

New Year's Eve 2014/15: Welcome to Vienna

Vienna is THE city of bon vivants. This is particularly true on New Year's Eve when the old town is given over to exuberant celebration and dance – when high spirits abound, whether at gala dinners, prestigious balls, concert halls or chic bars.

Superb **exhibitions** and a dazzling array of **events, concerts, operas, operettas** and the hit **musicals** “Mary Poppins” and “Mamma Mia!” promise a New Year's Eve program brimming with excitement throughout the day and night.

On 31 December, **Vienna's old city center** transforms into a giant party zone: From 2 p.m. in the afternoon to 2 a.m. the following morning, top entertainment is guaranteed by the **New Year's Eve Trail** in the city center, at City Hall Square and in the Prater. Along the New Year's Eve Trail, dozens of gastronomes serve you punch and culinary treats. Numerous stations provide a good atmosphere with a show program, waltzes, an operetta, rock, pop and folk music as well as a DJ line-up. Especially popular is the classical area on Graben. The Vienna Dance Schools offer crash courses in the waltz on Stephansplatz. To kick off the festivities marking **150 years of the Ringstrasse** in 2015, the Ringstrasse in front of the Burgtheater will also be included in the New Year's Eve Trail this year, where everything will revolve around the music of the waltz. A **large firework** display will be held on City Hall Square and in the Prater at midnight.

A unique New Year's atmosphere can also be enjoyed on a boat trip along the Danube, at the **New Year's Ball** at the Hofburg Vienna (Imperial Palace) and at **New Year galas** held in City Hall and the city's leading hotels. The Majestic Emperor train, a “palace on rails”, allows you to ride into the New Year in luxurious style, while the **Vienna State Opera** once again stages its traditional performance of **Johann Strauss' “Die Fledermaus”**.

New Year's Day in Vienna will be greeted in classic fashion with a morning “hangover cure” brunch – featuring the **Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's Day concert** on a big screen – in front of City Hall.

The following pages are a guide to when and where you can best celebrate in Vienna. All prices are per person. For further information to help you plan your visit to Vienna, go to **WWW.VIENNA.INFO** or call one of the contact numbers shown below:

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Gala Balls

New Year's Eve Ball at the Hofburg Vienna

On 31 December 2014, the Vienna Hofburg creates a spectacular start to the ball season with its New Year's Ball. In the middle of winter, the New Year's Ball of the Vienna Hofburg conjures up a hint of spring in the city of waltzes. The ceremonial rooms are transformed into a spring-like sea of flowers with pastel-colored blossom balls. Members of the Vienna State Opera Ballet Association dance romantic choreography to the Flower Waltz from the ballet "The Nutcracker", while soloists from the Vienna State Opera and Volksoper Wien crown the opening with the "Frühlingsstimmenwalzer". At midnight, the soloists from the Vienna State Opera and the Volksoper Wien also present a lively bouquet of melodies in a musical and floral foray through the international world of opera and operetta. The Hofburg New Year's Eve Ball is an adventurous mix of traditional and modern!

Hofburg Palace, A-1010 Vienna, entrance on Heldenplatz, December 31, doors open for gala dinner guests at 6:30 p.m. (Grand Ticket with seat reservation, including four-course gala dinner, welcome cocktail, red/white wine, mineral water, a glass of champagne at midnight for EUR 465, 600 or 640), doors open for ball guests at 9:15 p.m. (Star Ticket with seat reservation, glass of sparkling wine and small snack from the buffet for EUR 210, 250 or 360; Circle Ticket including admission and a glass of sparkling wine for EUR 155 per person, Student Ticket including admission and a glass of sparkling wine for EUR 70 per person).

Ticket reservations: Vienna Hofburg, Heldenplatz, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 587 36 66 214, fax +43 (0)1 535 64 26, e-mail: silvesterball@hofburg.com, online bookings:

www.hofburgsilvesterball.com

Palais Ferstel

The Wiener Ballensemble "Johann Strauss" and the swinging dance band "Broadway" provide the musical entertainment at the New Year's Gala at Palais Ferstel. Welcome in the New Year to an exhilarating six-course New Year's Eve menu, the traditional "Blue Danube" waltz and the sounds of the Pummerin in the splendid rooms of the former imperial stock exchange.

Palais Ferstel, Strauchgasse 4, A-1010 Vienna, December 31. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Musical program starts at 8 p.m. EUR 235. Reservations: tel. +43 (0)1 533 37 63-32, e-mail: sales@palaisevents.at, **www.palaisevents.at**

Vienna Kursalon

Spend the change of year in the historic ambience of the Vienna Kursalon. Be enchanted by the sounds of the Alt Wien salon orchestra at a Strauss and Mozart New Year's Eve concert and enjoy an exclusive four-course gala dinner, learn or brush up on your dance skills with a waltz workshop, experience midnight musical fireworks on the beautiful terrace with a view of the Stadtpark, and dance until the small hours of the morning at the New Year's Eve party.

Kursalon, Johannesgasse 33, A-1010 Vienna, December 31. Package "Kursalon New Year's Eve Evening" from 6 p.m., package "Kursalon New Year's Eve Night" from 8 p.m., various offers and categories, prices range from EUR 215 to EUR 335. Information & reservations: Sound of Vienna in the Kursalon Wien, tel. +43 (0)1 512 57 90, tel. +43 (0)1 512 57 91, fax +43 (0)1 512 57 91, e-mail: sound@soundofvienna.at, **www.soundofvienna.at**

New Year's Eve Gala in Vienna City Hall

The annual New Year's Eve gala in the impressive banquet hall of the Vienna City Hall is for those who want to end the year in style while experiencing an elegant traditional Viennese ball. A classical orchestra and a live band will entice everyone to the dance floor. Professional dancers and solo singers from renowned Austrian stages will present a traditionally styled show at around midnight, while a delicious gala menu buffet dinner from the kitchen of the Rathauskeller will leave nothing to be desired.

Rathaus, Festsaal, A-1010 Vienna, December 31. Admission at 7 p.m. Gala banquet commences: 8 p.m., ball opening: 10:15 p.m., ball end: 2:30 a.m., ticket prices: VIP tickets EUR 380 incl. sparkling wine and drinks, category A – EUR 320, category B – EUR 280, ball ticket EUR 120, reservations: Classical Dreams GmbH, tel. +43 (0)1 713 13 33, e-mail: office@silvestergala.com, www.silvestergala.com

New Year's Eve Banquets

New Year's Eve in the Vienna Rathauskeller

Indulge yourself for an evening in the heart of Vienna and enjoy the New Year's gala menu in the traditional ambience of the Rathauskeller. After a welcome cocktail, a four-course menu will be served.. Between the courses, a dancing couple performs lively interludes to get your feet tapping. You can dance into the New Year to the melodies of waltz music. An ensemble will play a range of styles from classical Viennese music to modern pieces and opera singers will perform the most popular operettas. The 'Blue Danube' waltz will be played at midnight.

Wiener Rathauskeller, Rathausplatz 1, A-1010 Vienna, December 31; doors open at 7 p.m., gala opening at 8 p.m.; EUR 223 per person incl. table wines, beer, soft drinks, champagne at midnight and entertainment program.

Reservations: Wiener Rathauskeller, Rathausplatz 1, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 405 12 10, fax +43 (0)1 405 12 19-27, e-mail: office@wiener-rathauskeller.at, www.wiener-rathauskeller.at

New Year's Eve and Pleasure in the Gerstner Beletage at Palais Todesco

Situated right in the heart of Vienna with a unique view of the Vienna State Opera, the magnificent salons of the Gerstner Beletage offer an imperial ambience for the end of the year. Gerstner treats the guests of the New Year's Eve Gala Dinner to culinary delicacies from the Gerstner gourmet kitchen as well as live music.

