

A Trip to Vienna

On 29 November, instead of attending the IATEFL Interim General Meeting meeting or taking part in the demonstration against the restrictions on the salaries of public servants, a group of English teachers (all of them members of IATEFL-H, of course) set off to do some sightseeing and Christmas shopping in Vienna, courtesy of LingVisit Kft. I had thought nothing new could be said to me on the subject of Tempus scholarships, as I had already participated in teacher training programmes with the help of LingVisit twice, but it turned out that Róbert Goldmann could provide us with the most up-to-date information on this issue – for example, did you know that you don't have to wait for three years any more in order to be eligible for a teacher training scholarship again? Besides, LingVisit can also help you to organize study trips for your students.

Of course, this trip was not just about business – with the help of our excellent guide, Márti, (who insisted on guiding us in English all the way through), we got to know the sights of the Imperial City thoroughly. After stopping at Schönbrunn for a mug of mulled wine (also courtesy of LingVisit –and we could even keep the mugs!) and for a brief look at the Christmas market in front of the palace, we had a glance at the Belvedere Palace, and finally we plunged into the pre-Christmas whirl of Mariahilfer Strasse. Back on the coach, after some professional or private small talk with the colleagues (and after a short nap), we had the opportunity to see the DVD about the IATEFL-H Conference in Balatonfüred in October – I am sure it brought back lots of nice memories for several of us! We were also informed about the accredited teacher training courses available with IATEFL-Hungary and a forthcoming workshop where you can develop your skills in writing successful bids to participate in teacher training courses abroad.

Thank you for this wonderful trip, Lingvisit and IATEFL-Hungary – it definitely put us into the Christmas mood and we hope that this 'good practice' will be continued next year, too!

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