

June 2015

„LOVE is the STRONGEST power that can touch our hearts!“



On Saturday 2nd of May, we celebrated a WEDDING! In the Pilgrimage Church of MARIABRUNN, our director Joceylin Weiss-Reyes and Klaus Karigl pledged "I do" to one another!

There was Wagner's WEDDING MARCH, an international OPERA SINGER, a RED carpet, a LONG WEDDING DRESS and BEAUTIFUL flower arrangements. Most importantly, MANY FRIENDS came together for this event!

What an UNFORGETTABLE day...

„The ONE & ONLY Hotel AUSTRIA team joined in the celebrations, of course!“

After that, all of us gathered at Hotel SCHLOSSPARK!

It was just like one BIG FAMILY!

There was A FANTASTIC buffet, GREAT Filipino dance performances with exotic, colourful costumes, and our OPERA SINGER sang songs that TOUCHED our HEARTS...

The bride and groom performed an ENGLISH WALTZ, and there were two AUSTRIAN folk dances performed by FILIPINO ladies in AUSTRIAN DIRNDL dresses!

Towards the end, we indulged in an enormous WEDDING CAKE!!

Ms Weiss is now Mrs Karigl-Reyes...

And our Hotel AUSTRIA team remains the absolute ONE & ONLY team...!



„New carpeting for our BIEDERMEIER room and our TV room...!“

Come on in and feel the welcome at Hotel AUSTRIA! Before you contact the front desk, glance around and admire our new carpeting in the Biedermeier room and in the TV room, which almost outshines the warm spring sunlight. **Elegant and classic ornaments in red, yellow and green** give the rooms a comfortable feel, and invite you to relax with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine.



„Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in June 2015“



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...

Summer in the MQ



The summer season begins in the MuseumsQuartier (MQ) on 7 May. Numerous events will be held until September. Just stop by – you will find lots going on in the MQ all summer long.

Vienna's MuseumsQuartier (MQ) is one of the ten biggest cultural areas in the world. The mix of large museums, small cultural initiatives and trendy bars is a success story. The outdoor season starts this year on 7 May with the SummerOpening. Admission to all museums and cultural institutions in the MQ is free after 5.00 pm. In addition to the current exhibitions, visitors can go on special tours and attend workshops. The opening is celebrated with two open-air concerts in the main courtyard: Gin Ga perform at 7.15 pm, followed by the band Kreisky at 8.00 pm.

Until the end of September, the inner courtyards of the MuseumsQuartier draws visitors with a boules area, cozy guest gardens, cool weekend sounds by DJs as well as the stylish MQ summer furniture to relax on. The weekend sounds will be expanded this year by live acoustic performances by bands. The Aquadrome also starts on 7 May and invites people to boat races in the water pond.

The O-Töne Literature Festival organizes first-class open-air readings again in July and August. Film fans also get their money's worth in July and August: The frame[o]ut festival in the MQ inner courtyards dedicates itself this year to the topic of Women and Film.

Until the end of September 2015

www.mqw.at

Danube Island Festival

Anastacia, Opus and Nazar: These are just some of the stars that will set the mood at Europe's biggest free open-air festival on the last weekend in June. Concerts of all genres will be performed on several

stages in parallel. There's also a cabaret, sport and children's program.

From 26 to 28 June, Vienna's Danube Island becomes a mega-party site for around three million visitors. About 2,000 artists offer a continuous program on around a dozen stages at the Danube Island Festival. There's entertainment on various themed islands to suit every age and taste, while numerous catering stands keep everyone well fed and watered.



Amongst the leading acts of the 32nd Danube Island Festival are the poprock singer Anastacia, the Austrian evergreens Opus, the dance stars AronChupa and Rene Rodrigezz, rapper Nazar and Viennese soul from 5/8erl in Ehr'n. The line-up is being constantly added to.

There's a wide range of music on offer, so that fans of hits and oldies get their money's worth with, for example, the Carinthian Nockalm Quintet or the Scottish band In the Middle of the Road. Cabaret star Andrea Händler gets your laughter muscles aching.

The sport island provides the opportunity to go climbing, whether on the climbing wall or in the high-rope garden, trying out the slackline or jumping onto an air cushion from a height of ten meters.

26-28 June 2015, Admission is free!

Information and program: www.donauinselfest.at

Rock in Vienna



A new festival brings the world's best rock bands to Danube Island from 4 to 6 June. The headliners Metallica, Kiss and Muse are not the only bands to deliver hot early summer nights on multiple open-air stages at Rock in Vienna.

Austria now also has a new, urban home for rock music: right in the heart of Vienna, on the proven festival site of Danube Island. Tens of thousands of rock fans will be offered a sensational line-up of stars from the most exciting rock acts of our time.

