 9: Early evening departure from Toronto on Austrian Airlines' non-stop flight to Vienna. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 - Sunday, June 10: Morning arrival in Vienna, and transfer to the city centre by private coach. En route, we briefly visit the famous Prater Amusement Park with its gigantic Ferris Wheel as well as the Hundertwasser Haus, a spectacular creation by the controversial Austrian artist/architect, Friedensreich Hundertwasser (http://www.museumsinvienna.org/kunsthau_en.htm). Then we check into the centrally located first-class/four-star Hotel Johann Strauss (<http://www.kremslehnerhotels.at/en/hotel-johann-strauss->

vienna; excellent customer reviews on www.tripadvisor.ca/Hotel_Review-g190454-d228062-Reviews-Hotel_Johann_Strauss-Vienna.html). Free time to settle in and get some rest after your overnight flight. In late afternoon, short introductory walk to view some important monuments in the immediate vicinity of our hotel, such as the impressive baroque Charles Church, the Musikverein building, and the Secession Exhibition Hall. Dinner in our hotel or in a nearby restaurant.

The Hundertwasser Haus (photo by A. Barabasz free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons) >

Day 3 - Monday, June 11: After breakfast, walking tour of the historical city centre, with sights such as the State Opera; the monument to Mozart; Heroes' Square (*Heldenplatz*) with the Neue Burg, from whose balcony Hitler proclaimed the "Anschluss" of Austria in March 1938, a dramatic moment in Austrian history, to be commented on by your historian/tour guide; the Hofburg residence of the Habsburg Emperors; Michael's Square (*Michaeler Platz*), with foundations of Roman Vienna, known as *Vindobona*, as well as outstanding ancient and modern architecture; the upscale pedestrian shopping district of Kaertner Strasse and Graben, and the magnificent Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral. Mid-morning coffee break in the historical Café Demel with its 19th-century décor, conjuring up the pre-WW I era when the Habsburgs still ruled this part of Europe! Afternoon free to explore Vienna on your own. This evening, dinner in a typical restaurant



Day 4 – Tuesday, June 12: This morning we first explore the Naschmarkt, Vienna's fabulous food market, then enjoy a streetcar ride to admire the grandiose monuments along the Ring Boulevard, such as the Austrian Parliament, the City Hall, the university, and the City Park. Resuming our walking tour of the historical city centre, we pause at the Monument Against War and Fascism on our way to the Capuchin Crypt, the mausoleum of the Habsburg Dynasty, with the elaborate tombs of e.g. Empress Maria-Theresa, Emperor Francis-Joseph, Crown Prince Rudolph, and Maria-Louise, Napoleon's second wife and the mother of his only son, the Duke of Reichstadt; the latter used to be here, but was moved to Paris to rest with his father in the Invalides – your guide will explain! The gourmets among us may want to conclude this busy program with a piece of Sachertorte, a world-famous Viennese variation on the death-by-chocolate theme, in the café of the hotel Sacher, located just behind the State Opera; it is also an excellent, though not inexpensive, choice for lunch! Rest of the day at leisure.



Above: The State Opera and (on an old print) St. Stephen's Cathedral (c/o Wikimedia Commons)

GETTING AROUND:

We will explore much of Vienna on foot, so participants must be willing and able to do a lot of walking! However, our hotel is very centrally located, and most sights and monuments are concentrated in the relatively small area within the circular Ringstrasse. Moreover, we will take advantage of the excellent and very “user-friendly” public transportation system, with streetcars (boarded at street level) and subways; the Taubstummengasse Subway Station is located next-door to our hotel, see <https://www.metrolinemap.com/station/vienna/taubstummengasse>. For transfers and visits to outlying areas, a comfortable private coach will be used.

Day 5 - Wednesday, June 13: A very special day, devoted to the music of Vienna, with as hostess Canadian musicologist (and Vienna-resident) Dr. Rita Steblin, one of the world’s top expert on Schubert, Bach, and other composers – she even revealed the true identity of Beethoven’s “immortal beloved”! We first visit Vienna’s Central Cemetery, with the tombs of famous composers such as Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Strauss. Returning to central Vienna, we visit the Figaro Haus, where Mozart composed his famous opera, and Schubert’s birthplace/museum. (Rita would also love to take us to the Museum of Musical Instruments, but it will probably still be closed for renovations.) This evening, dinner in a restaurant featuring Balkan specialties, accompanied by traditional music!

Day 6 - Thursday, June 14: Morning visit to the Museum of Art History (*Kunsthistorisches Museum*), considered to be one of the world’s finest museums on account of its magnificent architecture and interior decoration plus an amazing art collection that includes treasures from Ancient Egypt and Greek Antiquity to the late 18th century; among the highlights are paintings by the likes of Dürer, Raphael, Bruegel, Rembrandt, Rubens, Titian, Velázquez, and Vermeer (http://www.museumsinvienna.org/khm_en.htm). In the afternoon, visit to the Imperial Treasury, located in the Hofburg Palace, where we will admire more Habsburg treasures and insignia, e.g. the imperial crown, insignia and jewels as well as pieces of jewellery once worn by Empress Elisabeth, better known as “Sissi.”

