

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy  
13 – 21 °C / 54 – 69 °F

**6:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Café Breakfast:** Coffee, juice and pastries are available at the coffee station in front of The Lounge.

**6:30 AM**

**Welcome to Vienna:** *Viking Atla* arrives in Vienna, Austria.

**6:30 - 9:00 AM**

**Continental Breakfast:** A selection of beverages and breakfast items are available on The Aquavit Terrace.

**7:00 - 9:30 AM**

**Breakfast:** Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in The Restaurant.

**8:00 – 9:00 AM**

**Concierge Desk Hours:** Should you need any assistance during your stay onboard please visit the Concierge.

**8:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Shore Excursion: Vienna.** Enjoy a tour of Vienna, Austria's elegant capital city.

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch:** Join us for lunch in The Restaurant.

**12:30 PM**

**Café Lunch:** If you prefer, enjoy a lighter, buffet-style lunch on The Aquavit Terrace.

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Concierge Desk Hours:** Should you need any assistance during your stay onboard please visit the Concierge.

**1:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Optional Shore Excursion: Schönbrunn Palace.** Tour the luxurious summer palace of Empress Maria Theresa and see first-hand why it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**2:30 PM**

**Shore Excursion: Farmers' Market Visit.** Join Chef de Cuisine Axel on a visit to Vienna's local market.

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Cocktail Hour:** Enjoy one of our cocktails and live music in The Lounge.

**5:45 PM**

**Daily Briefing:** Program Director Caspar invites you to The Lounge to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

**6:00 PM**

**Dinner:** Chef de Cuisine Noel and Maître d' Pavel invite our guests join us for dinner in The Restaurant. Bon appétit!

**6:00 PM**

**Bar Menu:** Enjoy a casual meal on The Aquavit Terrace.

**7:30 - 10:15 PM**

**Optional Shore Excursion: Mozart and Strauss Concert.** Lose yourself to the timeless music of two musical masters, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss.

**10:15 PM**

**Late Night Snack:** Join us for a Gulasch soup in The Aquavit Lounge.

**00:45 AM**

**Back On Board:** Please be back on board the ship by this time. We will depart Vienna for Bratislava shortly thereafter.

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## Zoom in: Vienna

Vienna, the capital of Austria, was once the seat of the Habsburgs and the center of the Holy Roman Empire. Today, the city is a grand and glorious mix of great and small, the imperiously magnificent and the delightfully unpretentious. It is also one of the world's greatest centers of art, music and architecture.

Klimt, Schiele, Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Mahler and Strauss all practiced their arts here, and you can see and hear their work in the city's many museums and palaces. During the 19th century, when the empire reached its peak of power, a splendid selection of buildings was added, notably on the **Ringstrasse**, the grand boulevard which encircles the medieval city center.

**Hofburg Palace** is a magnificent jewel among the ensemble of diverse architecture that was home to the Habsburgs from the first emperor (Rudolf I in 1273) to the last (Karl I in 1918).

Vienna boasts enough museums to keep you enthralled for weeks. The Museums Quartier, a short walk from the Hofburg, is a remarkable collection of museums, cafés, restaurants and bars located inside former imperial stables designed by Fischer von Erlach. The **Kunsthistorisches Museum** is home to one of the best art collections in Europe. (Open Tue-Sun, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Thu, 10:00 AM-9:00 PM.)

The Gothic masterpiece of **St. Stephan's Cathedral** or Steffi ("little Stephan") as the Viennese call it, is perhaps the most famous structure in Vienna. This great cathedral is testament to Vienna's status in the Middle Ages.

For sweeping views of the city, the neighboring hills and the Danube River, ride the **Riesenrad**, the world's most iconic Ferris wheel.

## Concierge tips

Austrian artist Gustav Klimt epitomizes the Art Nouveau movement. Gustav Klimt learned his trade from 1876 to 1883 at the Austrian Museum for Applied Arts. In the stairwells of Vienna's Burg Theatre, you can see his impressive ceiling paintings. And in Vienna's Belvedere Museum, you can see his most famous painting *The Kiss*. You can also see his artwork at Vienna's Museum of Fine Arts.

