



FACULTY OF ARTS
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PRAGUE JEWISH STUDIES

Part of the course **JEWISH PRAGUE - Architecture, Fine Art and Music** includes weekend excursion to Vienna

Jewish Vienna

2-days excursion

Friday

- 6:00-7:00 Departure from Prague
- 11:30 Arrival to Vienna
- 12:00- 15.00 Jewish Museum Vienna
- 15:00-16:30 A Walk in the Judenplatz. A Walk in the centre to Hofburg.
- 16:40 Tram no.1 from Heldenplatz to Wipplingerstraße (Peregringasse)
- 17:00-18:00 Sigmund Freud Museum, Berggasse
- 18:40 Accommodation

Saturday

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-11:00 Schonbrunn, the political center of Austro-Hungarian Empire: Imperial politics and Jews. A Walk in the palace district (free)
- View of Vienna from Schonbrunn terrace: a multicultural metropolis of the *Fin de siècle*.
- 12:00 Upper Belvedere: Gustav Klimt - Art and culture of Vienna before the fall of the empire. Between modernism and ornament.
- 14:00-15:00 Break for lunch
- 15:00-18:00 Museum quartier optional visit: Viennese Actionism and the cultural reply in the post War era.
- 19:00 – 23:30 Return to Prague



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There are many reminders of Jewish life in Austria, and especially in Vienna. The contribution of the city's Jews to music, literature, visual arts, and theater at the end of the nineteenth century and in the early decades of the twentieth was immense. The idea of establishing the Secession art association, and constructing its magnificent art nouveau gallery, was born in Berta Zuckermandl's salon. Composers such as Gustav Mahler, Arnold Schönberg, and Alexander Zelimsky were leading figures in Vienna's musical life.

A Jewish settlement around Judenplatz can be documented as early as the thirteenth century. At that time Jews were still permitted to settle unhindered in Vienna. This was not to last for long however, and the first expulsion of Vienna's Jews took place around 1420. In 1624 Emperor Ferdinand II proclaimed that Jews had to live outside the city walls on an island in the Danube just opposite the town.

After 1900's Vienna's Jewish community grew to number 183,000, and was Europe's wealthiest in 1938 when Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany. After the war only about 2,000 came back. On Friday evenings orthodox Jewish families can be seen making their way on foot to the main synagogue in the Seitenstettengasse in the first district.



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