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## Online Room Reservation Version 2.0



We have already optimized our website and home page for smartphones and the like during the last few weeks – and have immediately begun working on the “next chapter”. Now, even **our Online Booking Site is well-adapted to meet the demands and challenges of “Generation 2.0”**.

Hardly imaginable not all that long ago, and now impossible to imagine life without, these APPS enable room reservations and bookings comfortably from a mobile phone, rate/price inquiries from a computer tablet, or checking room availability directly from Facebook. You’re certainly welcome to try and make the most out of it as we wait with much anticipation and excitement what the next chapter already holds for us.

## New Style and Comfort for our Room Telephones

With all these technical advances in mobile phones, the **comfort of using our room telephones** should not be left out or fall on the wayside.

We’ve had our telephone systems updated und the phone consoles have been changed even inside the guest rooms – modern technology with speed-dial buttons, voice mailbox for messages and personal wake-up call are now available for your added convenience.



## Get to know us even better

Just a few days ago, Mrs. Renate Bassrucker and her husband celebrated their 20th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! The entire Hotel AUSTRIA Team CORDIALLY congratulates our indefatigable Reception Manager!

Perhaps the following quote is one of the secrets of their happy marriage:



“One need only pursue something with love and in so doing let happiness come in.”

Johannes Trojan

## Current EVENTS / HAPPENINGS in Vienna in June 2011



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...**

### Portraits by Dürer & Co.

**An exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts is dedicated to the German portrait around 1500 and shows first-class works by Dürer, Cranach and Holbein.**

About 130 exhibits - primarily portraits, but also several busts, coins and medals - are dedicated to the German portrait of around 1500. At the heart of the exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts are the three painters **Albrecht Dürer**, **Lucas Cranach the Elder** and **Hans Holbein the Younger**. They were the three most important German representatives of this genre and often stood in the shadow of the Dutch masters. The portraits by the German artists are noted for the particularly authentic representation of the persons portrayed.



The works shown in the Museum of Fine Arts also give an insight into late-mediaeval and early-modern **society**. Outstanding portraits of the dawning **Renaissance** will also be shown. Most of the exhibits come from the museum's own portrait gallery. The show is supplemented with first-class loan works from German and international collections.

**31 May - 4 September 2011 Museum of Fine Arts (Kunsthistorisches Museum)**

[www.khm.at](http://www.khm.at)

## A Night with the Philharmonic



**On June 2 the Vienna Philharmonic and conductor Valery Gergiev are inviting everyone to enjoy a musical treat in the park at Schönbrunn Palace. Admission is free!**

At the **Summer Night's Concert** the Vienna Philharmonic will perform **open air** at the Schönbrunn Palace Park, with their usual top quality. However, there is something that is not usual about this concert that has been held once a year since 2004: **admission is free**. With this gesture, the famous ensemble would like to make a special gift to the approx. 100,000 visitors and the worldwide TV audience.

### "Virtuoso Images" with Gergiev

The orchestra will be directed by the Russian star conductor **Valery Gergiev**. He is the director of the Maryinsky Theater in St. Petersburg, where among others, soprano Anna Netrebko began her career. He is also principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra and regularly works with the Vienna Philharmonic.

As soloist, the Austrian **Benjamin Schmid** will accompany the world class orchestra with his violin - a Stradivari from the year 1731. Musically, this year's motto "**Virtuoso Images**" will be interpreted with the following program:

- Franz Liszt: Les Préludes
- Niccolò Paganini: Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, 1st Movement (adapted by Fritz Kreisler)
- Modest Mussorgsky: Pictures of an Exhibition

**June 2, 2011, 9 p.m.**

[www.sommernachtskonzert.at](http://www.sommernachtskonzert.at)

## Baroque art

**The Liechtenstein Museum is showing the Hohenbuchau Collection with works by Brueghel, Rubens and Jordaens for the first time from May to September.**

The Hohenbuchau Collection is one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of **north European Baroque art**. The collection focuses on paintings of the 17th century, above all the Dutch and Flemish Baroque, the so-called "Golden Age". On show are portraits, genre paintings, landscapes and still life.



