



**Pre-World IFYE Conference  
Austria Agriculture and Cultural Tour  
August 20 - 27, 2023**

**Depart the day prior (August 19th) for an overnight flight.**

**Day 1 (Sunday, August 20)** - Arrival and transfer to Vienna, capital of Austria and former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Vienna lies in the center of Europe between the East and West. The population contains representatives of all the lands which were once part of the Empire, but Vienna remains quintessentially Austrian. Enjoy the charm and culture of this European center.

**(D)**

***(Overnight Vienna)***



**Day 2 (Monday, August 21)** - After breakfast, embark on a city tour of Vienna. Ride along the Ring Road which replaced the medieval city walls in the 19th century. In the Middle Ages, they withstood a siege of the Ottoman Empire, twice. Afterwards, explore the Royal Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral and town center. During some free time on your own, grab a bite to eat and soak in the Austrian atmosphere. In the afternoon, take a short drive to Bratislava, Slovakia. During the tour of Bratislava, enjoy the Presidential

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Palace and the Bratislava Castle. Next, stop for a walking tour of the center and enjoy some free time. Return to Austria to the town of Grinzing just outside Vienna. Grinzing is known for its many wine taverns that have special licenses to sell early wine. Here, sample wine while enjoying dinner and music.

**(B,D)**

***(Overnight Vienna)***



**Day 3 (Tuesday, August 22)** - The Wachau Valley just outside of Vienna is considered by many to be the most beautiful part of the Danube River. The valley is home to numerous apricot orchards and vineyards and it is a favorite destination for the Viennese. Here, visit an apricot orchard and then continue on to a Schnapps (fruit brandy) distillery for a tour and tasting. Lunch time will be in Dürnstein, a charming village in the center of the valley where you can enjoy one of the many restaurants with open air seating. Dürnstein is famed as the place where Richard the Lionheart was held captive while the English raised the ransom for his release in the days of Robin Hood! Dinner on your own in Vienna.

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**Day 4 (Wednesday, August 23)** - Today, travel south through the Austrian province of Burgenland and cross the border into Sopron, Hungary. After a short tour, visit a goose farm. Hungarian Geese are famous and controversial. The goose serves as the main course for Christmas and St. Martin`s Day dinner. The Hungarian geese are also prized for their livers which are the source of French foie gras. Return to Austria and enter the Lake Neusiedl Nature Reserve to visit the Golf Course Öko-Golf-Neusiedler Csarda, Austria's first organic golf course. Learn about how the golf course cares for its facilities using organic methods and how that differs from standard practices. Dinner on your own in Vienna.

**(B,L)**

***(Overnight Vienna)***



**Day 5 (Thursday, August 24)** - Today, travel west to Salzburg and the Sound of Music country of western Austria. Along the way, pay a visit to a sturgeon farm (Grüll Kaviar) famous for caviar which they provide for a number of Michelin-starred restaurants. They are also famous for raising albino sturgeon that produce white caviar. Upon arrival, meet a local expert who will take the group on a walking tour of Salzburg. Begin at Mirabelle Gardens where the Do Re Mi scene in the Sound of Music was filmed and where you can see the most iconic view of the Salzburg Fortress Castle. The route starts at the Mozart house and into the cathedral and on to a funicular for a ride up to the castle to enjoy the views of Salzburg and the Alps. After some free time, head to one of the best beer gardens in Salzburg for dinner.

**(B,D)**

***(Overnight Salzburg)***

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**Day 6 (Friday, August 25)** - After breakfast, depart Austria for a short visit to Germany and one of its most infamous attractions, Kehlsteinhaus, sometimes known as the Eagles Nest near Berchtesgaden, Germany. Kehlsteinhaus was a present to Hitler for his 50th birthday and one of the few parts of that history to survive World War II. The natural beauty of the Alps here is breathtaking. *\*Optional hike or just enjoy the views.* After lunch, travel across the Alps to Graz, capital of the Austrian province of Steria and home town of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Graz is a beautiful city filled with beautiful art and architecture. It is also an agricultural center and has the greatest number of Farmers markets (33 in 16 locations around town). Dinner on your own this evening.

**(B,L)**

**(Overnight Graz)**



**Day 7 (Saturday, August 26)** - Graz is considered the garden of Austria and has over 300 farms, the most of any Austrian city. However, large scale commercial agriculture has never made it here. The most famous Styrian ag product (at least to the Austrians themselves) is known as the green gold from Styria, pumpkin seed oil. The green oil is very healthy, milled from toasted seeds and is used to dress salads, for flavoring for soups and can also be drizzled over vanilla ice cream. If there is time, travel to Auersbach to visit Schinkenwelt Vulcano to visit the pigs and see the production of this prosciutto style of ham OR visit Genussbauernhof Hillebrand (Hillebrand Farm) for Grazer Krauthäuptel, a special salad green only grown in Graz.

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**(B,L=snacks at farm and winery, D)**  
**(Overnight Graz)**



**Day 8 (Sunday, August 27)** - After breakfast, travel to Klagenfurt with a short orientation tour upon arrival. The tour ends upon arrival in Velden and the start of the IFYE Conference.

**(B)**

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**Price per person based on double occupancy - \$2,750**

**Single supplement - \$575**

**UPDATE: March 1, 2023 - \$500 Non-Refundable Deposit Due**

**July 1, 2023 - Remaining Balance Due**

**Included:**

- Accommodations
- Gratuities for driver and guide(s)
- Land transportation by private bus
- Full time bilingual guide
- Tours/Technical Visits
- Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary (water included, soft drinks not included)
  - B= Breakfast
  - L= Lunch
  - D= Dinner

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**Not Included:**

- International Airfare
- Meals not shown on itinerary
- Extra beverages during included meals
- Entrance to other museums not noted above
- Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for international travel
- Travel insurance (optional)
- Airline seat upgrades
- Excess baggage fees
- Anything not specified above or noted as optional or at leisure
- Souvenirs
- Leisure activities on free days
- Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

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