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# Rally to restore 4th Amendment rights

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This summer, the world became aware of the NSA's secret domestic surveillance programs through material released by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. The extent and implications of these revelations is staggering—nearly all electronic communications, foreign or domestic, which pass through the United States are recorded and analyzed by the NSA under the guise of preventing acts of terrorism.

While the contribution of the NSA's warrantless wiretapping to national security interests is questionable, its violation of the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution is not. The 4th Amendment exists to protect the citizenry from arbitrary search,

seizure, or detention by government agencies without probable cause. The desire to hold electronic communications in private is not probable cause. The NSA's programs conducted under Patriot Act Section 215 and FISA Amendments Act 702 are a direct and flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of every American.

Just like the other amendments that make up the Bill of Rights, the 4th Amendment exists to protect the American people from oppressive government. What more could a potential authoritarian wish for than a list of every citizen who opposed him/her, together with incriminating information on each and every one of them?

Unfortunately as it may be that our elected leaders have betrayed the American people by authorizing such blatant violations of our basic rights, we are not powerless to

reverse this. Many in congress, previously unaware of the full extent of the NSA's domestic surveillance, have moved to defund the programs through the Amash Amendment, which enjoyed strong bipartisan support and nearly passed the house, failing by a mere 13 votes. We can still act to withdraw Patriot Act S215 and FAA 702 to restore the protections of the 4th Amendment and stall the erosion of our constitutional right to privacy by making our voices heard to legislators and educating the public of the importance of this issue.

Please join your fellow Chicagoans and myself at Federal Plaza on October 26 to stand up against the NSA's violations of our constitutional rights at a rally being held by Restore the Fourth Chicago.

More information may be found on Restore the Fourth Chicago's website: [rt4chicago.com](http://rt4chicago.com)

# Visit Vienna for vivacious escapades

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I have been to Vienna multiple times but only had the opportunity to explore the city last summer. Vienna is the largest city in Austria. It is also the capital city with a rich cultural history, especially music. After crossing the German border, all I could see conquering the scenic beauty were The Alps, which, at one point, seemed to be prettier than Switzerland. The fresh mountain air gave me chills when we pulled over for few minutes to take in the mesmerizing view of The Alps. That is one of the best parts about driving—we can stop anywhere, anytime and take our own time to take in the scenic beauty, rather than being busy with our cameras for snapshots of the view from the inside of an express train!

