



“International Advent Singing Festival” Vienna/Austria

International Choir Festival in Vienna’s historic town hall



Vienna is home to **Johann Strauß and the Viennese Waltz**, but also to other great composers such as **Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert** and continues to maintain the cultural and musical heritage to this day. The city offers its visitors a rich musical variety as well as masterpieces of baroque art and architecture. The Vienna International Advent Singing Festival is held for choirs from around the world during the Advent season before Christmas.

Over the past 30 years the festival has established itself to **one of the most popular choral events in Vienna**. The attending choirs have the possibility to perform in front of an international audience at **four different concert venues: Festival concert in the historic Vienna City Hall, church (during a church or mass service), Senior Citizen Home and outdoor Christmas Market**.



Festival program

Thursday: Individual Arrival

Upon arrival in Vienna, check into your booked accommodation.
Meet your local festival assistant for a brief welcome meeting.

Group dinner at accommodation.

Friday: Sightseeing & Concert

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: Enjoy a **half day guided city tour** of Vienna followed by **group lunch** at the Vienna Town Hall Restaurant (Restaurant Rathauskeller).

Afternoon: Perform a concert at a Senior Citizen Home (if requested).

Evening: Free evening in Vienna inner city (possibility to visit numerous stunning Christmas markets).

Saturday: Festival Opening & Austrian Dinner

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: Free morning in Vienna inner city for individual sightseeing or shopping.

Afternoon: **Festival Opening & Concerts** at the Vienna Town Hall (30 minutes/choir).

Evening: Enjoy an **Austrian dinner at a traditional Heurigen (wine taverna) in the quaint wine village of Gumpoldskirchen near Vienna** including a hearty and tasty meat platter incl. sausage, pork, chicken, Sauerkraut, salads, bread and a glass of wine.



Sunday: Mass Service & Closing Ceremony

Breakfast at accommodation.

Morning: Morning mass service in one of Vienna's numerous churches (on request).

Afternoon: Time at leisure – perhaps listen to other attending choirs performing at the Town Hall.
Optional: Full day excursion to the Wachau, listed as “Wachau Cultural Landscape” in the UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites and located between the towns of Melk and Krems.
Enjoy a **group lunch near the town of Melk** as part of the excursion.

Evening: Closing ceremony at Vienna Town Hall.

All choirs will receive a participation certificate.

Following the presentation all choirs join together and sing the common piece “Ode to Joy” by L.v. Beethoven. The evening ends with canapés and a glass of sparkling wine.

Monday: Departure

After breakfast individual departure.

Pre- and post-tour program on request.

The program is subject to change!