

June 2013

“Our BICYCLES – for Your Very Own Sightseeing Tour!”

The **sun is shining!**

Unforgettable tours of the sights in Vienna **ON YOUR OWN, by bicycle?!**

Just get a few tips **from the reception**, hop on the seat, take a **DEEP** breath – and **off you go!**

Glorious blossoms in the **city park**, sounds from the orchestra in front of the **State Opera House**, the fresh scent of herbs and spices at the **Naschmarkt**.

ALMOST – we’re at the **Schönbrunn Palace!**



“CHARITY - Put to Practice in Hotel AUSTRIA!”



For a **great many weeks** now, our “good spirit”, Ms Joceylin Weiss-Reyes has been training in our breakfast room with Philippine lady dancers for a **SMASHING charity event!**

Perhaps you had the chance to admire one or more elegant ladies, training to dance there, at one time or another?

Ms Weiss-Reyes and her ladies have been presenting marvellous **folklore dances** in an elegant Viennese hotel. This charity event has provided **financial support** to cancer patients, tsunami/Fukushima victims and particularly for indigent children of an elementary school...

What We Just Have Done FOR YOU “in the background”...!

- **Radiant GERANIUMS** on our terrace...

- **Sunshades and deck chairs** in our quiet inner courtyard....

- Would you perhaps like to enjoy a **cup of coffee** next to your laptop or a **glass of wine** next to your deck chair

on our terrace...?

- A NEW computer-controlled, hi-tech washing machine weighing 400 kg (!) so that **your hand and bath towels are always CUDDLY soft...**



Current and upcoming EVENTS / HAPPENINGS in Vienna in June 2013



Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, and 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...**

Velo-city and Cycling Year 2013



Velo-city, the biggest international conference on the topic of bicycle takes place in Vienna from 11 to 14 June 2013. There's something for everyone in Vienna's Bike Year 2013: a bike arena, bicycle fashion show, Wiener Riesen Cyclists, an exhibition in the MAK ...

The Velo-city conference, which is held in City Hall under the motto "The Sound of Cycling. Urban Cycling Cultures", discusses the latest developments in the cycle transport sector. **2013** has been named **Bike**

Year in Vienna - which means a series of cycling events for cycling fans, especially around the Velo-city conference in June. Vienna becomes the **capital of cycling**.

Even before the conference, on June 9, the stylish **Tweed Ride** leads from City Hall Square to Freudenu horse race track, where you can enjoy a classy **picnic** and the **Brompton Race** for folding bikes - the participants wear a suit jacket, collared shirt and tie.

Held at the same time as Velo-city is the one-week **Bike Arena** on **Rathausplatz**, with information booths on cycling in Vienna, food, prize draws and a free bike wash facility (10-16 June 2013).

At the **Bike Fashion Show** on Karlsplatz, well-known fashion labels and designer newcomers show how cycling can be nice and stylish (10-11 June 2013). Much can be tried on and purchased there on the day. During the fashion show, the first Viennese **Bell Concert** sends a unique cloud of sound ringing through the city.

Enjoying the freedom in the city, cruising through Vienna with thousands of others: that's possible at the **WienerRADcorso (Cyclists parade)** on 13 June. Off they go along the Ringstrasse on a ride together through Vienna. Finally there is a **big party** in the prater next to the Giant Ferris Wheel, with Kaiserschmarrn and live music.

On 14 and 15 June 2013, the **Bike Film Nights** are held in Sigmund Freud Park at the Votive Church: the finest open-air cinema on the topic of cycling.

The MAK - Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art shows the exhibition **Tour du Monde** from 14 June. Bicycles from the collection of Viennese designer Michael Embacher are presented as is an audiovisual bike tour from Vienna out into the world.

11-14 June 2013

www.velo-city2013.com

www.fahrradwien.at

30th Danube Island Festival

Over 3 million visitors will revel at Europe's largest free party from 21 to 23 June 2013 on Danube Island. Over 2,000 artists offer live music on multiple stages: pop, rock, hits, Latin, soul, jazz, blues, hip hop, electronic, hard rock – there are no limits to the variety on around 20 themed islands.

Once again this year, in the **30th anniversary edition**, the giant open-air spectacle serves up **internationally successful musicians** in front of Vienna's wonderful backdrop of the Danube:



One of the true greats is the Italian **Zucchero**, whose real name is Adelmo Fornaciari. Only a few of his Italian musical colleagues have managed to achieve such great success beyond their country's borders.

Fans of **electronic music** can look forward to the performance by **Otto Knows**. The Swedish DJ and producer made it to the top of the international charts with his world hit "Million Voices". And many other top acts will be there too ...

Stars from Austria

The performances by home-grown **Austrian players** are awaited with excitement: **Wolfgang Ambros** and **Rainhard Fendrich** have co-written the history of the Danube Island Festival to a large degree - now they're back again. **Wilfried**, also a veteran of the Austrian scene and present on stage at the first Danube Island Festival in 1984, will also deliver a duet with Austropop pioneer **Marianne Mendt**.