The Liechtenstein Museum is showing the first-class collection with pictures by **Brueghel, Rubens, Jordaens** and Honthorst for the first time in its entirety in a special exhibition. Also on view are works by less well-known painters and large, occasionally monumental formats.

**27 May - 20 September 2011 Liechtenstein Museum**

[www.liechtensteinmuseum.at](http://www.liechtensteinmuseum.at)

## Vienna Jazz Festival 2011



Liza Minnelli, Thomas Quasthoff, Cyndi Lauper and many other music stars offer the very best in jazz and more at around 60 concerts. Vienna therefore makes a big impression on the festival landscape.

World hits, the popular and the new ring out at around a dozen of Vienna's best performance venues, from the State Opera to jazz clubs to Rathausplatz. The genre of jazz is not narrowly defined: **diversity** is the motto.

Singer **Marianne Faithfull** kicks off the event on **15 June**. On 23 June, **Cesaria Evora**, who is called the "barefoot diva", can be experienced in the Konzerthaus with her soulful ballades from the Cape Verde islands.

Greats of the music business perform at the Vienna State Opera: **Al Di Meola** and **Earl Klugh** elicit the finest tones from their guitars, former New Wave girl **Cyndi Lauper** presents a program of Blues music and US diva **Liza Minnelli** continues her glittering comeback in Vienna. Unmistakable sounds can be expected from **Seal**, **Bryan Ferry**, **Madleine Peyroux**, trumpeter **Till Brönner** and **Omara Portuondo & Chucho Valdes**. Bass-baritone **Thomas Quasthoff** celebrates classical Jazz singing.

The Arkadenhof of Vienna City Hall also becomes a stage, e.g. for the restless pianist **Dr. John** or soul legend **Bettye LaVette**.

**Numerous other acts** in jazz clubs or the open air await jazz fans and newcomers. An opportunity to sample jazz is offered by the free concerts on the **Summer Stage** on 1, 2 and 8 July, when it's the women's turn to take up the microphone at **Woman in Jazz**.

15 June - 17 July 2011 various venues

[www.viennajazz.org](http://www.viennajazz.org)

## Pure party at the Danube Island Festival

Around three million visitors celebrates at Europe's largest free party, June 24-26 on the Danube Island. Two thousand musicians play live on several stages: pop, rock, evergreens, latin, soul, jazz, blues, hip hop, electronic, hard rock - diversity knows no limits on the 18 themed islands.

The **enormous open-air spectacle** awaits this year again with internationally successful musicians playing in front of the fabulous backdrop of the Danube:



Italian **Umberto Tozzi**, known for "Ti Amo" and "Gloria" and successful with 32 million albums sold, is in the starting line-up. There's also **Russkaja**, the post-modern version of Russian folklore and the dread of all the Russian folklore clubs.

You can also look forward to seeing the British band **Chikiniki**, whose style is described as electronic pop with influences from glam, psychedelic and progressive rock. Tania Saedi, also known as **Sister Saedi**, is a Viennese with Persian roots. She's bringing along her own first album, "Exhale".

Normally they only mix in clubs and discos, but on this special weekend the "Island" has the honor of welcoming **Sebastien B. Benett**, **DJ Olivarez** and **DJ Observer**.

For island fans with truly different musical taste: evergreen superstar **Andy Borg** and newcomer **Andreas Gabalier**, or **Markus Wolfart**, who started his own solo career after "Klostertalern".

Furthermore, along the **4.5 km-long party mile** there are over 250 catering stands offering a wide range of **culinary delights** and accompanying drinks - from juicy steaks and crispy grilled chicken to freshly drawn beer and cool cocktails. By the way, the mega-party is also known as the **most peaceful festival in Europe**. Nothing stands in the way of relaxed partying ...

**June 24-26, 2011**

[www.donauinsselfest.at](http://www.donauinsselfest.at)