# Insight Cities Vienna - Half-Day Private Ringstrasse Project History Tour in Vienna

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| **Location:** Vienna, Austria  **Language:** English  **Duration:** 3.0 hours | **Magpie Product Code:** TMKVQR  **Company Website:** insightcities.com/our-walk/vienna-tours  **Primary Contact:** Insight Cities Vienna |

**Description Summary:**
This walk, in the company of a historian, takes you along this outstanding boulevard called “Ringstrasse” and gives you an in­-depth introduction to the political and philosophical motivations behind the project. In addition, you learn about the social and geographical impact it had on the city in the years to come. We start off in front of the impressive City Hall (“Rathaus”), one of the landmarks along the Ring and a beloved meeting point.
When the project was introduced, it was proclaimed that a large number of public buildings were to be placed along “Ringstrasse”. During our discussion, we will consider the historical style in which these public institutions were built and why certain styles where chosen for certain buildings. You will also become familiar with the most influential architects along the “Ringstrasse”. For each of those architects, winning a commission in this prestigious project meant a completely new status for their future careers.
The construction of the “Ringstrasse” was to be funded through the building of privately financed apartment houses. However, it proved difficult to sell the properties. First of all, it was obvious that it would take years before the Ring project would be finished. Nobody could be found who was immediately attracted to living on a building site. Second, the established nobility of Vienna feared the mystery of future occupants in an entirely new district. Because The Ring was a terrae incognitae in society circles, any nouveau riche could become your neighbour! The story of the community who ended up living along the “Ringstrasse” will add another dimension to our discussion along the Ring
Of course, a boulevard functions as a kind of public catwalk and The Ring was most definitely the place of places in Vienna to see, be seen and meet with people from the moment of its completion. Therefore several cafes and restaurants were established along the boulevard. At the end of our tour we will visit “Cafe Schwarzenberg” est. 1861 to get an insight into the thriving Vienna café culture at the latter half of the 19th Century.

**Description:**
On a private, half-day history tour, embark Vienna’s most famous boulevard, the Ringstasse, which was meant to dramatically prove the city’s cosmopolitanism and modernity. In the company of a scholar guide, learn about the controversies of the boulevard’s construction, it’s brilliant architectural completion, and how the Ring became the social hub of Vienna city life.

**Inclusions:**

3-hour guided tour of Vienna’s Ringstrasse

Professional guide

**Exclusions:**

Food and drinks

Hotel pickup and drop-off

**Know Before You Book:**

- Duration: 3h

- Mobile tickets accepted

- Instant confirmation

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Traveler pickup is offered.<br>Your guide will meet you at your central hotel or flat and lead your group by metro, tram or foot (when the sites are close). Tickets are provided if you do not have a pass. We'll write to request your address when we send you your guide's phone and photo. If you don't want a pickup or do not respond with an address, please meet your guide 15 minutes before start time at the default meeting point, Café Landtmann, Universitätsring 4, A-1010 Vienna, Austria<br>Universitätsring 4, 1010 Wien, Austria
Please meet your guide outside Café Landtmann, Universitätsring 4, A-1010 Vienna, Austria<br>Vienna, Austria<br>Hotel pickup is offered. View the hotel list on our checkout page to see if yours is included among the pickup points.

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
For a full refund, cancel at least 24 hours in advance of the start date of the experience.

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