

# VMIFA

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



## VIBRANT VIENNA

JULY 16 to 22, 2016



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Dear Members,

An exceptional experience for VMFA members is traveling with Dr. Mitchell Merling, Paul Mellon Curator and Head of the Department of European Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. We invite you to join Dr. Merling this summer in elegant, vibrant Vienna.

One of Europe's great capitals, Vienna is home to extraordinary art and architecture, from St. Stephan's Cathedral, considered Austria's most important Gothic masterpiece, to Wittgenstien Haus, a stark white cube whose design is indebted to the work of Adolf Loos. This elegant city on the Danube, known as the City of Waltzes, is also the world capital for classical music.

During a five-night stay at the landmark Hotel Sacher, delve into imperial history on visits to Hofburg Palace, for many centuries the center of the Habsburg Empire, and magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs. Visit the Lower and Upper Belvedere to admire works by Schiele, Klimt, and other artists, and stroll through the Kunsthistorisches Museum, housing an unrivalled collection of old masters.

## TRAVELING WITH YOU



### MITCHELL MERLING, PHD

Dr. Mitchell Merling, Paul Mellon Curator and Head of the Department of European Art, has been with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts since 2005. He previously served as Curator at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Curator of European Art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. In 2013,

he published a major section of the Francesco Guardi catalogue for the exhibition at the Museo Correr, Venice. In 2014, Dr. Merling published *Catching Sight: The World of the British Sporting Print*, and in 2015, he co-authored *Working Among Flowers: 19th-century French Floral Still-Life Painting*. At VMFA, Merling oversees the Mellon collections of French, British Sporting, and American art, as well as the general European collections from the Middle Ages to the late 19th century. -

In Vienna's fine restaurants and renowned cafés, savor traditional specialties. Take a private tour of the City Palace Liechtenstein, ancestral home of the still-reigning royal family of Liechtenstein. Travelers will also discover less-visited treasures, such as MAK (the Museum for Applied Arts) and the Loos American Bar, one of Vienna's architectural jewels for over a century. Other highlights include a performance by the Vienna Mozart Orchestra and a visit to the famous Spanish Riding School.

Please join us on this remarkable program as we discover the splendors of Vienna.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adele "Hutch" Livingston'.

Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

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Photo by Ute Schmid

*Entrance to the Secession Museum*

## U.S.A. DEPARTURE

**Saturday, July 16** Depart on an overnight flight to Vienna.

## VIENNA, AUSTRIA

**Sunday, July 17** Arrive in Vienna, an elegant city of music and the arts on the Danube. Our home for the next five nights will be the landmark Hotel Sacher. You may wish to experience Austrian coffee culture this morning at a café on Kärntner Strasse, a popular pedestrian street next to the hotel. Later, a guided walking tour introduces the historic city center, including St. Stephan's Cathedral, considered Austria's most important Gothic masterpiece. This evening gather in the nearby Grinzing district for welcome remarks by Dr. Mitchell Merling and dinner at a typically Austrian wine tavern.

## VIENNA

**Monday, July 18** After a morning lecture at the hotel, a highlight of today's city tour is our visit to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, summer residence of the Habsburgs. A light lunch follows at the renowned Demel Café. In the afternoon, experience the lavish Hofburg Palace, for many centuries the center of the Habsburg Empire. Visit the Armory, where artfully decorated arms, suits of armor, and saddles were often made following the designs of artists such as Dürer and Holbein. On a pleasant walk back to the hotel, stop at the famed Loos American Bar. With its sleek, unadorned forms and opulent detailing, this Adolf Loos- designed venue has been one of Vienna's architectural jewels for over a century. Dinner and the evening are at leisure.

## VIENNA

**Tuesday, July 19** Following a lecture, discover the collections of the Upper and Lower Belvedere. At the Upper Belvedere, see works by Schiele, Munch, and Klimt. The Lower Belvedere, briefly the royal residence, was later adapted to house the Museum of Austrian Baroque Art. Enjoy a lunch of traditional specialties at Maierei Restaurant. Stroll through the lovely Stadtpark to reach MAK, the Museum for Applied Arts, where design is the main focus. Highlights include crafts from the Wiener Werkstatte, bentwood furniture by Thonet, and a gilded frieze design by Klimt. Continue to the Vienna Secession Museum, which celebrates the movement begun in 1897 by artists who resigned from the traditional art association. After an early dinner at leisure, attend a performance by the Vienna Mozart Orchestra. The historical setting and authentic costumes of the musicians will transport you back to the 18th century for the evening.



