

Art Nouveau

Discover Vienna's famous grand architecture of the elegant Art Nouveau. The bus will pass by the Postal Savings Bank on Ringstrasse and continue to the two city rail pavilions created by Otto Wagner in 1898/99, which are located on the northern side of Karlsplatz. The tour will continue with visits to both the Secession and the Church of Steinhof.

The Viennese Secession

In 1897 a number of artists broke their ties with the Künstlerhaus, the association and gallery of Vienna's art establishment which they considered intolerably conservative, and formed a new art association with the name of Secession and the motto, "To the Age, its Art. To Art, it's Freedom".

In 1898, Joseph Maria Olbrich, a student of Otto Wagner, designed an Art Nouveau gallery building for the new association.

The building was damaged by bombs during World War II and set on fire. During the reconstruction in 1963 the original décor was renewed and a second floor inserted in the entrance hall.

Church at Steinhof

Otto Wagner designed this church, which was built between 1904 and 1907 on the grounds of the Lower Austrian State Asylum, now the Psychiatric Hospital of the City of Vienna. The copper-covered dome of this prime example of Viennese Art Nouveau architecture is visible from quite a distance as the church stands high on the crest of a hill. The glass mosaics in the windows were designed by Kolo Moser.

Bus transfer from and to the University building is provided.

Price: € 42, includes English speaking guide, bus, and entrance fees to Secession & Church of Steinhof.

Duration: 4 hrs. bus tour. Min. number of participants: 20