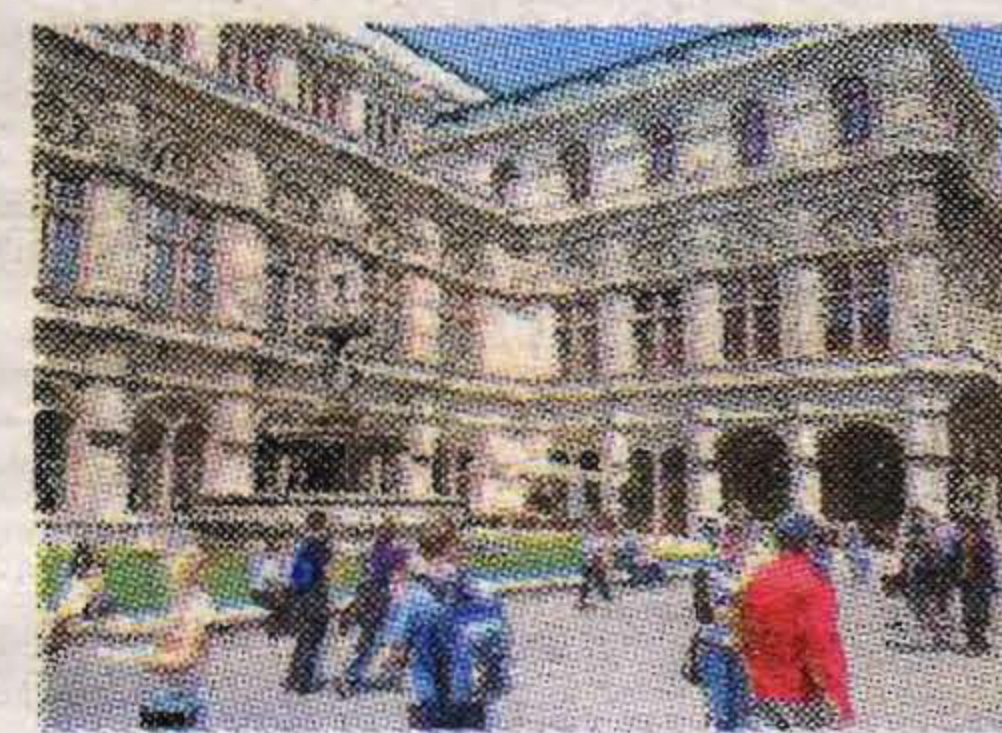
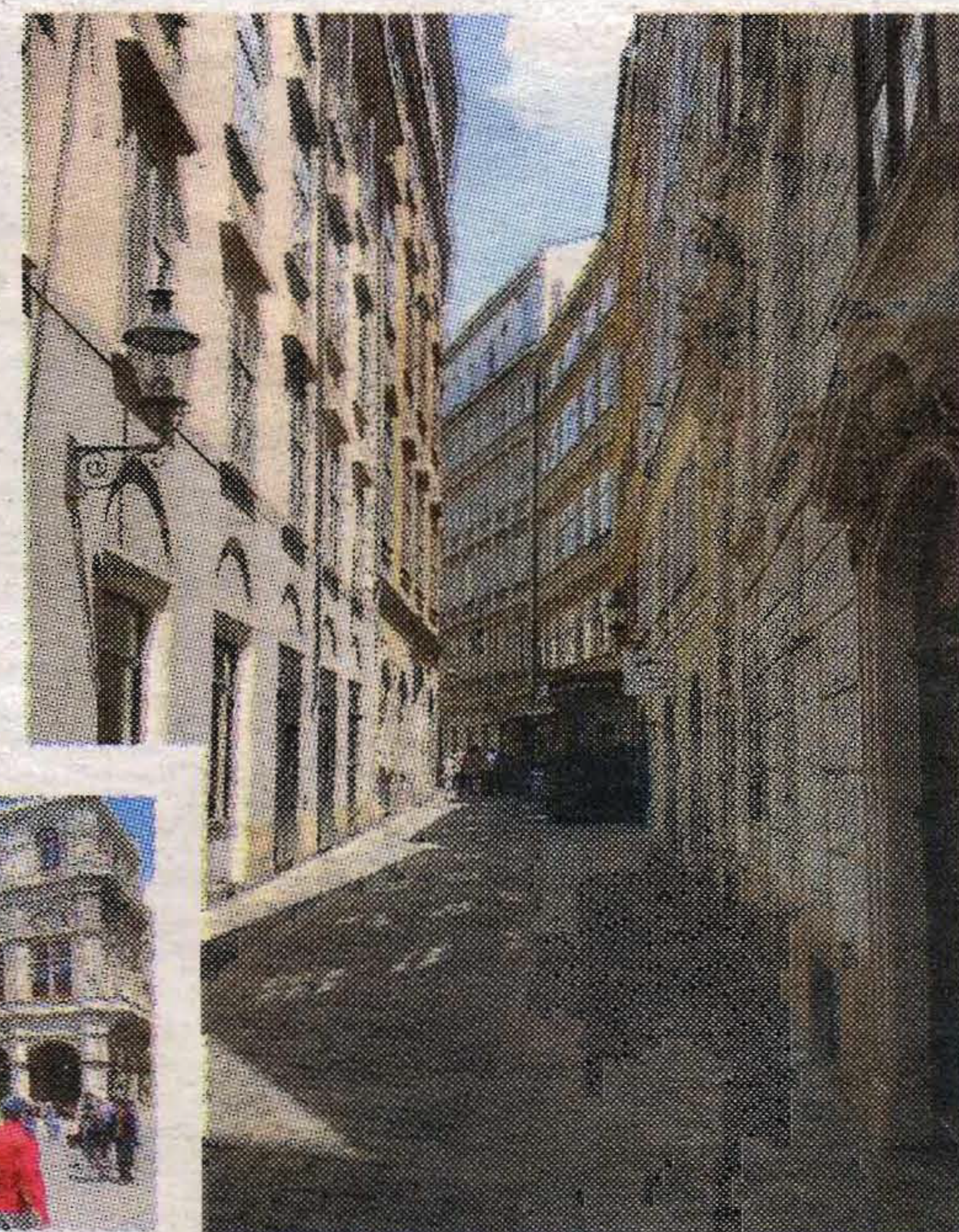
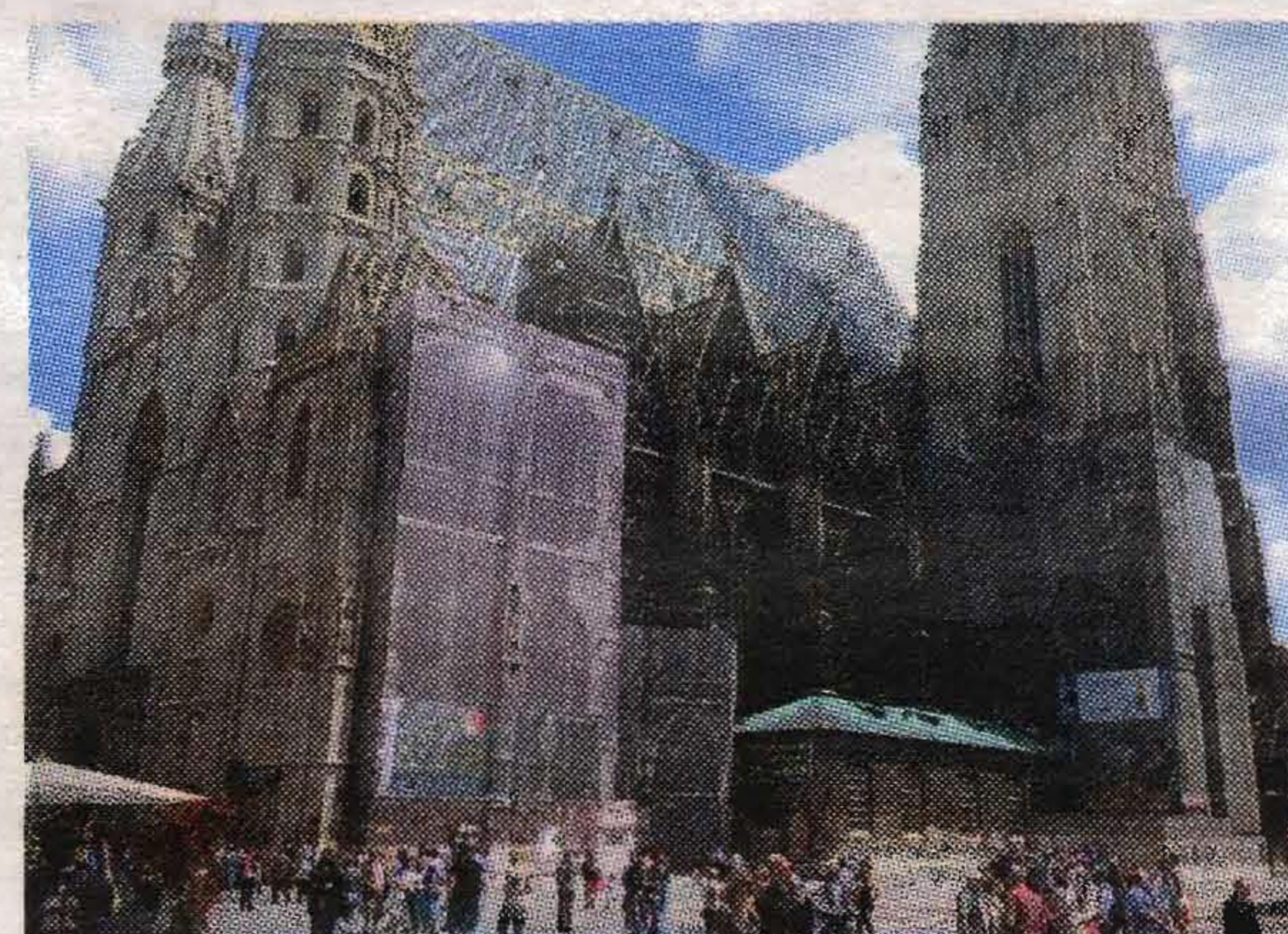
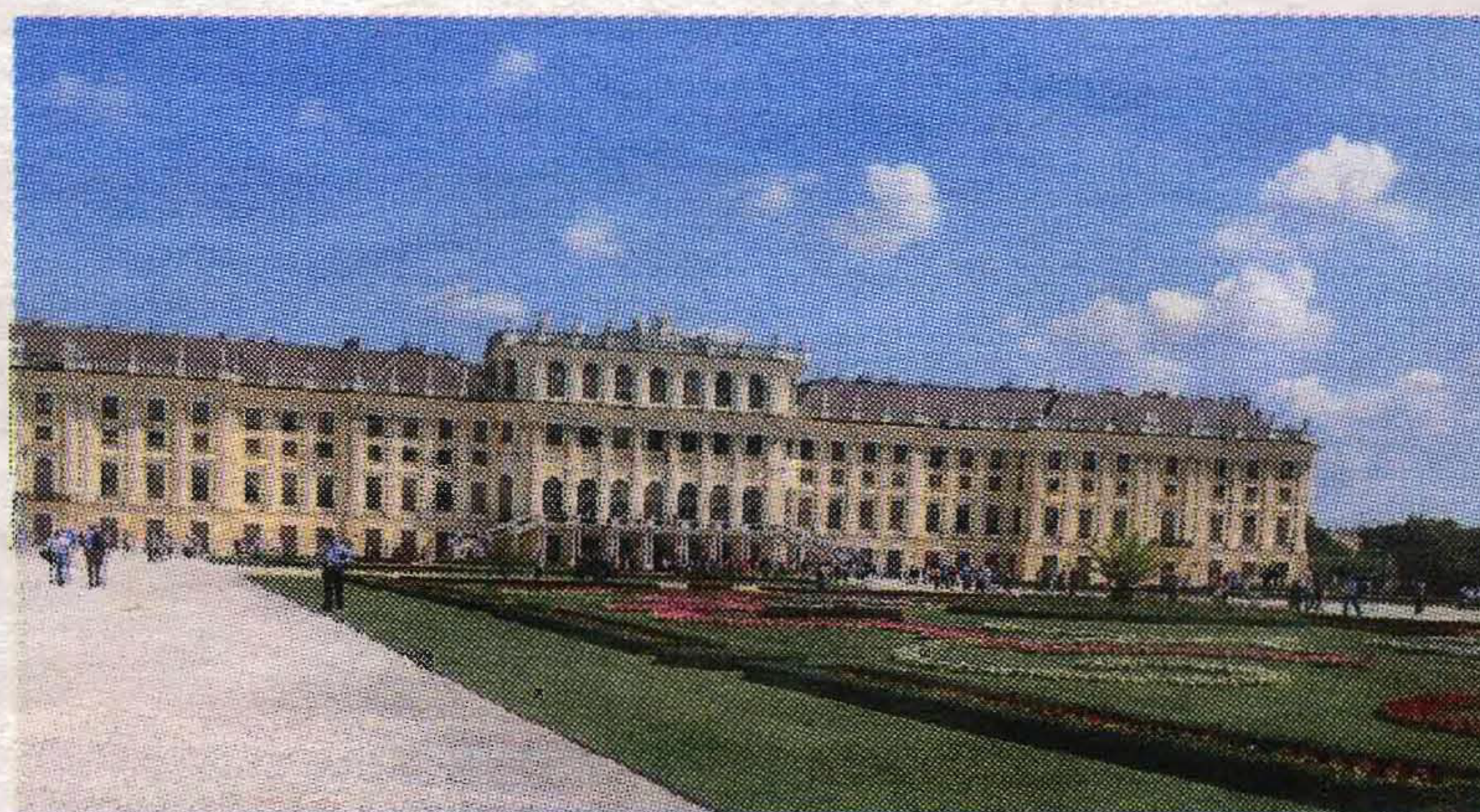
One should spend at least three to four days to explore this beautiful city. When it comes to exploring a culturally loaded city like Vienna, walking around the city is highly recommended to get to know the culture, the people, the food (Thuringen wurst, you cannot leave Vienna with tasting this!), and most importantly, the musical legacy. For people interested in classical music, Vienna State Opera is the place to experience it. Tickets to these per-

