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## Florence 2 Vienna & Salzburg

For accurate departure times, travel times, prices of activities and suggestions on how much extra money you will need please contact [info@bus2alps.com](mailto:info@bus2alps.com)

### What's Included

- Round trip luxury coach transport (with A/C, DVD, & bathroom)
- Accommodation with your friends at top rated hostels
- Breakfasts
- Walking tours of both cities
- Exclusive discounts on activities
- Bus2alps trip leader

### Currency

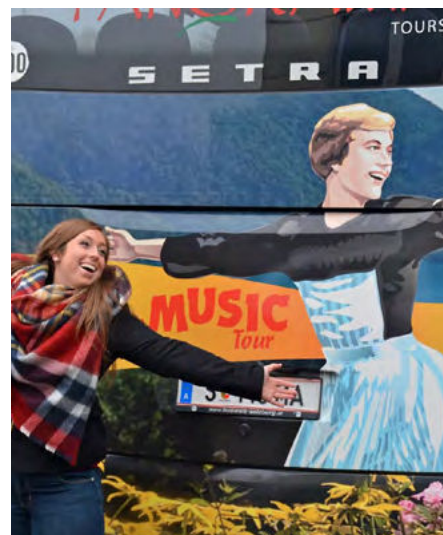
- Euro

### What's Not Included, Optional Costs

- Lunches and Dinners
- Optional Tours and Museum Entries
- Tram tickets

### What to bring

- Passport
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Comfortable shoes
- Towel
- Extra money
- Camera





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## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 1** The trip departs Florence from the Santa Maria Novella train station. The meeting point is in the International Ticketing Hall opposite tracks 8 and 9. Please meet your trip leader 20 minutes prior to departure. Travel to Vienna is by private luxury coach with A/C, DVD, and bathroom. We make one 45 minute stop. Upon arrival to Vienna, we will immediately check into our accommodation.

**Day 2** Friday morning, we embark on a walking tour of the historical old town. We take you past the famous Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral. You can even stop off at the Hotel Sacher, home of the original recipe of the Sacher Torte, to taste this world famous chocolate cake.

You have free time to explore after the tour, and The Hofburg Palace (and its many exhibits, including Crown Jewels and Royal Apartments) and Vienna's famous museums are in easy walking distance. Friday afternoon you may join your trip leader for an optional tour and tasting at the Schnapps Museum. See how the liquors are made and sample the 20 flavors!

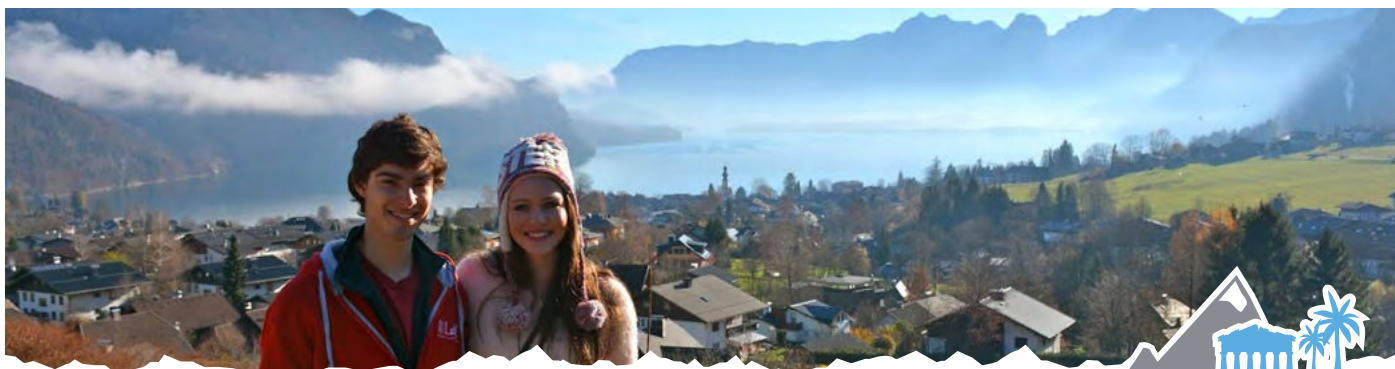
Vienna has numerous options for dinner and nightlife. Vienna has a great selection of local and international restaurants.

You may also sign up for the optional activity, The Sound of Vienna, where you can enhance your stay with a night at the Kursalon Hall indulging in all that the City of Music has to offer in the form of a Viennese variety show. Sit back, relax and enjoy a live performance of Mozart & Strauss classical music, opera and traditional Waltz dancing.

Friday night is best time to explore the Vienna Christmas Markets. You Bus2alps leader will direct you to the markets where you can spend a few hours Christmas shopping, tasting all of the delicious food, and drinking traditional hot wine.

**Day 3** Saturday morning we highly recommend a visit to the Schonbrunn Palace. The 'Country Royal Palace' is situated close by our accommodation. Meet your trip leader in the morning to visit the Palace. This magnificent Palace can be toured in sections and has an amazing history attached to it. Marie Antoinette is one famous past resident of the palace. The Palace, located in a fully sculptured garden, is considered second only to Versailles in style, size, and opulence.

The beautiful drive to Salzburg takes us through the Austrian Alps. Upon arrival to Salzburg, we will immediately check into our accommodation. Salzburg is well-



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### Day 3 Cont.

known for being the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and for providing the beautiful backdrop to one of the most famous musical films of all time, *The Sound of Music*. There are numerous tours and buildings associated with Mozart in Salzburg including his birthplace, now a museum and a home. For chocolate lovers, you can buy Mozart chocolates everywhere.

On Saturday night your trip leader will direct you to the Salzburg Christmas markets. If you want a fun suggestion for dinner you can follow your trip leader to the Augustiner Braustubl. It's a large beer hall that serves traditional food and beverages.

### Day 4

Sunday you can explore more of Salzburg at your own pace or go on the highly recommended 'Sound of Music Tour'. The tour departs from our accommodation. This tour is entertaining and informative, highlighting not only the classic film but also local history and customs. You will see all the main settings for the film in addition to the beautiful Alpine countryside surrounding Salzburg. We depart Salzburg for Florence. We will make one stop en route for dinner.

## Included Activities

**Vienna Walking Tour:** Vienna Walking Tour: See the highlights of Vienna's old town center. On this tour you will pass the Hofburg Palace, the Volksgarten, the Parliament building, the Town Hall, the National Theater, and the State Opera House along with an overview of the city.

## Optional Activities

**Schnapps Museum:** you can learn all about the history and life of this Austrian liquor and end the tour with a tasting of the different varieties!

**Sound of Vienna:** will provide an evening of culture and music with an entertaining orchestra featuring famous classical Viennese compositions, opera, and more as well as a free glass of champagne or orange juice at intermission.

**Sound of Music Tour:** This lively musical tour takes you by coach bus to all of the locations that the movie made famous. The tour will take you through the Austrian countryside and up into the Austrian Alps. The tour not only teaches you about the movie and real-life story behind 'The Sound of Music', but is an informative historical account for the surrounding area.