Austria Wine Tour

South Styrian Wine Dreamer





The Wine-Grower's Valhalla

Join Sechrist Travel for an adventure along the **South Styrian Wine Road!** Enjoy a week of delicious food, fantastic wine, and beautiful sights in Austria!

Southern Styrian Wine Route is Austria's oldest wine route and is made even more special by the fact that it's just a few kilometers from the Slovenian border.

Customs, traditions, and modern life are united offering typical features such as the owner-run Buschenschank wine taverns, the Klapotetz (noisy windmills designed to keep birds off crops), Styrian pumpkin seed oil, the unique landscape, and the friendly locals make the region very special.

With your arrival into **Vienna International Airport**, we transfer to **the Historic City Center** for a Tour and our 1st Wine tasting!

- Visit local, owner-run, Buschenschank wine taverns
- Winegrowers will explain the production process and give you the opportunity to taste the wines and experience the world of Southern Styrian Wine
- The breathtaking natural scenery and delicious regional specialities make every glass even more unforgettable
- Enjoy a complimentary happy hour every night

Cities Visited:

- ▶ Vienna
- Eisenstadt
- Gamlitz
- Graz
- Riegersburg

When: July 30 - August 7, 2022 Where: Austria's Styrian Region

Cost: LAND \$2,399 per person + AIR



<u>Day 1: Saturday 30 July Departure</u> Overnight flight to Vienna International Airport

Day 2: Sunday 31 July Arrival in Vienna, Austria

Morning arrival into **Vienna International Airport**. After customs formalities the group will be welcomed by tour manager and board our waiting motor-coach. Transfer to the **Historic City Center** where you will enjoy an orientation tour of the most historical sights before ending on top of wine hill "Schöne Aussicht" with a visit to The Vienna Cobenzl winery. We continue on to Grinzing for a Heurigen Wine Dinner at Mayer am Pfarrplatz.

Group Welcome Dinner Provided

Day 3: Monday, 01 August Eisenstadt -

After breakfast, board your coach and depart for **Eisenstadt**, the smallest capitol of one of Austrias nine states, a domicile of the Esterhazy family – **Esterhazy Palace and Wine Estate**. Enjoy a short introduction about the Esterhazy wines and then visit the largest wine museum in Austria is situated in the 330 year-old cellar vaults of the palace. We will enjoy a wonderful wine tasting, led by local experts. Continue on to South Styria and check into our accommodation, The Ratscher Landhaus (based on availability).

Group Styrian Buschenschank Dinner Provided

Day 4: Tuesday 02 August Stainz/Schilcher wine area

After breakfast, start the morning to visit a Pumpkin Seed Oil Mill for a tour experience and typical styrian lunch, including pumpkin pits tasting and pumpkin cookies. After lunch, drive through the wonderful vineyards and hills and enjoy our wine tasting in a romantic and beautiful Winery and Buschenschank. Later this afternoon return to hotel. Enjoy hotel facilities.

Group Lunch & Dinner Provided

Day 5: Wednesday 03 August South Styrian wine area

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Graz, the capitol of Styra. Get to know to this beautiful city, enjoy strolling in the streets, some shopping including a visit to the **Grazer Uhrturm** (clock tower), the town's landmark. We will drive back to South Styria, enjoying another speciality of the region (crispy chicken) and a visit to a local winery for a tasting.





Day 6: Thursday 04 August Knights, Chocolate, and Schnapps...

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Riegersburg with a visit to the Fortress, where we will enjoy a chocolate tasting in the chocolate paradise and Schnapps tasting with an incredible variety of different Schnapps, Gin and Whisky. Return to Hotel. Dinner on your own.

Dinner On Your Own

Day 7: Friday 05 August Piber Federal Stud - Gamlitz

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the Piber Federal Stud, a stud farm dedicated to the breeding of Lipizzan horses. Return to Gamlitz, where we will visit two wineries, enjoy walking in the vineyards and enjoying a final Buschenschank dinner

Group Farewell Dinner Provided

Day 8: Saturday 06 August Vienna

On the final day of the tour we will return to Vienna and enjoy one last day to explore this beautiful city **ON YOUR OWN**. Shop along the Kaerntner Strasse, visit the Mozart House & Museum, visit Schönbrunn Palace, or take a ride on the Giant Ferris Wheel in the Prater, one of the city's symbols

Dinner On Your Own

Day 9: Sunday 07 August Departure

Today we say "Auf Wiedersehen". After breakfast, we will make our way to Vienna International Airport





For more information:

