

The pearls of Styria

The green heart of Austria

- ✓ VISIT OF THE OLD TOWN OF GRAZ
- ✓ TOURS AND VISITS OF A PUMPKIN SEED OIL MILL, THE RIEGERSBURG CASTLE, ZOTTER CHOCOLAT AND OTHERS



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The federal state in the south is very fertile and produces luxury goods of great variety and quality. The landscape characterized by grapevines is also called Styrian Tuscany.

Austria's second largest city **Graz** impresses with its charm, the partly winding old town and its very photogenic landmark - the clock tower. Contemporary wine-growing architecture next to beautifully revitalized building culture characterize the landscape along the **wine routes** with taverns that provide regional wines and products for your physical well-being.

Experience the magic of the historic, 850-year-old **Riegersburg**. It was built on the rocks of a volcanic mountain and could never be conquered. You can get up close and personal with the home of the white horses at the Piber stud farm, where the famous **Lipizzaners** are bred for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Impressive taste experiences are offered with **fine brandies, vinegars** and the well-known **Zotter chocolate**.

The former duchy, today's **Slovenia**, should not remain undiscovered.

Dates

May - October 2024 6 nights / 7 days

(Exact date according to request and availability)



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Group arrangement

- 6x** overnight stay incl. breakfast buffet in a selected 3* hotel in the Graz area, or in the 4* hotel in the city of Graz
- 1x** welcome drink on the day of arrival

- 6x** dinner with 3 course menu
- 1x** city tour in the old town in Graz (duration approx. 1.5 hours)
- 1x** full-day tour guide (8 hours) - South Styrian Wine Route
- 1x** wine tasting with Brettljause Buschenschank
- 1x** visit to a pumpkin seed oil mill with tasting (duration approx. 1 hour)
- 1x** full-day tour guide (8 hours) - Piber Stud, Hundertwasser Church, Schilcher Wine Route
- 1x** stud visit incl. guided tour at the Lipizzaner Stud Piber
- 1x** visit to the Hundertwasser Church
- 1x** Schilcher wine tasting with Brettljause Buschenschank
- 1x** full-day tour guide (8 hours) – Riegersburg, schnapps tasting and Zotter chocolate
- 1x** entry to the Riegersburg (ascent & descent, castle with museums)
- 1x** schnapps and vinegar tasting
- 1x** Zotter Chocolate Enjoyment Tour (duration 90min) with audio guides
- 1x** full day guide (8 hours) - Slovenia, Marburg and Pettau
- 1x** Maribor cable car there & back
- +** Support for tour guides and bus drivers daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. by our office in Bad Ischl

Arrangement price per person in € from

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per person in a double room from	883,--	1064,--
Single supplement 1-5 from	118,--	273,-- (double room for single use)
Single supplement from the 6th	140,--	273,-- (double room for single use)

Plus local tax: approx. €2,50 to €3,-- per person per day!

(Will be adjusted accordingly if the law changes).

General

The above prices are valid for a minimum of 20 participants.

The current version of the Salzkammergut Touristik GmbH terms and conditions apply!

Booking and billing via Salzkammergut Touristik.

All excursions are conducted with your own vehicle.

Every 21st person in a double room is free.

Possible program sequence – subject to change:

Day 1 Arrival

Welcome to the green heart of Austria

Day 2 Sightseeing of Graz

In the morning, a sightseeing tour of Graz is on the agenda. The city center and the most important sights will be brought closer to you.

The afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 3 The South Styrian Wine Route

Today the most famous wine route in Austria is on the agenda. The course leads partly along the Slovenian border, through well-known places such as Gamlitz and, among other things, a stop is made at Seggau Castle.

On this day you will also learn interesting facts about Styrian pumpkin seed oil and its unique taste from a producer.

A stop at a typical Buschenschank with a snack and wine tasting is a must on this day.

Day 4 Lipizzaner Stud, Hundertwasser Church and Schilcher Wine Route

In the morning, a visit to the Lipizzaner Stud Piber is on the programme. The oldest cultured horse breed in Europe is world famous, especially through the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Afterwards you will visit the

St. Barbara Church in Bärnbach. This colourful, cheerful and life-affirming masterpiece was designed by the artist Hundertwasser.

In the afternoon we drive to the Schilcher Wine Route with a stop and tasting of this special wine.

On the way back, a stop will be made in Stainz. A beautiful little place with a castle and a well-known pastry shop.

Day 5 The Riegersburg – Schnaps tasting and Zotter chocolate

This morning you visit the Riegersburg. The 850-year-old fortress was built on volcanic foundations and is set amid rolling hills and valleys.

Afterwards you will experience a tasting of fine vinegars and fine brandies. The fruit for the production comes from the hills around the Riegersburg.

In the afternoon, the topic of chocolate is on the program. On a pleasure tour, you will experience how diverse and exciting chocolate tastes.

Day 6 Slovenia, Marburg and Pettau

Today takes us to former Styria, today's Slovenia. First to Marburg. Enjoy the picturesque old town with the castle, the Renaissance-style town hall and much more. A ride up the Pohorka cable car offers an unforgettable view of the city.

Continue to Pettau, the oldest municipality in Slovenia and the oldest town in the former Duchy of Styria.

Day 7 Journey home

See you next time in Styria