

Winter 2011

“Our homepage on your SMARTPHONE – have you tried it yet?”



The Christ-child, Santa Claus, or other “heavenly messenger” has surely lay one or the other super modern mobile phone under the Christmas tree. Internet surfing is now possible almost always and everywhere and staying informed is child’s play.

We’ve therefore set up a **second, new version of our Hotel AUSTRIA homepage** – optimized for smartphones. All contents herewith are readable, photos would be perfectly presented and viewed and soon, you can also use our mobile online reservation system while on the go. Check it out for yourself!

“Our special ‘BALL BREAKFAST’ after a long night of waltzes!”

Vienna offers more than 2000 hours of dancing pleasure at countless balls until the beginning of March. If you would like to swing your dancing feet along, experience a glittering ball night in Vienna, and then “sleep in” in peace the next day, then we’ve got a truly special offer for you.

In the preceding evening, simply request for our **special ball breakfast with exquisite delicacies, salmon and a glass of sparkling wine** – we will bring and serve this to you in your room any time until 11 AM (at no extra cost). Revel in fond memories and we’ll gladly pamper you!



“RESERVE ONLINE – at the best prices and in 3 steps done!”

Booking a hotel at short notice, without phoning, writing an inquiry or confirmation, and always getting the BEST price – is that even possible? Anytime!

Try out our **new Online Reservation System** at www.hotelaustria-wien.at. Clearly set by category, with detailed descriptions, and extremely easy to use. Everything’s done in 3 steps (including writing your special requests) and you’ve got your confirmed booking in your hands!



“WHO won each of the 3 Weekend Reservations for Two?”

With your countless evaluations and your wonderful comments, you have also once again given us **very VALUABLE “feedback”** this past year about our services for you.

As our way of saying “thank you”, we have drawn **3 winners each for a weekend stay for two in Vienna’s BEST 3-star hotel.**

We most cordially congratulate this year’s winners:

Ms. Natalia V. from Israel

Ms. Aideen Mullins from Ireland and

Mr. William Daniel from the USA



"EVENTS / HAPPENINGS in Vienna in January and February 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...**

Welcome to the ball season



Each year more than 300 balls take place in Vienna. The city of waltzes exuberantly celebrates carnival from January until early March. The three-quarter rhythm is supplemented by more contemporary sounds, offering enjoyable dancing for every taste.

In Vienna, the **ball season** reaches its peak in January and February. The old tradition of carnival balls continues to thrive in the city. While some dancers enjoy following the three-quarter time of the waltzes, others may prefer letting loose to a disco beat.

On New Year's Eve, the **Emperor's Ball** starts off the **ball season** in grand style at the magnificent **Imperial Palace**. Numerous other famous ball events are held here as well: the **Hunters' Ball** (Jan. 30, 2011), the **Doctors' Ball** (Jan. 29, 2011), the **Lawyer's Ball** (March 3, 2011) and, for the first time also the **Rainbow Ball** held by the gay and lesbian community (Dec. 2, 2011).

The Coffee-house Owners' Ball (Feb. 25, 2011) is one of the most atmospheric. Each year it brings about 5,000 visitors to Vienna's Imperial Palace and into the Redoutensäle. Many of the guests end the night at Café Landtmann, to which they are transported in a fiaker shuttle, true to style.

The Vienna Philharmonic (Jan. 20, 2011) opens the doors to its ball at the Vienna Musikverein. However, at this event the musicians of this world-famous orchestra can only be found with their instruments during the introduction. Because even the performers of the Vienna Philharmonic want to shake a leg now and then.

The Strauss Brothers once celebrated their greatest accomplishments at the Vienna Kursalon - and now visitors can dance to the tune of waltzes at the **Johann Strauss Ball** (Feb. 12, 2011).

Vienna Philharmonic Ball, Jan. 20, 2011

www.wienerphilharmoniker.at

Doctor's Ball, Jan. 29, 2011

www.aerzteball.at

Hunter's Ball, Jan. 30, 2011

www.vererein-grueneskreuz.at

Johann Strauss Ball, Feb. 12, 2011

www.johannstraussball.com

Coffee-house Owners' Ball, Feb. 25, 2011

www.kaffeessiederball.at

Vienna Ice Dream 2011

From January 20 to March 6 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 **6,000 square-meter outdoor ice skating rink**. Every day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. wildly groovy and sweepingly elegant loops can be cut to disco hits of the 1980s and 1990s.