Day 7 - Friday, June 15: Day entirely at leisure for shopping, enjoying the city on your own, and/or visiting museums such as the Natural History Museum; the Leopold museum, one the largest museums of modern Austrian art, with works by artists such as Kokoschka, Schiele, and Klimt; the interactive House of Music museum; the Modern Art Collection (MUMOK), one of Europe’s most impressive collections of modern art, featuring works by Picasso, Warhol, etc.; the Ephesos Museum, with fascinating objects from this antique metropolis on the Aegean coast of present-day Turkey; and the Museum of Military History, where one can view the automobile in which Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the throne, and his wife were assassinated in Sarajevo in 1914, an event that marked the beginning of the Great War.

Day 8 - Saturday, June 16: This morning we walk via the little-known monument dedicated to Kolschitzky, a hero of the famous Turkish siege of 1683, who introduced coffee to the Viennese, to the magnificent Belvedere Palace, with its fabulous collection of masterpieces by modern Austrian painters such as Klimt and Kokoschka (<https://www.belvedere.at/en>). On the way back to the hotel, we view the Red Army Memorial, where your guide will explain another chapter of Viennese history, the birth of a free, independent, but neutral Austrian state in the wake of WW II. If there is sufficient interest, an *optional* daytrip (by train) may be arranged to Mozart’s beautiful birthplace, Salzburg.

MUSIC!

A classical music concert will be included in our tour program, with date, time and venue TBA. It should also be possible to attend an opera or ballet performance in the world-famous State Opera on an optional basis, but prices are generally very high. Operettas, performed frequently in the People’s Opera (*Volksoper*), tend to be quite a bit less expensive. Let us know ASAP if you are interested in any of these performances!



The Gardens of Schoenbrunn Palace (Photo by Aconcagua, c/o Wikimedia Commons)



Viennese delicacies: Wiener Schnitzel and Sacher Torte (photos c/o Wikimedia Commons)



Day 9 - Sunday, June 17: This morning, two *optional* activities may be of interest to tour members: (1) at 9:15, a Schubert-Mass with the Vienna Boys' Choir in the chapel of the Hofburg Palace, with prices starting around \$20; (2) at 11, a performance of the Lipizaner Horses in the world-famous Spanish Riding School, with prices starting around \$45 for standing room and around \$75 for seats; please advise ASAP if you are interested!

Day 10 – Monday, June 18: This morning we first visit the magnificent palace and gardens of Schoenbrunn, the former summer residence of Habsburgs rulers such as Maria-Theresa and Francis-Joseph. Then we enjoy an excursion (by private coach) into the Vienna Woods, with visit to the pretty town of Baden, Heiligenkreuz Abbey, and the hunting lodge at Mayerling, site of the tragic death of Crown Prince Rudolph and his young mistress. Returning to Vienna, we ascend the Kahlenberg Hill for a fabulous view of the city; this is also the site where in 1683 the Turks, who had been besieging Vienna for months, were defeated by Polish King John Sobieski; a small church commemorates this proud moment in Polish as well as Austrian history. In the quaint nearby village of Heiligenstadt, where Beethoven used to live, we enjoy a traditional dinner of local specialties in a “heurigen,” a wine tavern suitably named the “Beethovenhaus.”

Day 11 – Tuesday, June 19: After breakfast, transfer to the airport and non-stop return flight with Austrian Airlines to Toronto; departure at 10:40 AM, and arrival at 2:10 PM.

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$3,775 CAD from Toronto (including all taxes fees)
“Land only” (from/to Vienna Airport): \$2,640
Single room supplement: only \$375, but limited availability!

Included in the tour price are:

- Return direct flight Toronto-Vienna with Austrian Airlines, including all airport taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy in the 4-star/first-class Hotel Johann Strauss; the single room supplement is \$375;
- Breakfast daily and a total of four dinners (or full lunches);
- All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned;
- Transfers and sightseeing by private coach and public transportation as indicated in the itinerary.

Not included are:

- All items of a personal nature;
- Beverages such as wine/beer/mineral water with dinners, and meals other than those outlined above;
- Travel Insurance, available upon request.



YOUR TOUR HOST:

Historian Jacques Pauwels will be your tour host. Jacques has published books in no less than seven languages, including *Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places* (Battlebridge Publications, London, 2009), *The Great Class War 1914-1918* (James Lorimer, Toronto, 2016), and *Big Business and Hitler* (James Lorimer, Toronto, 2017).

Please book _____ seat(s) on the “Vienna in Depth tour, departing June 9 – 19, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750.00 person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be for the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. “Liz” for “Mary Elizabeth”) _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____ PHONE: _____ (Fax/Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES _____ NO _____.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Other _____

Decline Insurance _____ (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment?

Signature(s) _____ **Date:** _____

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Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada. I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that and Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.
3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
4. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

5. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
6. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
7. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
8. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
9. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
10. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in **almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.**

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 30- 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.