

The Vienna Project: Free Historical Tours

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1. Highlights of the Vienna Ringstraße

Meeting place: in front of the Wien Museum in Resselpark

This tour will visit some of the major highlights and familiar symbols of the Wiener Ringstraße and talk about their lesser known history during WWII. Tour highlights will include the Wiener Staatsoper, the Naturhistorisches Museum, and the University of Vienna.

2. Political Systems: National Socialism in Vienna

Meeting place: in front of the Russian Monument in Schwarzenbergplatz

This tour will discuss some of the legal and political systems introduced to Vienna under National Socialism, exploring issues of visas and travel, seizure of property, the justice system and prison. Highlights will include the Chamber of Labour, the Chinese Consulate, the Tribunal of Vienna, and the Josefstadt Prison.

3. A Day in the Life: Pre-War Jewish Communities of the Leopoldstadt and Alsergrund Districts

Meeting place: in front of the Nestroyhof Theater at Nestroyplatz 1, 1020

This tour will visit several cultural institutions in two of Vienna's Jewish neighbourhoods and discuss aspects of their history in the community both before and during WWII. Tour sites will include the Talmud Thora School, the Home for Mixed Marriages, and the Seegasse Jewish Cemetery, which is the oldest preserved Jewish cemetery in Vienna and includes headstones dating as far back as the 16th century.

Tour Dates*

Tuesday, 1 April 15:00: Highlights of the Vienna Ringstraße

Saturday, 5 April 13:00: Political Systems

Monday, 7 April 15:00: Highlights of the Vienna Ringstraße

Friday, 25 April 12:00: Pre-War Jewish Communities

Sunday, 27 April 13:00: Political Systems

Thursday, 1 May 11:00: Pre-War Jewish Communities

More tours to be possibly added through May

**depending on interest, some of these tours may be subject to change*

If any of you are interested in joining me on one of these tours, please feel free to email me at kate@theviennaproject.org. For more information, you can visit the Vienna Project website at www.theviennaproject.org.