

Dear Reader,

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We received **very charming feedback** from Megan Flower, Destination Event Management Melbourne, after sending a tailor-made offer to her the other day:

*"I would like to thank you so much for your usual standard of fantastic support – you are prompt, efficient, thorough, use great images in your documentation, your English translations are perfect and overall the material you supply makes my life very easy when it comes to formatting the information to our style of proposals."*

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Do you also want to suggest **Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, or Croatia** to your clients?

With the below information you will get a better idea of those countries. Here are interesting facts and news you may, or may not know:

**Klaus Wowereit**, Berlin's mayor, has written a best-selling autobiography. Entitled "...and that's OK – My Life in Politics", his memoirs refer to his "coming-out" speech in 2001, when he said **"I'm gay, and that's OK"**. The book has boosted the mayor's already impressive media profile and fuelled speculation about his political aspirations: some believe "Wowi", as he is known, has his eyes on the chancellery.

Almost two decades after the collapse of the Berlin Wall, **Berlin** has become arguably the **most vibrant city in Europe**. Statistics have proven that it is Europe's third most popular capital city. The reason for this boom in tourism, particularly amongst young people was once perfectly depicted by Klaus Wowereit who describes his capital as **'poor, but sexy'**. As price plays a pivotal role in attracting tourists, this is precisely the way many Berliners, hotels and other tourist organizations want foreigners and non-Berliner Germans to view the city.

**> BERLIN:  
Memoirs of a mayor**



**Austrian Airlines** is to incorporate **London City Airport** into its new flight schedule from 29 October 2007 onwards. Two flights per day **from Vienna** will operate to London City Airport from Monday to Friday in future, complementing the existing five flights a day to and from London Heathrow. This will enable Austrian passengers to choose from up to seven flights a day to London.

The **aircraft used will be a Fokker 70** which, similarly to the Fokker 100, was recently converted to provide greater legroom and levels of comfort as part of the Austrian Airlines quality offensive.

**London City Airport** is of particular interest to business travellers: centrally located at the heart of the financial district of the British capital, the airport enjoys highly efficient public transport links. Flight times are perfect for business travellers, who can fly comfortably and quickly to London in the early mornings and late evenings throughout the working week.

**From London to Vienna**

Days	Flight	Departure	Arrival
Daily	OS 458	London Heathrow 06:15	Vienna 09:35
Daily	OS 452	London Heathrow 09:20	Vienna 12:45
MON-FRI	OS 468	London City Airport 10:25	Vienna 13:40
Daily	OS 454	London Heathrow 12:55	Vienna 16:20
Daily	OS 462	London Heathrow 16:05	Vienna 19:15
Daily	OS 456	London Heathrow 19:30	Vienna 22:40
MON-FRI	OS 470	London City Airport 20:00	Vienna 23:15

**From Vienna to London**

Days	Flight	Departure	Arrival
Daily	OS 451	Vienna 07:05	London Heathrow 08:35
MON-FRI	OS 467	Vienna 08:30	London City Airport 09:55
Daily	OS 453	Vienna 10:15	London Heathrow 12:05
Daily	OS 461	Vienna 13:15	London Heathrow 14:55
Daily	OS 455	Vienna 17:15	London Heathrow 18:40
MON-FRI	OS 469	Vienna 18:05	London City Airport 19:30
Daily	OS 457	Vienna 19:50	London Heathrow 21:25

**> Two flights from Vienna to London City Airport from Monday to Friday – in addition to five flights a day to London Heathrow**



This year "**Budapest Christmas**" is being held for the ninth time, with events getting under way on Saturday 24th November, 2007.

The main attraction will be the **traditional Christmas Market on Vörösmarty Square** in the heart of Pest. This well established event – one of the largest of its type in Europe – has become an indispensable part of the build-up to the festive season. The Market is located in one of Budapest's most beautiful squares, and each year its organizers aim to stage a high quality event that is also a fitting way to prepare for Christmas. Thus the goods on sale include **tasteful hand-made gifts and folk-inspired traditional arts and crafts**: here there is no room for the garish or the mass-produced. It is thanks to this careful attention to the quality of the wares, along with the broadening over the years of the scope of the other attractions and entertainment on offer, that has ensured the event has gained the outstanding international reputation it has. Altogether visitors will be able to choose from the wares of around a **hundred craftsmen and women**, the quality of all of whose work is subject to rigorous control.

There will be **150 great stage shows**, including **puppet theatre, folk music and folk dancing**. Visitors of all ages will be given a free hand in the heated marquee to **make their own seasonal decorations**. During the time the fair lasts, a Nativity scene made by the folk wood carver will be observable, inside it the statues showing the Sacred Family.

On the occasion of **Zoltán Kodály's** 125th birth anniversary, and within the framework of this remembrance year, this series of Christmas events would like to show respect towards the work of this composer by means of showing his **choir masterpieces**.



**Maybe not for incentive groups – but interesting to know:**

If the idea of yet another mundane hotel environment is too much for you, you might want to investigate a more eccentric place to stay: **Drain Pipe Hotel, Austria Linz**, this hotel might not be the ultimate in luxury, but it certainly makes up for it in terms of **sheer eccentricity**. Devised by pipe-dreaming art school graduate, Andreas Strauss, the **three enormous concrete cylinders** contain little more than a double bed, electricity sockets and, well, not a lot else. Bring a book for the night, unless you're fond of nocturnal strolls through the park. Guests **leave a donation** suitable to what they consider their stay was worth. Book online at [www.dasparkhotel.net](http://www.dasparkhotel.net) to a **code to open the door**.



> **Budapest Christmas Market on Vörösmarty square**

> **Pipe-dreaming ... Austria's Drain Pipe Hotel**



The **Czech avant-garde art of the inter-war period** is being presented in a number of exhibitions, lectures and projections with a focus on modernism in New York these days. The **Guggenheim Museum** features a **collection of Central European modernist photographs** from the inter-war era with a number of prominent Czech creators. A similar exhibition, focusing on **book graphic art** is now in the **New York public library**. The Brooklyn gallery Prague Kolektiv shows the **Czech furniture creation** from the 1920-1930s. The New York Czech Centre has joined the effort by the exhibition of the Czech-U.S. designer Jaroslav Sutnar.

**Central Europe** was a **cradle of modern photography** between the world wars. **Czech photographic art** is widely represented at the exhibition "Modernity in Central Europe, 1918-1945" in the Guggenheim Museum. There are all prominent Czech photographers of the era: **Josef Sudek**, Karel Teige, František Drtikol, Karel Plicka, Jaromir Funke and Jaroslav Roessler as well as some minor figures such as Karel Kašpařík, a surrealist from Olomouc, North Moravia, and the group Linie from České Budějovice, South Moravia.

The exhibition "**Graphic Modernism: From the Baltic to the Balkans, 1910-1935**" offers some 60 books, jackets, magazines and posters in over twelve Central European languages, including Czech. Teige's graphic art is prominently represented among them. Along with Matthew Witkovsky, the **Czech Centre** complements the look at the Central European modernism by the exhibition of **25 works by Jaroslav Sutnar** (1892-1976) from the private collection of Robert and June Leibowits. The unique exhibition introduces his designer creation from toys, posters and books to meal sets.

I am looking forward to receiving your requests in the near future.

Kind regards,

*Birgit Kraus*



*Josef Sudek: Untiteld.*

> **Czech modern art making its mark in New York**

