

Sustainability Field Trip to Graz-Styria, Austria, 10-15 September 2012

Logistical Information

Pick-up on Monday, 10 September

There are two pick-up points for the bus to Graz (and return). One in Prague and one in Brno:

Prague – 9.30

ul. Šolínova by the car park on Vítězné nám., Dejvice, Praha 6, metro station Dejvicka.

Map <http://mapy.cz/s/4Vnd>

Brno – 12.00

OC Futurum – long-distance bus stop. There is a place for long-distance buses to stop beside the main road called Videňská. You have to walk about 200-300m past the Tesco petrol station in the direction of Vienna from autobusová zastávka OC Futurum . You can get to OC Futurum via a free bus (see <http://www.futurumbrno.cz/jak-se-k-nam-dostanete.html?by=bus>)

Map <http://mapy.cz/s/50FH>

What to take

Our bus seats 20 people, including the driver, so there's not too much space. Bring with you:

- your normal clothing, plus a pair of walking shoes for the Graz city tour and a walk in the Gesäuse National Park; a rain coat
- Laptops/notebooks/netbooks if you have them; pen and paper for making notes
- A packed lunch to eat on the bus on the journey to Graz on Monday
- A digital camera if you have one for taking photos that can be easily uploaded to our wiki pages
- Pocket money for drinks and souvenirs. We pay for all the accommodation and meals and transport, but you might want to buy something else for yourselves.
- Travel insurance – it's up to you if you think you need it; we don't provide that.

Accommodation & meals

As you see in the programme, we are staying at JUFA youth hostels in both Graz and Eisenerz where the rooms are fully furnished, so you **don't** need sleeping bags etc. We will also eat most of our meals at the hostels or take packed lunches provided by the hostels; vegetarians will be catered for. You're free to do what you want after dinner, but we will expect at least a little bit of work from you, which might require some time in the evening ;)

What to prepare

We will expect you to write a short case study (800-1000 words) individually or in pairs making comparisons between CZ and Austria of sustainability issues and challenges, so you should do some background reading, for example, on what the concept of 'sustainability' means, on Czech strategic

energy or mining policy, the Czech government's attitude to 'sustainability', 'sustainable' production methods and agriculture, organic products, sustainable tourism, or a specific sustainability project that you know of in the Czech Republic. We will send some further information for you to read before the beginning of the trip.

What you receive at the end of the trip

At the end of the trip and once you have completed your short case study writing assignment we will provide you with a certificate of completion.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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