

## Recommended length: 10 days or longer

Embark on an unforgettable 10-day journey through Austria, where history, culture, and natural beauty come together in a seamless adventure. From the imperial charm of Vienna to the serene landscapes of the Wachau region, the artistic treasures of Graz, and the alpine wonders of Zell am See, this trip offers a perfect blend of classic sights and hidden gems. Whether you're admiring the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School, savoring Michelin-star cuisine, or exploring medieval castles and breathtaking mountains, each day will leave you in awe of Austria's rich heritage and stunning landscapes. Get ready for a cultural escape that promises memories to last a lifetime.



### DAY 1: Explore Vienna, the Capital of Music

- Stroll through the city center of Vienna, past Stephansplatz, Graben, and Kohlmarkt
- Visit the [Spanish Riding School](#) to see the famous Lipizzaner horses and their classical equestrian performances (morning sessions are recommended) and enhance the experience with a behind-the-scenes tour
- Take a break for a Kaffeehausbesuch (coffee house visit), experiencing the classic Vienna coffee house culture at either:
  - [Café Sperl](#): A timeless Viennese coffee house with original interiors and a relaxed atmosphere
  - [Café Museum](#): An iconic yet calm café, valued for its history and genuine coffee house culture.
- Visit the [Sisi Museum](#) at Hofburg Palace, or explore the [Schönbrunn Palace](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and stroll through its expansive gardens. Don't miss the Gloriette for panoramic views of Vienna
- Stop by a traditional [Würstelstand \(sausage stand\)](#) for a quick, authentic lunch. Try a Käsekrainer (cheese-filled sausage)
- Before dinner visit one of Vienna's most beloved art museums, such as the [Belvedere](#), the [Albertina](#), or the [Kunsthistorisches Museum](#)
- Indulge in a Michelin Star Dining Experience:
  - [Steirereck](#): One of the world's top restaurants, located in Stadtpark, serving innovative Austrian cuisine
  - [Mraz & Sohn](#): A modern Michelin-starred restaurant serving creative dishes in a relaxed environment
- Alternatively, enjoy an elegant evening of classical music and dining, with options such as the [Strauss Dinner Show](#), the [Residence Orchestra](#), the [Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra](#), the [Mozart Orchestra](#) or the [Imperial Concert Dinner](#) at Palais Auersperg.
- Optional extra day in Vienna: A dedicated shopping day at [McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Parndorf](#), featuring European luxury brands and exclusive outlet offers, only 45 min from Vienna.

#### Overnight:

- [Hotel recommendations](#) in and near the center of Vienna

## DAY 2: Day Trip to the Wachau Region, Austria's Tuscany

- Visit [Melk Abbey](#), a UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for its stunning baroque architecture and breathtaking library
- Take a [Danube Boat Cruise](#) along the Danube River to Krems
- Explore the medieval town Dürnstein, famous for its century-old abbey and castle ruins where Richard the Lionheart was once imprisoned
- Experience a traditional Heuriger for dinner, where you can taste local wines and enjoy Austrian delicacies. [Weingut Nikolaihof](#) is a highly recommended spot

### Overnight:

- Return to Vienna for the night
- If you prefer to stay in Wachau, we recommend:
  - [Steigenberger Hotel & Spa Krems](#), a wellness hotel surrounded by vineyards
  - [Hotel Schloss Dürnstein in der Wachau](#), a Baroque castle overlooking the Danube river



## DAY 3: Travel to Graz by car or train, the Foodie Capital of Austria

- Check into your hotel
- Stroll through Graz's historic old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and discover its narrow streets and Renaissance courtyards - either on your own or with a [guided tour](#).
- Enjoy lunch at [Frankowitsch](#) and try their Grazer Brötchen
- Visit the [Kaiser Josef Farmers' Market](#), Graz's most famous local market, known for regional specialties and seasonal produce.
- Visit Graz's iconic clock tower, [the Uhrturm](#), and take the funicular to Schlossberg for panoramic views of the city, with the option to return via the [Schlossberg slide](#).
- Explore [Kunsthau Graz](#), a modern art museum housed in a futuristic building
- Visit [Schloss Eggenberg](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy a stroll through its park
- Enjoy dinner at [Aiola Upstairs](#), with stunning views over Graz

### Overnight:

- [Grand Hotel Wiesler](#) - a stylish and historic hotel located in the heart of Graz
- [Schlossberg Hotel](#) - a beautiful hotel offering great views and located at the foot of Schlossberg



## DAY 4: Day Trip to Südsteirische Weinstrasse, Wine Paradise

- [South Styrian Wine Road](#) (Südsteirische Weinstrasse)
- Drive along or take the [Weinmobil](#) to the scenic South Styrian Wine Road, passing charming villages and vineyards
- Buschenschank Visit - Stop at a few family-run local Buschenschank for wine tasting and enjoy traditional [Styrian cuisine](#)
- Return to Graz or continue to [Rogner Bad Blumau](#) for an overnight stay and a relaxing thermal spa experience in a unique Hundertwasser-designed setting.



