

Speaking 2

14 Work in two groups. Group A look at the text below. Group B turn to page 115.

GROUP A

You work as tour guides at the conference centre in Graz, Austria. You have been asked to plan a two-hour walk round Graz.

Read your information. Plan your route. Prepare your talk. Give your talk to someone in Group B.

1. The Bell Tower—
Built 1588/houses
largest bell in area
and a medieval
prison

2. The Clock Tower—
dates from 1556

3. The Saurau Palace—
encloses a romantic
courtyard/statue of
Turkish soldier throwing
himself from garret

4. Eggenberg Palace—
1825/has 365 windows—
View for each day of year
interesting state rooms
and beautiful gardens

5. The Town Hall—
neoclassical town hall
built between 1888 and
1893/replaced the
Renaissance palace

6. Landhaus—present-day
seat of provincial government
remodelled by Domenico
dell'Allio in 1557/Renaissance
courtyard surrounded by
magnificent arcades

7. Regional Arsenal—world's largest
historical armoury/30,000+ harnesses
and weapons from 16th+17th Century

8. Karl-Franzens University—
founded 1585 as Jesuit College/
rebuilt in Renaissance style
1890/25,000 students attend
today

9. Pilgrimage Church
of Our Lady of Comfort—
always a chapel here/
destination of many
pilgrims/present
church built 1714/
two impressive spires

10. City Park Fountains—
designed and cast for
Vienna World
Fair in 1873/
two side pieces
now in Paris

11. Castle—begun 1483/
Gothic style/double
spiral staircase
built 1499

12. Cathedral—a three-bayed
cathedral in the Gothic style/
picture of the scourges
of God on south side of
church commemorating
the Black Death/
attacks by the Turks
shown as the invasion of
the locusts

Follow-up

15 Collect information about your local area and design a guided tour for a group of foreign students visiting your town. Or choose a museum you would like to visit and give a talk on one of its exhibits.