A 600 metre-long **dream path** leads through the fairytale illuminations at **City Hall Park**, where four curling lanes await. In a large **heated marquee** with a glazed lounge area, **gastronomes** pamper guests with Tyrolean Gröstl, farmhouse bread, crispy waffles, Käsespätzle and baked potatoes. Warming drinks are also available, of course, from aromatic punch to hot tea. Skates can be hired on site.



20.1.-6.3.2011 1010 Vienna, City Hall Park Daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Curling lanes Mon-Fri 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. www.wienereistraum.com

Egon Schiele - Self-portraits and portraits



In early 2011, the Belvedere will devote a comprehensive exhibition to Egon Schiele (1890-1918), one of the most important Austrian artists of the twentieth century.

The show is the first to focus on his portraits and self-portraits. Having been under the spell of Gustav Klimt during his early period, Schiele soon discovered his own mode of expression. By the time of his premature death he had created an impressive oeuvre that concentrates on the depiction of the **human figure**. In his portraits, Schiele tried to visualize his models' states of mind, thus following the contemporary developments in **psychoanalysis**. As is attested to by his numerous self-portraits, the artist set out for the exploration of human emotions by observing his **own personality**. Displaying some **100 portraits** and **self-portraits** - some of which will be on view in Austria for the first time - the show documents Schiele's artistic evolution and his extraordinary accomplishments as a portraitist.

17 February to 13 June 2011

Orangery, Lower Belvedere

www.belvedere.at

Cirque du Soleil: Corteo

Cirque du Soleil will erect its white tent for the show "Corteo" in Vienna from 11 February to 6 March. Sixty of the world's best artists from 28 countries will enchant the crowd with acting and acrobatics of the very highest standard.

Corteo is an Italian word that describes a parade - in the Cirque du Soleil show, it is a cheerful and festive **parade** with a **Carnival atmosphere**, which plays out in the imagination of a clown. He takes the audience with him into a theatrical world full of fun, comedy and spontaneity - to a mysterious place between **heaven and earth**.



The Cirque du Soleil show, Corteo, which premiered in Montreal in 2005, has already been seen by **five million people**. It sets the big against the small, the humorous against the tragic and the magic of perfection against the charm of imperfection.

In this way, Corteo presents the wisdom, kindness and strength, as well as the fragility, of the clown. Lyrically playful music carries Corteo through a **timeless festival of illusions**.

11 February - 6 March 2011

in the white Grand Chapiteau

Karl-Farkas-Gasse

1030 Vienna, Neu Sankt Marx

Tickets at www.cirquedusoleil.com

Therme Wien - pure wellness

If you're looking for relaxation, then come to Therme Wien. Europe's biggest and most modern city spa makes wellness dreams come true!



The sulphur healing springs in Vienna were popular even amongst the Romans. To enable them to be used, Therme Oberlaa was opened in 1974 in the south of Vienna. In 2010, this was converted to become **Therme Wien**: 26 pools, 24 sauna and steam rooms, 2,500 loungers and a 6,000 m² health and fitness area make it the **largest thermal baths in Austria**.

Architecturally, the individual areas lie like rocks in a stream that runs throughout the thermal baths. Follow this little stream and you will pass the areas of **Rock of Beauty**, **Rock of Peace**, **AdventureRock**, **SaunaRock** and **FitnessRock**. In between these, lie two **large thermal bath** landscapes, whose indoor and outdoor pools, heated benches and loungers invite you to stay awhile. An aroma room with water beds, a romantic grotto pool, AlphaSphere loungers for deep relaxation, a fire lounge, Austria's first thermal baths library, an audio book lounge and a cinema leave nothing to be desired. Particularly the little ones, can romp around to their heart's content: four different slides, a wild water canal, three jumping towers, a water playground, a puppet show and a karaoke stage make this possible. **Children's entertainment** and supervision complete the offering.

Did you know that the two medicinal springs at the Vienna Spa - with sulfur contents of 62.4 and 64 mg/l - are among the most effective springs in Europe?

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