Call: 917-279-6629

Email: info@sechristtravel.com



Austria Wine Tour 2022

July 30 - August 7, 2022

Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy • \$2,399.00

*\$375.00 - single occupancy supplement charge

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ March 15, 2022= \$1000 per person
- ▶ **April 30, 2022** = \$1000 per person
- June 15, 2022 Final Balance; estimated at \$399 per person
- REFUNDS
 - ▶ 1st \$150 per person is non-refundable on March 15, 2022
 - ▶ 50% of deposits become non-refundable on May 30, 2022
 - ▶ 100% of deposits become non-refundable on July 1, 2022

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- Seven (7) nights accommodation at superior tourist-class hotels, plus one (1) night in flight
- ▶ Luxury Motor Coach transportation throughout your tour.
- ▶ Daily Buffet breakfasts, additional meals, wine tastings as indicated in the itinerary
 - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
 - Beverages are only included with Heurigen or Buschenschank dinner (1/4 l wine, tap water)
- ▶ GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS:
 - ▶ Vienna
 - ▶ Eisenstadt
- ▶ ENTRANCE FEE:
 - · Pumpkin Oil Factory Tour
 - Graz Clock Tower with elevator
 - Zotter Chocolate Factory
 - Gölles Vinegar & Distillery Tour
 - Riegersburg Castle
 - Piber Federal Stud Farm
- ▶ Tips for city guides and coach Drivers
- ▶ Taxes are included for all services

PLUS:

- ▶ A professional Tour Director to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of the tour group
- ▶ A complete *Itinerary* for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- Personal Protective Equipment: Face-masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfesting wipes provide to each individual traveler
- Full support of an Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ▶ \$2M Sechrist Travel Tour Liability Insurance coverage
- ▶ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- ▶ Transportation to/from your <u>HOME Airport</u> is arranged <u>ON</u> YOUR OWN
- ▶ Round trip air transportation to/from Vienna, Austria
 - ▶ Airfare is estimated at \$1,200.00 *Subject to change
 - Group fares possible based on a minimum of 10 passengers
- Meals not listed as 'included'
- ▶ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ▶ Anything not mentioned in "Your Tour Experience Includes" Passport fees
- Checked baggage fees (if applicable), portage of luggage, Instrumental rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ▶ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance
 - Can be provided through Sechrist Travel's trusted partner, TravelSafe, for an additional cost
 - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx
- Please note, actual activities might take pace on different days that suggested in the proposal.

AIR package ESTIMATE - \$1,200.00* per person

- Flight MUST be arranged **ON YOUR OWN** for morning arrival into Vienna on AUG. 1 (departing the US on JUL 31.
- ▶ Above airfare is estimated for 2021 and provided as a guideline for the final cost of the tour
- Group flight arrangements may be made through Sechrist Travel for groups of 10 or more using the same GATEWAY city and on the same flight itinerary
- All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier. Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group/individual.

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$3,599.00

▶ + or - based on actual airfare

Send ALL payments and correspondence to:

Sechrist Travel 13300 Bothell Everett Hwy Ste. #303-6108 Mill Creek, WA 98012

I. Payment Schedule

- A. Reservations for participation in the Austria Wine Tour 2022 are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$1000 per person deposit
 - 2. early deposits are encouraged, with the first payment due no later than March 15, 2022
- B. The 2nd payment is \$1000 per person due April 30, 2022
- C. The final balance, estimated at \$399 per person, is due June 15, 2022
- D. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- E. Billing Statements will be based upon your number of participants, and will indicate payment due dates, reflect your hotel occupancy choices, include airfare (if applicable), include the airport/hotel transportation fees (if applicable), include costs for extra nights in hotel if elected and available, costs for optional provisions (if applicable), and include your payment summary.
- F. Billing Statements will be adjusted to reflect your housing choices; any additional charges based upon hotel upgrade costs or other services purchased are due 30 days prior to arrival. Adjustments and payment due dates are indicated on your monthly statements.
- G. *LATE PAYMENTS: When payment is late, and no prior arrangements have been made; a fee totaling 5% of that particular amount due will be assessed and added to the final balance due. If a late payment is anticipated and unavoidable, Sechrist Travel must receive your request in writing.

II. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Checks should be made payable to: **SECHRIST TRAVEL**
- B. Credit Card Payments are available though are preferred vendor, STRIPE
- C. Mailing instructions:
 - 1. checks should be mailed to Sechrist Travel at 13300 Bothell Everett Hwy, Ste. #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012
 - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- D. Refunds:
 - 1. The 1st \$150 per person is completely non-refundable
 - 2. 50% of deposits become non-refundable on May 30, 2022
 - 3. 100% of deposits become non-refundable on **July 1, 2022**, 30 days prior to departure.
 - a) All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after July 1, 2022, 30 days prior to departure.
 - 4. Name substitutions/replacements, without penalty, are permissible
 - 5. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
 - 6. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
- E. If your arranged trip inclusions or accommodations become unavailable due to "acts of God," Sechrist Travel reserves the right to change your tour and include other trip inclusions and accommodations.

