



Austria's Queen of Hearts

Graz, Austria's Queen of Hearts is Part of World Cultural Heritage

Tours, Visits, Excursions

Guided Tour of the Old Town

Monday, August 27th, 2001, 09.00 – 11.00

At first glance a clock tower from which one has a wonderful view overlooking the medieval rooftops of the city. At second glance a myriad of gems, mysterious and very Austrian. The world's largest collection of suits of armour, arcaded courtyards, a double spiral staircase, libraries, churches, Mediterranean flair on the squares and Renaissance impressions in the small lanes – a world of wonders to make you want to stay forever!

Guided tour € 6,-- per person (minimum number of participants: 20)

Length: up to 2 hours

The Surrounding Countryside of Graz

Monday, August 27th, 2001, 13.00 – 17.00

The 83 very old farmhouses, complete with furnishings, at the Austrian open-air museum are reminiscent of the difficult life in the past. Amidst the antiquated farms that come from various parts of the country the strenuous way of life of their inhabitants can hardly be felt any more. Afterwards, the monks of the oldest Cistercian monastery in the world – Stift Rein – will open their doors for you.

Half day excursion € 31,-- per person (minimum number of participants: 20)

Length: about 4 hours

Included Bus transfer, tour guide, admission and guided tour in Stübing and Stift Rein.

Southern Styrian Wine Route

Tuesday, August 28th, 2001, 09.00 – 17.00

Excellent white wines, which are receiving more and more international attention, age in the gentle hills of southern Styria. Wine-tasting and a cellar tour of the 300 year-old wine cellar of the episcopal Seggau-Castle, probably one of the most impressive sights in Styria, will also help you acquire a taste for it. Afterwards, the trip continues along the Wine Route, where the rest of the day is spent in a rustic „Buschenschank“, a wine tavern serving its homemade products, enjoying a Styrian „Brettljause“, an assorted cold cut platter and a glass of wine.

Full day excursion € 45,-- per person (minimum number of participants: 20)

Length about 8 hours

Included Bus transfer, tour guide, wine-tasting with commentary, guided tour of a pumpkinseed oil mill following by a tasting, stop at a Buschenschank for a Brettljause snack and a glass of wine.



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Thermal Spas and the Styrian Castle Road

Wednesday, August 28th, 2001, 08.00 – 18.00

Via Bad Waltersdorf to Bad Blumau: Here in southeastern Styria, known far and wide as the Styrian spa country, the springs bubble and boil underground and hot water comes to the light. And the springs in Blumau, for example, are surrounded by an extraordinary „synthesis of the arts“ by artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Yet the firewater is certainly not everything the healthy region with lush green hills has to offer: the trip continues from castle to castle.

The fabulous Castle Road runs right through the hilly countryside of eastern Styria to the landmark of the region, Riegersburg. Referred to by the Turks at the time as „the mightiest fortress of Christianity“, they impressively stood in solitary splendour on the remains of a 482 m high volcanic mountain.

Other sights: the Renaissance castle Schloss Kornberg. Just as famous is Herberstein Castle. The Florentine Courtyard with its elegant arcades, the arsenal, the magnificent zoo – and the historic rose garden.

Full day excursion € 68,-- per person (minimum number of participants: 20)

Length about 10 hours

Included Bus transfer, tour guide, tour of Blumau, admission and tour of Herberstein and Riegersburg, 3 course lunch

White Horses, Brightly coloured Churches and unique rosé Wine, Western Styria

Thursday, August 30th, 2001, 09.00 – 15.00

Everyone knows them - the famous Lipizzaner horses. Born jet black, these proud, majestic horses are at home here at the stud farm in Piber/Bärnbach. After three years and having turned snow-white, only the best can make their way to the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. A visit to the colourful Hundertwasser Church in Bärnbach, redesigned by the artist bearing the same name, is definitely worth the trip. Afterwards you can enjoy the region which is home to the rosé-coloured wine called "Schilcher" and visit the idyllic village of Stainz and its castle.

