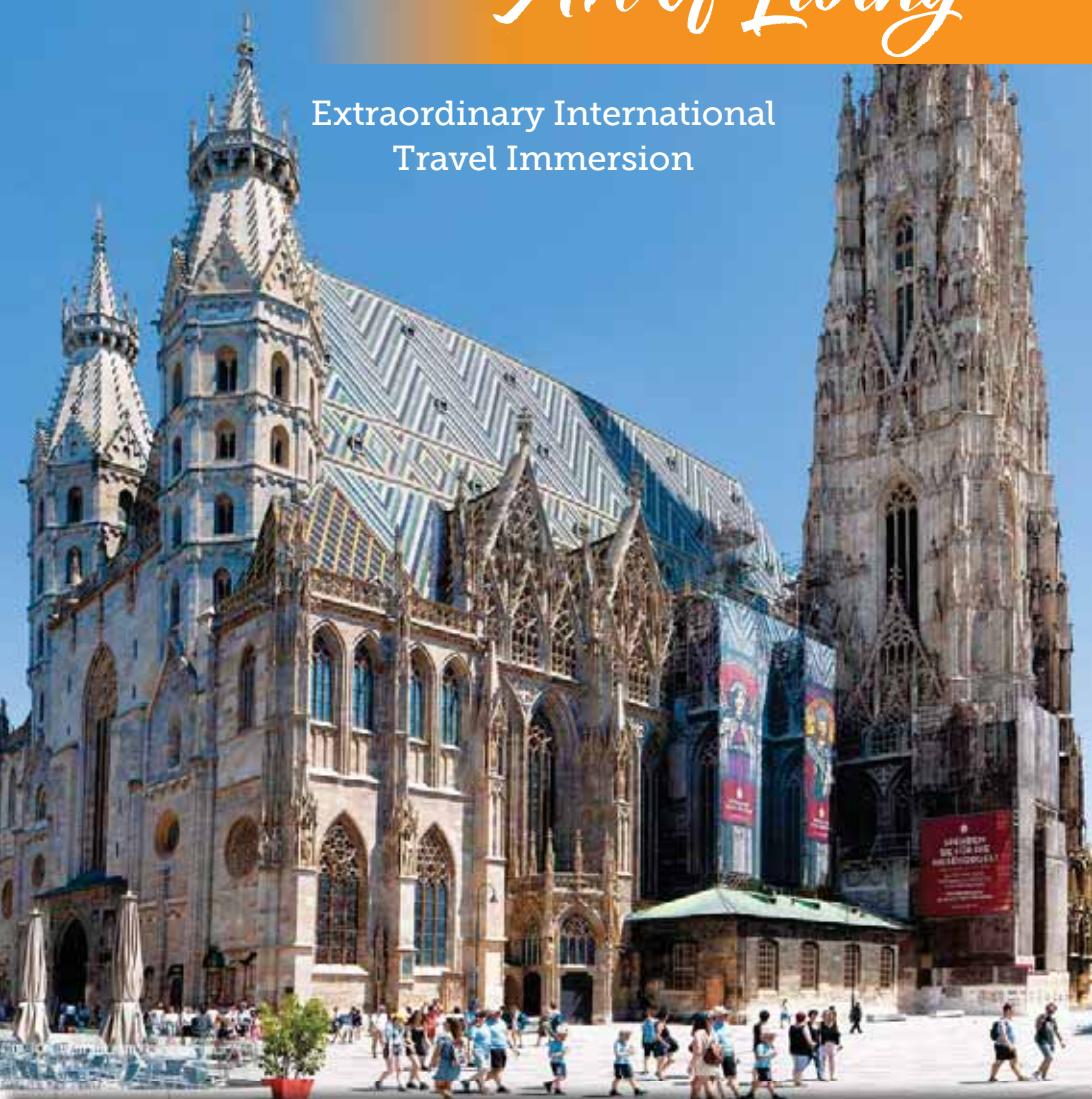




# Vienna

*Art of Living*

Extraordinary International  
Travel Immersion



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**Dear Carolina alumni and friends,**

Enthralling, born and reborn for millennia – Vienna sets the scene for this immersive three-week adventure. Not just a grand citadel of imperial palaces, sought-after art and delicious desserts, Vienna has also been voted as the world's most livable city for three consecutive years. Join us on our Vienna ~ Art of Living program and enjoy a unique window into the cultural fabric of Austria's illustrious capital.

