

VIENNA

THE HAPSBURGS, THEIR ART AND THEIR PALACES.

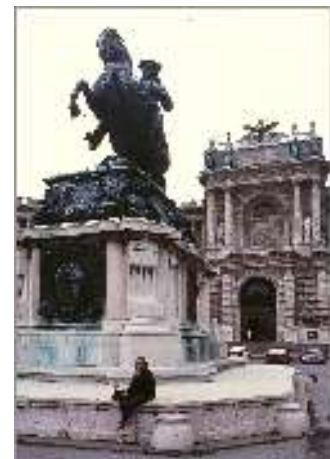
An armchair tour of this magnificent city filled with baroque palaces created by imperial and aristocratic privilege. We take a drive around the magnificent Ringstrasse, the wide boulevard which encircles the centre and see memorials to Mozart and Strauss in a city that was the home of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Mahler. We visit the Hofburg, the great winter palace of the Hapsburg dynasty, Schonbrunn, the summer palace of Maria Theresa. Decades later this was where Napoleon installed himself before the Battle of Austerlitz and was given the Austrian Emperor's daughter, Marie Louise as a wife to bear him a son who died here. We see the great watercolours of Durer and drawings by Rubens in the Albertina Museum, visit the Kunsthistorisches Museum, one of the worlds' great art collections with its treasures collected by the Hapsburgs including some of the finest works by Breughel, Rubens and Velasquez. We enjoy the sensuous art of Gustav Klimpt at the great Schloss Belvedere built to celebrate the saving of the city from the Turks and at the newly restored gold-domed Secession building, built in 1898 to exhibit *avant garde* art.



VIENNA: THE HOFBURG PALACE



VIENNA: THE PALACE OF SCHONBRUNN



VIENNA: STATUE OF PRINCE EUGENE



VIENNA: THE MOZART MEMORIAL