Gerstner Beletage in Todesco Palace, Kärntner Straße 51, A-1010 Vienna, December 31; doors open at 7 p.m., start at 7:30 p.m.; EUR 195 per person for gala buffet incl. 1 glass of Laurent-Perrier champagne (other drinks not included) and live music. Reservations: tel. +43 (0)1 316 65-2488, e-mail: kunstundgenuss@gerstner.at, www.gerstner.at

New Year's Eve in the Kunsthistorisches Museum

Celebrate the end of the year from 7 p.m. on December 31 in one of the most famous museums in the world, the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. Choose between two different packages: Silver Gala for EUR 149 per person (incl. sparkling wine reception, gala buffet and a glass of champagne at midnight, excl. museum admission and drinks) or Gold Gala at EUR 199 per person (incl. sparkling wine reception, gala buffet, wine, a glass of champagne at midnight, excl. museum

admission). The New Year's Eve gala is held in the unique dome hall of the Kunsthistorisches Museum.

Kunsthistorisches Museum, entrance on Maria-Theresien-Platz, A-1010 Vienna, December 31, start: 7 p.m., reservations and more information on tel. +43 (0) 50 876 1001, by e-mail at khm-sales@gourmet.at or at www.genussimmuseum.at

New Year's Gala Events and New Year's Day Receptions at Hotels in Vienna

Hotel Am Parkring, Parkring 12, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 514 50 417

E-mail: parkring@schick-hotels.com, www.das-schick.com

Celebrate above the rooftops of Vienna and ring in the New Year at the Das Schick restaurant on the twelfth storey of a horticultural high-rise situated right on the Ring Strasse. Here you can enjoy a panoramic view of the New Year's Eve fireworks and Viennese inner-city celebrations without having to walk. New Year's Eve package: EUR 220 per person, December 31. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Hotel Bristol, Kärntner Ring 1, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 515 16-553

E-mail: restaurant.bristol@luxurycollection.com, www.bristolvienna.com

Enjoy the New Year's Eve gala dinner in the new Art Déco restaurant and in the elegant salons. Six-course dinner from 8 p.m. for EUR 335 per person including cover charge and accompanying wines. Four-course dinner from 10 p.m. for EUR 290 per person including cover charge and accompanying wines. Entertainment is provided in the Bristol Lounge by the band Moodsart (9 p.m. to 2 a.m.), in the Schönbrunn Salon by the dance band Brisk (9 p.m. to 2 a.m.) and there is DJ lounge music in the Bristol Bar.

On January 1, the Bristol offers a festive New Year's Day lunch with exquisite creations by executive chef Dominik Stolzer. EUR 95 per person including cover charge and one glass of Laurent-Perrier brut champagne as a sparkling welcome to a good new year in 2015.

Hotel de France, Schottenring 3, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 313 68 0

E-mail: defranc@gerstner-hotels.at, www.hoteldefrance.at

In an atmospheric setting, the guests of the Hotel de France on Vienna's Ringstrasse are served a delicious, five-course New Year's Eve gala menu. Matching wines and piano music accompany this culinary pleasure. Dec. 31, doors open at 7 p.m., dinner starts at 7.30 p.m., EUR 99 per person for the five-course menu, including 1 glass of champagne and cover charge. Wine (5 glasses): EUR 35 per person.

Grand Hotel Wien, Kärntner Ring 9, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 515 80-1850

E-mail: schadim@jjwhotels.com, www.grandhotelwien.com

A New Year's Eve gala with banquet, live music and dancing will take place in the Quadrille ballroom: December 31, from 9 p.m.; EUR 260.

A gala dinner will be served in Restaurant Le Ciel – awarded with two toques by Gault Millau – and will leave nothing to be desired. Price per person: EUR 335.

In the Japanese Unkai Restaurant – likewise awarded with two toques – you can enjoy oriental cuisine in the form of a nine-course menu consisting of specialties. Price: EUR 204 per person.

The Grand Café offers an appealing combination of menu and buffet for EUR 169 per person. Two live bands in the hotel lobby and in the ballroom will provide a relaxed atmosphere and invite you to dance from 9 p.m. onward..

In the Rosengarten and Kavalierbar (smoking bar) we offer a New Year's Eve special for EUR 55 per person. This includes a glass of champagne and assorted snacks. All guests with a reservation in one of the restaurants or in a bar can enjoy the musical programs both in the ballroom and in the hotel lobby.

Hotel The Ring, Kärntner Ring 8, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 515 80-1850

E-mail: schadim@jjwhotels.com, www.theringhotel.com

In the restaurant At Eight, listed in the current Gault-Millau guide with 2 toques, we serve a six-course gala menu on December 31 from 7 p.m. for EUR 124 per person.

Hotel Imperial, Kärntner Ring 16, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 501 10-6400

E-mail: groupsevents.imperial@starwoodhotels.com, www.imperialvienna.com

Celebrate the new year on December 31 in the elegant rooms of the Hotel Imperial and be treated all round by the refined creations of Imperial cuisine.

New Year's Eve gala dinner in the magnificent ballrooms including a glass of champagne as an aperitif, accompanying wines, mineral water and coffee/tea: six-course menu from 8:30 p.m. for EUR 395 per person, four-course menu from 10 p.m. for EUR 295 per person.

New Year's Eve dinner in the exclusive Salon Imperial including accompanying wines and mineral water. Three courses, bookable between 5 and 8:30 p.m. for EUR 185 per person.

All guests with a table reservation can enjoy the musical program from 8:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the heart of the hotel – the 1873 HalleNsalon – where they can also dance the night away.

Welcome the new year on January 1 over an exquisite New Year's brunch from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballrooms of the Hotel Imperial: a glass of champagne as an aperitif and an imperial New Year's buffet with festive musical entertainment for EUR 139 per person.

InterContinental Wien, Johannesgasse 28, A-1030 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 711 22-110

E-mail: vienna@ihg.com, www.vienna.intercontinental.com

New Year's Eve gala buffet in the Salon Vier Jahreszeiten with live music. December 31, from 6:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.; EUR 250 per person incl. aperitif, wine with the meal, non-alcoholic beverages and tea or coffee.

New Year's Eve menu in the Restaurant MediterraNeo. December 31, 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.; EUR 75 per person for a four-course menu, EUR 85 per person for a five-course menu, including aperitif and live music.

New Year's Eve party in the Intermezzo bar: Live music, DJ. December 31, from 6 p.m. until 3 a.m., billed according to consumption.

New Year's Day brunch in the Salon Vier Jahreszeiten/Salon Kaunitz dining rooms with unlimited champagne and live screening of the New Year's Day concert. January 1, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.; EUR 75 per person incl. champagne, non-alcoholic beverages and tea or coffee.

Vienna Marriott Hotel, Parkring 12a, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 515 18-6800

E-mail: gutscheinshop@marriotthotels.com, www.viennamarriott.at

Ring in the New Year at an exquisite New Year's Eve gala buffet or New Year's Eve gala dinner from 8 p.m. with a release of balloons and international show bands. Prices range from EUR 97 in the Garden Café and in the Cascade Bar to EUR 198 in the Parkring Restaurant. Then, begin the year on January 1 over a relaxed New Year's brunch in the Parkring Restaurant (EUR 48 per person) or from 11 a.m. in the banquet room including non-alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, with a broadcast of the New Year's Day concert (EUR 83 per person).

Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna Hotel, Ungargasse 60, A-1030 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 711 75-0

E-mail: imperialrenaissance@renaissancehotels.com, www.imperialrenaissance.at

See out the old year with a sophisticated six-course menu (EUR 64 per person) in the rustic ambience of our Restaurant Arsenal or at a grand gala New Year's Eve buffet (EUR 59 per person). A shuttle bus to the New Year's Eve Trail in the city center and back to the hotel is also available to you. On New Year's Day, there is a balanced breakfast buffet until 1 p.m. (EUR 28 per person).

