

GROUP PROGRAMMES 2010



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In the footsteps of the Romans *All of Carnuntum at once*



Open Air Museum Petronell, combined with Amphitheatre or Museum Carnuntinum

Start your fabulous journey back to the Romans in the Open Air Museum Petronell, which was part of the splendid civilian city in Carnuntum's heyday. Watch the archaeologists as they excavate long-forgotten traces of ancient life and hear how highly developed Roman culture was.

A highlight is a visit to the Museum Carnuntinum in Bad Deutsch-Altenburg. In this treasure house a whole range of unique finds from ancient Carnuntum can be admired.

The world of the arena and gladiators awakes to new life in the Amphitheatre Bad Deutsch-Altenburg. It is the only part of the former civilian settlement which is still visible today. The reconstruction of the ancient tiers of seats gives an impression of the splendour and tragedy of the gladiator fights!

Duration: 2½ - 3 hours

Price per person: EUR 13.-
For groups of 15 participants or more



Rich Romans – in private

Lucius' house and Villa Urbana



Open Air Museum Petronell

Wealthy Romans were attracted to settle here in Carnuntum, the Roman metropolis on the Danube, where they could flaunt their riches. The imposing house of Lucius, the cloth merchant, shows this merchant's affluence. First of all you will accompany a slave who is visiting the merchant in order to buy some cloth. The host greets you with a beaker of *mulsum* and allows you to participate in the conversation as was the Roman way.

The *villa urbana* is a magnificent Roman city mansion with colourful murals and generously dimensioned rooms, which allow one a unique glimpse into the life of the Roman upper classes in Carnuntum. The well-informed house-slave will accompany you during your tour of the ancient building and will entertain you with apt anecdotes.

Finally your powers of observation will be put to the test. Armed with a plan of the house, wax tablet and stylus, you now search for objects in the villa which decorate the rich Roman's house as souvenirs or presents, but which are clearly from distant Roman provinces.

Duration: ca. 1 ½ hours

Price per person: EUR 13.-

For groups of 15 participants or more



Salve Imperator! *Caesar's Trophy in Carnuntum*



Open Air Museum Petronell

Have you ever dreamed of being Emperor of Carnuntum? Leading a life full of glory, luxury and pleasures of the flesh? Then ascend with us the steep career ladder from simple servant to ruler over a Roman metropolis!

Beginning as slaves, you have to pass a short test, of course, in order to gain the status of a freedman/woman and be allowed to wear a tunic – a requirement for your participation in Caesar's trophy.

A sacrificial ceremony should make the gods favour you – and then the journey back to ancient times can begin: throwing the javelin, the *orca* game or quoting Latin – these are only some of the stages on your way to becoming Emperor. But with help from the goddess of luck, Fortuna, you will certainly successfully pass the special tests and with much pomp be raised to a “*cives honoris Carnunti*” – an honorary citizen of Carnuntum. And, who knows, perhaps you will become Emperor and enjoy the homage paid to you by your faithful citizens when you receive the golden laurel crown!

Duration: ca. 3 hours

Price per person: EUR 21.-

Includes minting a Carnuntum coin as a souvenir

For groups of 20 participants or more



Ars Vivendi *Lifestyle in Carnuntum*



Museum Carnuntinum (Bad Deutsch-Altenburg) incl. wine tasting

Whether in Rome or the outer provinces – the Romans knew how to celebrate and how to enjoy their free time. But affluence was not a given: only those who worked hard for the Roman city gained due respect from his compatriots.

Let a Roman citizen accompany you on an exciting and informative journey back to the everyday life of the Carnuntum inhabitants! A stroll through Carnuntum's treasure house will give insights into almost 400 years of the Roman way of life. The current exhibition focuses on the everyday life of the Romans in Carnuntum. Impressive exhibits from the Museum's collection show different aspects such as "Luxury and Pleasure", "Building and Living", as well as "Emperors and Cults".

You will be amazed at the high standard of living in ancient times, and will be amused by anecdotes which seem only too modern.

The Museum Carnuntinum was built in the style of a Roman country villa and has a unique flair with its generously proportioned garden and covered portico. Following your visit to the Museum you can enjoy excellent wine from the renowned wine-growing region of Carnuntum.

Duration: ca. 1 ½ hours

Price per person: EUR 13.-
For groups of 15 participants or more



COMBINATION OFFERS

From Imperial Palace to Amphitheatre



Imperial Festival Palace Hof, Archaeological Park Carnuntum

Baroque and Roman times combine in this offer with Imperial Festival Palace Hof and the Archaeological Park Carnuntum.

In the morning a great baroque experience awaits you in the Imperial Festival Palace Hof. A tour of the “*beletage*” in the Palace will give you fascinating insights into the world of the former owners, Prince Eugen and Empress Maria Theresa. After the guided tour of palace and gardens you can enjoy a tasty lunch.

The afternoon belongs entirely to the world of the Romans: the first stop is the Open Air Museum Petronell, where you will visit a cosy Roman town house and a splendid luxury villa. Both buildings have been authentically reconstructed in their original location. The next stop is the Amphitheatre in Bad Deutsch-Altenburg, where the exhibition “*Gladiatoria Carnuntina*” gives interesting insights into life in the arena and *munera*.

