

# TOUR ON SISSI'S PATH



### 1st DAY

The trip to Austria over the Brenner (in direction of Innsbruck), Arrival in Salzburg in the afternoon (lunch to pick during the trip)Placement in the hotel with 3 stars, in the central position. Guided tour through Salzburg.

The historical centre, decorated in many different architecture styles, is a real architectural jewel, thanks to the strong protection that guarantees a preservation of the physical structure.

You will go through many famous streets (for example the Getreidegasse, Glodgasse, Kaigasse, Linzergasse and Steingasse) where you can find many buildings from medieval times, roman times, Renaissance and baroque and also the neo-classical palaces from the time of monarchy – the entire collection is situated in one bounded area.

Almost every epoch left its traces on the architecture in Salzburg.

Dinner and overnight-staying at the Hotel.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY

## Breakfast

Departure to Salzkammergut / Lake region

On the way from Salzburg, you will travel along the Lake Fuschl, where you can see the famous castle Fuschl on the coast.

As next follows the Bad Ischl, where you can see the famous Kaiservilla, the summer hunting residence of Kaiser Franz Josef and his Sissy.

Lunch to select.

Then we go further through the Lake Region, Lake Traun and Lake Atter Return to the hotel in the evening.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY

After breakfast – Departure to Vienna

Lunch to select

Arrival in Vienna – Placement in the 3-star hotel, with the central position.

Tour "Classical Vienna" - guided tour

We will begin with a tour along the Ring Boulevard, where you can find the historical centre in the pedestrian zone.

Visit of the Cathedral, the undoubted symbol of Vienna, an example of late Gothic.

In spite of many damages during the World War II it has been excellent renovated.

Go outside of the Cathedral and you get to the Graben, a splendid street, which is rich with stores and tasteful bars.

You go further in the direction of Kohlmarkt, where you can see many shop windows decorated in Liberty style and also the modern shop windows of the jewellery stores.

The Kohlmarkt ends exactly in front of the entrance to the Imperial Palace at the Michaelerplatz.

Earlier, this square was bounded together. Today is the square from the entrance to the residence on the north side to the St. Michael's church on the south side closed.

At the square are a short while ago old walls discovered, some of them are from medieval times and some of them are from the time of Renaissance.

#### A folkloristic event at the Viennese Prater.

"Austrian Dinnershow" at the restaurant "Freizone"

... A culinary and musical trip through Austria.

This event takes place at the Viennese Prater, where you can find the Giant Ferris Wheel, one of the most famous symbols of Vienna.

This involves a special evening during which many typical specialities, from all Austrian regions, are served. Followed by typical Austrian music: the operetta, Opera from Johann Strauß, Robert Stolz & Franz Lehar, traditional music from Tyrol and Salzburg with dance...and so on...

Overnight-stay at the hotel.

#### 4th DAY

Breakfast Guided tour in Italian.

## The morning:

Visit of the castle Schönbrunn

Visit of the Ex-summer residence of Kaiserin Sissy. A baroque masterpiece in the middle of the magnificent park and other monuments: Palmenhaus, Gloriette, Viennese zoo.

We recommend you to spend the entire day at the castle Schönbrunn: visit for the public opened halls, within the "Grand tour with tone tour guide" you can see the well-known Bergzimmer; do a walk through the Labyrinth.

The castle Schönbrunn was always the summer residence of the imperial family: Kaiser Franz Josef (reign 1848 – 1916) was born here in year 1830, he lived simply like his soldiers and he spent the last years of his life in this castle.

2 years after his death, in the year 1918, castle ended under the management of the Republic, which was organised later and since then is the castle one of the most important attractions in Vienna, because of its beautiful position and magnificent architectural establishment.

#### Or also: "On the traces of Sissy ...the legendary Empress between Myth and truth"

On the occasion of the 150 anniversary of Empress Elisabeth and Kaiser Franz Josef Vienna opened in year 2004 museum in the imperial rooms at the Imperial Palace, to show the personal effects of empress and also the famous portraits of the beautiful empress. The exhibition shows especially the private life of Elisabeth, her rebellious spirit against the ceremonial Hof, her outbreak into the beauty cult, her obsession with thinness, her contributions in sports and her passion for poetry. The museum goes through all steps in her hectic life, from careless girlhood in Bayern to unexpected engagement with Austrian Kaiser and to her assassination in Geneva in the year 1898. This is based on the collection of objects, which are exposed for the first time, for example the reconstruction of the evening dress from the wedding eve, famous portraits, beauty books, jewellery, dressing gown, the parasol, fan and the hand glows, the reconstruction of royal wagon and the outfit that she wore after the assassination. Lunch to select.

#### The afternoon:

"Trip to the Viennese forest"

Viennese forest – the Mayerling monastery of the Holy Cross – Underground Lake A tour, which brings you to the surroundings of Vienna with the sights of Viennese forest, the thermal spring in Baden, romantic Helenatal, Mayerling, historical hunting hall (today the commemorative chapel) where the Prince Rudolph, the only son of Franz Josef and Sissy, committed suicide together with baroness Vetsera. At the monastery of the Holy Cross (1133) visit of the church and medieval monastery.

Dinner and overnight-stay at the hotel.

5<sup>th</sup> day

After the breakfast, departure .