

THE AUSTRIAN RAILTOUR

**(9 DAY HOLIDAY TOUR BY RAIL)
(BEGINNING ON EASTER SATURDAY)**

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th April, 2010



COST ELEMENTS

All Inclusive Cost - £574.50

6 Day First Class Austrian InterRail Ticket - £242.00 (Optional)

6 Day Standard Class Austrian InterRail Ticket - £180.00 (Optional)

Hotel Single Room Supplement - £159.50 (Optional)

**In order to qualify for Members' Loyalty Discount on this tour –
you must book by 22nd January, with a Minimum Deposit of £145.00, and
the balance must be paid by 19th February**

There has been a three year gap since the last Austrian Railtour ran, but such is the pace of change in Austria that we are now compelled to run more frequently. Demands from Members and the vast quantity of new-build locos appearing, makes this tour a must. New-build Classes 1016, 1116, 1216, 2016 and 2070 will eventually replace around two-thirds of ÖBB's existing traction. So, many new locos to see, but do you still have some old ones to chase?

The first three nights of the tour will be spent in Vienna, allowing us not only to easily complete the city locations at the start of the tour, but also include Villach and Knittelfeld on Monday, and deal with St Polten on our way to Amstetten on Tuesday. The benefit will be that with the five nights we stay in Amstetten, all other major depots in Austria can be covered in the time remaining. Add to that the hundreds of locos and stock you will see as we travel by train during the week, and it is not difficult to see why it is STARS who offer the Premier Austrian 'package' this year.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR FARE?

- ❖ 3 nights up market accommodation in our quality 4 Star Hotel in Wien, and family run hotel in Amstetten. Breakfasts included.
- ❖ Admission and guide charges at Works and Depots (wherever appropriate).
- ❖ All other ancillary charges, taxes and administration.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR FARE?

- ❖ **Travel to and from Austria, including Air Travel. We cannot book flights on your behalf**, you must arrange your own, or overland travel. However, we are able to give advice which will point you in the right direction. (In November Easy Jet were quoting a fare of £126.58 for a return direct flight on these dates, including Airport Charges and Taxes – Can you beat that?)
- ❖ **Tickets required for Days 1, 2 and 9 of the Tour.** Because everyone is likely to arrive for the tour and leave on the last day at different times, and by different means, we are unable to make any general arrangements for tickets. Those arriving at the airport will need to purchase a **48 hour Vienna Ticket (10 Euros *)** and a **One Zone Supplement (1.80 Euros *)** from the machines at the S Bahn Station. (* denotes **2009 Fares**). This will facilitate the journey into the City and unlimited travel on public transport on Days 1 and 2.

- ❖ **Travel outside the scope of the Vienna Ticket.** This should only occur on one occasion – the journey to and from Strasshof Museum (**1.80 Euros each way***).
- ❖ **Meals other than breakfasts.**
- ❖ **Admission charges to Museums.**
- ❖ **Taxi or Public Transport Fares (if any) outside of Vienna**

Be warned! Feedback from our Members indicates that this is likely to be a very popular tour. Unfortunately we have a 'cap' on our accommodation allocation at Amstetten. Once that allocation is full, we will almost certainly have to close bookings – don't miss out on such a great tour – book early!!

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Days One & Two - Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th April

The first two days are identical to the first two of The **Wien Flyer Tour** (details begin on **page 18** of this publication), and we will be accompanied by participants of that tour.

Day Three - Monday 5th April

A very long day today, but very rewarding. Outward via Semmering to Villach. Not only will we enjoy a visit to **Zfl Villach**, but our total stay in the area is nearly three hours - extra time to pick up locos and units working in and out of the station. On our return we visit **Zfl Knittelfeld** and view **Hws Knittelfeld**.

Day Four – Tuesday 6th April

Time to change locations, but we do so in a very efficient way. We travel as far as St Polten, where we will need to make use of left luggage for a while. We then pay visits to **Hws St Polten** (the Works), **Zfs Alpbahnhof** (N/G Depot), and **Zfl St Polten**. A return trip to enable us to visit **Zfs Krems**, will be made prior to recovering our luggage and completing the journey to Amstetten, where we check into our Hotel. The final act of the day will be a visit to **Zfl Amstetten**.

Day Five - Wednesday 7th April

Another packed day, made possible by the position of the new depot at Linz. It is now situated by the Works, and thus saves valuable time going to and from, so much so that we are now able to do Salzburg in the same day. The order will be **Hws Linz** and **Zfl Linz**, followed by **Zfl Wels** and **Zfs Attnang Puchheim** as we make our way to Salzburg. Once there we visit **Zfl Salzburg** and **Zfs Gnigl**. There should also be time to visit the Lokalbahn **SVB** Depot at **Itzling**.

Day Six - Thursday 8th April

Having visited 2 Major Works, 17 Depots, a Museum and a Major Freight yard, all in the first five days, perhaps it is inevitable that the time has come to slow down. Longer journeys now await us but some through most spectacular scenery. Outward via Hütteldorf and Meidling to **Zfl Wiener Neustadt**, then onward to Graz for visits to **Zfl Graz** and **Graz GKB** (including the Depot). We return by a more direct route, through the mountains, with a visit to **Zfs Selzthal**.

Day Seven - Friday 9th April

Another long journey today as we make the journey to visit **Zfl Innsbruck**. After the visit there are several choices. There will be time to go down to visit **Zfl Bludenz** or you may prefer two hours on the station before the train returns. You could also take a run on the

private **Montafonerbahn AG (MBS)** from Bludenz to Schruns, where you will find the depot. There is also time to visit **Jenbach** and its two private lines, the metre gauge **Achenseebahn (AB)** and the 760mm gauge **Zillertalbahn (ZB)** – both have Depots at Jenbach. Another possibility on your return is **Zfs Worgl**.

Day Eight - Saturday 10th April

Very much a free day when you can ‘do your own thing.’ If you did not get to Bludenz, Jenbach or Worgl yesterday, you can try your choice today. You may consider having a look at the ÖBB metre gauge rack line from Puchberg to Hochschneeberg, operated by steam traction. There is the impressive ÖGEG Preservation Site at Ampflang. The possibilities are almost endless.

Day Nine – Sunday 11th April

Dispersal day when we each go our separate ways. What can you find to capture your interest before you finally leave.

Important Notes:

- 1. In order that we can book your rail tickets, please include your date of birth and Passport number on your booking form.**
- 2. Remember - Do not book your flight until we have confirmed the tour as running**