Renaissance Wien Hotel, Linke Wienzeile/Ullmannstraße. 71, A-1050 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 89 102-0

E-mail: renaissance.wien@renaissancehotels.com, www.renaissancewien.at

New Year's Eve "Warm-Up" buffet at the change of year 2014/15 including a glass of sparkling wine as a welcome drink, house wine, beer and soft drinks incl. coffee with dessert. December 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. EUR 89 per person.

Palais Coburg, Coburgbastei 4, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 518 18-130

E-mail: reservierung@palais-coburg.com, www.palais-coburg.com

Experience the end of the year at the New Year's Eve gala event at Palais Coburg in the historic flair of the ceremonial rooms. Enjoy a lavish evening with champagne reception, gourmet menu by star chef Silvio Nickol, exquisite wines as well as a firework display at midnight. A roaring New Year's Eve party is then held in the lobby, with DJs, late-night snacks and - as a special surprise - a midnight interlude by soloists of the Vienna State Opera Ballet. Start: 6 p.m. Dress code: Black Tie. Price: EUR 795 per person, exclusive of consumption at the New Year's Party, with music and dance.

Sparkling change of year in Restaurant Clementine in the Glashaus. After a champagne reception and five-course menu, the evening continues with the New Year's Eve party in the lobby of Palais Coburg. Start: 7 p.m. Dress code: elegant. Price: EUR 95 per person, or EUR 185 per person including accompanying wines.

Enjoy a relaxed start to the new year from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 1 with the New Year's Day brunch in the wonderful ambience of the ceremonial rooms. The culinary creations will be underscored by the broadcast of the New Year's Concert. Afterwards, a pianist provides the perfect mood. Price: EUR 115 per person incl. all dishes, free-flow Pol Roger champagne and fruit juice.

Hotel Sacher, Philharmonikerstraße 4, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 514 56-846

E-mail: vrendl@sacher.com, www.sacher.com

This Viennese institution offers a richly varied New Year's program. In addition to a grand New Year's Eve gala event with a four-course dinner starting at 10 p.m. (EUR 390) or a six-course dinner starting at 8 p.m. (EUR 433), you could also enjoy a light New Year's Eve menu from 5 to 9 p.m. (EUR 164). On January 1, a New Year's Day brunch is offered from 12 noon until 3 p.m. (EUR 112).

Hotel Stefanie, Taborstraße 12, A-1020 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 211 50 423

E-mail: stefanie@schick-hotels.com, www.kronprinz-rudolph.at

Celebrate the New Year in the elegant ambience of the Restaurant Stefanie – with lots of tradition and Viennese charm. The New Year's Eve package for the price of EUR 129 per person (gala dinner, aperitif, sparkling wine and snacks at midnight in the Hofgarten etc.). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. on December 31.

Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg, Savoyenstraße 2, A-1160 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 485 85 03 ext. 500 or 540

E-mail: bankett.schloss.wilhelminenberg@austria-trend.at, www.austria-trend.at/wiw

The Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg looks forward to treating you to a gala buffet and musical live entertainment on New Year's Eve – as well as to a unique view of Vienna by night. EUR 149 per person incl. aperitif (sparkling wine, sparkling wine and orange juice, wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages), gala dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, house wine and beer, a glass of sparkling wine at midnight, Viennese goulash soup at midnight. December 31, sparkling wine reception from 7 p.m.

Arcotel Wimberger, Neubaugürtel 34-36, A-1070 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 521 65-895

E-mail: christina.funk@arcotelhotels.com, www.arcotelhotels.com/wimberger

Spend the longest night of the year in the magnificent yet cozy ballroom in the Hotel Arcotel Wimberger. Waiting for you is a festive evening with delicious, all-inclusive catering. In addition to the sumptuous New Year's Eve buffet, spirited live music from Betty Blue, the traditional Blue Danube Waltz at midnight and the famous eating of the pig's head set just the right mood for an all-round successful evening. Sparkling wine, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are also included.

New Year's Eve gala on Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. Price per person: EUR 153 (incl. live dance music, gala buffet, lead pouring, eating of the pig's head and drinks in the ballroom). Price per person: EUR 149.

Hilton Vienna, Am Stadtpark 1, A-1030 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 717 00-0

E-mail: sparks@hilton.com, www.hilton.de/wien

Greet the New Year at our lavish New Year's breakfast, with unlimited Prosecco, and follow the live broadcast of the New Year's Concert. EUR 35 per person. January 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New Year's Eve gala: Start with a champagne aperitif and bid farewell to the old year at a sparkling New Year's Eve buffet with oxtail consommé, saddle of veal, prime rib and exquisite Austrian wines, accompanied by live piano music. Then welcome in the new year with a dance in our Lobby Bar &

Lounge with live music by Julian Flat 7 and midnight snacks. EUR 189 per person including a glass of champagne, accompanying wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages. December 31 from 6 p.m.

Dance into the new year: Secure yourself a place in our exclusive, festively decorated Lobby Bar & Lounge and celebrate the arrival of the new year with sophisticated cocktails, a delicious buffet and swinging live music by Julian Flat 7. EUR 79 per person including a 0.375 liter bottle of champagne, buffet and midnight snack. December 31 from 8 p.m.

New Year's Day breakfast: Start the new year with a delicious breakfast in S'PARKS restaurant while enjoying the live broadcast of the New Year's Day concert. EUR 35 per person including Prosecco. January 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hilton Vienna Plaza, Schottenring 11, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 313 90 22014

E-mail: viennaplaza@hilton.com, www.hilton.de/wienplaza

New Year's Eve gala dinner on 31 December from 6 p.m.: festive gala dinner in several courses: three-course menu for EUR 95 per person, four-course menu for EUR 115 per person, five-course menu for EUR 125 per person, drinks package for EUR 33 per person, including aperitif, red wine, white wine, mineral water and coffee. Dress code: elegant eveningwear.

Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront, Handelskai 269, A-1020 Vienna; tel. 43 (0)1 727 77-72120

E-mail: restaurant.viennadanube@hilton.com, www.hilton.de/wiendanube

Round off the last evening of the year at a festive gala buffet with champagne aperitif. Waiting for you are delights such as Styrian veal with creamed morel tips, Canadian lobster, oyster bar and caviar as well as sumptuous dessert buffet. At the bar, we provide you with fine drinks and the right music for the change of year. EUR 139 per person incl. champagne aperitif, beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee and tea. December 31 from 6 p.m.

Radisson Blu Style Hotel, Herrengasse 12, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 22 780 0

E-mail: banquet.style.vienna@radissonblu.com, www.radissonblu.com/stylehotel-vienna

A seven-course gala menu including a glass of champagne Gobillard Grande Reserve as a welcome drink awaits guests on New Year's Eve in the restaurant "Sapori". Enjoy the end of the year with culinary delicacies ranging from goose liver praline to Pitaya risotto with prawn tails to roast slices of saddle of veal. If you're planning a trip to a concert or the theater for New Year's Eve, we also offer a four-course version of the menu. This gives you the option to be pampered by our team before or after the show. Prices: EUR 92 per person for four courses, EUR 149 per person for seven courses.

Alternatively, the wine bar H12 offers a stylish start to New Year's Eve with swinging live music and a fine étagère of culinary delicacies: a composition of scallops, prawns, home-pickled salmon, pike caviar and baguette for EUR 22 per person.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Herrengasse 10, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 534 04-920

E-mail: herrenhof-wien@steigenberger.at, www.steigenberger.com/wien

Let the corks pop on the night of nights in Restaurant Herrlich and dance your way into the new year at our New Year's Eve event. Starting at 7 p.m. we welcome you with an aperitif at the oyster

bar, before opening the gala buffet and the dance floor with live music. Price: EUR 299 per person, including aperitif.

