

# VISIONS

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Taking a cue from the relaxed pace of the cafés that are a hallmark of the Viennese lifestyle, **VISIONS OF AUSTRIA** offers a serene tour that invites you to linger, perhaps watching with a cup of coffee in hand for the total experience of a virtual vacation. Stunning high definition footage shot in winter and spring captures the idyllic essence of what was once the crown jewel of Europe - you can almost smell the strudel as the helicopter-mounted camera glides over picturesque streets and spacious squares.

The program's soundtrack showcases a glorious musical tradition of a region where even the wind sounds musical, including André Rieu's arrangements of compositions by "Waltz King" Johann Strauss and native son Franz Schubert.

**VISIONS OF AUSTRIA** takes flight in the west traveling east, where highlights include Bregenz, popular vacation destination for sun and skiing; the rugged terrain of the Tirol, the most mountainous part of Austria; Hallstatt, the charming summer tourist destination clinging to the mountains that dip into the lake; and Innsbruck, site of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympic Games where the view along the Maria-Theresien-Straße towards the steep slopes of the Karwendel mountain range combines townscape and landscape for a magical, postcard-perfect moment.

In the second segment, viewers experience central Austria where highlights include Hohensalzburg, the architectural embodiment of the power of the prince-archbishops; Linz, straddling the banks of the Danube and the industrial and modern Austria; and Salzburg, where the streets are made for waltzing, filled with extravagantly ornamented plazas, soaring bell towers and domes of churches.

In the final segment, the camera winds down the Danube River to Vienna, the height of opulence and grandeur, where a stroll down the wide avenues lined with buildings the colors of frosted pastries evokes the enchantment of a true-life fairytale.

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Along the way, highlights include the glorious baroque style Melk monastery that marks the beginning of a section of the Danube famous in the legend of the Niebelungen; and castles, Renaissance palaces, churches and abbeys that have borne witness to the region's international history and coexist with the modern flair of futuristic buildings and the vast UNO city United Nations headquarters.

**VISIONS OF AUSTRIA** is the 19<sup>th</sup> program in WLIW New York's popular *Visions* series, seen nationally on PBS stations. Launching March 1, the series companion website at [Visionsof.org](http://Visionsof.org) will feature video previews, an interview with *VISIONS* series producer/director Roy A Hammond, photos, screensavers, recipes, everyday German phrases, links and more. Video preview streaming now.

### Locations

Bregenz (Vorarlberg)	Salzburg Cathedral
Bregenz Festival Theater with floating stage (Vorarlberg)	Salzburg Mozartplatz
Alt Ems castle ruins (Vorarlberg)	Dumstein Castle Ruins (Lower Austria)
Bregenzwald (Vorarlberg)	Melk Abbey (Lower Austria)
Plannsee (Tirol)	Rosenberg Castle (Lower Austria)
Freundsberg Castle (Tirol)	Aggstein Castle (Lower Austria)
Inn Valley (Tirol)	Neusiedlersee (Burgenland)
Jerzens (Tirol)	Eisenstadt Alt Stadt (Burgenland)
Weerberg Parish Church (Tirol)	Eszterhazy Palace, Eisenstadt (Burgenland)
Swarovsky Crystal Factory (Tirol)	Neue Burg (Vienna)
Innsbruck Alt Stadt (Tirol)	Burggarten (Vienna)
Wilten Abbey, Innsbruck (Tirol)	Michaelerplatz (Vienna)
Bergisel Ski Jump, Innsbruck (Tirol)	Rathaus (Vienna)
Kitzbuhel (Tirol)	Burgtheater (Vienna)
Kitzbuhelhorn (Tirol)	"Börse" - Stock Exchange Building (Vienna)
Hallstatt (Salzburg)	Figarohaus (Vienna)
Steineresmeer	Secession Building (Vienna)
Dachstein Mountains	UNO City (United Nations headquarters, Vienna)
Mondsee (Upper Austria)	Hundertwasserhaus (Vienna)
Wolfgangsee (Upper Austria)	Gasometer Complex (Vienna)
Linz (Upper Austria)	Freud Museum (Vienna)
St. Florians Abbey (Upper Austria)	Sacher Hotel (Vienna)
Grein (Upper Austria)	Ringstrasse, (Vienna)
Wörthersee (Kärnten)	Landtmann Café (Vienna)
Klagenfurt (Kärnten)	St. Stephens Cathedral (Vienna)
Magdalensberg (Kärnten)	Karlskirche (Vienna)
Hohensalzburg Fortress Castle, Salzburg	Schönbrunn Palace, (Vienna)
Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Salzburg	Belvedere Palace, (Vienna)
Mozartgeburthaus, Salzburg	Votivkirche (Vienna)
Franziskanerkirche, Salzburg	Parliament (Vienna)

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