



### **Danube Valley Wine Tour Excellent Travel Experience and Unforgettable Wines**

Austrian Wine has achieved highest international recognition during the last years. And only in Austria almost every wine estate can be reached easily from the capitol Vienna – that allows an excellent combination of culture and wine experiences.

Very typical is the diversity of white and red varieties, all ripening in beautiful landscapes, often UNESCO World Heritages.

Danube Valley, between the Abbey of Melk and the Capitol Vienna, is one of the wonderful wine regions offering excellent travel experiences and unforgettable wines.

#### **Wachau – steep Terraces, noble Grape Varieties, monumental Wines**



The Wachau, the narrow Danube valley between Melk and Krems, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is truly one of the most beautiful river valleys in Europe. Both banks of the Danube are characterized by picturesque landscapes, rich history and extraordinary cultural treasures.

The wines of the Wachau originate partly on steep vineyard terraces on both sides of the Danube River. In the 1, 400 hectares of vineyards here ripen mainly Gruner Veltliner and Riesling. The special climate with high temperature differences as well as the meagre primary rock soils lend strongly to the concentrated, minerally wines with multilayered aromas. Its unique soil formations as well as subtle micro-climate differentiate the Wachau from all other vine culture areas in Europe.

#### **Kamptal and Kremstal: Gruner Veltliner und Riesling – Wines of highest Culture**

In both - Kremstal and Kamptal region - cool, damp influences of the wet Waldviertel region meet up with the warm and dry ones coming over from the Pannonian plain to the east. These, along with primary rock soils and loess terraces, provide the two wine-growing areas with ideal conditions for producing brilliant, long-living wines.

Created here are white wines that are juicy and full of finesse. Especially Grüner Veltliner and Riesling characterize the two areas, where the winemakers are noted for by their deep knowledge of the vineyard sites. Their distinctive wines are powerful and minerally, and underscored by special aromas.



#### **In and around Vienna**

Thriving in sunny, hot summers and dry autumns, autochthonous grape varieties like Zierfandler (also known as Späetrot) and Rotgipfler are true specialities of the Thermenregion. In this climatically favorable region, wines were cultivated more than 2000 years ago. Gumpoldskirchen is the most known village in this area, with picturesque alleys, and wines, which became known as "Wines of the Kings".

## Private Wine Tour and Tasting in Danube Valley:

<p><b>1. Tag</b> <b>Mi</b></p>	<p>Arrival in Vienna and private transfer to Wachau.</p> <p>After a delicious lunch in one of the top restaurants in Wachau we visit two of the internationally recognized estates, which became known with the varieties Gruner Veltliner and Riesling. We choose from Jamek, Johann Donabaum, Schmelz, Knoll, Alzinger and more.</p> <p>In the private tours and tastings we learn much about the wine history of the Wachau region.</p> <p>Dinner and accommodation in a 4* Hotel in Krems.</p> 
<p><b>2. Tag</b> <b>Do</b></p>	 <p>After breakfast we visit Goettweig Monastery, look on the beautiful ceiling painting by Paul Troger. Goettweig is also producing wines, and we will taste them in the estate "Weingut der Stadt Krems".</p> <p>After Lunch in one of the excellent regional restaurants in the picturesque town Krems we visit two more estates in the area around Langenlois, one of the most known "Wine Villages" in Austria. We choose from Schloss Gobelsburg, Hirsch, Jurtschitsch, Fred Loimer and more...</p> <p>The rest of the day and the evening is free (we could give some proposals for further activities).</p> <p>Accommodation in Krems.</p>
<p><b>3. Tag</b> <b>Fr</b></p>	<p>After breakfast we drive to Klosterneuburg Monastery. The monastery is one of the oldest and biggest wine estates in Austria, including also the oenological school. Next to the interesting wine tour the visit of the monastery is also an experience, e.g. the world-famous Verdun Altar.</p> <p>Then we go to the south of Vienna, Gumpoldskirchen. Here we find grape varieties ripening only in this microclimate and region. Zierfandler and Rotgipfler, two white wine varieties, are cultivated since the medieval times and have been known as "Wines of the Kings". The wines were represented on the royal houses in Europe.</p> <p>Lunch in a wine estate, with regional specialties, prepared by an excellent cook and accompanied by their wines. In the afternoon we visit one more wine estate for a private tour and tasting. We choose from Freigut Thallern, Weingut Spaetrot, Stadelmann, Alphart and more...</p> <p>The evening is free (if desired we can organize dinner or cultural activities).</p> <p>Accommodation in Vienna, in one of the 4* Hotels downtown Vienna.</p> 
<p><b>4. Tag</b> <b>Sa</b></p>	 <p>The day is free. You can choose to visit one of the several museums, shopping in one of the shopping areas like Kohlmarkt or Graben or just enjoy the atmosphere in the traditional coffee houses.</p> <p>Transfer to the airport for departure.</p>

## Accommodation:

### STEIGENBERGER AVANCE HOTEL KREMS \*\*\*\*



Surrounded by noble vineyards overlooking the town of Krems and affording a magnificent view of the Danube river valley, the Steigenberger Avance Hotel offers guests a multitude of sporting and relaxation facilities and is situated approx. 1 hour 20 min. away from Vienna. The 116 rooms and 10 junior suites are equipped with cable TV, minibar, telephone, hairdryer, most rooms with terrace on ground floor and balcony on the upper floors. All rooms and suites offer first-class comfort in country house style and a relaxing atmosphere in which you can really feel at home.

### AUSTRIA TREND HOTEL SAVOYEN\*\*\*\*

An impressive mixture of classic and modernity defines the design of the Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen Vienna. This hotel is becoming an extraordinary lifestyle product in the style of the 21st century. The former home of the Austrian State Printers has become a harbour for the chic city hopper, as well as for the world-travelling businessman. The 309 modern furnished rooms, 43 of which are suites, offer the ultimate in comforts.



(Hotels depending on availability)

### Included

- 3 nights/4 days, accommodation, breakfast, in double rooms
- All transfers, private, as indicated, in comfortable busses
- Dinner on the first day
- Private tours and tastings in 8 wine estates
- Visit Goettweig monastery
- Visit Klosterneuburg monastery
- 3x lunch in regional restaurants
- Guided by a local wine expert

Not included: travel costs, private expenses, beverages and wine with the meals (unless indicated), tips.

**Dates:** Autumn 2013, dates on request

**Price:** up from € 1022,00 per Person, double occupancy

**Minimum number of participants:** 10 persons

For smaller groups please ask for a price quotation

Vintra™ would appreciate to welcome you in Austria!

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