

Evening programmes



A "Captain's Dinner" on the Drau Ship www.schiffahrt.at/drau

Enjoy a candle-lit gala dinner to gentle background music on a romantic trip down the river, with luxury cruiser service!

On this short voyage, you travel 11 km down the Drau from Villach to St. Niklas/Faaker See, and can view the city of Villach, Landskron Castle, Wernberg Castle, the bordering Karawanken mountain range with the majestic Mittagskogel and other fascinating sights, from the deck of the ship.

The landing stage is located directly in front of Congress Center Villach!

A knightly feast in Landskron Castle (5 km) www.burg-landskron.at



In the restaurant of Landskron Castle, you can sit down to the castle dinner, "Noble Knight's Repast", and enjoy traditional dishes served by "squires and maidens" in medieval costume!

Gala evening in Finkenstein Castle (15 km)

www.burgarena.at



Perched high above Faaker See against a magnificent natural setting displaying the majestic massif of the Mittagskogel, stands Finkenstein Castle.

A gala evening in one of the most beautiful castle ruins in Carinthia is – not least due to its unique panoramic location – a truly unforgettable experience.

Casino Velden on Lake Wörthersee (20 km)

www.casino-velden.at

Casino Velden against the superb setting of Lake Wörthersee... an evening full of charm and chance: place your bets, please!

Dinner in the casino restaurant, OVEDASSO, followed by a visit to the casino.

*entweder Link zu **Catering Page** oder gleich Link zum **Dinner & Casino Offer** von www.ovedasso.at*

Moonlight cruise on Lake Wörthersee

www.stw.at/schiffahrt.htm



The proud old Wörthersee steamship "THALIA" takes you back to the good old days at full steam.

Enjoy your welcome cocktail and the magnificent view over Wörthersee to gentle music, glide over the romantic moonlit lake, savour a gala dinner and the unique atmosphere.

Supporting Programme / Trips

A stroll through the old town in Villach www.villach.at



A guided walk through the old town in Villach with a multilingual guide: on this tour of the historic district, which takes you through the narrow medieval streets with their ancient archways and idyllic arcaded courtyards, you'll become acquainted with the beauties of the town and learn many interesting facts.

Landskron Castle, with bird of prey observatory and "monkey mountain" (5 km)

www.burg-landskron.at www.adlerflugschau.com www.affenberg.com



Back in the 16th century, Landskron Castle was built on the foundation walls of an older, 14th century fortress. In the Middle Ages, it was one of the Hapsburgs' bulwarks in Carinthia.

Nowadays there's a restaurant, a bird of prey observatory and a "monkey mountain" at Landskron. During a 40 minute performance, you'll experience seeing birds of prey flying free and then, after giving breath-taking demonstrations of the art of flying, returning to the falconer.

A trip around Lake Ossiachersee, with Ossiach Monastery and Elli Riehl's World of Dolls (15 km)



Ossiachersee, Carinthia's third-largest lake, is a real paradise for bathing and water sports. Mountain enthusiasts can enjoy the view over Carinthia from the Gerlitzten Alps.

On the southern shore of the lake lies Ossiach, well-known due to the former Benedictine monastery dating from the 11th century. The former monastery church was renovated in Baroque style in 1745, and is today one of Carinthia's finest late Baroque churches.

On the northern lake-shore lies Winklern, where Elli Riehl's World of Dolls was opened in 1990. Elli Riehl portrays not only her own children but also children and grown-ups from her own neighbourhood. All the dolls are dressed in clothes made by Elli Riehl herself.

There are about 600 dolls – ladies, girls, boys, angels and fairy-story characters on display in the glass cases at the museum.

And finally, a visit to a fruit schnapps tasting in the Jesche distillery....

"Terra Mystica" (20 km)

www.bleiberg.or.at



Terra Mystica, "the mountain wonderland", - is a mine which has been opened to the public, with an amazing multimedia adventure tunnel.

Discover the mysterious world of this former lead and zinc mine. Visitors reach the underground wonderland via an 80 m long slide. A fascinating light and sound show with water and smoke effects offers plenty of interesting information - ranging from the earth's origins to the healing powers of nature.

Visit to Klagenfurt – the capital city of Carinthia (40 km)

www.klagenfurt.at



The old town of Klagenfurt reflects the city's more than 800 years of history. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Italian master builders designed the city's geometrical layout with its broad streets running in a grid pattern. The historic atmosphere of the city is created by more than 50 romantic arcaded courtyards, which have been completely renovated and revitalized and are today open to the public.

Trips before and after conventions

Sightseeing tour of Carinthia



Catch a glimpse of the beauties of the landscape and the cultural heritage in Carinthia! This trip takes you along the turquoise-blue Lake Wörthersee, which reaches from the fashionable spa of Velden to the capital city of Carinthia, Klagenfurt, and which is also known as the “Austrian Riviera”!

A visit to the pilgrimage church of Maria Saal, the oldest documented church in Carinthia. The present-day building is a late Gothic church with three naves. The south outside wall, which contains many Roman stones, is especially worth seeing.

Hochosterwitz Castle is one of the most imposing castles in Austria, perched majestically on a limestone rock in the St. Veit basin. The way into the castle leads through an impressive barrage of fortifications, with 14 castle gates. The heavily-fortified building is unique worldwide, and may have provided the model for Walt Disney’s fairy-tale castle.

On the way back to Villach there’s a stopover in St. Veit an der Glan. The well-preserved town wall, the narrow, picturesque streets and the two main squares with their beautiful 17th and 18th century houses all form an essential part of the charm of this town.

The return trip takes you along Lake Ossiachersee, which presents a magnificent picture – lying as it does at the foot of the Gerlitz Alps.

Salzburg



Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, enchants every visitor. High over the city looms Feste Hohensalzburg, a fortress symbolizing the power once wielded by the archbishops of the city. Visit the house where Mozart was born, the Mirabellgarten, stroll down the Getreidegasse, the heart of the old town, and view the fortress of Hohensalzburg.

Venice



Visit the most romantic city in the world. Take a walk through the picturesque city of lagoons, with its world-famous sights such as St Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and the Rialto Bridge. The trip to Venice includes a visit to Murano, famous for its many glass manufacturers.