

Summer 2011

"our SUMMER-SPECIALS"

Would you like to be on your way with a bicycle but going slow enough to enjoy Vienna's tourist attractions?

If that sounds appealing, then perhaps our **"Summer Special"** is exactly right for you: 2 nights in a double room, including a Welcome Gift, a **Citybike for men or women**, and a lunch pack for your completely personal bike excursion.



For our budget-conscious guests, we again have **special easy-on-the-holiday budget offers** in our economy rooms.

You can find the prices and details [here](#).

We also once again have our surprise basket filled with **little welcome presents** especially for our little guests. Our reception staff will be happy to provide you with help and advice in planning your stay with children.

"Did you know? – Our Hotel AUSTRIA behind the scenes"



Our restaurant offers breakfast only to our guests – but have you ever thought about what "only" means? Day by day our ladies clean up to 500 pieces of porcelain and countless glasses and cutlery in addition to that!

This is not really manageable by hand and is therefore accomplished mechanically. A new, modern, dishwashing machine has become available just a short while ago.

By the way, our breakfast porcelain collection has just received its latest addition: we've acquired **special, sizable teacups for all tea enthusiasts**.

"Current EVENTS / HAPPENINGS in Vienna in July 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...

Fete Imperial

The Fête Impériale at Vienna's Spanish Riding School promises to be a ball night to remember – in a truly memorable location.

Following last year's hugely successful inaugural event, the Spanish Riding School will once again be transformed into a glittering ballroom on July 7, 2011. The riding arena, which otherwise sets the stage for the graceful ballet of the Lipizzan stallions, is recast as a ballroom, while the galleries of the Winter Riding School provide a promenade where ballgoers can mingle. The actual ball plays out **under the stars** at the Summer Riding School.



The Spanish Riding School is no stranger to society events, having played host to Maria Theresa's legendary gatherings as long ago as the mid-1700s. And now the Fête Impériale breathes new life into the time honored tradition of hosting court dances at the Spanish Riding School. All the proceeds from the summer ball will be donated to scientific projects including traditional breeding programs for the thoroughbred Lipizzan horses, and keeping the Lipizzan Registry.

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www.fete-imperiale.at

Makart: Superstar of the Ringstraße period



Hans Makart was an exception in 19th century Vienna: he was a painter, designer and for a short while a universal artist, to whom two exhibitions in Vienna are dedicated from June.

The Wien Museum in the Künstlerhaus and the Lower Belvedere give an insight into Makart's creativity and era. Today, the name Hans Makart (1840-1884) stands not only for giant screens in effective painting, but also for the **excessive star cult** and the glory of a whole epoch - the **Makart era**. Over and beyond his painting, Makart the universal designer had an impact on opera and theater, living culture and clothing style. In the 1870s, he initiated a fashion in Vienna - everything was available, from Makart red to the Makart hat and the Makart décolleté. As a

universal artist he characterized the Ringstraßen period like no other. Even Emperor Franz Joseph was enthralled by him and asked him to organize the procession to mark the occasion of his silver wedding to Empress Elisabeth on 27 April 1879: 27 floats, 14,000 participants and 300,000 adoring onlookers were involved.

For this reason, a central room of the exhibition "Makart. An artist rules the city" in the Wien Museum/Künstlerhaus is dedicated to this parade. Original exhibits from the procession will be on display. Also on show: Makart's studio, numerous portraits (back together in Vienna again for the first time since 1883 is the cycle of pictures entitled "Ring of the Nibelungen"), oil sketches, drawings, costumes, photographs, interiors and fashion.

Around 85 works of Hans Makart are on view in the show "**Makart. Painter of the sense**" at the Lower Belvedere. Above all, the monumental portrait "Venice pays homage to Caterina Cornaro", which is an impressive ten meters wide. There is also a true-to-scale reconstruction of the "Dumba Room", the workroom of the patron Nikolaus Dumba, which was a cultural meeting point during Makart's time. Makart's reflections on architecture will be presented in monumental architectural fantasies. His references to Eugène Delacroix will also be focused on. Makart's design of the ceiling frescos in the Museum of Fine Arts was taken from Delacroix' ideas for those in the Louvre.

9 June - 16 October 2011 Künstlerhaus

www.k-haus.at

Dalí then and now

An exhibition in the Kunsthalle Wien from June to October presents selected works by Salvador Dalí opposite works by contemporary artists.

Under the title "Le Surréalisme, c'est moi!" (translated: "I am surrealism!"), the Kunsthalle Wien presents Salvador Dalí in a contemporary context. Selected works of the great **surrealist** are placed opposite internationally established works (paintings, installations, videos, etc.) by artists Louise Bourgeois, Glenn Brown, Markus Schinwald and Francesco Vezzoli. A total of 70 original works by the exceptional artist Dalí, who died in 1989, will be shown: these are mainly works on paper, but also include **ten paintings** (including "The Colossus of Rhodes" from 1954).



The exhibition aims to draw fresh attention to Dalí's innovative impulses and the visionary, often edgy aspects of his creations, viewed by some as provocative and controversial. The **melting clocks** and **burning giraffes** became trademarks of the Spanish painter, who was born in 1904.

22 June - 23 October 2011 Vienna Kunsthalle in the MuseumsQuartier

www.kunsthallewien.at



Europe's biggest dance festival promises exciting times from the world of contemporary dance: a man in an aquarium, posing on pointe shoes, a dog on stage, a shackled Prometheus.