## DAY 5: Travel to Salzburg, The Sound of Music City

- Check into your hotel
- Take your time to explore [Old Town](#), visit [Mozart's birthplace](#) and landmarks like [Residenzplatz](#), [Fortress Hohensalzburg](#), and [Getreidegasse](#)
- Explore the beautiful [Mirabell Gardens](#), featured in The Sound of Music (extra tip: book a [guided walking tour with Trudy](#) for a true fan experience)
- Attend a [Marionettentheater Show](#), a traditional Salzburg puppet theater performance (and consider a [behind-the-scenes guided tour](#) to learn more about this unique art form)
- Enjoy a Michelin-starred dinner at [Ikarus Restaurant at Hangar 7](#), a renowned dining spot located within the Hangar 7 complex
- Alternatively, opt for a [Mozart Dinner Show](#) featuring classical performances and a set dinner.

Overnight:

- [Arthotel Blaue Gans](#), a charming Art Hotel in Salzburg's Old Town or [Hyperion Salzburg](#), a modern Design Hotel in a historic building next to Mirabell Gardens



## DAY 6: Daytrip to Hallein and Werfen, The Salt and Castle Adventure

- [Salzwelten Hallein](#) - Visit the ancient salt mines in Hallein (only 30mins from Salzburg)
- Explore one of the largest ice caves [Werfen Ice Caves](#) in the world
- Enjoy the [Sound of Music Trail](#) for a scenic walk through iconic filming locations
- Discover [Burg Hohenwerfen](#), a medieval fortress and enjoy a Falconry Show
- Return to Salzburg



## DAY 7: Daytrip to Wolfgangsee and Salzkammergut, The Tranquil Lake District

- Take bus 150 from Salzburg to St. Gilgen and enjoy a walk through the charming [Mozart town](#)
- From St. Gilgen, take a scenic boat cruise across stunning [Wolfgangsee](#) to St. Wolfgang, a picturesque village surrounded by mountains. Stroll around and enjoy the charming town center
- Ride the 130-years-old cogwheel train to the top of [Schafberg Mountain](#) for panoramic views
- Take a lunch break at [Himmelspforte](#), a rustic alpine hut offering traditional Austrian cuisine and breathtaking views over Lake Wolfgangsee.

Overnight:

- Return to Salzburg, or stay overnight at [Hotel Weisses Rössl](#) or [Hotel Scalaria Wolfgangsee](#).



## DAY 8: Continue to Zell am See-Kaprun, Glacier, Mountain & Lake

- Take a walk by the lake and through the town of [Zell am See](#), with the option of a relaxing [boat ride on Lake Zell](#).
- Visit the [Kitzsteinhorn](#) – the “Top of Salzburg” – the region’s highest point and a glacier offering incredible views of Hohe Tauern National Park, with snow year-round
- Experience the [Maisiflitzer](#) in Kaprun, an all-year-round alpine coaster.
- Visit the [Sigmund Thun Klamm](#), a dramatic natural gorge with wooden walkways and waterfalls.
- Take a scenic drive along Austria’s most breathtaking alpine route, the [Grossglockner High Alpine Road](#) – the country’s highest alpine pass (open from May to October)

Overnight:

- Relax at the [Tauern Spa Hotel](#) in Kaprun, with access to thermal baths and panoramic mountain views, or
- Stay overnight at the [Grand Hotel Zell am See](#), located directly on the lakeside.

## DAY 9: Travel to Innsbruck, the Capital of the Alps

- Take the Nordkette Cable Car to the Nordkette mountain range for panoramic views over Innsbruck and the Inn Valley, including a scenic lunch at [Restaurant Seegrube](#).
- Explore Innsbruck's historic Old Town, including the [Golden Roof](#) and [Schloss Ambras](#)
- Experience the world of Swarovski crystals at [Swarovski Kristallwelten](#), located just 20 minutes from Innsbruck.
- Enjoy Tyrolean cultural performances complemented by local culinary delights at the [Tiroler Abend Show with the Gundolf Family](#).

### Overnight

- [Hotel Schwarze Adler](#): A modern, stylish hotel with panoramic views of the Alps
- [Das Innsbruck](#): A comfortable and central hotel



## DAY 10: Ötztal Region, Home of the Ice Man

- Take a cable car to the [007 Elements James Bond experience](#) in Sölden - a must visit for James Bond fans
- Enjoy lunch at [ice Q Restaurant](#), Austria's highest fine dining restaurant at 3,048 m, known for its futuristic design and spectacular panoramic views.
- Relax in the Aqua Dome's thermal pools

### Overnight:

- Stay at the [Aqua Dome](#), a luxurious spa resort with thermal pools



## DAY 11: Departure

- Depending on your departure time, enjoy a final morning in the Ötztal region or head back to Innsbruck, Vienna, or Munich for your flight home



## EXTRA TIPS FOR LONGER STAYS

### SalzburgerLand & Salzkammergut area

- [5 Finger Viewing Platform](#)
- [Krimml Waterfalls](#) (Europe's highest waterfall)
- [Husky Sleigh Ride](#)
- [60th Anniversary of The Sound of Music](#)
- Explore [Lake Altaussee](#) or [Bad Ischl](#), both charming towns, and in Bad Ischl, don't forget to visit the [Kaiservilla](#)

### Styria (Graz)

- [Admont Abbey Monastery](#)
- [Rogner Therme Bad Blumau](#)

### Tirol

- [Olpererhütte](#)
- [Ice Palace Hintertux](#)
- [Christmas Markets Innsbruck](#)

### Vienna

- [Belvedere Palace](#)
- [Ice Skating](#)
- [200th Anniversary of Johann Strauss](#)

### Voralberg

- [Winter Sports in Lech](#)



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