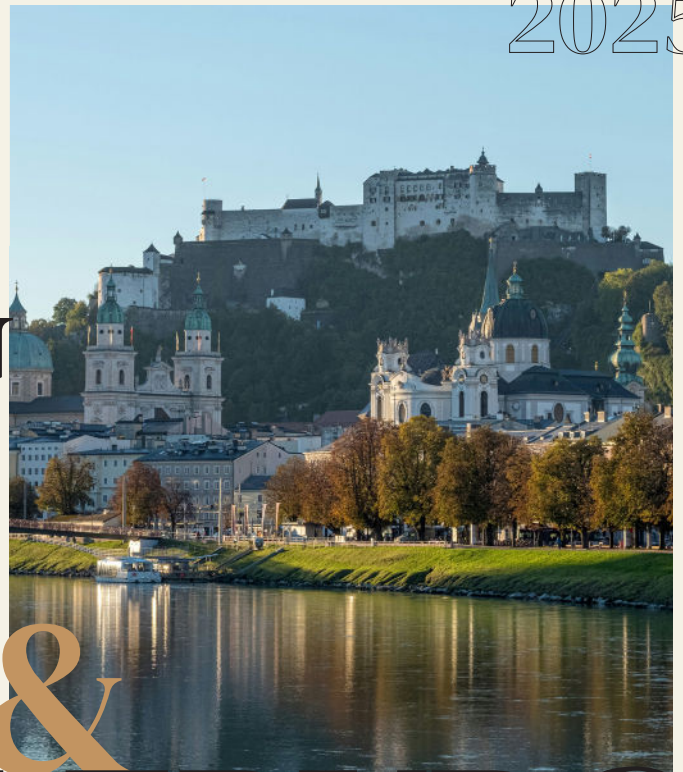


VIENNA



MAY 24-
JUNE 01

2025



GAMING



&

SALZBURG

with

philosophers **LOGAN GAGE, JAVIER CARREÑO, & MARIA WOLTER**

artist & art historian **CARL FOUGEROUSSE**

& special appearances by **KARLO BROUSSARD & CHRIS CHECK**

and **MICHAEL P. FOLEY**

(of Catholic Answers)

(author of *Drinking with the Saints*)

Register Online Now!

PLEASE CONTACT DR. LOGAN GAGE WITH QUESTIONS
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basic ITINERARY

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

May 24

- Expert-led central city walking tour (historic churches, palaces, and cafes)
- Opening dinner (discussion of Austrian history/culture)
- Dinner in a 14th-Century cellar beneath Vienna's streets

GAMING, AUSTRIA

May 25-27

- See Franciscan's beautiful campus in the foothills of the Alps
- Mass at the Romanesque abbey of Heiligenkreuz with a relic of the true cross
- Tour of the Baroque Melk Abbey on the Danube
- Day trip to Dürnstein Castle and winery tour in the picturesque Wachau Valley
- Day trip to Mariazell in the Alps
- Holy Happy Hour with Dr. Michael Foley (Baylor University)
- Talks and events with expert Franciscan faculty and staff from Catholic Answers

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

May 28-29

- Tour of old Salzburg
- Possible dinner concert in the birthplace of Mozart
- Free time to visit palace gardens, beautiful churches, and historic breweries
- Possible visit to Mauthausen Memorial (a U.S.-liberated concentration camp)
- See filming locations from *The Sound of Music*



basic ITINERARY

MUNICH, GERMANY

May 30

- Optional daytrip to Munich from Salzburg
- City walking tour
- See some of Europe's most beautiful churches, palaces, and gardens

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

May 31- June 1

- Expert tour of Vienna's incredible art history museum
- Free time for shopping, sipping coffee at world-famous cafes, or getting lost in Europe's most livable city
- Closing dinner
- Depart for home or continue your travels



Salzburg



Vienna

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DETAILS *we are planning for you*

- Opportunities for daily Mass at some of the most beautiful locations in Europe
- Intimate tours and events with expert Franciscan University faculty and the staff of Catholic Answers



YOUR RETREAT

includes

- Hotel stays
- Most breakfasts and dinners (although you are welcome to venture out on your own)
- Air-conditioned coach bus travel
- Daily Mass
- Guided walking tours
- Guided Church tours
- Intellectually stimulating events and discussions
- Fellowship with other Catholic Studies students and professors

RATES

do not include

- Airfare
- Train/Taxi/Uber fare from airport to downtown Vienna and back
- Personal expenses
- Medical insurance
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Church donations
- Most lunches
- Optional events like wine tastings and museums (although we are fund-raising to help cover these)





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COST

\$3,499/person

This price assumes a shared room for those traveling together.

Single rooms

We strongly encourage you to bring a spouse, family member, or same-sex friend with which you can share both a room and lasting memories. There are, however, a **limited number of single rooms at \$3,999/person.**

SAVE YOUR SPOT **click the link to place a deposit**

Deposits are non-refundable unless the minimum number of persons to run the trip is not met. A final decision will be reached by April 5.

RESERVATION LINK:

<https://encounter.franciscan.edu/register/cst-retreat-2025>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION *regarding your trip*

MOBILITY

Anticipate a walking duration of three to four hours on certain tour days. While the pace is moderate, be prepared for uneven surfaces, stairs, steps, cobblestones, and notable slopes. Some tours may involve walking in open areas without shade or seating. Additionally, elevators can be non-functional in metro stations and other public spaces, with historic structures often lacking such facilities.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

As a passionately Catholic institution, Franciscan University fully accepts the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church as set forth by the Magisterium. All persons participating in the Catholic Studies retreat are expected to act in a manner consistent with the University's Catholic and Franciscan identity, mission, and values.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- We will inform participants when the minimum number of deposits has been received so that they can book tickets. If you choose to book ahead of time, please purchase fully refundable tickets.
- While we expect that most participants are comfortable reserving their own tickets, if you need help from a travel agency the university recommends CTP (visit <https://www.ctp-travel.com/>).
- Unless traveling before or after the retreat (which you are welcome to do), all flights should be booked to Vienna International Airport (VIE).
 - Participants should plan to meet the group at the hotel in Vienna around noon on Saturday, May 24.
 - The CAT (City Airport Train) offers a 16-minute non-stop service to central Vienna for ~15 Euros. The S7 Express Train departs every 30 minutes and offers a 25-minute service for ~5 Euros. Uber and taxi options are also available. Taxis cost ~60 Euros, and Uber is typically cheaper.

FLIGHT CANCELATIONS OR DELAYS

If your flight experiences cancellation or delays, please coordinate directly with your airline at the airport to secure rebooking on the earliest available flight. Once you have information about your new flight and expected arrival time, use the provided emergency number to inform Dr. Gage of the delay. Any expenses incurred in this situation are the participant's responsibility and are not covered in the trip cost. We strongly advise having travel insurance. And if you plan to seek reimbursement, remember to retain your receipts.

HEALTH INSURANCE

We also recommend that you either make sure that your health insurance coverage covers you while in Europe or that you purchase short-term coverage. This can be inexpensive. The university itself typically purchases such insurance through CISI (visit <https://www.culturalinsurance.com/>).



Fireman's Sour Recipe (for those who read the fine-print)

Dr. Foley's suggested cocktail in honor of St. Florian, martyr and patron saint of firefighters and upper Austria:

- 2 oz. light rum**
- 2 oz. fresh lime juice**
- ½ oz. grenadine (ask Dr. Gage for his homemade recipe)**
- 1 tsp. sugar**

Shake over ice, strain, top with soda water, and garnish with a cherry and lime wheel.