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“Experience Vienna at its most personal ambience!” – our motto and further information are available on our **homepage** not only in English, Italian, and French, but also **now in Russian**.

Want to get information about our rates, read about our services, or learn more about our staff? Please, go right ahead. All of this information was especially translated for our Russian guests and Cyrillic texts are also now present on our Hotel Austria website.

„and the Oscar goes....“

Our **new Hotel Austria video** will probably not make it to Hollywood – but it is still worth seeing in any case. The leading performers and main attraction are the members of our team, our hotel with all its services, and the tourist attractions of the city. The “screenplay” promises 2 exciting, informative minutes with great views and recordings... but do see it for yourself!



We’ve taken the term “residential street” literally!

Our small alley has for many, many years been vehicle-free and has been considered a “residential street” on the city map. What else could shape and form this right as a cozy, homey street?

Colorful spring flowers by the windows, green plants and cozy garden furniture – voila! It’s so inviting that the sun and the warmth linger. Take a cigarette break too while sitting relaxed rather than standing by the entrance.

“Get to know us even better” – Our Marathon Man Piero

This year, someone from our staff again has taken on the **athletic challenge of the Half-Marathon**. Mr. Piero Anzalone from our Reception Team has thoroughly prepared together with his better half Patricia and “reeled off” countless kilometers during the last few weeks.

He has then also managed to cover the distance with flying colors during the Vienna City Marathon on 17 April – and that’s already the third time!



EVENTS/HAPPENINGS in Vienna in May 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...**

Life Ball



At the shrill Aids charity event on 21 May, a roaring party will be celebrated under the banner of solidarity and tolerance. Designer duo Dsquared2 is designing this year’s fashion show at City Hall.

The Life Ball is **Europe's largest Aids charity event** and is dedicated to the **element of air** in 2011. Under the slogan "Spread the Wings of Tolerance", the party on **21 May at Vienna's City Hall** promises to be shrill, colorful and loud, in order to generate donations for Aids relief projects and to promote public awareness of the disease.

The **big opening show at City Hall, with numerous appearances by international stars and a fashion show, is open to the public.** Twin brothers Dean and Dan Caten are designing the **fashion show** this year with

their label **Dsquared2**. Dsquared2 is known for its glamorous shows, and the duo has already kitted out stars such as Madonna, Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears with stage outfits. Every year, 40,000 onlookers follow the colorful goings-on.

General ticket sales for the Life Ball run from 10 to 24 March 2011. Discounted admission with the **Style Ticket**. Inspiration for extraordinary outfits is provided by the Style Bible at www.stylebible.org.

City Hall, 1010 Vienna
Red Carpet from 8.00 pm
Opening at 10.00 pm, Ticket: €150
Life Ball Style Ticket: €75
www.lifeball.org

Vienna Festival

From 13 May, the Vienna Festival will be showing 41 productions of contemporary stage art. Performances will be held at 17 locations across Vienna: from the Burgtheater to the MuseumsQuartier to outdoor venues.

The elite of opera and theater directors, conductors and orchestras set international standards during the Vienna Festival with **modern stagings** and **new works**.



At the free **open-air opening** on 13 May at City Hall, Genia Kühmeier, Robert Holl and Michael Schade sing to the accompaniment of the ORF Radio-Symphony Orchestra Vienna. A highlight is the final of the choral competition "Austria sings".

The **program of musical theater** starts with the open-air performance on Karlsplatz of "**Orestreia**" by composer Iannis Xenakis, who died in 2001. This is followed by **Verdi's "Rigoletto"**, in the production by festival director Luc Bondy, and Beat Furrer's "**Wüstenbuch**", staged by Christoph Marthaler.

Marthaler is also represented in **the theater program**: in "**+0 A subpolar basecamp**", he reports in **musical terms on the culture, people and landscapes of Greenland**. Nobel literature prize winner Toni Morrison, African singer Rokia Traorè and director Peter Sellars develop the "**Desdemona project**". Alvis Hermanis, a dramatist from Riga, shows his work "**Latvian Loves**" for the first time outside his homeland. Canadian Robert Lepage brings his perhaps poetic work "**The Far Side of the Moon**" to Vienna for the first time. The festival program has plenty more to offer...

In parallel with the Vienna Festival, the **35th International Music Festival in the Konzerthaus** offers great musical times under the banner of Gustav Mahler.

13 May - 19 June 2011

Various venues
Tel. +43 1 589 22 22
www.festwochen.at

Vienna Genussfestival



At the beginning of May, the Vienna Stadtpark will be turned into a place of epicurean delights: The "Genussfestival" will be a showcase for select culinary specialties from Austria.

Vienna escargot, delicious Vienna ham, Carinthian honey, spicy cheese from Vorarlberg: At the "**Vienna Genussfestival**" from May 6 to 8 2011, the best **Austrian food producers** and small manufactories invite you to sample and savor in one of the city's prettiest parks. In addition to about 100 exhibitors, **top Austrian chefs** will serve you regional specialties.

The 2011 Genussfestival is being held for the fourth time already; last year there were over 90,000 visitors in the **Stadtpark**. The festival of pleasure in the Stadtpark will be accompanied by a supporting program with demonstrations and tastings.

The Stadtpark is Vienna's oldest public park; it was created when the Vienna city walls were torn down and the Ringstrasse build in 1860. The city's perhaps most photographed monument is also located here - the gold-plated stature of the king of waltz, Johann Strauss.

May 6-8, 2011

Stadtpark, 1010 Vienna

Fri. noon - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free admission

www.kulinarisches-erbe.at

Free Open-Air Popfest

From 5 to 8 May, Karlsplatz is given over to pop: rapper, Skero and pop songstress, Gustav will open the second Vienna Popfest. This will be followed by numerous free concerts given by musicians on the local scene.

The **Popfest opening** on the Thursday is introduced by "**million rapper**" **Skero** with the **15-member live band, SKI**. With five million YouTube clicks for his hit "Kabinenparty", the two-time Amadeus prize winner Martin Schlager, alias Skero, is right up there at the top, not only in these parts. At this performance, there is the opportunity to hear Austria's new, female vocal wonder, **Lylit**.

Following the big Skero show, sound pioneer Eva Jantschitsch, alias **Gustav**, gives an exclusive Popfest guest performance. She is considered a protagonist of the political pop song.

Over the next three days, look forward to around **40 exciting Austrian music projects** in all colors and shades, which turn Karlsplatz into the **Mecca of new Austrian pop music**.



The **open-air festival of Viennese pop music** is held in front of the **Baroque St. Charles' church**, not far from the bastions of classical music - the Vienna State Opera and the Musikverein. In Vienna, all musical genres enjoy a lively existence alongside one another. The main stage is ironically called the "**Seebühne**" ("Lake Stage"), after the large, knee-deep stone pond located there.

5-8 May 2011

www.popfest.at

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