During your three-week stay, embrace the opportunity to live like a local and develop new perspectives on Vienna's arts, history, culture and more. Enjoy included museum and palace visits, walking tours and day trips into greater Austria and neighboring Slovakia. Share authentic experiences and make meaningful connections with new friends during group outings and meals. And, with plenty of free time to explore the city, you can linger in one of many charming cafés and follow cobblestone alleys to uncover hidden gems on your own.

You can also tailor your itinerary to suit your interests with our fantastic optional tracks, each designed to enrich your experience. Learn to converse in German, dive into Austria's mouthwatering culinary scene and embark on an in-depth discovery of Vienna's musical heritage. The choice is yours! Reside in the modern Adagio Vienna City, a spacious apartment hotel near the historic city center.

If you're ready for a fulfilling and memorable travel experience, reserve your space today. Seize the opportunity to take a transformative journey where you can live in and be a part of a community in lovely Vienna.

Go Heels and travel the world,

*Audrey, Catherine and Douglas*

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### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn
2. Wachau Cultural Landscape
3. Historic Center of Vienna

*Gloriette, Schönbrunn Gardens*



*Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens*





**Art of Living** programs offer an extended, customizable experience in fascinating cities. Thoughtfully crafted itineraries take you to well-known treasures and include a variety of activities to provide an insider's perspective of the destination's rich history, traditions and culture, plus genuine engagement in local life. These unique journeys are limited to 36 travelers and feature three weeks of apartment-style accommodations with modern amenities.

*The Graben © Christian Stemper*



## Live like a Viennese local on our one-of-a-kind cultural immersion.

Vienna leaves an enduring effect on all who visit. Rated as one of world's most livable cities, Austria's capital checks all the boxes for historical prestige, cultural richness and modern innovation. You're invited to live abroad for three weeks and truly integrate into Vienna's daily life, social scenes and customs.

Along with its trademark culinary heritage, Vienna is a powerhouse of culture with more than 100 creative institutions and museums. Spend free time perusing boundless art and architecture or embark on a sophisticated shopping spree. Sip Viennese coffee at your neighborhood café, share a picnic in a quiet green space, or shop for flowers at a traditional market. Unlock the heart and soul of Vienna as you experience the depth of this timeless city!

*Top: Spanish Riding School ©Paul Bauer*

*Cover: St. Stephen's Cathedral*

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## Inspiring Moments



- Enjoy a **three-week immersion in Austria's capital city**, a rich, cultural hub with superb museums, cuisine and music.
- Witness famed landmarks along the **magnificent Ringstrasse** and tour the sensational **Schönbrunn Palace**.
- Watch lessons at the **Spanish Riding School** and tour the sumptuous **Imperial Apartments at Hofburg Palace**.
- Discover the history of **Vienna's Jewish community** and view impressive art at the **Kunsthistorisches Museum**.
- Marvel at the storybook **Wachau Valley** and behold the stunning **Melk Abbey**, perched above the Danube River.
- Spend a day in **Bratislava**, bursting with colorful buildings and quirky character.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Hofburg Palace

## Program Overview



### Days 1-2 In Transit | Vienna, Austria

Depart your gateway city for Vienna, Austria. 🚗  
Arrive and transfer 🔄 to the Adiago Vienna City.  
Later, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Days 3-6 Vienna

Start Day 3 with breakfast and a neighborhood orientation tour, lunch and an enriching lecture about Vienna. After breakfast on Day 4, get an introduction to Vienna's public transportation system. After a group lunch, tour magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and enjoy a panoramic drive along the Ringstrasse. German Language students have lessons on Days 5 and 6. Classical Music participants take an illuminating concert hall tour on Day 6.

### Days 7-10 Vienna

On Day 7, German Language learners continue instruction. On Day 8, the group visits Vienna's Winter Riding School and Hofburg Palace's Imperial Apartments, followed by lunch. Day 9 offers a musical evening for Classical Music students, and Austrian Cuisine participants visit a traditional wine tavern on Day 10.