Kick off 2013 at the New Year's brunch with a sumptuous buffet and live broadcast of the legendary New Year's Day concert by the Vienna Philharmonic. We invite you to enjoy the unique atmosphere in Restaurant Herrlich from 11 a.m. Price: EUR 55 per person, including hot drinks, water, juices and sparkling wine.

Hotel Das Triest, Wiedner Hauptstraße 12, A-1040 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 589 18-0

E-mail: office@dastriest.at, www.dastriest.at

Chef Josef Neuherz pampers you in the 2-toque restaurant Collio with a festive eight-course New Year's Eve dinner in the ambience created by designer Sir Terence Conran. Price per person: EUR 159.90. Accompanying wine with highlights such as Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Kellerberg 2006, FX Pichler and Solare 2005 Weingut Capanelle. Enjoy the fireworks of Vienna over a glass of champagne. Afterward, our barkeeper Keita looks forward to pampering you with cocktails in the legendary Silverbar.

The Ritz Carlton Vienna, Schuberting 5-7, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 311 88-150

E-mail: vienna.restaurant@ritzcarlton.com, www.ritzcarlton.com/de/Properties/Wien/

Enjoy pleasurable dining on the last evening of the year in the Melounge lobby lounge. We conjure up a buffet with regional and international delicacies, optionally with accompanying wines as recommended by our sommelier. Includes: Fresh oysters, giant shrimp, roast beef, cream of celery and truffle soup, Norwegian salmon in a pesto crust, pan-fried lobster, hazelnut-champagne parfait. EUR 170 per person.

Unique for its charming service, enjoy culinary refinements with a creative twist on New Year's Eve in the Dstrikt restaurant. Enjoy a six-course menu and let the last few hours of the year pass in good company. Includes: Danube salmon tartare, guinea fowl with Beluga lentils, fillet of veal with sugar snap peas, iced champagne with chocolate and hazelnut. EUR 185 per person, wine package: EUR 45 per person.

Everyone who wants to hit the heights in the new year will receive a warm welcome at the auf Atmosphere Rooftop Bar & Lounge on the 8th floor. From here you have a very special panoramic view for the change of year and can welcome the new one in an exclusive atmosphere. A limited number of spaces are available for this evening.

Palais Hansen Kempinski Vienna, Schottenring 24, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 236 1000

E-mail: info.vienna@kempinski.com; www.kempinski.com/vienna

Be surprised by the colorful, modern use of mood lighting at the "Night of Lights Gala" on New Year's Eve at Palais Hansen Kempinski Wien. Award-winning chef Philipp Vogel enchants you with culinary delights. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a champagne aperitif in the restaurant "Die Küche", before you are invited through to enjoy a seven-course gala menu in the Grand Lobby. You will be accompanied as you dance your way into 2015 by head pâtissier François Laloue with his Dessert Party and by DJ Two Four. Price: EUR 395 per person.

At the "Night of Lights Party", enjoy cool sounds played by the DJ, the Dessert Party and midnight snacks in a relaxed atmosphere from 11 p.m. in the restaurant "Die Küche". Price: EUR 46 per person.

On 1 January 2015, there is an extended New Year's breakfast until 2 p.m. in the restaurant "Die Küche".

Le Meridien, Opernring 13-15, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 588 90 0

E-mail: shambala@lemeridien.com, www.lemeridienvienna.at

Celebrate and enjoy the end of the year with a refined five-course menu in the uniquely stylish ambience of the Shambala restaurant at the Hotel Le Meridien. Exciting atmosphere and culinary fireworks included. Aperitif at the bar from 6 p.m., dinner in the restaurant from 7 p.m. EUR 78 per person.

New Year's Day brunch for all the senses on January 1, 2015, at the Le Méridien Wien. Stimulating and relaxing all at the same time. The live broadcast of the New Year's Day concert also provides musical enjoyment. Superb buffet with something for everyone from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EUR 54 per person including Prosecco, coffee, juices.

The Guesthouse Vienna, Führichgasse 10, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 512 13 20

E-mail: office@theguesthouse.at, www.theguesthouse.at

In the heart of the city, behind the State Opera and opposite the Albertina, guests dine in the Brasserie & Bakery in The Guesthouse Vienna in the timelessly elegant ambience of British star designer Sir Terence Conran. A six-course menu for EUR 95 per person and an eight-course menu for EUR 125 per person will be served on New Year's Eve.

Hotel Meliá Vienna, Donau-City-Straße 7, A-1220 Vienna, tel. +43 664 889 633 23

E-mail: Restaurant57.melia.vienna@melia.com, www.melia.com

Celebrate the change of year in the 57 restaurant at the Hotel Meliá in the DC Tower, the tallest building in Austria. The New Year's Eve package includes a glass of champagne on arrival, followed by a six-course gala menu with accompanying wines, mineral water, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee and live music, all with the best view of the fireworks over Vienna and the surrounding area. Dinner starts between 7 and 8:30 p.m. Price per person: EUR 495.

Hotel Sans Souci Wien, Burggasse 2, A-1070 Vienna, Tel. +43 1 522 25 20

E-mail: restaurant@sanssouci-wien.com, www.sanssouci-wien.com

At the gala dinner on New Year's Eve, the Gino Brass quartet sets the mood for a sparkling evening with New Orleans jazz, after which the guests dance into the new year with music provided by DJ Steve Hope. Included in the package: 1 glass of champagne as an aperitif, 6-course menu, cover charge, accompanying wines. Price per person: EUR 290.

Park Hyatt Vienna, Am Hof 2, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 227 40 1243

E-mail: festiveseason.vienna.park@hyatt.com, www.vienna.park.hyatt.com

Spend New Year's Eve in the unique ambience of the Park Hyatt Vienna, in the heart of Vienna. Dance through the longest night of the year to the rhythm of waltzes, and enjoy a festive New Year's gala menu in our restaurant "The Bank". Or celebrate with DJ Colette in a relaxed atmosphere in the Pearl Bar, the lounge, or the "Living Room", our whiskey and cigar lounge. Beginning at 7 p.m., champagne aperitifs and small hors d'oeuvres will be served in the foyer of the "The Bank" restaurant. The festive five-course New Year's menu will begin service at 8 p.m. Price

for the five-course menu without accompanying wines: EUR 270 per person; with accompanying wines: EUR 315 per person.

An opulent Viennese brunch will take place at "The Bank" on January 1, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let yourself be lavished with an array of delectable dishes prepared in the show kitchen, and begin the new year in 2015 in a traditional way with the broadcast of the Vienna Musikverein's New Year's Concert. The price for the New Year's Brunch including water, juice, hot beverages, unlimited champagne: EUR 96 per person.

Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom, 1020 Vienna, Praterstrasse 1, tel. +43 1 906 160, fax +43 1 906 162 000

E-mail: guestservices.vienna@sofitel.com, www.sofitel-vienna-stephansdom.com

A glamorous night above the roofs of Vienna - dress up all sparkly to compete with Vienna's fireworks and celebrate in the Le Loft restaurant on the 18th floor of the Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom with a breathtaking view of the city. Awaiting you in the restaurant is an elegant 6-course menu in a fine dining ambience. Greet the new year in the bar over champagne and innovative snacks from around the world. A DJ plays the right tunes for a change of year in a class of its own. Restaurant package "Velvety Black" for EUR 565 per person: a spot right by the window is guaranteed, 1 glass of Dom Pérignon, 6-course menu with accompanying wines, soft drinks and coffee. Restaurant package "Stormy Grey" for EUR 515 per person: 1 glass of Gosset Excellence Brut, 6-course menu with accompanying wines, soft drinks and coffee. Aperitifs at 7 p.m., dinner at 7.30 p.m. Bar package "Blinding White" for EUR 189 per person: 1 half bottle of Gosset Excellence Brut champagne, 1 cocktail of your choice, water, selection of sweet and salty bar snacks. Starts at 8 p.m.

