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1 JUNE 2013
INVESTITURE IN VIENNA
AT SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

PROGRAMME

Friday, 31 May 2013 (optional)

19:00 Ballet „Don Quixote“ at the Vienna State Opera

Saturday, 1 June 2013

DAY PROGRAMME

10:00 – 12:30 Holy Mass with investiture at the palace chapel of Schönbrunn
12:40 – 13:40 Private tour inside Schönbrunn palace
14:00 Departure for the imperial pavilion at the Schönbrunn zoo
14:30 Lunch at the imperial pavilion
16:00 Round tour: palace gardens - Gloriette – palace

EVENING PROGRAMME

19:30 Reception – Cocktails at the lobby, Hotel Imperial
20:15 Dinner at the Marmorsaal (marble hall) Hotel Imperial
23:00 After dinner drinks, Bar of Hotel Imperial



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DAY PROGRAMME

10:00 – 12:30

Holy Mass with investiture at the palace chapel of Schönbrunn

The palace chapel was built around 1700. The ceiling fresco was by Daniel Gran 1744. Paul Troger painted the high altar. Towards the end of 1744 the construction of the palace continued on to the effect that we now see the whole grandeur of the palace. The Empress Maria Theresia, mother of Marie-Antoinette, commissioned Niccholas Pacassi for the whole project. In 1745 the palace chapel was dedicated.



12:40 – 13:40

Guided tour inside the palace Schönbrunn



The Schönbrunn Palace is listed as World Cultural Heritage. Thanks to the jealous guarding of the whole artwork of the palace as well as its expansive baroque parks, under the Habsburg Dynasty, visitors enjoy today its authenticity.

Visitors could only expect to see authentic living and reception rooms of the imperial family inside the palace.

(Detail: Vieux Laque Room)



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14:30 Lunch at the Kaiserpavillion (Imperial Pavilion)

In 1752 Emperor Francis-Stephen I. of Lorrain, the husband of Maria-Theresia built the first baroque structured zoo in the continent of Europe. The central point of this ambitious project is the pavilion where once the imperial couple took breakfast.



The 250 year-old ceiling fresco of the pavilion was executed by Josef Ignaz Mildorfer based on fable characters of Ovid's "Metamorphosis". Accordingly the Emperor himself commissioned this iconography of this fresco personally. The fabled pavilion thus became the favorite breakfast and entertaining location of the imperial couple.

16:00 Rail-tour around palace park, the zoo, the Gloriette and back to the palace.

Built in 1775 as the last building constructed in the garden as a "temple of renown" to serve as both a focal point and a lookout point for the garden, it was used as a dining hall and festival hall as well as a breakfast room for emperor Franz Joseph I.



EVENING PROGRAMME

19:30 – 23:00

Hotel Imperial

This palace used to be the private residence of the Prince of Wurttemberg. Now functioning as Hotel Imperial it is the most luxurious hotel of the city of Vienna. The government of Austria uses it as residence for state guests and other important personalities.



In 1994 the Condé Nast readers voted Hotel Imperial as the best hotel in the world.

The restaurant of the Hotel Imperial situated on level ground is a traditional magnificent place that attracts very important personalities from all over the world.

Traditionally, crowned heads of this world like HM the Queen Elizabeth of England, HM King Olav of Norway, their Imperial Highnesses Akihito and Michiko of Japan among others, as well as Head of States like J.F.Kennedy, N. Chrushev, and Indira Ghandi stayed here.



Not only political heads but colorful and influential personalities like Walt Disney, Otto Klemperer, Alfred Hitchcock, Frank Sinatra, Woody Allen, Michel Piccoli, Vladimir Horowitz, Mick Jagger also stayed here.

Michael Jackson wrote his legendary „Earth Song“ while staying here.



Cost: € 200.- (£180,-/ USD 280,-) per person.

This includes church service, private palace tours, lunch at imperial Pavilion, rail tour around the baroque park of the palace, dinner and drinks at the Hotel Imperial.



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