### Days 11-14 Wachau Valley | Vienna

Begin Day 11 with a group journey through the Wachau Valley to Melk Abbey and Dürnstein with lunch. German Language students improve their skills and Austrian Cuisine pupils roll up their sleeves for a cooking class on Day 12. On Day 13, explore Vienna's Jewish community on a group tour. German Language classes continue in the afternoon. On Day 14, German Language students practice their speaking skills. Later, the group meets for a lecture on modern Austria, followed by dinner.

### Days 15-18 Bratislava, Slovakia | Vienna

Board a catamaran bound for Bratislava, a beautiful historic city, on Day 15. On Day 16, 🔄 Elective Activity participants travel to Salzburg for an exciting two-night stay. Those staying in Vienna are at leisure to pursue their own interests on Days 17 and 18.

### Days 19-22 Vienna

On Day 19, Classical Music students visit the haunts of Vienna's famous composers, German Language students have a lesson and the group meets for dinner. On Day 20, enjoy the Kunsthistorisches Museum and lunch. German Language students fine-tune their proficiency. Austrian Cuisine participants learn about a legendary sweet on Day 21, and German Language students graduate. On Day 22, raise a toast at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

### Day 23 In Transit

Transfer 🔄 to the airport for your return flight 🚗 to your gateway city.

**Note:** Days without specified activities are spent at leisure or on excursion as part of an Optional Enrichment Track. Itinerary sequence or events may change.

🚗 Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🔄 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



MuseumsQuartier © Christian Stemper



Left: Ankeruhr clock, Hoher Markt | Below: Bratislava



## Exploring on Your Own

Discover Vienna's heart during ample leisure time. From soaring St. Stephen's Cathedral to the enticing MuseumsQuartier, soak up centuries of culture at your own pace. Experience Vienna through the lens of its people at coffee houses, bustling weekend markets or traditional wüstelstands. Embrace the community spirit at small pubs or larger venues with grand performances. In this lively cultural city, you will find several opportunities to attend concerts, exhibitions and shows.

## Public Transportation

Navigate Vienna with your included transit card. The city's user-friendly, safe and reliable public transit system offers signage in English and German and consists of subway trains, trams and buses.

## Vienna City & Landmarks

Enjoy included excursions and tours led by local experts that showcase Vienna's sites. Thrill to famous landmarks along the Ringstrasse and tour Schönbrunn Palace, former residence of the Imperial family. Another day takes you to the renowned Kunsthistorisches Museum, filled with impressive art collections.



Melk Abbey

## Spanish Riding School & Hofburg Palace

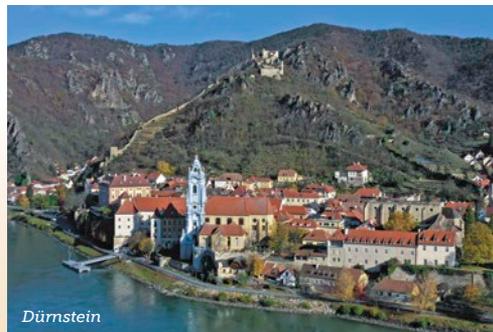
The Winter Riding School is the magnificent riding hall of the Spanish Riding School, an institution that demands the Renaissance tradition of classical dressage. Watch the harmony between the snowy white Lipizzan stallions and their riders during a training practice. After, tour the sumptuous Imperial Apartments of Hofburg Palace, host to rich decor and exquisite artwork.

## Bratislava, Slovakia

Bratislava's historic center boasts rainbow-colored buildings and playful sculptures. See St. Martin's Cathedral and St. Michael's Gate, and enter Primate's Palace. A visit to Bratislava wouldn't be complete without tasting homemade pastries and wine!

## Wachau Valley, Melk Abbey & Dürnstein

Venture outside of Vienna to the UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley, blanketed with vineyards and whimsical villages. Tour Melk's restored Benedictine abbey, a bright yellow baroque building that dates from 1736. After lunch, continue to small, cozy Dürnstein. Walk along its pleasant lanes and witness the magnificent Stiftskirche, known for its soaring blue tower.



Dürnstein

## Optional Enrichment Tracks



The **Vienna—Art of Living** program offers increased choice and experiences. Our main program features the included excursions detailed in the itinerary, but you also may deepen your cultural experience by choosing to add one or more of our Optional Enrichment Tracks. Customize your adventure based on your interests and transform from a tourist into an enlightened traveler!

