

Reborn city of Emperors

Carnuntum, city of emperors, has been reborn. Uniquely throughout the world, the basic types of architecture in a Roman city quarter have been reconstructed in Carnuntum in their historical context: a citizen's house, a splendid city mansion and public baths. The reconstructions are not fictitious sets or museum objects, but buildings that can be lived in. This means that all the buildings have been equipped with Roman underfloor heating systems and fully-functioning kitchens, and all the rooms are furnished. All layouts and decorative details refer to a single era, as does the level of the streets in the city quarter. Thus a unique time frame is opened in the first five decades of the 4th century AD.

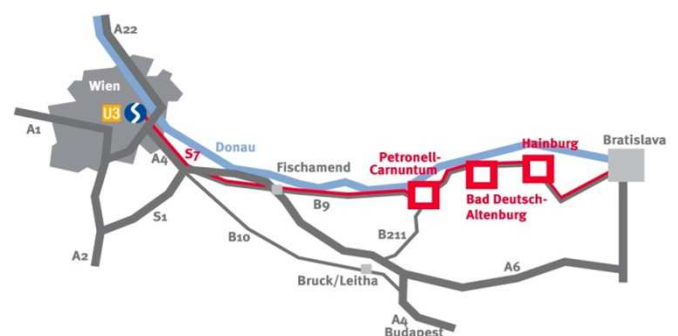
Just as if time had stood still 1700 years ago, when Carnuntum was the scene of an event that was to change the world permanently.

On 11 November 308 AD three Roman emperors decided the future of the Roman Empire. The results of this Emperors' Conference were partly responsible for the triumphal progress of Christianity and thus our western culture. Even before this event Carnuntum was at the centre of world politics time and again. Hadrian, Marcus Aurelius or Septimius Severus – they all influenced the history of this city of emperors.

More than 100 years ago a treasure house for the witnesses of this great past was erected – the Museum Carnuntinum, Austria's largest and undoubtedly loveliest Roman museum. Built in the style of a Roman country villa, the elegant structure houses the treasures of more than 400 years of Roman life in Carnuntum.

A visit to Carnuntum brings the Romans back to life: architectural masterpieces, romantic ruins and valuable treasures – and all this only half an hour by car from Vienna and Bratislava.

The Romans have never been so close!



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Our suggested programme for your adventure in Carnuntum

Explore this world that is both far away and yet near, and experience the everyday life of Roman citizens at first hand.

Try your hand at simple crafts and attempt to attain modest wealth by hard work and skill. As a medicus you can make healing ointments, or else you can relax and play, for not only the “ludi romani” offer entertainment, but also sporting contests.

Full-day or half-day programme :

Museum Carnuntinum - Bad Deutsch-Altenburg

- **Welcome drink** with a mug of mulsum (Roman spiced wine)
- **Tour of the Exhibition „Images of Gods – Images of humanity“** as part of the exhibition of Lower Austria 2011

Lunch in the Forum Culinarium – Open Air Museum Petronell-Carnuntum

Programme in the Open Air Museum Petronell-Carnuntum

- **Entertaining tour** of the reconstructed Roman city quarter including Lucius’ house, Villa Urbana and Roman public baths.
- **Drill with the strict centurio:** under the exacting eyes of the centurion march in step together and learn the basic rules of Roman military discipline.
- **Donning Roman armour:** the legionary’s outfit had many parts – such as *lorica* (chain mail shirt), *cassis* (helmet), *gladius*, etc. Each team tries to dress a legionary correctly, but please hurry – the sand in the hour-glass is running out.
- **Venatio aprobum – hunting the wild boar with the ancient javelin:** coordination, speed and skill are what count here: the wooden boar has to be killed with the *pilum* (Roman javelin).
- **Menhir contest:** it is not as heavy as Asterix’s and Obelix’s, but the teams have to try to throw the menhir as far as possible.
- **Nummi cudendi – minting coins:** now it is time for Roman master coiners! Here every participant can mint his/her own coin with a Roman motif and take it home as a souvenir.
- **Quinques salire – 5-hop:** the 5-hop was an authentic discipline in the Roman pentathlon and requires 5 leaps forward as far as possible to win maximum points for the team.
- **Health and baths with the medicus:** uniquely throughout the world, functioning Roman public baths have been erected on the original site in Carnuntum. Accompanied by a medicus you will be taken back to the world of Roman baths.
- **Prize-giving ceremony:** The successful team will be awarded a golden laurel crown.

