

Summer 2009

Fragrant garden of herbs right on our terrace



Our peaceful, colorfully blooming “oasis” basks in its ever-growing popularity among our guests and is always delightfully used for a short break now and then, to rest and regain energy, or simply to cozily watch another day come to an end.

We’ve also added a new garden of herbs – a real delight for the senses of sight and smell. Basil blooms beside the fragrant rosemary, chives thrive beside the aromatic marjoram, oregano, and dill...

The fragrance not only fills our terrace but also our new spreads at the breakfast buffet aside from our staff dining table.

Our breakfast buffet now pampers you with delicious, homemade spreads!

Grandma couldn’t have done it better – that was the unanimous decision after the tasting of our new spreads.

Our kitchen staff tried out some recipes and taste-tested everything... the best of these **delicious, homemade spreads** now provide for more variety on our breakfast buffet. From only fresh ingredients – including hand-picked garden herbs – delicious tuna fish, egg, Liptauer, spring, and pumpkin seed spreads were magically created... best to try it out for yourself!



Our team supports the “Licht für die Welt” (Light for the World) Campaign



Every five seconds, a human being goes blind in the third world, every minute, a child. The campaign “Licht für die Welt” (**Light for the World**) has made it its task to “give back” the gift of sight. With a donation of €30 (thirty Euros), an operation of this nature can be financed.

We, as well, have taken part in this campaign!

Twenty (20) Hotel AUSTRIA staff members have participated here and thereby made 20 eye operations possible. Through this, we have contributed to having 20 human beings receive their sense of sight again.

If **you** would also like to help, please visit: www.licht-fuer-die-welt.at <http://www.licht-fuer-die-welt.at/>

“Vienna – up close and personal!”

This time, let’s take a much closer look at the **Wiener Donaukanal (Vienna Danube Channel)** – the **recreational oasis right at the center of the city** and in the immediate vicinity of your Hotel AUSTRIA.

Vienna is known to lie kilometers away from all of the seas in the world. A stroll along the Vienna Danube Channel however, along sandy beaches, deck chairs, bars, and restaurants with Mediterranean and other delectable treats, overcomes one with the feeling of being right by the Adriatic in the shortest period of time.



Even while in the direct vicinity of Vienna's inner city center, you have every possibility to enjoy the sunset on comfortable deck chairs right by the beach bar, or try out and practice Yoga by the beachside (**Strandbar Herrmann**), or dine on the terrace with a cool view of the water, or have a short break somewhere in the meantime (**Café Urania**). Want a short stint by the pool? Not a problem – the **Badeschiff** offers you a large swimming pool, a sundeck with deck chairs and cocktails, culinary highlights, live music, and that open-air feeling in the evening. The **Tel Aviv Beach** (see our Vienna Happenings section) is the newest "addition" to the Danube Channel which, aside from the glass-ceilinged **Adria Wien Bar, Summerstage**, and **Flex**, offers not just sumptuous delights, but also entertainment and relaxation in the evening.

Current happenings in Vienna in Summer 2009



Interested in music, theatre, the opera, museums or exhibits?

We know **all the schedules** and gladly look forward to your reservations **at your HOTEL AUSTRIA!**

Pure Art Nouveau! Josef Maria Auchentaller - An Artist of the Viennese Secession



The Leopold Museum is going to show the first big exhibition of Josef Maria Auchentaller in Austria. Josef Maria Auchentaller (Vienna 1865 – Grado 1949) was one of the artists who participated in the Viennese art revolution that occurred at the beginning of the 20th century. For more than a decade, the painter and graphic artist was an active protagonist of the Secession, which had been founded by Gustav Klimt in 1897. He participated in the Secession exhibitions around 1900, at times in a position of responsibility for organisation, and was also involved in the publication of the magazine "Ver Sacrum", the Secession's official organ. His decision to leave Vienna in 1903 and to risk the "tourist" adventure in Grado isolated him prematurely from the

Vienna art scene.

The exhibition is divided into eight sections and includes approximately 300 works: paintings, drawings, studies, posters, designs, jewellery and photographs, many of which have never been shown publicly. Auchentaller's artistic development is traced through his training in Vienna and Munich and the decisive influence exerted on his work by the Vienna Secession as well as in his later years, when he settled in Grado and devoted his artistic energies to landscapes and portraits.

June 11th until September 21st, 2009

Daily except Tuesday 10am - 6pm, Thursdays 10 am - 9 pm

Leopold Museum Wien, <http://www.leopoldmuseum.org><http://www.leopoldmuseum.org/>

In front of and behind the camera

The relationship between photographer and subject is the focus of the exhibition "The Portrait. Photography as a stage" at the Vienna Kunsthalle.

The exhibition is concerned with the history of the photographic portrait from the 1980s to today and with the various modes of access with which the human portrait can be captured. Above all this is about the **self-portrait** of the subject in front of the camera, but also the **staging** by the photographer behind the camera. Focal points in the presentation are topics such as glamor and verism, snapshot and staging, anonymity and intimacy as well as star and society.