formances are highly sought after. When we were there, we attended a Mozart concert with a fancy dinner for 100 Euro per person. Man those tickets can be expensive! Nevertheless, it is worth experiencing. The building with its neo-renaissance style promises the viewers with magnificent interiors and definitely delivers. One feels like listening to classical music when entering the building. Also, for people who could not get tickets to the concert or who cannot afford to get them, they have the opportunity to view the concert via a broadcast on the exterior of the building, which really impressed me as it showed the mentality that everyone who is present there should get to experience a performance at the Vienna State Opera.

The area around the opera is really fancy with branded shops and restaurants. This is where you will find the maximum amount of tourists. This area is also my favorite as I go crazy every time I go to the Swarovski Flagship store. In the midst of all these attractive things, is St. Stephen's Cathedral, which is a Roman Catholic cathedral. The building is quite traditionally ornamented and still goes along with modern amenities. It also lets you walk around and get to know the place, even though it is crowded most of the time. Vienna has numerous monumental buildings, but one of the most splendid is Vienna City Hall. With

gothic style architecture, the place stuns people with its magnificent appointments of the state rooms for various conferences, concerts and events. That is one of the reasons I have been to Vienna multiple times. Another outstanding place I visited is Schoenbrunn Palace which is one of the most culturally significant places in Austria. Trust me, the place is so huge that you can spend a day or two exploring the palace without getting tired of it. It is a former imperial 1,441-room Rococo summer residence, with a variety of gardens and Roman ruins, Gloriette, the Neptune Fountain, and the Great Parterre. At one point I thought there was no end to the beautiful property that shows the impressive taste and style of the Monarchs at that time. The whole property at a glance is breathtaking. We spent three hours running inside a labyrinth with 10 feet tall hedges and that was just 1/16th of the property, so you can imagine how magnificent this place is.

The last thing that we did during our stay in Vienna was to sail the Danau river, which has a significant role as it flows through four European capital cities—Vienna, Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary) and Belgrade (Serbia). Interesting, right? This has now urged me to visit the other three capital cities. This is what I love, going to an unknown place and finding a connection to visit another unknown place.



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