Le Petit Trainard on New Year's Day: A sparkling start to the new year with a delightful glass of champagne and a lavish lunch buffet! We also offer our popular "Le Petit Trainard" package on New Year's Day for all those who don't want to stay at home after an exciting night out. To ease the hangover, mix your own Bloody Mary - with or without vodka. Starts at 1 p.m. EUR 69 per person including 3-course menu (4 small dishes per course), 1 glass of Gosset Brut Excellence champagne. Optionally with wine tasting (2 glasses of wine) for EUR 18 per person.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Concerts

The world-famous New Year's Day concert is not the only notable attraction in Vienna at the start of the new year. The music capital of the world has a wealth of other performances by renowned orchestras on offer.

A selection of concerts is given below. The full program can be found on our event database at **WWW.VIENNA.INFO**.

Musikverein

Musikvereinplatz 1, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 505 81 90, fax +43 (0)1 505 81 90 94, E-mail: tickets@musikverein.at, www.musikverein.at

Vienna Ring Ensemble:

New Year's Eve concert (December 30 at 7:30 p.m., December 31 at 3 p.m.): The Vienna Ring Ensemble, consisting of members of the Vienna Philharmonic, plays works by Johann Strauss in the atmospheric Brahms Hall at the change of year.

Vienna Philharmonic, conductor: Zubin Mehta:

New Year's Day concert (11:15 a.m. on January 1); **New Year's Eve concert** (7:30 p.m. on December 31); public rehearsal of New Year's Day concert (11 a.m. on December 30): all sold out.

Due to the heavy demand for tickets to the concerts given by the Vienna Philharmonic over the new year period, these tickets are drawn exclusively via the website www.wienerphilharmoniker.at at the beginning of the year. Registrations to participate in the draw for tickets to concerts for the following year are accepted between 2 and 23 January each year. The Musikverein itself does not sell tickets for the New Year's concerts.

Vienna Konzerthaus

Lothringer Strasse 20, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 242 002, fax +43 (0)1 242 00 110, e-mail: ticket@konzerthaus.at, www.konzerthaus.at

Vienna Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, conductor: Ton Koopman
December 31 at 7 p.m. and January 1 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall; tickets from EUR 39 to EUR 133.

Igudesman & Joo, "New Year's Eve Gala": Aleksey Igudesman & Hyung-ki Joo and the League of X-traordinary Musicians accompany the audience into the New Year. December 31, 10:30 p.m., Great Hall, tickets: EUR 34 to 95

Strauss Festival Orchestra Vienna: conducted by Willy B uchler. Program: "Geheime Anziehungskr afte": Works by Josef Strauss, Joseph Lanner, Johan Strauss (son).
January 1 at 11 a.m. in the Great Hall; tickets from EUR 39 to EUR 108

University Church / Jesuit Church

Ignaz-Seipel Platz 1, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)664 336 64 64, e-mail: bestellung@chorvereinigung-augustin.at, www.chorvereinigung-augustin.at

St. Augustin Choir and Orchestra:

January 1, 2015: Mozart's "Spatzenmesse"

January 4, 2015: Jehan Alain's "Messe modale"

January 6, 2015: Mozart's "Kr nungsmesse"

Commences: 10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Cathedral

Stephansplatz, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 515 52-3193, fax + 43 (0)1 515 52-3192, e-mail: dommusik@stephanskirche.at, www.dommusik-wien.at

Organ concert at the end of the year (Manfred Meier-Appel, Nuremberg), Dec. 30, 8:30 p.m.

End of year prayers with choruses from the "Creation" by Joseph Haydn, Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Vienna Hofburg Orchestra at Hofburg Palace

Heldenplatz / Hofburg, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 587 25 52, fax +43 (0)1 587 43 97
www.hofburgorchester.at, konzerte@hofburgorchester.at

New Year's Eve concert:

The program includes the most well-known melodies from waltz and operetta music by Johann Strauss, Emmerich K alm an and Franz Leh ar as well as arias and duets from the operas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The orchestra is made up of 52 musicians and 6 international soloist singers from all the great

Viennese orchestral associations, and is conducted by Gert Hofbauer. Highlights from “The Marriage of Figaro”, “The Magic Flute” and operettas such as “Die Fledermaus” and “The Merry Widow” will make New Year’s Eve an unforgettable experience.

December 31, 6:30 p.m., ticket prices: EUR 70 to EUR 110

New Year’s Day concert:

Every year on January 1, the Vienna Hofburg Orchestra celebrates the New Year with its audience in the Festsaal decorated with flowers and in the Redoutensaal of Hofburg Palace. An orchestra of 52 musicians and 6 international soloist singers conducted by Gert Hofbauer will perform the most popular waltz and operetta compositions by Johann Strauss, Emmerich Kálmán and Franz Lehár as well as arias and duets from the operas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Enjoy New Year’s Day with melodies from the “Fledermaus Overture”, “The Blue Danube”, the “Radetzky March”, “The Magic Flute” and “The Merry Widow”.

January 1 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.: tickets from EUR 120 to EUR 170

Ball & concert packages:

Admission to the New Year’s Eve Ball at Hofburg Vienna on December 31 in Hofburg Palace with admission at 9:15 p.m. and to the New Year’s Day concert on January 1 starting at 6 p.m. Ticket to the ball with seats reserved in the winter garden, a glass of sparkling wine as a welcome drink and a small snack from the buffet, Category 1 concert ticket: EUR 375. Ticket to the ball without a seat reservation, a glass of sparkling wine as a welcome drink and a small snack from the buffet, Category 2 concert ticket: EUR 270.

www.hofburgsilvesterball.at

MuTh – Concert hall of the Vienna Boys’ Choir

Am Augartenspitze 1, A-1020 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 347 80 80, fax +43 (0)1 347 80-90, tickets@muth.at, www.muth.at

Cultural tip for January 2, 2015: “Lasst mich voller Wünsche sein, tut’s mir kan erfüllen!” is the motto of “The concert in the new year”, hosted by Viennese actress Konstanze Breitebner at the MuTh. A literary-musical foray at the beginning of the year – “A bit of looking back at what was / a bit of recognizing where I am now / the future to aim for / what will it bring, the new year?” The house ensemble, the Camerata Schulz, plays melodies by Johann Strauss & Co. as well as light classical treats on a small scale. After the exertions of New Year’s Eve, give yourself another day off and then welcome in 2015 with us on January 2!

January 2, 2015, tickets: EUR 65/57/49 per person, box: EUR 75 per person. A glass of sparkling wine before the performance and in the interval is included.

Regular concerts focusing on Strauss and Mozart that also take place at New Year:

Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra in the Orangery at Schönbrunn Palace

Schönbrunner Schlosstrasse 47, A-1130 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 812 50 040, fax +43 (0)1 812 54 24, www.imagevienna.com, office@imagevienna.com

December 31 at 7 p.m., Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra, Vienna.

Ticket prices: VIP category – EUR 119; Category A – EUR 85; Category B – EUR 69; Category C – EUR 55.

Concerts on January 1 at 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra, Vienna.
Ticket prices: VIP category – EUR 119; Category A – EUR 85; Category B – EUR 69; Category C – EUR 55.

Salon Orchestra Old Vienna at the Vienna Kursalon

Johannesgasse 33, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 512 57 90, fax +43 (0)1 512 57 91,
www.soundofvienna.at, e-mail: sound@soundofvienna.at,

At its Strauss and Mozart concerts, the “Salonorchester Alt Wien” presents an evening filled with Viennese charm and lively waltz melodies, polkas, arias and duets as well as operetta music and piano concertos accompanied by outstanding opera singers and enchanting ballet soloists.