The provisional selection of artists for the exhibition includes Anton Corbijn, Nan Goldin, Robert Mapplethorpe, Helmut Newton, Thomas Ruff, Jürgen Teller and Wolfgang Tillmans.

The portrait. Photography as a stage
3.7.-18.10.2009

Vienna Kunsthalle, www.kunsthallewien.at



The best zoo in Europe, with the new orangutan house



Schönbrunn Zoo emerged as the best zoo in Europe in an independent study carried out in 2009, which compared 40 zoos in 16 countries. The world's oldest zoo is also its most modern – and now has the added attraction of a new orangutan house.

The former **imperial orangery** was converted into a paradise for the red-haired primates, the orangutans: Where exotic plants and citrus fruits once spent the winter, **apes** now play in **climbing trees**, on nets and ropes. And they can be proud of their new home, because the zoo has been named the best in Europe.

The shaggy **orangutans** swing through the air eleven meters up. This is equivalent to their natural habitat in the forest canopy and they definitely prefer it. The redesigned **orangery** provides the apes with a 750 m² outdoor enclosure with climbing trees, nets and ropes. It is also possible for visitors to watch the behaviors of the great apes from close up.

The **zoo's information center** provides information both on the evolutionary history of the great apes and also on their lives and the dangers they face. At **Café Nonja**, named after a special artist, the orangutan female "Nonja", visitors to the zoo are treated to Asian delicacies. Pictures of Nonja are also on display here.

Tiergarten Schönbrunn, www.zoovienna.at

Music Film Festival at the Vienna City Hall Park

From June 27 to August 30, 2009, the Vienna City Hall Park is a pulsating meeting point for classical fans and night owls – with lots to please the palate as well as free film shows.

Against the backdrop of the illuminated City Hall, a first-rate program on a giant screen gets the hearts of all music lovers beating faster as darkness falls. The selection of classical superhits ranges from opera and operetta to dance and concert performances.



In addition, around 20 top restaurateurs invite you to embark on a culinary world tour starting in the morning, with lavish delights from all over the world.

27.6.–30.8. 2009

Info and program: www.wien-event.at

Film starts: daily at nightfall, international cuisine: 11 a.m. to midnight <http://www.wien-event.at/>

Opera and operetta in the summertime



The Theater an der Wien – after serving for years as a stage for musicals – was reopened in 2006 as Vienna’s newest opera house. This theater by the Naschmarkt now presents operas all year round, including the summer program billed as Operimsommer.

In July 2009, the Theater an der Wien will stage the premiere of Gioachino Rossini’s **Il Turco in Italia** (in Italian, with German supertitles), followed in August by a production of Mozart’s **Don Giovanni** with Erwin Schrott in the

title role.

The Schönbrunner Schlosstheater will present Carl Zeller’s **Bird Seller**, a well-loved and often-performed operetta. And another classic can be found during the Operetta Summer program held in the gardens of the Theresianum palace in the city’s fourth district. Johann Strauss’ **Vienna Blood** was not originally composed as an operetta. It is actually more of an adaptation. The libretto was written by Victor Leon and Leo Stein, which was then matched with compositions and themes from Strauss’ rich musical creation and later augmented with lyrics. Operimsommer '09

Theater an der Wien, www.theater-wien.at

Il Turco in Italia: July 2, 4, 9, 13 and 15, 2009

Don Giovanni, August 1, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 14, 2009

Schönbrunner Schlosstheater, www.musik-theater-schoenbrunn.at

Der Vogelhändler: July 16-August 30, 2009

Vienna Operetta Summer, www.wieneroperettensommer.at

Vienna Blood: July 9-August 9, 2009

Tel Aviv beach on the Danube Canal



On the sunny side of Vienna’s Danube Canal, the Vienna Tel Aviv Beach is being created as a trendy meeting point with cult potential to mark the 100th anniversary of the Israeli metropolis.

Until September, the **Danube Canal** promises a **beach feeling** with high chill-out factor, a new cultural institution on the pulse of time, great entertainment acts and lavish delights on an international scale.

Be sophisticatedly marooned on the Danube Canal, opposite Flex and the Ring Tower. Urbane, cosmopolitan types and people with an affinity for culture and cuisine will be offered an atmosphere here that reflects the international feeling of the **pulsating** and historic **city of Tel Aviv**.

This new meeting point is complete with its own **entertainment zone** – stage, video screen and free WLAN included – spread out over an area of around 1,000 square meters of sand, on which up to 400 people can drop into original **Tel Aviv beach chairs**. All in all, it's the perfect location for offering visitors Israeli celluloid classics, national and international **DJ acts** and live gigs, video presentations, numerous special events as well as a program for children and families.

www.telavivbeach.at

until the end of September: Mon-Fri noon to midnight, Sat, Sun 10 a.m. to midnight

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