Listed in the top rankings for the past 30 years is the Nockalm Quintett, which invites you to a party of hits at the Danube Island Festival. Fans with a very different musical taste may instead be cast under the spell of **Texta**, the HipHop legend from Linz. And cabaret fans have the chance to get to know **Alfred Dorfer's** new

program, the fictional biography "bisjetzt".

In addition there is an **action-and-fun island**, where both watching and joining in provide a shot of adrenalin. Highlights are a giant bike course and a dizzying high-wire climbing garden.

On the 4.5 km-long party strip, a wide range of culinary delights and accompanying drinks will be offered at the more than **250 catering stands** - from juicy steaks and crispy grilled chicken to freshly drawn beer and cool cocktails. The mega fete is also considered the **most peaceful festival** in Europe. As a symbol of togetherness, 100,000 festival friendship bracelets will be given out. Nothing stands in the way of relaxed partying...

21-23 June 2012

Information and program:

www.donauinselfest.at

Helnwein retrospective



To mark the **65th birthday of Gottfried Helnwein**, the Albertina is dedicating its biggest retrospective in the German-speaking region to him.

Gottfried Helnwein is one of Austria's best-known artists. The Albertina is showing over **150 works from all phases of his career** from May to October. They give an insight into Helnwein's creativity, which is characterized by the debate with society, its sensitive issue and taboos.

One focal point of the extensive exhibition lies on Helnwein's **early work**, his watercolors, pastels, crayon and pen drawings. Also on show are central groups of works, such as the series "Night" or "Righteous Men", which he produced in Germany in the 1990s. Earlier works, documentations of his early actions and photographic portrait series can also be seen.

Helnwein became known above all for his **hyperrealistic images** of wounded and maltreated children. Pain, injury and violence are recurring motifs in his unsettling and disturbing works. Also famous are his **self-portraits** with bandaged head and torn open mouth, which show the artist as a subjected and tortured man.

25 May - 13 October 2013

www.albertina.at

Hoch- und Deutschmeister band

Just like in the old days during the reign of the emperors, every Saturday, the original Hoch- und Deutschmeister march through Kohlmarkt to the Inner Court of the Imperial Palace -- while playing melodies by Franz Lehár, Robert Stolz, and Johann Strauss.



Every Saturday from May 11 to September 6, the band assembles at 11 am on Graben (corner Kohlmarkt) in the center of the old city to play music in the Kohlmarkt and then march through the Michaelertor and the Inneres Burgtor in the Hofburg. This is followed by a **40-minute recital** of works by the **Strausses** as well as Franz Lehár, Carl Michael Ziehrer and Robert Stolz. The band then marches back to the Michaelerplatz around 12 noon.

The history of the band, with 35 musicians aged 19 to 82 years, goes back to the year 1741. Of interest to music insiders is the fact that the **instruments** used, costing between € 3,000 and € 4,000 a piece, are all custom-made. They are tuned a semitone higher than usual which means they can be heard from a considerable way off.

May 11 until September 28, 2013

every Saturday 11 am

1st district: Michaelerplatz/Kohlmarkt/Hofburg

www.deutschmeister.at

Vienna Pride & Rainbow Parade



This year's Vienna Pride runs from 11 to 16 June, 2013. The Pride Village will be constructed on Heldenplatz this time around. The highlight of the event is the Rainbow Parade on Vienna's Ringstrasse on 15 June.

This year's **Vienna Pride** runs from 11 to 16 June, 2013, under the motto "United in Pride". The "Pride Village" will be constructed on **Heldenplatz** for the first time: a tent city in the middle of town, offering a mix of culture, show, food and information. Many of the city's gay and lesbian restaurants will provide food and drink. From 11.00 am to 10.00 pm, visitors in the raised sand beach can relax on loungers, enjoy a drink, learn about the Viennese community and dance to party music.

The highlight of Vienna Pride is the **Rainbow Parade** on Saturday, 15 June, 2013. On trailers, motorbikes, in carriages or on foot: gays, lesbians, drag queens, leather boys, transgenders and many more celebrate themselves in the Rainbow Parade and send out a signal against discrimination. **Vienna's Ringstrasse** will therefore be closed to traffic. The Rainbow Parade departs Heldenplatz at 2.00 pm against the flow of traffic (!) around the entire ring (start and end: Heldenplatz). More than 100,000 visitors are expected.

Before and after the parade, the Pride Village is the perfect place to get in the mood or to round off this great day. Those who want to continue partying afterward will also be superbly looked after: **numerous parties** at different locations will turn night into day from Saturday to Sunday. If anyone still hasn't had enough, they can return to the

Pride Village on Heldenplatz for the **Morning Pint** from 11.00 am.

11-16 June 2013

Heldenplatz

www.viennapride.at

HOTEL AUSTRIA - WIEN | Am Fleischmarkt 20 | A - 1010 Wien