December 31, concert 1 at 8:15 p.m., concert 2 at 10:30 p.m., followed by a waltz workshop, a fireworks display, dance music and New Year’s Eve party. Prices for the various categories range from EUR 55 to EUR 119. In combination with gala dinner, see page 2.

January 1, concert 1 at 5 p.m., concert 2 at 8:15 p.m., prices for the various categories range from EUR 55 to 119. Concert & dinner package “Imperial Vienna”: concert at either 5 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. in combination with a four-course menu at Restaurant Johann, prices from EUR 100 to 164 depending on seat category at the concerts.

Wiener Residenzorchester (Vienna Residence Orchestra) at Palais Auersperg

Auerspergstraße 1, A-1080 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 817 21 78, fax: +43 (0)1 813 28 65,
www.residenzorchester.at, konzert@residenzorchester.at

Traditional classical concerts with the world-famous music of W.A. Mozart and Johann Strauss. The orchestra is accompanied by professional opera singers and ballet dancers and performs in historical costumes of the period.

December 31, 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., VIP tickets: EUR 58, Category A: EUR 52, Category B: EUR 42

Wiener Royal Orchestra in the House on Beethovenplatz

Imperialsaal, Beethoven-Platz 1, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 513 01 39, fax +43 (0)1 513 013 93, www.royal-classic.at, office@royal-classic.at

The Wiener Royal Orchestra combines art and entertainment of the highest quality. Selected musicians of the Vienna’s most famous orchestra, soloists and ballet dancers make each concert an authentic experience of the times of Mozart and Strauss.

December 31, 5:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., tickets: EUR 112 / 79 / 66 / 56, depending on the category.

Concerts in Mozarthaus

Singerstraße 7, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 911 90 77, fax: +43 (0)1 512 56 20,
www.mozarthaus.at, konzerte@mozarthaus.at

The Sala Terrena in the Mozarthaus is an atmospheric play in which to be enchanted by a virtuoso string quartet. In one of the oldest concert halls in Vienna, where Mozart himself once played, the Baroque Ensemble Kammermusik plays the most famous compositions of Viennese classical music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Schubert and Joseph Haydn.

December 31, 7:30 p.m., Category A: EUR 49, Category B: EUR 43

Music Highlights

Vienna's varied musical offerings range from classical orchestral music in the city's traditional concert halls to operas, operettas, musicals and jazz.

Vienna's opera houses stage operas, operettas and musicals throughout the year, as well as over the New Year period. Highlights include Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" (which, in time-honored tradition, will be performed both at the State Opera and the Volksoper on New Year's Eve) and well-known musicals.

Vienna State Opera

Opernring 2, A-1010 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 514 44 2250, fax +43 (0)1 514 44 2969,
www.wiener-staatsoper.at

"Rigoletto" opera (Giuseppe Verdi): Dec. 30, 2014, Jan. 2, 2015

"Die Fledermaus" operetta (Johann Strauss): Dec. 31, 2014, Jan. 1, Jan. 3 and Jan. 5, 2015

"The Magic Flute" opera (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), Dec. 28, 2014, Jan. 4, 2015

Volksoper

Währingerstraße 78, A-1090 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 514 44 3670, fax +43 (0)1 514 44 3669,
www.volksoper.at

"My Fair Lady" musical: Dec. 30, 2014 and Jan. 3, 2015

"Die Fledermaus" operetta (Johann Strauß): Dec. 31, 2014 and Jan. 1, 2015

"The Merry Widow" operetta (Franz Lehár): Jan. 2, 2015

Ronacher

Seilerstätte 9, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 588 85, fax +43 (0)1 588 30 33,
www.musicalvienna.at

The musical "Mary Poppins" is playing in German at the Ronacher Theater. The story about the magical nanny of the Banks family is one of the best-loved Disney films ever.

Raimund Theater

Wallgasse 18, A-1060 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 588 85, fax +43 (0)1 588 30 33,
www.musicalvienna.at

The musical world success "Mamma Mia!" in German at the Raimund Theater. The timeless ABBA songs are embedded into a story of love, laughter and friendship.

Theater an der Wien

Linke Wienzeile 6, A-1060 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 588 85, www.theater-wien.at

New Year's Eve concert at Theater an der Wien with the Radio Symphonieorchester Wien: To start, Angela Denoke sings about the 150th birthday of Richard Strauss and to bid farewell to Strauss Year the famous "Four last songs of Richard Strauss". This is followed by "Richard Wagner – a film

biography” with music by J. Haydn, W.A. Mozart, L. van Beethoven, G. Rossini and G. Becce to the silent movie by Carl Froelich (1913), reconstructed by Bernd Schultheis (2013). December 31, 7:30 p.m., tickets: EUR 7 to EUR 80.

Kammeroper

Fleischmarkt 24/Drachengasse, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 588 30–660, www.kammeroper.at

Humorous New Year's Eve in the Kammeroper with the program “Na, wie Hamas”. Sensational highlights are provided, for example, by numbers from the dedusted operetta “Na, wie Hamas” by W. A. Mossad or the musical comedy “Zwei Christen im Dreivierteltakt”. In addition, recent and brand-new findings will be offered by Ivica Strauss. Dec. 31, 8 p.m., tickets: EUR 19 to EUR 51

The **jazz scene** is also offering a packed program at New Year's Eve with live performances by musicians from Austria and abroad. Delight in great jazz sounds at Porgy & Bess (www.porgy.at) or Albertina Passage (www.albertinapassage.at).

For further program details, visit the Vienna Tourist Board event database at **WWW.VIENNA.INFO**

Exhibitions

The following is just a small selection of upcoming exhibitions. For information on other exhibitions in Vienna, visit our event database at **WWW.VIENNA.INFO**.

Joan Miro until January 11, 2015 at the Albertina

Albertinaplatz 1, A-1010 Vienna, www.albertina.at

Open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., December 31, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and January 1, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Velázquez until February 15, 2015 at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, portrait gallery

Maria-Theresien-Platz, A-1010 Vienna, www.khm.at

Tue-Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thu-Fri: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., December 31: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., January 1: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Im Lichte Monets until February 8, 2015 in the Orangerie Belvedere

Prinz Eugen-Straße 27, A-1030 Vienna, www.belvedere.at

Open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., December 31 and January 1: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Alberto Giacometti until January 26, 2015 at the Leopold Museum

Museumsplatz 1, A-1070 Vienna (MuseumsQuartier), www.leopoldmuseum.org

Dec. 25 – Jan. 6: open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Cosima von Bonin until January 18, 2015, at the mumok – Museum for Modern Art, Ludwig Foundation

Museumsplatz 1, A-1070 Vienna, www.mumok.at

Mon. 2 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tue.-Sun. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Thu. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; December 31: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., January 1: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

150 Years of the MAK: Ways to Modernism. Josef Hoffmann, Adolf Loos and their Impact, until April 19, 2015 at the MAK – Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art

Stubenring 5, A-1010 Vienna, www.mak.at

Tue. 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Dec. 31: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Jan. 1: closed

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec until January 25, 2015, in the Bank Austria Kunstforum

Freyung 8, A-1010 Vienna, www.bankaustria-kunstforum.at

Daily: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fri: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Dec. 31: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Jan. 1: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Der Kongress fährt!, Exhibition to mark 200 years of the Congress of Vienna until June 9, 2015, in the Imperial Carriage Museum Vienna

Schönbrunner Schloßstraße, A-1130 Vienna, www.khm.at

Open daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., December 31: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., January 1: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The opening hours of most Viennese museums for the New Year period are available online at **WWW.VIENNA.INFO**.

Celebrate the New Year ...

... on the Giant Ferris Wheel

A popular saying goes: "If you've never been on the Giant Ferris Wheel, you've never really been to Vienna". Take a spin on Vienna's Giant Ferris Wheel and await the New Year in a romantic gondola high above the city's rooftops. On December 31, this Viennese landmark will be running from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m., and on January 1 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. After that, you can enjoy the New Year's Eve Trail on Riesenradplatz and experience the grand musical fireworks display.

