



GERMAN & WINTERSPORTS VIENNA, AUSTRIA PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER-MARCH



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to combine a German course with a day's skiing. Effortlessly improve your German skills in the pleasant atmosphere of a small group before setting off for fun on the slopes at one of Austria's world famous ski resorts. Language classes take place during the week; the passes given to students for the ski resorts are valid all days of the week.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

The capital of Austria and home to 2 million residents, Vienna is situated on the banks of the Danube. The influx of visitors from all over the world has made Vienna the most popular urban tourist destination in Austria. The city's location, not far from the splendors of Budapest and Prague, has made it a hotline to Eastern Europe, as well as a major center of modern business and cultural life.

Vienna is a romantic, imperial city, with highlights including the magnificent Imperial Palace, majestic Schönbrunn Palace, and the magic of Ringstraße. Vienna is also home to museums, exhibitions, theaters, concert halls and the world famous State Opera. Viennese coffee houses, bars, and clubs also make a trip to Vienna an unforgettable experience. Vienna's culinary diversity is also impressive. Delights such as semolina dumpling soup, tender boiled beef and apple strudel are typical Austrian dishes.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

Students attend a German course from Monday to Friday in Vienna, then head off for the ski slopes for the weekend. Skiing or snowboarding equipment can be rented on location. In this program, students will gain, not only a stronger grasp of the German language, but also an appreciation for the artistic and cultural history of Vienna. Additional cultural activities will allow for students to establish relationships with their peers and strengthen their background knowledge of Austrian culture.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 2 weeks; 20 German lessons per week of 45 minutes each.
- **Skiing/Snowboarding:** Resort passes and lift tickets; equipment not included.
- **Lodging:** Homestay, student residence, or student apartment.
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Local mentor**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Welcome Pack**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The Standard Group Program consists of 20 hours of German lessons per week with a maximum of 12 students per class. The program also include 5 hours of cultural immersion per week. The main emphasis is placed on improving communication skills. Lessons in grammar and conversation help with syntax and vocabulary building. Practice formal and informal letter writing, and work on listening and reading comprehension. Each lesson is 45 minutes in length.

WINTERSPORTS PROGRAM

Skiing and snowboarding lessons take place on weekends at one of three locations: Hohe Wand-Wiese; Hirschenkogel; Semmering. The International Ski Federation has held World Cup Races at each of these locations, which are located within or near the boundaries of Vienna. Resort passes and lift tickets are included in the program. Equipment must be rented on location.

LODGING

Homestay

Stay with a host family in their home. The host families offered by the school include lodging with young childless couples, others with children of school age, and older people whose children no longer live in the home. Accommodation in host families is definitely the best way to practice German while getting to know Austria - its people and culture, outside the classroom. A single room, shared bathroom and kitchen are included. Bed linen is provided and cleaned every two weeks, but please bring your own towels.

Student Residence

Students who choose accommodation in a student residence have their own room. All residences are favorably located with rapid access to the city center. Some have a kitchen where students may use the hotplates and refrigerator free of charge, however, students must provide their own crockery and utensils. Most rooms have a private bath and telephone. Shared rooms are also available on request. Bed linen is provided and cleaned every 2 weeks, but please bring your own towels.

Student Apartment

This type of accommodation is for those individuals who are very independent. Share a well-maintained apartment with other course participants. The use of common kitchen is included and the flat contains all the usual kitchen utensils and crockery. Single or double rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen. Most flats are also equipped with their own washing machine and TV. Bed linen is provided and cleaned every 2 weeks, but please bring your own towels.

Other Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are available upon request.

PRICE RANGE

For 2 weeks of German classes, lodging, and insurance, the cost ranges from:

\$1,295 → \$1,898**

**Range is according to lodging selected. Ski/snowboard passes and rentals NOT included in price as students pay locally.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling on regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

A variety of complementary activities aimed at leisure and free time are offered. Entrance fees may be applicable.

Activities may include:

- City walks: architecture, history, literature, cultural.
- Lectures on history, art, literature, and politics.
- Art gallery visits
- Squash
- Badminton
- Ice skating
- Whole- or half-day excursions
- Concerts
- Cultural program

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the GERMAN & WINTERSPORTS PROGRAM in VIENNA, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.