

January 2010

We have a NEW Reception Manager!



Our new POWER-Lady at the Reception area: Mrs. **Renate BASSRUCKER**. For over 2 decades, “Frau Renate” has amazed and still amazes our guests at Hotel AUSTRIA with her **extraordinary expertise and competence**.

With her **impressive proficiency in foreign languages**, her **enormous knowledge**, and her **personal charm**, there is no question that she cannot answer. “**Frau Renate**” will **ALWAYS** find a solution to your problem or concern.

Apart from all this, she perfectly manages her family with 2 children, reads books with pleasure, and “in between” runs half-marathons...

We wish Mrs. Renate Bassrucker **lots of SUCCESS** in her **new tasks!**

Have you already tried our BALL-BREAKFAST with salmon and sparkling wine?

Still reeling from the waltz rhythms from last night?

Was it the unforgettable Viennese **ball orchestra**, the **elegant gowns** of the ladies, the charming **Inauguration Committee**, or the “**Last Waltz**” played at the break of dawn?

So that you could also DREAM of culinary delights, we offer you a **BALL-BREAKFAST with salmon and sparkling wine** – inclusive of Room Service – even until 11 AM!

(Please make sure you register for this at the Reception.)



WHO has WON the 3 “Weekend-Hotel Accommodations for two”?

With your countless reviews and your excellent comments, you continually give us **very IMPORTANT “feedback”** about our services for you.

As our way of saying “**Thank you**”, we’ve drawn the names of **three winners of a weekend accommodation for two at the BEST 3-star hotel in Vienna**.

You’re read that **right** – for a few weeks now on the internet hotel booking platform **trivago.com**, Hotel Austria has **led all of the 3-star hotels in Vienna as 1st place!**

We most cordially congratulate **this year’s prize recipients:**

Mr. George Theodorou from Nicosia, Cyprus



Ms. E.I. from Tokyo, Japan; and
Mr. E. S. from Chicago, USA

Current HAPPENINGS in Vienna in January and February 2010



Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, or exhibitions?

We'll be happy to keep you informed about all the dates / schedules and perhaps even let you in on **a few secrets too...**

Swirling into the Ball Season

Vienna's ball season is unique. When else can you experience the State Opera "backstage", see the Vienna Philharmonic take to the dance floor, or take a "fiacre shuttle" to a coffeehouse?



Vienna hosts more than 300 balls every year, exuberantly celebrating the fasching carnival season. And it is not only the traditional waltz you will hear – contemporary sounds also feature. The **Opera Ball** at the Vienna State Opera (Feb 11, 2010) is something of a legend. This occasion provides the unique opportunity to view the opera house on the Ring Boulevard both from the auditorium and, as it were, "backstage", rubbing shoulders with stars from the world of music.

www.wiener-staatsoper.at

The **Vienna Philharmonic** hosts its very own ball at the Musikverein (Jan 21, 2010). Yet only during the opening ceremony will you see the members of this world-famous orchestra with their musical instruments. Thereafter it is, for once, their turn to waltz the night away.

www.wienerphilharmoniker.at

The **Coffeehouse Owners' Ball** (Feb 5, 2010) is deemed particularly atmospheric. Every year it attracts some 5,000 visitors to the Redoutensäle and Hofburg Palace. Afterwards, many guests choose to draw the night to a close at Café Landtmann where they are taken in traditional style by "fiacre shuttle".

www.kaffeesiederball.at

At the first glance, the **Life Ball** (July 17, 2010) does not have much in common with the classic balls. Waltz melodies are a rarity at this Aids charity night, and dress is flamboyantly offbeat. Yet the fact that the Life Ball

takes place in the prestigious City Hall every year is indicative of how Vienna so gracefully embraces both tradition and innovation.

www.lifeball.org

Vienna Ice Dream 2010



From January 22 to March 7 City Hall Square will be transformed into a giant ice rink and paradise for ice-skating enthusiasts of all ages.

The fabulously illuminated façade of **Vienna's City Hall** is the backdrop for **Vienna Ice Dream**, a **5,000 square-meter** outdoor ice skating rink. Every day from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. wildly groovy and sweepingly elegant loops can be cut to disco hits of the 1980s and 1990s.

Moreover, a romantic skating trail (415 m long) leads through the delightfully illuminated Rathauspark and there are also six curling rinks for a sporting challenge. A dozen booths serve **international refreshments** – from savory snacks and sweet delights to aromatic punch and pick-me-up cocktails. Ice skate hire is available.

Vienna Ice Dream 22.1.-7.3.2010

Information at: www.wienereistraum.com

A general and a patron of the arts

Vienna's Belvedere Palace was built at the start of the 18th century by Lucas von Hildebrandt as a summer residence for Prince Eugene of Savoy. Now it will serve as a venue for an exhibition on the prince as a military commander, statesman, and patron of the arts and sciences.

Prince Eugene of Savoy (1663-1736) was born in France of Italian descent. Following his meteoric rise to power and his brilliant career as a military commander he became one of the most influential men in Austria. He left an indelible mark on both the country and its artistic and cultural heritage. As a **diplomat and confidant** of Emperors Leopold I, Josef I, and Karl VI, Prince Eugene of Savoy went from one battlefield to the other all over Europe, playing a pivotal role in securing the future of the House of Habsburg.



Throughout his life Prince Eugene also dedicated himself to assembling an **extensive collection** of paintings, etchings, incunabula, illuminated manuscripts and books to be displayed in his Viennese palace. From various battlefields Prince Eugene corresponded with artists and artisans, landscape architects, master builders and the leading minds of his day. His acquisitions rewrote Austrian artistic and cultural history, even resulting in the forced transfer of works from the collection of French King Louis XIV to Vienna.

The exposition will include works from his **art collection**, primarily from Turin's Galleria Sabauda and the Biblioteca Eugenia, presented against the backdrop of the Belvedere's original furnishings and décor. This will allow visitors to appreciate the opulent furnishings at the palace where Prince Eugene, as president of the Imperial War Council and a member of the Secret State Conference, received guests including the Ottoman ambassador.

Feb 11-Jun 6, 2010

www.belvedere.at

shop & win a € 10,000 shopping spree



Vienna is a top-class shopping destination with more than 20,000 retailers spanning former purveyors to the imperial court, haute couture flagship stores and hip boutiques with street-style flair.

In **January and February 2010** a fantastic competition is yet further incentive to go shopping in Vienna. A luxury trip to Vienna for two and EUR 10,000 in spending money beckon as first prize. There are also instant prizes for anyone turning the wheel of fortune at the Tourist Information Office.

The “shop & win” brochure and competition entry coupon are available from your Hotel AUSTRIA and the Tourist Information Office from the start of the promotion period in January.

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