Information: Wiener Riesenrad, Riesenradplatz 1, A-1020 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 729 54 30, www.wienerriesenrad.com

... above the clouds

Celebrate New Year's Eve at 2,000 meters above Vienna ...

Soar into the New Year high above the city with a sightseeing flight in a private jet. On December 31 at 10 p.m., a Cadillac luxury limousine of your choice will collect you and your companions for the trip to the awaiting private jet at Vienna International Airport. The flight departs at 11:30 p.m. Your crew and a champagne buffet prepared by Do&Co await you on board. At an altitude of 2,000

meters, you can enjoy spectacular views of St. Stephan's Cathedral, the Giant Ferris Wheel and Vienna's traditional New Year's Eve fireworks, before returning to the airport's General Aviation Center at 12:30 a.m., where your driver will be waiting to pick you up. Price: EUR 4,800 for 6 people, EUR 800 per person (including all services, excluding deicing deposit as required).

Information and reservations: www.ccl.at or tel. +43 (0)1 231 00 35

... with a view from the Danube Tower

The Danube Tower offers dining on four levels with a sensational view across the whole of Vienna on New Year's Eve. Enjoy the view of St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Giant Ferris Wheel, Danube Island and the Reichsbrücke, and at midnight the fireworks that light up the city of Vienna at your feet.

New Year's Eve gala menu: The exclusive highlight at a height of 170 meters includes elevator ride up the Danube Tower, entertainment program, a multi-course menu including aperitif, Schlumberger sparkling wine, non-alcoholic beverages, beer, accompanying wines from notable Austrian vintners, digestif and coffee. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., gala starts: 8 p.m. Price: EUR 265 per person.

New Year's Eve buffet: Culinary delights await visitors at the New Year's Eve buffet at a height of 160 meters with elevator ride up the Danube Tower, buffet, drinks, Schlumberger sparkling wine, entertainment program. Doors open: 8:30 p.m., buffet opens: 9 p.m. Price: EUR 195 per person.

Sparkling wine terrace: Celebrate with a view of Vienna from a height of 150 meters. The offer includes elevator ride up the Danube Tower, Schlumberger sparkling wine (1,5 liters), orange juice (1 liter), cold buffet. Access from 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Price per tall table: EUR 380 for up to 8 people.

New Year's Eve buffet in SPOONS: The restaurant at the foot of the Danube Tower offers a buffet, drinks, 1 glass of sparkling wine, elevator ride up to the Danube Tower viewing platform and music by DJ Gerjay. Doors open: 7:30 p.m., buffet opens: 8:30 p.m., price: EUR 95 per person.

Information and reservation: Danube Tower, Donauturmstraße 4, A-1220 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 263 35 72, e-mail: reservierungen@donauturm.at, www.donauturm.at

... aboard an imperial luxury train

Experience the arrival of the New Year in grand imperial style aboard the Majestic Emperor Train de Luxe, a faithful reconstruction of Emperor Franz Joseph's imperial train. The New Year's Express will take you on a tour through Vienna and the surrounding area into the New Year on rails. On the night-time trip around Vienna, enjoy a five-course gala dinner and the sounds of lively music in the piano bar. At midnight, the train stops on a bridge over the Danube to offer the best view of the magnificent fireworks above Vienna. Welcome the New Year with the Blue Danube Waltz in the middle of the Danube.

Departs at 7:30 p.m. on December 31 from Vienna's Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof station. Train returns to Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof station at approx. 2:15 a.m. Price: EUR 395.

Reservations and information: Majestic Train de Luxe GmbH, tel. +43 (0)1 513 28 81, e-mail: office@majestic-train.com www.majestic-train.com

... on the Blue Danube

Spend New Year's Eve aboard a **DDSG Blue Danube ship** – MS Admiral Tegetthoff or MS Prinz Eugen – where you can enjoy a sumptuous gala buffet, live music, entertainment and a New Year's

Day snack. Enjoy a magnificent view of the Viennese fireworks.

On December 31, boarding at 7 p.m. at Reichsbrücke in Vienna, ship departs at 8 p.m., returns to Reichsbrücke at 12:30 a.m., event ends at around 3 a.m. Price: EUR 159 per person, incl. river cruise on the Danube, sparkling wine reception, gala buffet, New Year's snack, live music and tombola.

Reservations: DDSG Blue Danube Schifffahrt, Handelskai 265, A-1020 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 588 80 0, e-mail: info@ddsg-blue-danube.at, www.ddsg-blue-danube.at

The **Twin City Liner**, a luxurious high-speed catamaran which operates between Vienna and Bratislava, extends an invitation to its "New Year's Eve in Bratislava" trip. Launch into the New Year on the New Year's Eve Trail in Bratislava.

Departure from Vienna (Schwedenplatz) at 7 p.m. on December 31, arrival in Bratislava at 8:15 p.m., then free time in Bratislava to do as you please. Departure from Bratislava at 1:30 a.m. on January 1, arrival in Vienna (Schwedenplatz) at 3:00 a.m. Price: EUR 99 per person for round trip including mulled wine and roasted chestnuts before departing Vienna and one glass of sparkling wine and fingerfood on the return voyage. Tickets only in advance from:

DDSG Blue Danube Schifffahrt, Handelskai 265, A-1020 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 588 80 0, e-mail: info@ddsg-blue-danube.at, www.twincityliner.com

... at one with nature

Enjoy New Year's Eve at the "Am Himmel" Oktogon in the 19th district with a sensational view over Vienna, the New Year's Eve fireworks before and after midnight, and waltzing in the resonant setting of the "Circle of the Trees of Life" Am Himmel.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve party in the Oktogon Am Himmel café-restaurant and further information can be ordered by e-mail from himmel@himmel.at. Package price per person: EUR 130 all inclusive (food and drinks). No dress code. Admission tickets can also be sent by post and payment slip.

Café Restaurant Oktogon Am Himmel, corner of Höhenstrasse / Himmelstrasse, A-1190 Vienna. December 31 at 7 p.m., information: tel. +43 (0)1 406 59 38 and +43 (0)1 328 89 36 (Oktogon), www.himmel.at

... with oriental flair

Hamam, dinner & party: Ritual cleansing to welcome in the New Year in a hammam bath, with body scrub and soap foam massage, peppermint tea, and a glass of orange blossom champagne (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.). From 8 p.m., have the New Year's Eve dinner "Marrakesh de Luxe" with select delicacies from Vienna and France to Morocco – including aperitif and a glass of champagne to ring in the New Year with DJs, live music and belly dancing until the early hours of the morning included.

Hamam session: EUR 70 per person, Hamam & dinner party: EUR 170 per person, dinner party: EUR 100 per person, Just Dance from 10 p.m. (EUR 25 per person).

Aux Gazelles, Rahlgasse 5, A-1060 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 585 66 45, e-mail: office@auxgazelles.at, www.auxgazelles.at

... at a waltz dance class

Friends of the dance can learn the basics of the Viennese waltz at a dance class at 2 p.m. on December 31, 2014, in the Kleiner Redoutensaal of the Hofburg Vienna. Instructors from the renowned Elmayer Dance School introduce the participants to the art of the waltz. The ideal way to

prepare for the dance into the new year. The class lasts about an hour. The price per couple is EUR 76 (EUR 38 per person).

