

Winter 2015

“If we may – a tiny bit of Christmas feedback...!”

THANK
YOU

“You are **“different”** from **all the other hotels** that I know!”
Many guests have responded to our **Christmas letter** like this...

“EVERY” hotel employee greets me kindly!
Each one – wears a **SMILE** on their face!
At the breakfast service, in the corridors, at reception –
ALL of them do – a **fantastic job** for **us** hotel guests!

ALL of them – are **ALWAYS** so especially **HELPFUL!**”

“THANK YOU!”

for these compliments...

We have been **extremely** happy to read this kind of feedback!

You can be absolutely **CERTAIN**, it's made **us all** **TOTALLY MOTIVATED** for 2015!!

“Our special **BALL BREAKFAST** after a long night of waltzing!”

Until mid February in Vienna, the “**City of Waltzes**” holds countless **glittering BALLS!**

Maybe you too want to hit the dancefloor at one ball or another, or just enjoy the **unforgettable atmosphere** from the lodge or when sauntering about!

Would you prefer to sleep late the next day undisturbed, then we have just the right offer for you!

The evening before, order our **special Ball Breakfast with choice delicacies, smoked salmon and a glass of champagne** - we will serve you at any time up to 11am in your room at no extra charge. You can then continue to relieve the memories, and we will be only too glad to pamper you!
also have a **TWINKLE** in their eyes !



“The Hotel **AUSTRIA** Team **CELEBRATES!**”



By 6am **on 18th December**, our breakfast team had already begun their jobs, at 6:30am the night porter had already handed over his post to his reception colleague, and at 7am our room-ladies, and shortly afterwards our house-technicians, were already in **full action!** A very long working day...

Even though this was the day of **“OUR” Christmas Party!**

In the late afternoon, **genuine works of art were created out of hairstyles, wardrobes and make up!**
Our LADIES have (almost) never looked more **ELEGANT and BEAUTIFUL...!**

First, we celebrated with the **“family”** in front of **OUR Christmas Tree** and then joyfully with **romantic singers, breath-taking acrobats and fascinating magicians** in the Vindobona Cabaret Theatre.

With a fantastic show and a superb dinner, this **wonderful evening** was over all too quickly!

By the following morning, however, we were once again **working flat out** to ensure the comfort of our guests....

“WHO has WON our 3 week-end stays for 2 people this time?!”



Over 2,300 guest feedback forms were filled out in great detail in 2014, giving us your countless evaluations and your fantastic comments!

To say **thank you** we have drawn **3 winners for a week-end stay for 2 people.**

We heartily congratulate **this year’s prize winners:**

Ms. Andrea Rinnhofer from Austria,

Mrs. Cornelia Hayes from Great Britain and

Family Gray from Scotland

„Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in WINTER 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...

Welcome to the ball season



Each year more than 450 balls take place in Vienna. The city of waltzes exuberantly celebrates Carnival in January and February. 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.

The ball season kicks off with the **Vienna Red Cross Ball** in City Hall (21 November 2014). On New Year's Eve, guests dance into the new year in a magnificent setting at the **New Year's Eve Ball at the Hofburg Vienna (Imperial Palace)**. Numerous other famous ball events are held here as well, such as the **Hunters' Ball** (26 January 2015), the **Doctors' Ball** (31 January 2015) and the **Lawyers' Ball** (14 February 2015).

The **Coffee-house Owners' Ball** (Feb. 6, 2015) 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 **Opera Ball** (Feb 12, 2015) at the Vienna State Opera is legendary. On this one day, visitors have the unique opportunity to see the famous opera house on Ringstrasse not only from the spectators' seats but actually experience it "backstage" surrounded by many music celebrities.

The **Vienna Philharmonic** (Jan. 22, 2015) 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 sweetest ball is the **Bonbon Ball** (13 February 2015) at the Wiener Konzerthaus. This ball is known for its fun and informal ambiance. The Strauss Brothers once celebrated their greatest accomplishments at the Vienna Kursalon - where visitors can now dance to the tune of waltzes at the **Johann Strauss Ball** (14 February 2015). For the **Flower Ball** (16 January 2015), City Hall transforms into a unique sea of flowers under the motto "150 years of the Ringstrasse" in 2015. Also being held in City Hall this year is the first **Viennese Ball of the Sciences** (31 January 2015), which represents Vienna's entire research and higher education landscape in all its diversity, internationality and excellence.

We will Rock You - The original musical about Queen

Queen is cult. The musical with all the rock band's hits is about the battle of the "Bohemians" against the "Killer Queen" – all protagonists from Queen songs. On stage in Vienna from 20 January to 1 March 2015.

The rock group **Queen** has thrilled audiences for more than four decades, even though its charismatic lead singer **Freddie Mercury** died back in 1991. Seldom has a band sold so many albums and landed number one hits as Queen. The musical **We Will Rock** You has already attracted millions of visitors to performances around the world. The original version – revised



under close observation of the two Queen members **Brian May** and **Roger Taylor** – is now coming to the Vienna Stadthalle.

May and Taylor also have the final say on the casting of the performers in Vienna due to the high musical demands of the Queen songs. **Ben Elton** wrote the **original London version** of the rock musical, which was produced by Queen Theatrical Productions together with Robert de Niro's Tribeca Theatrical Productions and Phil McIntyre Entertainment.

As a jukebox musical, there is also a **framework plot** for the songs, in which the rock rebels **Bohemians** fight for the rebirth of the rock age, which the **Killer Queen** wants to prevent.