### 1 GERMAN LANGUAGE

Language is one of the most powerful tools for cultural immersion. This track includes nine small-group German language classes. Sessions are typically two hours and are tailored to your skill level, guaranteeing individual attention and a comfortable progression through the lessons. The school can accommodate beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

A professional teacher who uses an established curriculum and teaching methods will lead your language classes. Using the immersion method, your teacher will provide instruction in German only. This may seem daunting at first, but soon, you will find this is a natural learning method as your ears become attuned to listening to German. You will be surprised how much and how quickly you can learn this way!

**\$1,495 per person**



### 2 AUSTRIAN CULINARY TRADITIONS

Food is a gateway into a country's culture and soul. This track includes three enriching culinary encounters focusing on typical Austrian wines, ingredients and culinary history. Discover the flavors and traditions that define Austrian cuisine and take home new cooking skills.

#### **Traditional Wine Tavern.**

Visit a *heuriger* (traditional wine tavern) in the countryside. Enjoy a delicious buffet and sample a variety of wines directly from the makers.

#### **Austrian Cooking Class.**

Join a local chef for a hands-on experience. Discover the defining points of Austrian cuisine while learning to prep a traditional salad, main course and satisfying dessert. After making your meal, enjoy dinner with friends.

#### **Mozartkugel Workshop.**

Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make authentic *Mozartkugel*, a delightful confection made from pistachio marzipan, nougat, hazelnuts and almonds.

**\$695 per person**

### 3 CLASSICAL MUSIC

Vienna boasts an incomparable musical heritage that is of international renown. This three-session track explores the great composers who shaped this city and left a lasting legacy.

#### **Musikverein Concert Hall.**

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the renowned landmark and learn details about the building and its acoustics.

#### **Legendary Composers**

**Concert & Dinner.** Enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant before listening to the Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra, accompanied by opera singers, perform a delightful concert of classical masterpieces.

#### **Mozart, Beethoven &**

**Strauss Tour.** Be immersed in the lives of Beethoven, Mozart and Strauss during a walking tour that explores locations where they lived, composed and premiered their immortal music.

**\$695 per person**



*Strauss monument*

# Included Features



## **Accommodations** (with baggage handling)

- **21 nights** in Vienna, Austria, at the first-class Aparthotel Adagio Vienna City.

## **Meal Program**

- 3 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

## **Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and **Optional Enrichment Tracks** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **ELECTIVES** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Month pass for Vienna's public transit system.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

## **Excursions included in main program**

- Neighborhood Orientation Tour
- Vienna City Tour & Schönbrunn Palace
- Spanish Riding School & Hofburg Palace
- Wachau Valley, Melk's Benedictine Abbey & Dürnstein
- Jewish Walking Tour through Vienna
- Bratislava, Slovakia
- Kunsthistorisches Museum

## **ELECTIVE | Go further afield**



### **Salzburg | 2 Nights**

**Depart on Day 16** for a two-night immersion into Salzburg. Learn about Mozart's life and see where he was born. Ride a funicular up Festungsberg mountain to visit Hohensalzburg Fortress, Salzburg's iconic landmark. This activity includes two nights' accommodation, daily breakfast and one lunch, a Salzburg city tour, round-trip train tickets and transfers.

**\$1,295 per person, double occupancy**

**\$1,690 single occupancy**

# 2026 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **October 8-30, 2026**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **October 9-30, 2026**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
Studio	\$6,745	<b>\$5,995</b>
One Bedroom	\$8,045	<b>\$7,295</b>

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://norcar.ahitravel.com/destinations/1951A?schoolId=114>.

## AHI FlexAir

### Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

**Travel Consultants** assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

# Accommodations

## Aparthotel Adagio Vienna City



Stay in the heart of vibrant Vienna at your comfortable aparthotel. Located next to key landmarks, the Ringstrasse, public transportation, enticing restaurants, Viennese coffee-houses and historic highlights, you can set off and explore from your doorstep. Enjoy 24/7 hotel services, a multilingual staff, a fitness center, sauna and kitchenette outfitted with all you need to make your own meals and feel at home.



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