

December 2014

## " CHRISTMAS SPARKLE! Part 1..."



The **FIRST** Christmas **SPARKLE** is already visible at our hotel entrance when you arrive:

**BRIGHTLY** lit curtains **WELCOME YOU!**

The **SECOND** Christmas **SPARKLE** can be seen in our breakfast room, at the reception, in the TV room, in the hallways...

**YOU** will **FEEL IT EVERYWHERE** at Hotel AUSTRIA...

**LIGHT, JOY, WARMTH...!**

## " CHRISTMAS SPARKLE! Part 2..."

This is the **GLEAM** in the **CHILDREN'S EYES!**

**LAVINIA**, the daughter of Mr "**PIERO**" Anzalone, celebrated her **1st birthday** a few days ago!

**MAX**, the second son of Mr **SASA** is already **5 weeks** old! Together with his "big" brother **GEORGE**, these children will soon also have a **TWINKLE** in their eyes !



## "The first advent candle is already lit!"



Since yesterday, which was the **first Sunday of Advent**, here "IT" is again!  
**Our** unique Hotel Austria **Advent Wreath!**

In our breakfast room, our ladies have once again created a **very special "masterpiece"**:

All around the fountain, they have conjured up a beautiful **Christmas Wreath!**

Fragrant green fir boughs, white and gold decorations, glass candle holders and impressive advent candles - for your enjoyment throughout your daily **Advent Breakfast**.

Soon, our almost **4 metre high - STYRIAN - Christmas tree** will make a glittering appearance as well...

## “Our current **POWER LADIES!**”

Carrying **FRESHLY IRONED BED LINEN** is a MAN's job!

We are talking about **200-300 kg** of satin linen, to be distributed on **FOUR floors one day**.



Then, on the following day, another approx. 200 kg of food, beverages, cleaning supplies, etc.

**That too** is done **MANUALLY** and brought to our basement storage rooms.

During **Mr Sasa's paternity leave**, **Mr Richard** was so busy scooting **around for guests and colleagues** that our **ABSOLUTE POWER LADIES** had to jump in!

**"THANK YOU"** Ms VEHIDA!!

**"THANK YOU"** Ms AMIE!!

## „**VANILLACRESCENTS - HOMEMADE by OUR LADIES!**“



**Vanillacrescents** are the **absolute Nr 1** of the christmas bakeries.

On **December 24th** we surprise our guests with **christmas cookies** of an **excellent Viennese pastry shop:**

in **EACH** guestroom, you will find a small plate with delicious cookies ...

This year, **“OUR Christmas-Angels“** Joceylin, Amie, Reyhan, Richard, Slavica, Sonja und Tao Du prepared the original Hotel AUSTRIA – vanillacrescents **by themselves!**

**Just give it a try on December 24th!**

(Maybe one of our Christmas-Angels will give away you her very own top-secret recipe....)

## “Our **Ball Season Package!**”

This coming **January and February**, it's that time again!

Breathtaking ball gowns, famous waltz melodies, rousing ball orchestras, an occasional glass of sparkling wine and simply more and more dancing, dancing, dancing...

The **ball season in Vienna** has finally begun again!

At any event, we have already prepared a **“Ball Season Package”** for all our dance enthusiasts:

- a welcoming **Piccolo sparkling wine** in your room

- a **sweet surprise** at your arrival
- AND on request, a **ball breakfast in your room** until 11:30 a.m.!

Experience an **unforgettable ball night** in Vienna  
Per person for one night starting at € 54,-.

Make your reservation **now!**



## „Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in December 2014“



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...

## New Year's Eve 2014/15



**At the change of year, the whole of Vienna is given over to partying and dancing. The New Year's Eve Trail in the Old City is the highlight. A great ambience can be enjoyed as much at a gala dinner or festive ball as it can at a concert, the opera, in a hip club or a sophisticated bar.**

Superb exhibitions and a dazzling array of events, concerts, operas, operettas and the hit musicals "Mary Poppins" and "Mamma Mia!" promise a New Year's Eve program brimming with excitement throughout the day and night.

On December 31, **Vienna's old city center** transforms into a giant party zone: From 2 p.m. in the afternoon to 2 a.m. the following morning, top entertainment is guaranteed by the **New Year's Eve Trail** in the city center, at City Hall Square and in the Prater. Along the New Year's Eve Trail, dozens of gastronomes serve you punch and culinary treats. Numerous stations provide entertainment with a show program, waltzes, an operetta, rock, pop and folk music as well as a DJ line-up. Especially popular is the classical area on Graben. The Vienna Dance Schools offer crash courses in the waltz on Stephansplatz. To kick off the festivities marking 150 years of the Ringstrasse in 2015, the Ringstrasse in front of the Burgtheater will also be included in the New Year's Eve Trail this year, where everything will revolve around the music of the waltz. A large **firework display** will be held on City Hall Square and in the Prater at midnight.

