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International Rotary Summercamp 2024

CAPTURE AUSTRIA

17.- 31. August 2024 Austria – Melk & Rauris Valley

A mindful photographic adventure through the natural and cultural landscape

The first week will be hosted by RC Melk and accommodation will be provided in the Abbey of Melk.

The second week the participants will stay in Rauris in an alpine lodge in the Hohe Tauern National Park.

The emphasis will be on hiking and discovering the raw Alpine landscape.

AIM OF CAMP: Under the guidance of a professional photographer and a movement expert who will both be leading the workshop, the participants will learn how to capture the essence of their surroundings and experiences on their adventure through Austria.

They will experience the beauty of various cultural and natural highlights and will be guided on how to use simple methods and tools to help refine their view and translate that into artistic expression. With the material created and lessons learned during their stay they will contribute to a group performance at the end of the camp.



Highlights of the first week will include:

A fun meet and greet to get to know each other.
Discussion about the language of photography and how we can use various techniques and methods of presentation to tell stories.



A workshop in the HTL Ybbs – a leading secondary school for Information Technology, to further explore the possibilities of photography and presentation techniques

Time and weather permitting we plan to explore: Melk Abbey and its gardens, the city of Melk, the town of Emmersdorf, Aggstein Castle ruin, hiking a part of the World Heritage trail in the Wachau Valley, visit the historic towns of Krems/Stein and Dürnstein, visit an organic Winery, a traditional 'Heurigen' wine restaurant, Göttweig Abbey, Schallaburg (Renaissance) Castle and its gardens.



Highlights of the second week will include:

Welcome evening in the Alpine Lodge „Astenschmiede“ in the valley of Rauris, Salzburg County.

Moderate hiking tours in the nearby National Park „Hohe Tauern“

Experiencing local (alpine) culture like singing, dancing, cooking...

Offer to climb one of the mountains nearby.

According to weather conditions:

Visit of Tauern Spa in Kaprun,

Bus-ride on Großglockner High Alpine Road - driving fun, hiking entertainment and experiences in nature around the Großglockner.

Visit Eisriesenwelt - biggest ice cave in the world.

Continuation of photography workshop.

Final group performance on last evening in the area close to Salzburg City.



SPECIAL REMARKS:

Language will be primarily English (highly recommended is at least intermediate understanding)

Minimum requirement is a mobile telephone with camera and plenty of storage space to back-up images, more advanced equipment (camera with interchangeable lenses, tablet/laptop with card reader, photo manipulation software) is also welcome.

The prerequisites for hiking in the alpine environment are solid walking shoes/boots and a rain jacket, daypack and a sleeping bag. There may be the opportunity to swim in the Danube river at some of the beaches or in a spa in the Alps, so please bring something appropriate to change into.

WHERE: Austria: Melk (Lower Austria) & Rauris Valley (Salzburg)

WHEN: August 17 (SAT) – August 31 (SAT) 2024

AGE: 16 -18 years old (by August 17, 2024)

PARICIPANTS: Max.14, one girl or one boy from each country. Acceptances will be granted on "first come first served" basis subject to country and gender limitations above.

(If the applicants are less than 14 persons, we reserve the right to cancel the camp activity)

COSTS:

- Camp Costs Euro €120.- (to be paid after confirmation)
- Travel: participants pay for their own trip to/from Austria
- Participants need to bring their own pocket money

INSURANCE: All participants MUST be insured for their costs against illness, accident, third party damages and all other risks, inclusive of repatriation coverage, according to Rotary International recommendations.
Insurance costs of about Euro €50.- will be collected in Austria after arrival.

ARRIVAL: On Saturday 17, 2024 at Vienna International Airport (VIE) or Vienna Central Station (Railway). You will be picked up by Rotary Members.

FLIGHT & VISA: The applicant has to arrive with a ticket and necessary visa.

APPLICATION: at the latest by March 17, 2024

To apply for this camp, contact the Camps Coordinator:
Alistair Knox - email: camps@youthexchange.org.uk

Link to former camps: <https://rotaryclubmelk.at/jugendcamp-2015/>
<https://youtu.be/Xk1EyMAoV1I>