

Welcome to Vienna



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Who we are

The Jewish Welcome Service was founded at the end of 1980 at the initiative of then Mayor Leopold Gratz and City Councilor Heinz Nittel together with Leon Zelman, a Holocaust survivor who passed away in 2007. The start of its activities in spring 1981 was immediately accompanied by a dramatic event: On May 1, the Viennese City Councilor and founding president Heinz Nittel was murdered by a Palestinian commando in front of his home.

Since its founding 40 years ago, the Jewish Welcome Service has fulfilled an important communication and mediation function between Jews expelled from Vienna and their descendants. Together with the city of Vienna as its main sponsor and partner, it has initiated and done a lot of development work for the mediation of an active and living memorial culture. The Jewish Welcome Service Vienna has always seen its work as a connecting link and intermediary between Jewish establishments and institutions in the city of Vienna and the Republic of Austria.

Our functions

Key tasks include visit programs for expelled Viennese Jews and their descendants, as well as study trips for the younger generation (e.g. in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee and the Holocaust Education Centre Toronto), the support of commemoration and remembrance initiatives, the annual Leon Zelman Prize for Dialogue and Understanding, and many more besides. Thousands of people have been invited to Vienna by the organization. It was the city of Vienna that first issued invitations to expelled Jews following the establishment of the Jewish Welcome Service. Meanwhile, the program has become essential for the second and third generations of Holocaust survivors.



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Vienna Trips 2021/2022

Our offer

- Vienna package worth 3,600 euros for 2 people
- Coverage of flight – hotel – and board costs
- We give you a small program for 4 days and the remaining 3 days are for you to do as you wish. We would be happy to help you find a suitable hotel and with any family research, etc.
- Flexible start dates from October 2021

What we expect from you

- You are between 18 and 35 years old
- You have good English skills
- You are generally curious about and have an interest in Vienna
- “Vienna diary”:

As part of your visit, you will keep a kind of “Vienna diary” of impressions and photos, which will then be published on social media (Instagram, Facebook) and elsewhere.

- You let us know when you’re coming (approx. 3 weeks before)
- You are available for interviews with the press (print and TV)

More information concerning the course of events and the questionnaire are available at **www.jewish-welcome.at**

Please send your application to:
office@jewish-welcome.at by the end of August