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Celebrate 2010 in Prague or Vienna

Plan Now to Welcome the Next Decade in Style

Atlanta, August 4, 2009 - Remember Y2K? That was almost a decade ago, and most New Year's Eve parties were held close to home, just in case computers decided to go wild. But this year, special New Year's Eve parties all over the globe are planned to ring in the start of the next decade, 2010. For example, Austrian Airlines Vacation Center has created two special vacation packages that let you party in style: one in Prague, the Czech Republic (see <http://tiny.cc/cadZr>) and one in Vienna, Austria (see <http://tiny.cc/IMeC4>).

The "New Year's Eve in Prague" package is a five-night, five-star celebration and is priced at \$2,529 per person, double occupancy. You depart in Austrian Air's economy class from New York (JFK) to Prague on Monday, December 28. After a relaxed overnight flight and a quick connection in Vienna, you arrive in Prague where you'll stay for four nights at the five star hotel of your choice: Le Palais, the Palace Hotel, the Imperial or the Esplanade. On New Year's Eve, you are invited to attend a Gala Evening at Prague's State Opera. The evening starts at 8 p.m. with drinks and a luxurious buffet dinner, a champagne toast at midnight, followed by a glorious concert by the Prague Symphony Orchestra. A Prague Castle Tour and a Grand City Tour of Prague are included in the package price as well, as are private transfers, daily buffet breakfast, hotel service charges and hotel taxes.

In addition to this New Year's celebration in Prague, Austrian Airlines Vacation Center, together with Dailey-Thorp & Conlin, the opera travel company, has composed a vacation especially for music lovers who have always dreamt of celebrating New Year's Eve in Vienna.

The "New Year's in Vienna" package also starts on December 28, 2009, and you will return to the USA on January 3, 2010. Priced at \$3,999 per person, double occupancy, the six-night, seven-day trip includes roundtrip air, economy class on Austrian Air from New York (JFK) or Washington (IAD), private transfers, five nights first-class accommodations at the four-star Europa Hotel in the heart of Vienna

(located close to the Vienna State Opera House), daily buffet breakfast - plus a number of events that will delight the most discerning fan of opera and other classical music.

Rare tickets to the preview of the famous New Year's Day Concert by the Vienna Philharmonic and a performance of Strauss' opera DIE FLEDERMAUS are included, as well as a ticket to hear Beethoven's NINTH SYMPHONY performed at the Konzerthaus. A welcome dinner at Vienna's famous Hotel Sacher and a half-day sightseeing tour through Vienna complete the package - and if you are looking for that true once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you will have the option to attend the glittering IMPERIAL BALL on New Year's Eve in the Hofburg Palace! An upgrade to the five-star Ring Hotel in Vienna will increase the package price to \$4,999 per person, and for just \$2,950 extra per person, you can travel trans-Atlantic in Austrian Air's stellar business class. Add-on fares from all major US gateways are available upon request.

"These wonderful New Year's Eve packages are created for individual travelers who are looking for a sophisticated and unique New Year's Eve celebration," according to Bram Majtlis, Austrian Airlines Vacation Center's President. "They are sure to sell quickly, so start making your plans now and welcome 2010 in Europe!"

All "New Year's" packages must be paid in full within 7 days after reservations are confirmed, and no later than 14 days prior to departure. Once confirmed, the packages are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be changed. All packages will be booked on Austrian Air in economy class and are subject to schedule and space availability. Your maximum stay in Europe is 30 days, and all travel must be completed by January 26, 2010. "New Year's in Vienna" package prices include fuel surcharges, but they do not include US Customs / INS / Aphis fees / International Transportation Tax / Passenger Facility Charges / Civil Aviation Security Fee / domestic and foreign Security and Airport Charges of up to approximately USD \$145 per passenger. Additional taxes and fees may be collected by foreign governments. All taxes / fees / surcharges are subject to change and exchange rate fluctuations and may vary on the day of booking.

Further details about this and other vacation packages may be found on www.austrianair-vacations.com. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Austrian Airlines Vacation Center at (800) 790-4682, or via email: info@austrianair-vacations.com.