Metallica is definitely one of the most important hard rock bands of all times, with 120 million CDs sold and song classics such as Nothing Else Matters. The makeup-wearing rockers Kiss have been causing a sensation since 1974, true to their motto "You wanted the best – you got the best". And Muse celebrate the live premiere of the new, seventh studio album at Rock in Vienna.

These mega-headliners are joined by other high-ranking rock acts such as Faith No more, Lump Bizkit, Body Count ft. Ice-T, Testament and Arcane Roots. Also at the first Vienna Rock Festival are the Australian high-energy hard rockers Airbourne, the Belgian cult blues rockers Triggerfinger, Bonaparte from Berlin and the superstars of the symphonic metal scene Within Temptation. The confirmed attendance of the French death metal band Gojira and the American doom metal men of Saint Vitus are further raising levels of anticipation over the rock event of the year. Even with The Hives, Broilers, Heaven Shall Burn, A Day To Remember and Opeth, the list is still not complete - more to be announced ...

Fans who insist on getting that maximum rock festival feeling can pitch their tents in a dedicated camping zone with exclusive beach area or rent one of the ready-to-use tents. Alternatively, they can go one notch up on the comfort scale and book a comfortable hotel bed in the vicinity.

Rock in Vienna 4-6 June 2015

Tickets: www.wien-ticket.at, www.rockinvienna.at

The "Ring". A Boulevard in the Making

Wien Museum celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Ringstrasse boulevard with a "making of" exhibition about its pioneering years: Vienna on the road to becoming a modern city, from the earliest plans to the official opening of the boulevard on 1 May 1865.

Design drawings, sketches, models and photographs that have never been on public display before tell the stories of architects, painters and sculptors in search of a style for their time and highlight the side-by-side existence of "old" and "new Vienna", of construction sites and wastelands, demolition works and new buildings going up. Lined by expansive public buildings and private palaces, the Ringstrasse was the stage for a society in transformation. Conflicts of interest between the imperial court, the state administration, the military, the city of Vienna, the nobility and the bourgeoisie played out here and found symbolic expression in the architecture along the boulevard. With its abundance of representative buildings in the historical styles that were most popular at the time, the via triumphalis of the Danube Monarchy became something of a "high street of the 19th century".



150 years later, our task is not only to pick impressive objects to illustrate the prevailing aesthetic trends of those years, but also to review the era critically. The basis for this exercise are plans made by Adolf Loos in 1912/13, in which he envisaged a radical remodelling of the Ringstrasse that would have blurred the sharp demarcation line between today's city centre and the surrounding districts. What would present-day planners do, given the wide open space of the "glacis" that existed outside the old city fortifications? What urban vision could be developed under these conditions? And what can we learn from the Ringstrasse?

www.wienmuseum.at

Vienna Pride & Rainbow Parade



Vienna Pride will be held from 16 to 21 June 2015. The Pride Village will be set up on City Hall Square again. The highlight is the Rainbow Parade on Vienna's Ringstrasse on 20 June.

Vienna Pride will take place from 16 to 21 June 2015 under the motto "Made in Pride". The "Pride Village" will take its place on City Hall Square again from 16 to 20 June: a tent city offering a mix of culture, shows, dining and information.

Numerous gay and lesbian restaurants around the city will keep hunger at bay.

From 11.00 am to 10.00 pm, visitors can relax on loungers on the raised sand beach, enjoy a drink, find out more about the Viennese Community and dance away to party music - all in front of the idyllic backdrop of Vienna City Hall.

The highlight of Vienna Pride is the Rainbow Parade on Saturday, 20 June 2015. This year marks the twentieth time that the event has been held. The motto "Sichtbar 2015" is a clear reference to the first motto back in 1996 ("Sichtbar 96"). Like every year, Vienna's Ringstrasse, which is celebrating its 150th birthday this year, will be closed for the day. Tractors, motorbikes, horse-drawn carriages and around 100,000 people will set off on their

march against the normal direction of traffic - a visible sign against discrimination and for tolerance and equality. The parade begins at 2.00 pm at City Hall Square, where a huge party will also be held afterwards.

Visitors who want to carry on partying will be superbly rewarded with dozens of parties at various locations from Saturday night until the sun comes up again on Sunday.

On June 18 & 19, 2015, the University of Vienna again offers the "Rainbow tours". The tour passes through the main building of the University of Vienna. As in the past three years, the tour will be led in English by Andreas Brunner, who is a historian as well as a licensed tourist guide. On June 18 the tour starts at 6 p.m., on June 19 it starts at 2.30 p.m. Information and registration

Vienna Pride, 16-21 June 2015, www.viennapride.at

Rainbow Parade, 20 June 2015, www.regenbogenparade.at

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