Photo by FoodieJP

*Schönbrunn Palace*

## VIENNA

**Wednesday, July 20** Our day starts with a private guided tour of the City Palace Liechtenstein, the ancestral home of the still-reigning royal family of Liechtenstein, which has been recently restored to its prewar glory. Afterwards, visit the Spanish Riding School where highlights will depend on summer schedules. We will either see “Piber Meets Vienna,” a delightful show of mares and their spirited foals, or enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes visit of the school. After lunch, continue to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, housing an unrivalled collection of old masters, as well as the Kunstammer, with its precious collection from the Habsburg treasuries. This evening you may wish to dine at one of Vienna’s fine restaurants.



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## VIENNA

**Thursday, July 21** The Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, a leading European training center for artists for over 300 years, is our first visit today. Continue to Wittgenstein Haus, a stark white cube whose design is indebted to the work of Adolf Loos. It is currently home to the Bulgarian Cultural Institute. Lunch is at the famed Griechenbeisl, one of Vienna’s oldest inns and traditional gathering spot for artists, scholars, and politicians. In the afternoon, discover the impressive collection of the Albertina, which includes works such as Dürer’s *Hare* and Klimt’s studies of women. Walk back to the Sacher Hotel, where we will celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner this evening.

## VIENNA 1 U.S.A.

**Friday, July 22** Transfer to the airport this morning for the return flights home.



View from the balcony of the Upper Belvedere

### VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS RESERVATION APPLICATION

#### VIBRANT VIENNA JULY 16 TO 22, 2016

To reserve a place, please return this form along with your deposit of \$1,500 per person (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

#### FORM OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check (payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*)
- Credit card (may be used for deposit only)

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**I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program. I/We agree to full payment by check or wire transfer 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.**

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Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference  Double  Twin  Single

Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

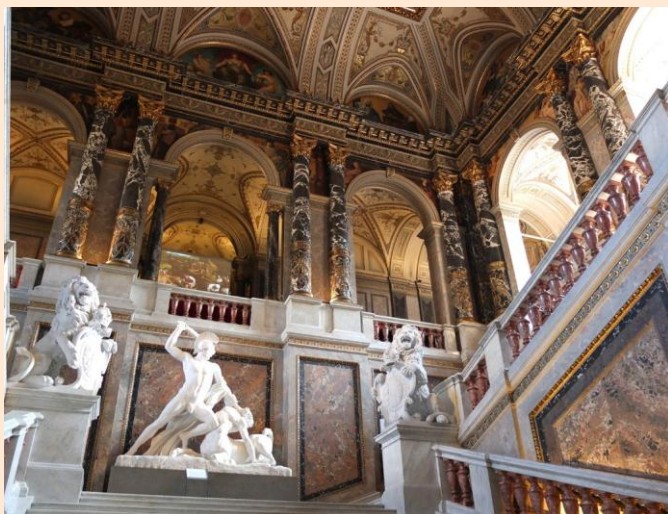
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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### PROGRAM RATE PER PERSON \$4,9 95 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,500 RATE INCLUDES

- Five nights accommodations at the Hotel Sacher
- Breakfast daily, four lunches, and two dinners; bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals, local wine with welcome and farewell dinners
- Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport / hotel / airport group transfers
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Taxes, service, and portorage fees for one suitcase per person.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

**Not Included in Rate** Airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than local wine at welcome and farewell dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Sacher-Torte, Hotel Sacher. Photo by Patrizia Ferragioni (top);

**AIRFARE** Academic Arrangements Abroad (AAA) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including specially negotiated group airfare when available, suggested group flights or your own individual requests for a processing fee of \$40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation mailing.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE** \$1,500 per person, payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad* of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees, is required with the reservation application. Balance due by check 120 days prior to departure.

**HEALTH** This is an active program and all participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs without handrails at locations that are not handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

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