20 January – 1 March 2015

Information: www.wewillrockyou.at

Tickets: www.wien-ticket.at

STOMP



The furiously rhythmic spectacular **STOMP** guarantees amazed eyes, ringing ears and exhausted smile muscles from 13 January in the MuseumsQuartier. The stage performance, which began at the start of the 90s with hands, feet and a few brooms, is positively drenched with energy.

Over 15 million people in 50 countries have already been transported into fantastic worlds of sound by the high art of finger-snapping, broom-swinging and trash-can-pounding.

The unconventional characters make each performance a new experience. The show itself never stands still. New scenes have recently found their way into the STOMP performance: Trolleys arose from the everyday experience of maneuvering a shopping cart through a packed supermarket and quickly develops into a whirl of drums in 5/4 time. Frogs explores the diverse, bizarre sound possibilities that hide inside installation fittings.

Parts of the STOMP universe: The powerful noise extravaganza "Stomp Out Loud" with giant truck hoses and rattling paint tins, an Oscar-nominated short film, sensational projection projects, unmistakable soundtracks and the symphonic stage composition "Pandemonium – The Lost and Found Orchestra".

13-18 January 2015 (8 performances)

Tickets, information: www.stomp.at

Vienna Ice World

From 22 January to 8 March 2015, City Hall Square transforms into a giant ice rink and becomes a paradise for skating fans of every age.

The dreamily lit facade of City Hall forms the backdrop for the Vienna Ice World. An area of 7,000 m² provides a fairytale ice landscape for skating fans. Skaters of all styles, from spirited and wild to sweeping and elegant, can glide around the rink daily from 9 am to 10 pm to the hits of the 80s and 90s as well as waltzes. Winding through the romantically illuminated City Hall Park is an idyllic ice path that thrills beginners and professionals alike with its countless routes. Six ice curling lanes also await visitors from 5.00 pm.



At various outdoor stalls and in the Almhütte, gastronomes pamper guests with culinary delicacies from around the world. Warming drinks are also available, of course, at the Vienna Ice Dream - from aromatic organic punch to hot tea. 1,800 pair of skating boots pre-heated with warm air can be rented on site. Free ice skating is available to everyone from 7.00 pm on the opening evening (22 January).

22 January - 8 March 2015

Daily 9 am - 10 pm, 25 % discount with the Vienna-Card

Curling Mon-Fri 5 pm - 10 pm: Online reservation required

Information at www.wienereistraum.com

200 years of the Congress of Vienna



Europe was reorganized at the Congress of Vienna 200 years ago. Numerous princes, kings and two emperors gathered by the Danube for the negotiations. Two exhibitions now provide insights into the events of 1814/15.

Vienna's reputation as an outstanding congress city is no coincidence: 200 years ago, the city on the Danube proved that it was a good place to conduct negotiations. The Emperor of Austria, the Tsar and Tsarina of Russia as well as the kings of Prussia, Denmark, Bavaria and Württemberg were the most prominent representatives at the Congress of Vienna, which took place from 18 September 1814 to 9 June 1815. Under the direction of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Prince von Metternich, representatives from around 200 European states deliberated primarily in the former foreign ministry building on Ballhausplatz (today's Federal Chancellery). Their goal was to reorganize the political map following Napoleon's defeat. Numerous borders were redefined and new states created.

However, the Congress of Vienna was not only about negotiating, but also about dancing: Charles Joseph Prince of Ligne characterized the proceedings with the famous utterance: "Le Congrès ne marche pas, il danse". In reality, the negotiations were tough and arduous. The time in between was used for magnificent parties, which raised eyebrows far beyond the borders of Austria.

Two exhibitions deal with both the diplomatic negotiations and the numerous parties:

The Congress drives!

19 September 2014 - 9 June 2015 - The Imperial Coach Collection shows historic carriages.

Imperial Coach Collection (Kaiserliche Wagenburg Wien), www.khm.at

Europe in Vienna. The Congress of Vienna of 1814/15

20 February - 21 June 2015 - The Lower Belvedere focuses on the display of splendor at the Congress of Vienna, which is captured in numerous written and visual documents.

Lower Belvedere, Orangery (Belvedere - Unteres Belvedere & Orangerie), www.belvedere.at

Mammoths in Vienna

A spectacular exhibition in the Natural History Museum brings mammoths back to life.

60 exhibits, including 30 original pieces such as teeth, skeletons and mummies from St. Petersburg and around 15 finds from Vienna can be seen in the exhibition "Mammoths. Ice mummies from Siberia" at the Natural History



Museum. The main attractions are a complete mammoth skeleton and the mammoth baby "Khroma", which survived for millennia, deep-frozen in the Siberian permafrost. It is exhibited in a special chilled display case at minus 17 degrees Celsius. The famous mammoth baby "Dima" and fossils of mammoths that only died out on Siberia's Wrangel Island about 3,700 years ago are shown in Austria for the first time.

However, woolly mammoths lived not only in Siberia, but also in Vienna. For example, teeth and bones have been found at the Burgtheater, the Belvedere and on Kärntner Strasse. One of the best-known finds is the so-called "AEIOU bone": the thighbone of a mammoth, which is labeled with the year number 1443 and was discovered during excavation works for the north tower of St. Stephen's Cathedral. At the time, they were thought to be the remains of a giant. In some ways they were right ...

Mammoths. Ice mummies from Siberia, 19 November 2014 - 2 March 2015

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