Kleiner Redoutensaal, Hofburg Vienna, A-1010 Vienna, entrance on Heldenplatz, tel. +43 (0)1 587 36 66 214, fax +43 (0)1 535 64 26, e-mail: silvesterball@hofburg.com, www.hofburgsilvesterball.at/deutsch/specials/

... at Palazzo

Palazzo also celebrates with first-class entertainment and exquisite culinary delights in 2014. . Acrobats and award-winning artists of international festivals create a show between dreamlike poetry and turbulent speed in the unique atmosphere of the mirror palace's timeless elegance. Toni Mörwald has also created a very special menu for this occasion. Enjoy fine, regional cuisine, excitingly presented with a contemporary twist. The grand New Year's Eve gala event offers a sparkling wine reception, a six-course gourmet menu, a big firework display in front of the mirror palace and a baroque disco with dancing until the early morning, followed by a "hangover-cure" breakfast. Prices: EUR 198 for circle, EUR 218 for balcony/box, EUR 228 for arena.

Palazzo Spiegelpalast, Am Messeturm, Ausstellungsstrasse / Vorgartenstrasse, A-1020 Vienna. Tickets: tel. +43 (0) 800 01 77 66, e-mail: ticket@palazzo.org, www.palazzo.org

... in the wine village of Grinzing

Ring out the old year in style on a bus tour past the festively illuminated Ringstrasse buildings to Vienna's wine village of Grinzing. Enjoy a full-course "Grinzing Dinner" and accompanying wines at a traditional Viennese wine tavern ("heuriger") and traditional heuriger music. December 31 at 8:30 p.m. Depart from Südtiroler Platz/Wiedner Gürtel/Laxenburgerstraße (pick-up from hotel around 30 – 45 minutes beforehand). Price: EUR 99 for adults including dinner plus 3 drinks, 1 glass of sparkling wine. Duration: approx. 4,5 hours.

Vienna Sightseeing Tours, Weyringergasse 28A–30, A-1040 Vienna; tel. +43 (0)1 712 46 83 0, fax +43 (0)1 714 11 41, e-mail: office@viennasightseeingtours.com, www.viennasightseeing.at

... out on the young Vienna scene

The younger crowd in Vienna will once again be welcoming in the New Year at parties and club events. Look out for "in" venues like Pratersauna, Flex, Grelle Forelle, Fluc, U4, B72, Babenberger Passage or the Volksgarten Club Disco.

To find out more, look up "Clubs & Parties" in the Vienna Tourist Board event database at **WWW.VIENNA.INFO**.

... on the New Year's Eve run

The 5.3 km New Year's Eve run takes you round the historic city center, passing sights such as the Hofburg Palace, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Natural History, the Austrian Parliament, City Hall, the Burgtheater and the University of Vienna. Now in its 38th year, the race has become something of a modern-day tradition. The starting pistol will be fired in front of Ringstrassengalerien at 11 a.m. on December 31 (Kärntner Ring 5-7).

Information: LCC Wien; tel. +43 (0)1 729 65 85, e-mail: lcc.wien@speed.at, www.lcc-wien.at, online registration by December 26, 2014, at www.pentek-payment.at or in person from December 27-30, 2014, at the Ringstraßen-Galerien, Kärntner Ring 5-7, A-1010 Vienna

... at the New Year's market in front of Schönbrunn Palace

Handicrafts from Austria, good luck charms for the New Year, culinary treats, punch and mulled wine also await guests at the New Year's market in front of the atmospheric Schönbrunn Palace on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

December 27, 2014, to January 1, 2015. Ehrenhof in front of Schönbrunn Palace, A-1130 Vienna, daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., www.weihnachtsmarkt.co.at

... at the Silvesterdorf (New Year's Village) on Maria-Theresien-Platz

From Dec. 12 to Dec. 31, the Silvesterdorf will be held on Maria-Theresien-Platz, and on the last day of the year is also part of the official New Year's Eve Trail in Vienna's Old City.

Dec. 27 – Dec. 31, Maria-Theresienplatz, A-1010 Vienna, Dec. 27-30: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Dec. 31: 11 a.m. – 2 a.m., www.weihnachtsdorf.at

... on a guide city walk

Simply show up at the meeting point and come along for only EUR 15 (EUR 13 for Vienna Card holders). Guided tours last about one-and-a-half to two hours. The wide range of tours includes walks through the old city center, to the Hofburg Palace, to Viennese art nouveau buildings, and on the trail of the artist-architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser or high-class lady of the night, Josephine Mutzenbacher. Pick your tour! The detailed program is also posted at www.wienguide.at

... in the House of Music

Discover the House of Music on the New Year's Eve trail. You can conduct the Blue Danube waltz or get yourself in the mood for the New Year's Day concert in the museum of the Vienna Philharmonic. Free admission from 2 p.m.

House of Music, Seilerstätte 30, A-1010 Vienna, Tel. +43 (0)1 513 48 50, www.hdm.at

... at Gerstners Landhaus in Grinzing

Gerstners Landhaus pampers its guests in a stylishly cozy atmosphere with a New Year's Eve menu of Landhaus-cuisine and fine wines. Musical flair is provided both in the Landhausstuben and in the historic vaulted cellar. Guests can dance into the new year in the old monastery cellar until 3 a.m. Dec.31, start: 7 p.m., EUR 99 per person for the four-course menu including unlimited wine and non-alcoholic beverages, a glass of sparkling wine at midnight as well as goulash soup and home-made bread after midnight.

Gerstners Landhaus, Himmelstraße 16, A-1190 Vienna, reservations on tel. +43 (0)1 320 63 45, landhaus@gerstner.at, www.gerstners-landhaus.at

... at Madame Tussauds

On New Year's Eve, explore the wax figure exhibition at Madame Tussauds Vienna and celebrate the change of year with your favorite stars. Take photos with the stars, sit next to Audrey Hepburn or George Clooney or dance the Moonwalk with Michael Jackson. Be enchanted by Amon's Delicious Catering with a four-course menu until the change of year at midnight. From 10 to 11 p.m., the show act "good bad'n ugly" sets the mood. Three musicians, three instruments, three voices: guitar, violin and percussion – acoustic, pure and full of feeling, a successful mix of well-

known and modern. Spend midnight on the terrace of Madame Tussauds Vienna with a grand firework display and a view of the Giant Ferris Wheel. Greet New Year 2014 in good company.

Admission to the wax figure exhibition and sparkling wine reception: 7 p.m., gala dinner starts: 8:15 p.m., EUR 179 per person incl. admission, aperitif, gala dinner and sparkling wine at midnight.

Madame Tussauds Vienna, A-1020 Vienna, Riesenradplatz 1, reservations: Sonja Weber, tel: +43 (0)1 906 63 16, e-mail: sonja.weber@merlinentertainments.biz, www.madametussauds.com/Wien

... under the palms

An exclusive New Year's Eve dinner provides culinary pleasures in the Palm House in the gardens of the Imperial Palace from 7 p.m. on 31 December. Waltzes are on the program at midnight: on the terrace with a wonderful view of the city center fireworks. This is followed by the New Year's Eve party with DJ. Price: EUR 148 per person.

Palmenhaus (Palm House), Burggarten, A-1010 Vienna, tel. +43 (0)1 533 10 33-13, fax +43 (0)1 533 10 33-10, e-mail: office@palmenhaus.at, www.palmenhaus.at

Travel throughout the Night at New Year's with the Vienna Card

Ride the Vienna subway, streetcar and bus lines with the handy **Vienna Card**, valid throughout New Year's Night on all public transportation services in Vienna. The Vienna Card costing **EUR 18.90** lets you use all subway trains, buses and tram lines for **48 hours**, while the Vienna Card costing **EUR 21.90** is valid for **72 hours**. You also get 210 discounts at tourist attractions, museums, concerts, cafés, restaurants, stores and wine taverns.

The Vienna Card is available at www.wien.info, in your hotel, at the Tourist Information Office (Albertinaplatz / corner of Maysedergasse, first Viennese district, daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.), at the Tourist Information Office at the airport (daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and from October 2014 also at the Tourist Information Office at the Central Station (A-1100 Vienna), at Wiener Linien sales counters, and by credit card (tel. +43 (0)1 798 44 00 148).

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