A unique New Year's atmosphere can also be enjoyed on a boat trip along the Danube, at the New Year's Eve Ball at the Hofburg Vienna (Imperial Palace) and at New Year galas held in City Hall and the city's leading hotels. The Majestic Emperor train, a "palace on rails", allows you to ride into the New Year in luxurious style, while the **Vienna State Opera** once again stages its traditional performance of Johann Strauss' "**Die Fledermaus**".

New Year's Day in Vienna will be greeted in classic fashion with a morning "hangover cure" brunch - featuring the **Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's Day concert** on a big screen - in front of City Hall.

**Details to New Year's Eve Trails:** [www.wien-event.at](http://www.wien-event.at)

## Winter in the MQ

**Starting on 6 November, things get hot in the MuseumsQuartier - even on the coldest of winter days. This is ensured by special punch creations in the ice pavilions, the curling lane and a varied program with DJ sounds and all sorts of action.**



The **MuseumsQuartier** in Vienna is not only a popular place to meet in summer. During "**Winter in the MQ**", the inner courtyard is transformed into an atmospheric winter location. Sophisticated **punch specialties** are served in the six **ice pavilions** to warm visitors up. In addition, **video projections** on the façades bathe the MQ in a very special light.

DJs provide a diverse mix of music for **warming sounds** during "Winter in the MQ". There's a great throng every year at the popular **curling lane**. The "Winter Race" is held in the pond of the MuseumsQuartier - with remote-controlled cars. There are special events for children in the MQ Fürstenhof from 28 November to 23 December.

"Winter in the MQ" will open on at 7.00 pm on 6 November with a concert by Skero and König Leopold. If you're looking for Christmas gifts, why not have a rummage through the WeihnachtsQuartier from 28 to 30 November, where designers offer interiors, ceramics, glass, fashion and jewelry for sale.

**7 November - 23 December 2014**

Mo-Fr 4.00 pm - 11.00 pm, Sa & Su 2.00 pm - 11.00 pm

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

## The inspiration of Monet



**The Belvedere presents the extensive work of Claude Monet and his influence on Austrian art in a unique show.**

Things could hardly get more impressionistic: Paintings by Claude Monet (1840-1926) could be seen in Vienna as early as 1903. The Belvedere picks up the theme and presents works from its own collection as well as first class loan items in the exhibition "In the Light of Monet. Austrian Artists and the Work of the Great Impressionists". Numerous oil paintings by Monet are compared against the works of Austrian painters.

Because Monet's unique art of painting was a source of inspiration for artists who followed: Gustav Klimt, Herbert Boeckl, Heinrich Kühn, Carl Moll, Emil Jakob Schindler, Max Weiler and Franz Jaschke frequently borrowed ideas from the Frenchman. The effects of Monet's achievements on Austrian artists can be traced in the exhibition in diverse ways: Some of them were to adopt his stylistic signature and, for example, make his brushwork their own; others turned their interest to the motifs and themes they knew from Monet's pictures. Above all, the notion of the series can be impressively traced: The highpoint of the exhibition is formed by several variations of Monet's "Water Lilies".



**In the Light of Monet. Austrian Artists and the Work of the Great Impressionists**

**24 October 2014 - 8 February 2015**

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

## 150 Years of MAK

**The Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art - MAK celebrates its 150th birthday.**

The MAK was the first exhibition building to be opened on Vienna's Ringstrasse, on 12 May 1864. To mark its 150th birthday, the MAK is presenting three exhibitions. The highlight of the anniversary year will be the show "**Ways to Modernism. Josef Hoffmann, Adolf Loos, and Their Impact**" from December 2014. This exhibition focuses on the two protagonists of Viennese Modernism. They were central motors of the debate surrounding Viennese architecture and design. The MAK owns the archive of the Wiener Werkstätte, one of whose co-founders was Hoffmann, as well as the biggest museum collection of Hoffman's furniture and important objects created by Adolf Loos. The exhibition shows their main works.



**Ways to Modernism. Josef Hoffmann, Adolf Loos, and Their Impact**

17 December 2014 - 19 April 2015

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