



DIE  
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STRASSE  
THE CASTLE ROAD



## 7 days/6 nights on the castle road

## From Vienna to Trieste

## day 1

Departure from the airport Vienna with the comfortable small bus after arrival at 9:00 o'clock. On the way to the Castle Street you will be accompanied by an **ambassador of the region** with stories about the **Castle Street** and the people of the tourist region thermal and volcano land. The trip will also be accompanied by an **interpreter** and translated. On the way to the castle road, you will visit the **Spanish horse Riding School** in Vienna and experience the impressive performance of the Lipizzaner horses. After **lunch** in the city center of Vienna Guided tour of the **Schönbrunn Palace** - baroque summer residence of the Austrian emperors and the largest castle in Austria, one of Austria's most important cultural treasures. Drive to Styria in the **castle Obermayerhofen**, best known as a romantic wedding castle for the award-winning cuisine and the excellent quality. Check-in and relaxed end of the day at **dinner**.

## day 2

9:00 | After a hearty breakfast a short drive and visit and guided tour of the **garden palace Herberstein**, which is still inhabited in the 21st generation by the family Herberstein. Here is the home of **Siegmund Herberstein**, born in 1486, who at the time led 69 diplomatic missions to Eastern Europe to the court of **Soliman the Magnificent**.

Over the Castle road, the path leads past the imposing Riegersburg to **Vulcano Schinkenwelt** in Feldbach. At Vulcano Ursprung you experience the world of ham as a realm of the senses. The harmonious interplay of modern technology and Styrian tradition creates delicious specialties for connoisseurs. Following the guided tour with the ham expert, you can taste the delicious range of products and a glass of Styrian wine in the Genussreich.

Experience the flair of the green salon, marvel at the historic



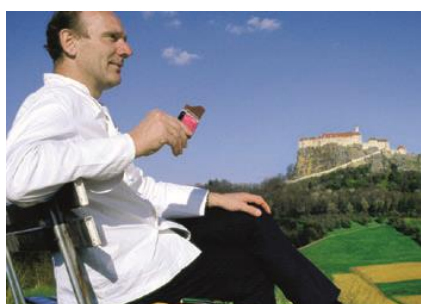
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ancestral gallery and stroll through the arcade on the first floor of **Castle Kornberg**, past carved wooden chairs, mysterious chests and discover proud hunting trophies from the past. In addition, there are historical backgrounds of the family, as well as amusing anecdotes from the landlord himself.

**Count Bardeau leads you personally** through the castle and thus gives an exciting and unforgettable insight into the last centuries. In the **Gölles Erlebniswelt** you can see how fine brandys and fine vinegars are made from the best fruit. You wander through Austria's largest vinegar keg cellar and test your taste buds during vinegar and noble brandy tasting. The Riegersburger Seehaus serves a **2-course dinner**. The view over the lake up to Riegersburg let your thoughts wander. Return to the castle Obermayerhofen.

### day 3

9:00 After breakfast drive to the most famous culinary establishment in the region. In the **chocolate factory of Josef Zotter** you will experience the diversity of the chocolate world. Through glass aisles you accompany the beans from the roasting house to the finished chocolate through the transparent chocolate factory - and in between there is lots of chocolate to taste. In the edible zoo you will experience on 27 ha tremendous pleasure in the creative organic farm. **Lunch break** in the ecological Edible of the Tiergarten. Finally you will get up the 482m high volcano rocks of **Riegersburg** with the modern funicular. The castle museum, witch museum and weapons museum bring the 17th century to life. You will experience one of the most **impressive birds of prey flight demonstrations** in Europe! Eagles, vultures and Co. are presented here up close. The golden eagle, rushing out of the clouds at over 200 km / h on a fox dummy, is just one of the stars. Passing by the once highest volcano in the region, the **Gleichenberg volcano**, the path leads to check in at **castle Kapfenstein**. At **dinner**, the lords of the castle tell of the eventful history of the Winkler-Hermaden family and the castle of Kapfenstein.



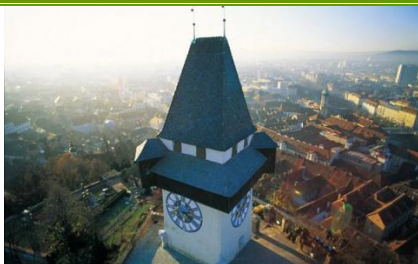


#### day 4

After breakfast and check-out drive to the **district capital Feldbach** where the most colorful church tower in the world is located. The colors are a symbol of a peaceful coexistence of different cultures and are a popular background for holiday photos. With the Altstadtgasse, the Raab metropolis has the most nostalgic promenade in south-eastern Styria. At 500 meters, 30 fashion companies form the longest fashion street in southeastern Austria. After **lunch break** in an excellent guest house in the center of Feldbach drive to the oldest spa town in Styria. The town of **Bad Gleichenberg** was redefined in the time of Biedermeier by the Counts Wickenburg and as a health resort for the international nobility designed e.g. the **Grand Duchesses Helene and Katharina Mikhailovna of Russia**. The charm of this time remained the spa. During the **walk through the spa park**, you will learn some exciting anecdote and be transferred back to the imperial era. Coffee and cake and time to unwind on the main square of Bad Gleichenberg with the excellent master confectioner. At the end of the relaxed day program visit a **typical Styrian Buschenschank** with culinary specialties of the volcanic land and **traditional music**.

