



# Fall Break 2019: Venice to Vienna

October 4 - 13, 2019



## Upcoming Opportunities with The Center for Gifted Studies



### **SUPER SATURDAYS**

Fall 2019: November 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2019  
Winter 2020: February 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2020



### **2020 SPRING BREAK IN ITALY** APRIL 3-12, 2020



**THE SUMMER CAMP FOR ACADEMICALLY  
TALENTED MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (SCATS)**  
June 7-19, 2020



**THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR VERBALLY AND  
MATHEMATICALLY PRECOCIOUS YOUTH (VAMPY)**  
June 21 - July 11, 2020

*A Travel/Study Program to  
Selected Points of Interest from Venice to  
Vienna for Eighth Grade and  
High School Honors Students  
as well as Interested Adults*

**Sponsored by:**

**The Center for  
Gifted Studies  
at WKU**



## VENICE TO VIENNA OCTOBER 4 - 13, 2019

This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of Venice and Vienna. This program, sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, is designed to provide participants with a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified participants will be accompanied by the program director.

### PROGRAM COST

The program cost is \$4,500. This cost includes the following:

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN;
- Accommodations in double rooms (an adult may request a single room for an additional charge);
- Breakfast each day at the hotel;
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary; and
- Travel by motor coach for excursions.

This cost is subject to increase should there be changes in fares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs that are not now anticipated. The itinerary is subject to minor changes insofar as the daily activities are concerned.

All travelers must be able to participate in normal physical activities. In addition, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade;
2. Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
3. Two signatures from teachers, counselors, principals, and/or G/T coordinators recommending participation.

### APPLICATION

A copy of the information page of the passport and a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 are due with the application. Eligible participants will be admitted to the program in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the study tour has reached capacity.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 deposit and a passport-size photograph are due with application
- \$2,000 payment due: August 1, 2019
- \$2,000 payment due: September 1, 2019

### Applications and requests for further information should be sent to:

The Center for Gifted Studies  
Western Kentucky University  
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Bowling Green, KY 42101-1031

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*Web:* [www.wku.edu/gifted](http://www.wku.edu/gifted)





# TRAVEL ITINERARY

## Friday, October 4

Depart the USA for Venice.

## Saturday, October 5

Arrive in Venice. Transfer by private motor launch to our hotel. In the afternoon take a walking tour of Venice.

## Sunday, October 6

In the morning, tour the magnificent Doges' Palace, the official residence of each Venetian ruler (doge). While in the palace, cross the famous Bridge of Sighs which connects the palace and the prison. Visit the splendidly ornate Basilica of St. Mark and St. Mark's Square. After lunch, cross the Rialto Bridge to visit the Basilica of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari.

## Monday, October 7

In the morning, take a tour of three lagoon islands: Murano, center of the glassmaking industry; Torcello, site of the oldest building on the lagoon, the Cathedral of Santa Maria dell Assunta; and Burano, famous for its brightly-painted buildings and lacemaking. In the afternoon, spend time visiting sights of interest in Venice.

## Tuesday, October 8

Travel from Venice to Vienna stopping for a lunch break in Graz, Austria. Arrive in Vienna in the late afternoon and check into our hotel.

## Wednesday, October 9

Take a full-day excursion up the Danube River. Travel by motor coach from Vienna to Krems and from Krems to Melk by river boat. The fifty-mile stretch of the Danube River from Krems to Melk is called the Wachua and is considered one of the most magnificent stretches of river scenery in Europe. After lunch in Melk, tour the old city,

including the Baroque Benedictine Abbey, one of the most beautiful in Europe. Return to Vienna in the early evening.

## Thursday, October 10

Start the day with a visit to the Belvedere, built as the summer residence for Prince Eugene of Savoy. Tour the elaborate Upper Belvedere to see the impressive interior and view the extensive Austrian art collection. Walk from the Belvedere to Karlplatz to visit the Baroque masterpiece, Karlskirche. This church was built to fulfill a promise made in 1713 to build a church as soon as the plague epidemic ended in Vienna. Spend the rest of the day visiting points of interest.

## Friday, October 11

In the morning, visit the Stephansdom, a magnificent Gothic church noted for its beautiful glazed tile roof and impressive collection of art. From Stephansdom, go to Am Hof, the largest enclosed square in Vienna and Judenplatz, site of medieval Jewish ghetto and the location of the Holocaust memorial. In the afternoon, go to the Hofburg Complex to visit the state apartments and tour the facilities of the Spanish Riding School. In the evening, attend a performance of the Lipizzaner Stallions at the Spanish Riding School.

## Saturday, October 12

In the morning, travel out from Vienna to visit Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens. This massive, Baroque palace, completed in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, was the summer residence of the imperial family. In the afternoon return to Vienna for a final afternoon to shop and visit points of interest.

## Sunday, October 13

Depart Vienna for the USA



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APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your passport)

Previous Participation in The Center's programs \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANTS.**

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2019-2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS.**

My signature verifies that the applicant is recommended for participation in the Fall Break 2019: Venice to Vienna travel/study program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator                      Position                      Date

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Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator                      Position                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(if applicant is a student)