Half day excursion € 39,-- per person (minimum number of participants: 20)

Length about 6 hours

Included Bus transfer, tour guide, admission and tour in Piber and Bärnbach, Schilcher wine country, stop at a "Buschenschank" (wine tavern selling home-made products) for a "Brettljause" (assorted cold cut platter) and a glass of wine.

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9th European Conference on Power Electronics and Applications
27-29 August 2001
Graz, Austria

TECHNICAL VISITS

Traktionssysteme Austria, Wiener Neudorf

Thursday, 30 August 2001, 08.30 – 14.30 (Vienna Airport, approximately)

Traktionssysteme Austria GmbH (TSA), formerly known as ABB Verkehrstechnik GmbH, is an independent company since the management-buy-in in the year 2000. It made a turnover of EUR 25 million, with 137 employees that year. Traktionssysteme Austria GmbH offers engineering and design of air- and liquid-cooled AC-traction-drives, gear units and integrated drive systems, as well as service like maintenance, repair and logistics. In their fields of activity, Transportsysteme Austria GmbH has a number of references in Europe and all over the world. They supplied drives and gear units for locomotive engines of OeBB, DB, OSE, NS, SBB, as well as for local transport authorities in Helsinki, Sidney and much more.

Half day excursion, EUR 50,-- per person. Limited number of visitors allowed.

Included: Bus transfer from Graz to Traktionssysteme Austria GmbH in Wiener Neudorf, guided tour approximately 1 hour, invitation to a lunch, bus transfer to Vienna Airport, or via Vienna Airport back to Graz.

VOEST-ALPINE, Leoben/Donawitz

Thursday, 30 August 2001, 08.30 – 15.30 (Vienna Airport, approximately)

The importance of the Austrian steel industry is largely based on the traditional expertise (e.g. LD process) found in the Leoben/Donawitz region. The works nearby the Ore-mountain produces and refines iron since 1881.

The VOEST-ALPINE Stahl Donawitz GmbH runs the oldest operation LD steel mill in the world, now being re-established with the most modern design. Delivered volume 1997/1998: 1052 million metric tons crude steel; employees: 1027.

The VOEST-ALPINE Schienen GmbH & Co KG comprises high-tech rails in unwelded delivery lengths up to 120 meters, flat-bottom, grooved and crane rails in all desired steel grades or in HSH (Head Special Hardened) grades. Construction rails in all desired steel grades, point rails in HSH qualities as well as permanent way steel shapes in all desired steel grades are being produced. Delivered volume: 313300 metric ton rails; employees: 439.

The VOEST-ALPINE AUSTRIA Draht GmbH comprises high quality wire rod, extruded wires (cold extrusion, wore rope and spring steel), pre-stressed concrete braided wire, rope and reinforcing wire mesh. Delivered volume: 478000 metric tons wire.

Please visit for further information: <http://www.voest.at>

Half day excursion, EUR 55,-- per person. Limited number of visitors allowed.

Included: Bus transfer from Graz to VOEST-ALPINE Leoben/Donawitz, guided tour approximately 2 hours, invitation to a lunch, bus transfer to Vienna Airport, or to Graz Airport.

MAGNA STEYR Fahrzeugtechnik, Graz

Thursday, 30 August 2001, 08.30 – 12.00 (Graz Airport, approximately)

Since 1998 the Steyr-Daimler-Puch Fahrzeugtechnik (SFT) in Graz has been a company of Magna International Inc., Toronto. SFT is a highly experienced and successful system partner to the automotive industry worldwide. SFT develops and manufactures complete vehicles and automotive components, systems and modules.

The following successful models are currently being produced by SFT at the Graz-Thondorf location: Mercedes Benz (G-class), Jeep Grand Cherokee, the 4matic four wheel drive models of the Mercedes E-class and the Mercedes M-class. In the year 2000 a total of 85000 vehicles rolled off the assembly lines in Graz.

Please visit for further information: <http://www.sft.at>

Half day excursion, EUR 29,-- per person. Limited number of visitors allowed.

Included: Bus transfer to the fabrication site, guided tour approximately 1 hour, bus transfer to Graz Airport and to the centre of Graz.

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