Schönbrunn Palace may be the epitome of grand baroque architecture, but the smaller Belvedere Palace is also worth a visit. Not only does it inspire visitors with its grand architecture, it also houses one of the best collections of Austrian art anywhere.

### IMPORTANT SHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Viking Atla team wishes you a happy and memorable day!

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**Ship Location:**

Handelskai, Pier 3  
Vienna



## At a glance: The history of Austria

Like most European countries, Austria has an eventful history. Yet there are some elements of the Austrian character that haven't changed much over the centuries—the penchant for indulgence, beauty, and culture has always been a driving force in the country's past and present.

The land known today as Austria was once dominated by the ancient Celts. In the 700s, it came under the rule of Charlemagne, King of the Franks. After the Magyars from Hungary overran Austria in the 900s, the country came under the rulership of German king, Otto I. Otto II gave northeastern Austria to the Babenberg family in 976. When, in 1242, the last Babenberg died without an heir, King Ottokar of Bohemia gained control of the Austrian territory.

In 1278, The Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf I defeated King Ottokar, beginning six centuries of Hapsburg rule in Austria.

Between the 1500s and 1600s, the Ottomans ruled Austria

In 1618, the Thirty Years' War began when the Protestants in Bohemia revolted against the Catholic Hapsburg emperor.

In 1701, The War of Spanish Succession started between Austria and France, and in 1714, Austria gained Belgium and Spain's lands in Italy.

Fifty years after the Napoleonic Wars, the dual monarchy of Austria and Hungary was established.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austrian throne, was assassinated, starting World War I. Austria joined Germany in fighting the Allies. The war ended in 1918, when the last Hapsburg emperor was overthrown and Austria became a republic.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler seized Austrian lands and announced its union. World War II started the following year. When the Allies defeated Germany in 1945, Austria was divided into American, British, French and Soviet zones until 1954, when the four powers ended their occupation.

In 1955, the Austrian State Treaty was ratified, with Austria declaring its permanent neutrality.

In 1995, Austria became a member of the European Union.

## Step back in time: Schönbrunn Palace

Boasting a long and colorful history, Maria Theresa's wonderful baroque palace at Schönbrunn is one of the most important cultural monuments in Austria. The 18th-century summer palace of the Hapsburgs is one of the grandest in Europe. There is so much to explore—the opulent palace rooms, the beautiful formal gardens and the jaw-dropping collection of period furniture. Not surprisingly, the grounds, which include the palace, the park with its fountains, statues and architectural features, and a zoo (the oldest of its kind), was designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1996.



## Did you know? A closer look at Vienna's café society

A visit to a Viennese coffeehouse is more than a quick caffeine fix, it's a complete sensory experience. For more than 300 years, people in Vienna have flocked to elegant cafés and restaurants complete with stringed quartets. Many of these famous Viennese institutions are still around and are the perfect place to relax with a coffee and a pastry or a piece of cake such as the rich, chocolate Sachertorte.

Café Landtmann, Café Sperl, Café Hawelka and Café Braunerhof are all frequented by locals and visitors alike. Now, as then, coffee is served in a variety of ways. Here are just a few:

<b>Schwarzer</b>	Strong black coffee, the equivalent to an espresso. For a double shot, ask for a <i>grosser Schwarzer</i>
<b>Brauner</b>	Coffee with a dash of milk or cream
<b>Goldener</b>	"Regular" coffee with milk
<b>Mélange</b>	Frothy, with equal measures of milk and coffee
<b>Kaffee Crème</b>	Coffee with a small jug of milk on the side
<b>Kapuziner</b>	Cappuccino
<b>Verlängerter</b>	Coffee with extra hot water
<b>Pharisäer</b>	Espresso with sugar, whipped cream, cocoa and a shot of rum
<b>Fiaker</b>	Espresso with sugar and cherry brandy, topped with whipped cream and a cherry

Take a look at the Viking video in your stateroom to find out more about Vienna's famous cafés.