On 12 July, the Canadian company **La La La Human Steps** of Edouard Lock will show virtuoso dance in pointe shoes. In the evening, the **Festival Lounge** opens the doors to the Burgtheater vestibule.

Bollywood star **Terence Lewis** and his company perform a bombastic open-air Bollywood spectacle in the MuseumsQuartier on 13 July - with free admission.

ImPulsTanz then shows premier performances, innovative newcomers and early works by the masters of contemporary dance for four whole weeks.

Works by **Ivo Dimchev** and **Franz West** (with dog), **Christine Gaigg** and **Marco Berrettini** as well as **Marie Chouinard** celebrate world premieres. Chouinard even dances a solo.

Liquid Loft / Chris Haring starts a new cycles and **Wim Vandekeybus / Ultima Vez** present an Oedipus piece and, in "Monkey Sandwich", a man in an aquarium. **Meg Stuart** and **Philipp Gehmacher** explore solitude and closeness in "Maybe forever". **Dirk Stermann**, a cabaret artist on Austrian television, shows his first work as a choreographer.

The focal point of ImPulsTanz is the showcase of Belgian **artist Jan Fabre** and his company Troubleyn, including the group work "Prometheus - Landscape II". The exhibition "Jan Fabre - The Years of the Blue Hour" can be seen at the Museum of Fine Arts from 4 May.

Those hungry for movement have from almost **two hundred dance workshops** to choose from.

12 July - 14 August 2011 various venues

Workshop program: 17 July - 13 August 2011

www.impulstanz.com

City oases in summer

Summer in Vienna is best enjoyed in the open air. Numerous bars and restaurants – above all on the Danube Canal – offer the perfect place to chill out, and shorten the warm summer nights.

Just a few paces from Vienna's old city, trendy **beach bars** along the Danube Canal provide that Riviera feeling with music, cool cocktails and delicious food. **Strandbar Hermann** at the Urania is not only a hotspot during the evenings. Drop on by at the weekend for brunch from 10.00 am, accompanied by jazz on Saturdays.



On the **Badeschiff** (Pool Boat) a few steps further along, an outdoor pool and refreshing cocktails on the top deck are an attraction on hot summer days. On dry land, visitors can enjoy a beer garden and, for the first time

this year, a fish market with freshly grilled fish specialties. The Motto am Fluss at the mooring point of the Twin City Liner is another hotspot, with every seat on the terrace occupied in summer. The outdoor area of the nearby **Flex Café** is also a crowd-puller in good weather.

On the opposite side of the Danube Canal, the **Adria Wien** and the Tel Aviv Beach, with its DJs and Israeli cuisine, are popular meeting points. The **Wiener Schützenhaus** right next door is a new location for this year. The building constructed by Otto Wagner also has a garden, where guests can enjoy the evening sun.

Upstream at the U4 subway station Rossauer Lände is the **Summer Stage**, which offers a mix of enjoyment, sport and culture as well as a relaxing view of the water. A bit further along is Pier 9, which offers visitors not only good food, but also a climbing wall.

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The biggest beach club in the city is "**Sand in the City**" on Heumarkt. Beneath palm trees and on the finest sand, people come to play volleyball, pump iron at the fitness facilities and refresh themselves afterwards at the food stalls. DJs provide the right atmosphere during the evenings.

Herrmann's beach bar (Strandbar Herrmann)

1., Danube Canal at the Urania www.strandbar-herrmann.at

Badeschiff

1., Danube Canal between Schwedenbrücke and Urania

Fish market from Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. www.badeschiff.at

Flex Café

1., Danube Canal / Augartenbrücke www.flex.at

Tel Aviv Beach

2., Danube Canal at Schützenhaus www.tlvbeach.at

Motto am Fluss

1., Franz-Josefs-Kai/Schwedenplatz www.motto.at/mottoamfluss

Summer Stage

9., at the U4 subway station Rossauer Lände www.summerstage.co.at

Sand in the City

3., Lothringerstrasse 22 www.sandinthecity.at



In 2011 the MuseumsQuartier celebrates its tenth birthday – with many events all summer long.

Vienna's MuseumsQuartier (MQ) is one of ten largest cultural districts in the world. The mix of large museums, small cultural initiatives and trendy bars is a success story.

Built by the Baroque architect Fischer von Erlach, the former imperial stables have now established themselves as an independent city district.

The **Summer at the MQ** is dedicated to the **tenth anniversary** and begins on **May 5, 2011** with an **opening party** in cooperation with Vienna's private university, the Konservatorium Wien. Come relax in the gardens with boules tracks, cool sounds and **stylish summer furniture** in the courtyard of the MuseumsQuartier **until the beginning of October**. In addition to the famous Enzis, the new Enzos seats have been in use since last year.

The anniversary will be officially celebrated on **June 30** with a **ceremony and open-air events**. Bands from all over Europe and an impressive 3D show ensure a festive atmosphere. The ImPulsTanz festival opens on **July 14** in the courtyard of the MuseumsQuartier with a great **Bollywood spectacle**. The literature festival O-Töne and the frame[o]ut film festival will also offer special anniversary programs in the summer.

The museums and cultural institutions will also offer equally attractive **exhibitions** in summer. There are also many **open-air works of art to admire** - from sculptures to sound installations and masterpieces of dark humor from the Club der Komischen Künste.

Summer in the MQ May 5 - October 1, 2011

www.mqw.at

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