#### day 5

9:00 Breakfast and departure from Kapfenstein for a short visit to the second largest city in Austria. **Graz** impresses with a southern flair and contemporary architecture in harmonious symbiosis. Guided tour of the largest baroque palace in Styria - **Schloss Eggenberg** and lunch break at the castle park in the excellent restaurant. Drive to the **Lipizzaner Stud farm Piber**, where the horses for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna grow up. Especially the foals with their mothers are a special experience. On the museum tour, you will be immersed in the history of the oldest cultural horse race in Europe. Check-in in the **castle hotel Deutschlandsberg**, 4 \*\*\*\* hotel in the middle of the west Styrian Schilcher wine garden. Enjoy the master chef's delicious 3-course evening



meal and be rewarded with a great all-round view.

### day 6

After breakfast **guided tour** of the castle Deutschlandsberg and visit of the museum. Drive across the state border to Slovenia for **lunch** rest in **Slovenska Bistrica** and continue to the oldest city in Slovenia - **PTUJ**. Towering over the city is the mighty **Ptuj Castle**, which offers a wonderful view across the country and which also houses the Regional Museum Ptuj Ormož, dedicated to the history of the city from its inception. Visit the castle and the museum. In the evening you will check-in at the fine hotel in the Old Town of **Ljubljana**, the capital of Slovenia and often rewarded as the **most liveable metropolis in Europe**. City walk to **dinner directly on the river Drava** and a relaxed end to the day.

### day 7

Breakfast and departure at 9:00. On the way to **Trieste**, you will visit the imposing **caves castle Predjama**, which was built in the 12th century in an inaccessible rock face. The cave system of the Karst Mountains was used by the builders as a supply route during sieges and can be visited as well as the museum of the castle.

At lunchtime you reach Trieste, Austria's only sea gateway at the Habsburg era in the 18th and 19th centuries, and explore the city from the Piazza dell'Unità **on your own**. The easternmost port city of Italy is considered the gateway to eastern Europe and is the end point of the maritime Silk Road. After **dinner** at the port of Trieste transfer to **Venice airport** where you arrive at 22:00.

### At a glance:

- ☀ 2 overnights with breakfast at castlehotel Kapfenstein
- ☀ 2 overnights with breakfast at castlehotel Obermayerhofen
- ☀ 1 overnight with breakfast at castlehotel Deutschlandsberg
- ☀ 1 overnight with breakfast at a fine hotel city center of Ljubljana
- ☀ Guided tour palace Schönbrunn, Vienna
- ☀ Visit and demonstration spanish horse riding school, Vienna
- ☀ Guided tour garden Castle Herberstein
- ☀ Private tour and a glass of Sekt, Castle Kornberg
- ☀ Entrance fee and birds of prey fligh demonstration Castle



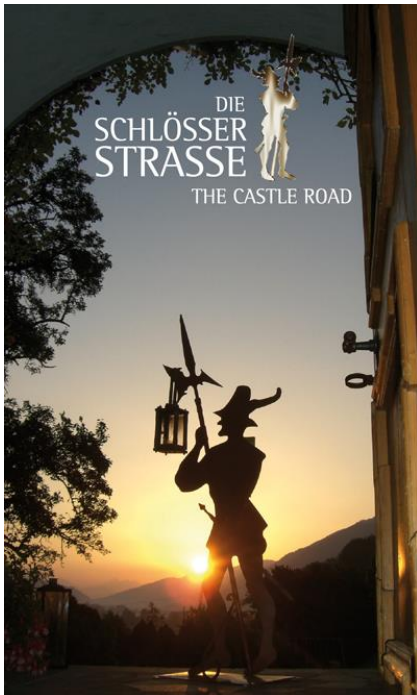
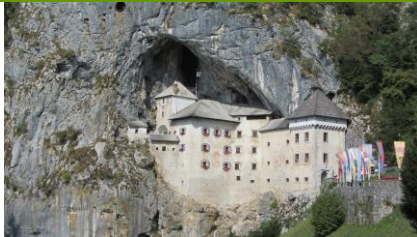
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## Riegersburg

- ☉ Guided tour palace Eggenberg, Graz
- ☉ Guided tour Castlemuseum Archeo Norico Deutschlandsberg
- ☉ Guided tour caves Castle Predjama, Slovenia
- ☉ Guided tour Castle Ptuj, Slovenia
- ☉ Guided Biedermeier walk in Bad Gleichenberg
- ☉ Guided tour Lipizzaner world Piber
- ☉ Guided tour and tasting Vulcano Schinkenmanufaktur, Zotter Schokolade and Gölles brandy und Vinegar
- ☉ Coffee & cake Konditorei Fitz, Bad Gleichenberg
- ☉ 3 course dinner at castle restaurant Obermayerhofen, castle restaurant Kapfenstein, castle Deutschlandsberg and lake restaurant Riegersburg
- ☉ Buschenschank Snack with traditional music
- ☉ 2 course dinner at the Drava, Ljubljana
- ☉ 2 course dinner in Trieste, Italy
- ☉ 2 course lunch in Vienna, at ÖkoRestaurant Zotter, in Feldbach, in Slovensca Bistricka/Slo and in Graz
- ☉ Russian interpreter
- ☉ Travel guide by an ambassador of Region Vulkanland
- ☉ All transfers from airport Vienna to airport Venice
- ☉ Overall organisation

EUR 1950,00

Price per person with 12 participants

EUR 1750,00

Price per person with 30 participants

Please bring: good mood, sturdy shoes  
and a pinch of landscape views!  
The most important luggage is a happy heart!