Duration: 1 day / programme 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

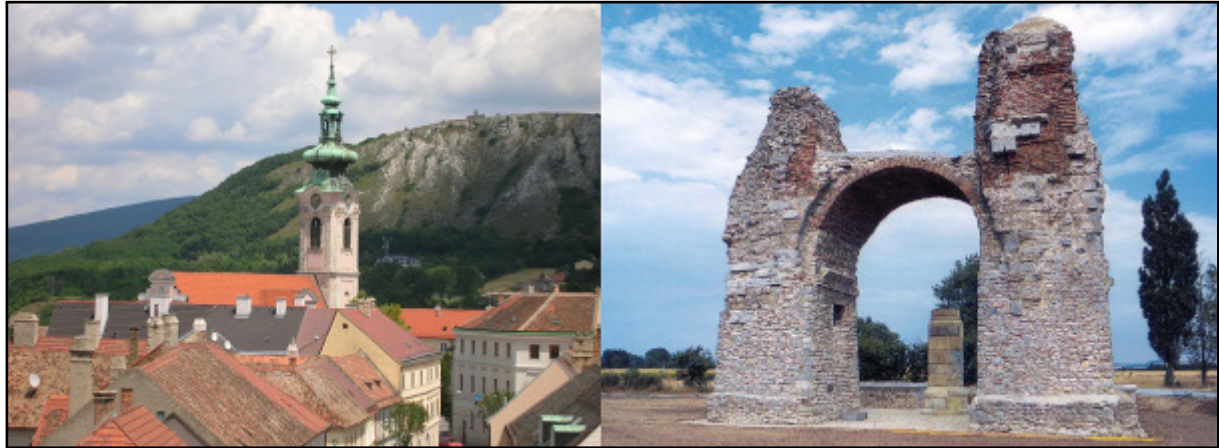
Price per person: EUR 31.50

Includes minting a Carnuntum coin as a souvenir

For groups of 15 participants or more



From Wienertor to Heidentor - Hainburg and Carnuntum



Medieval town of Hainburg, Archaeological Park Carnuntum

Situated in a lovely setting beside the Danube, Hainburg is a gateway to the past with its picturesque narrow streets and numerous historical buildings. Strongly fortified gates and towers have been a symbol throughout the centuries for protection, and they still influence the townscape today. The tour takes you past towers, the charnel house, the church and of course Hainburg's landmark, the Wienertor, the gateway that is unique and famous far beyond Austria's borders.

After a short journey you will reach Bad Deutsch-Altenburg, where the first impression that you have of the Romans is a delectable one. Enjoy a Roman lunch in the *Taberna Romana* beside the Amphitheatre.

A visit to the Archaeological Park Carnuntum is a highlight where you will see authentically reconstructed residential buildings. On the one hand you will appreciate the cosy atmosphere in a Roman citizen's house, and on the other hand you will be astounded by the generous dimensions and splendid furnishings of a luxury villa.

Duration: 1 day / programme 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Price per person: EUR 27.-
For groups of 15 participants or more



Making of Carnuntum - *a glimpse behind the scenes*



Kulturfabrik Hainburg

A lot of work is required before fine Roman artefacts can be shown in a museum in all their glory and before ruins can be awakened three dimensionally to new life. The Kulturfabrik in Hainburg is ideally suited to showing the fascinating way that ancient finds can help bring Roman history to life once more.

The latest results of research carried out over the last few years as well as a huge number of finds are on display: unique wooden artefacts, impressive grave monuments and imposing stone statues as well as delicate objects from everyday life such as jewellery and tableware.

In a guided tour you will hear more about the fascinating history of archaeology. A specially equipped museum laboratory allows visitors to try their hand at modern excavating, using archaeological tools and artefacts.

The presentation can be seen from April to October 2010, Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Duration: ca. 1 ½ hours

Price per person: EUR 7.-
For groups of 15 participants or more

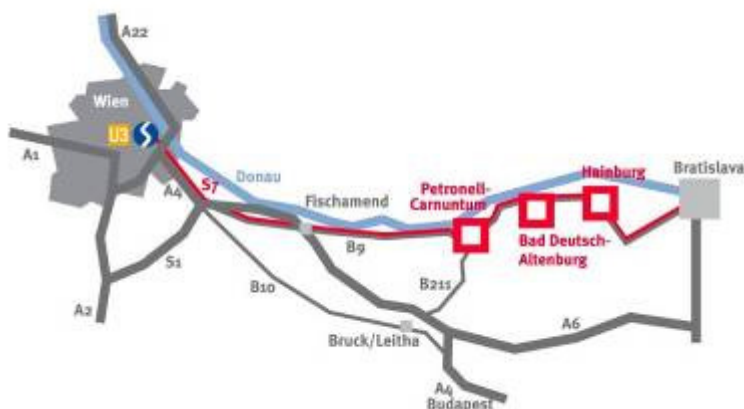


How to get to Petronell-Carnuntum

By car from Vienna...

Motorway A4 (going towards Budapest/Vienna airport) – exit Fischamend/Bratislava B9 (towards Hainburg an der Donau) to Petronell-Carnuntum

Length of trip: about 35 minutes



By rail from Vienna...

Train line S7 from Wien-Mitte to Petronell-Carnuntum

Trains depart hourly weekdays at 17 minutes past the hour (Sat., Sun. and Bank holidays every 2 hours, also at 17 minutes past the hour)

Length of trip: about 55 minutes

