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1. Geographical location

Graz is the capital of Styria in southeast Austria, close to Slovenia. It is the largest city in Styria and the second largest in Austria after Vienna located around 200 kms away. The city lies on Mur River.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Is Close To The Major Austrian Cities Like Vienna (200 Km), Linz (220 Km) And Salzburg (270 Km). The Major European Cities Close To Graz Are Ljubljana In Slovenia (133 Km), Zagreb In Croatia (150 Km), Bratislava In Slovakia (175 Km), Trieste In Italy (202 Km), Brno In Czech Republic (254 Km), Budapest In Hungary (279 Km), Venice In Italy (298 Km).



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3. Significance

"Graz Is The Capital Of Styria And The Second Largest City In Austria After Vienna. Graz Has A Long Tradition As A ""university Town"": Its Six Universities Have More Than 44,000 Students. Its ""Old Town"" Is One Of The Best-preserved City Centres In Central Europe. Politically And Culturally, Graz Was For Centuries More Important For Slovenes Than Ljubljana, The Capital Of Slovenia, And Still Remains Influential. In 1999, Graz Was Added To The UNESCO List Of World Cultural Heritage Sites, And The Site Was Extended In 2010 By Schloss Eggenberg. Graz Was Sole Cultural Capital Of Europe For 2003 And Got The Title Of A City Of Culinary Delights In 2008."



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4. History

"The City Has Been Continuously Inhabited Since The Middle Ages. The Earliest Documentation About The City Dates To The 12th Century When It Was Under Babenburg Rule. Graz Was An Important Commercial Centre During This Time. The City's First University Was Established In 1582 By Archduke Karl II. The University Was Shut Down In 1782 And Reinstated In 1827 As Karl-Franzens Universität. Today Around 30,000 Students Are Enrolled At This University. After Austria Was Annexed By Nazi Germany In 1938 The Thriving Jewish Community Of Graz Was Destroyed. Also Their Grand Synagogue Was Burnt. In 1945 The Graz Resistance Surrendered The City To Soviet Troops. During The War Many Of The City's Buildings Were Destroyed Although The Old City Survived Without Major Damages."



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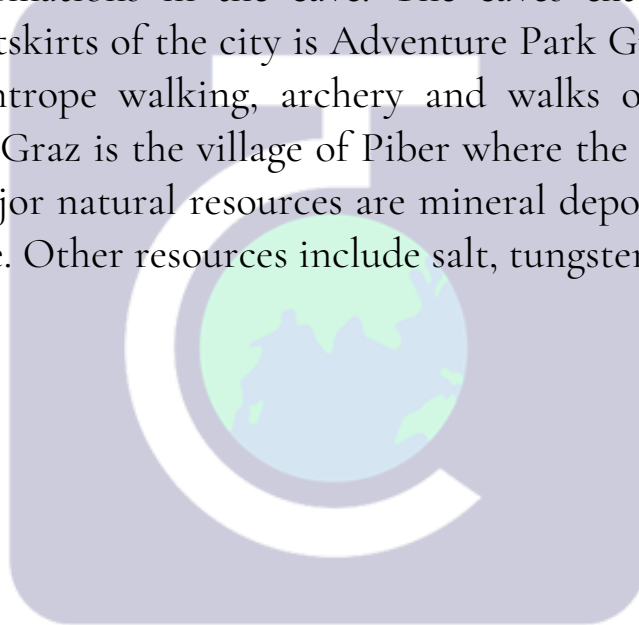
5. Cultural identity

"Graz is famous for its architecture particularly from the renaissance period. Some of the highlights are its late-gothic design cathedral and the baroque Mausoleum located next to it. Also well known are its 5 story Landeszeughaus (provincial armory) and the Landhaus. There are many museums and galleries of interest in the area including Joanneum which is the city's largest provincial museum. Kunsthaus (House of Modern Art) constructed in 2003 displays a unique architecture. The city also celebrates many events like the Styriarte dedicated to early music, Steirischer Herbst that spotlights theater, performing arts, literature and music. There are also concerts like the Jazz Summer and Eggenberg Palace Concerts. There are several event centres in Graz like Kunsthaus, Stadthalle, the Opera, the theatre and forum stadtpark which host several cultural events during the year."



6. Natural resources

There are many natural attractions in and around Graz including beautiful gorges and streams. At a distance of 6 km from the city is Kesselfallklamm where you will find untouched woodlands, gorges and streams where you can trek. The paths are easy enough for children too. Also close is Lurgrotte cave which is Austria's largest dripstone cave. Calcium deposits over millions of years have created beautiful natural formations in the cave. The caves extend from Peggau to Semriach. On the outskirts of the city is Adventure Park Graz where you can do forest climbing, tightrope walking, archery and walks on the natural trails. Located 45 km from Graz is the village of Piber where the Piber Federal Stud is located. Austria's major natural resources are mineral deposits, such as iron ore, lignite and magnesite. Other resources include salt, tungsten, timber, copper and zinc.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. The Styrian Armory**

The Styrian armory is the world's largest historic armory and contains more than 32,000 pieces. The highlight of the museum is the perfectly preserved 17th-century armor including items that were used in the Turkish Wars. The collection includes armors, helmets and weapons including early muskets and pistols.

Address : Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0699864, 15.439467499999978

Contact : +43 316 80179810

Website: https://www.museum-joanneum.at/landeszeughaus?utm_source=Brandend&utm_medium=Extern&utm_campaign=Hausdomain

Nearest Public Transport : Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9 Groups of 7 or more, senior citizens, people with disabilities: €7 School pupils, apprentices, students under 27, conscripts and those doing civilian service: €3 Family ticket (2 adults and children under 14): €18 Children under 6 years of age: Free admission €9

Open & Close Timing : 1st April to 31st October: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Natural History Museum

Donated in 1811 by Archduke Johann, the Natural History Museum (Joanneumsviertel) is one of the largest museums of its kind. The exhibits in the museum are related to geology, zoology and botany. The museum throws light on the history of the region with its displays of fossils and creatures from all stages of history, including the ice age and ancient volcanoes.

Address : Joanneumsviertel, 8010 Graz

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0686567, 15.437813499999947

Contact : +43 316 80179100

Website : <https://www.museum-joanneum.at/joanneumsviertel/ihr-besuch>

Nearest Public Transport : Graz Andreas-Hofer-Platz (Busbahnhof) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9 Groups of 7 or more, senior citizens, people with disabilities: €7 School pupils, apprentices, students under 27, conscripts and those doing civilian service: €3 Family ticket (2 adults and children under 14): €18 Children below 6 years of age: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Schloss Eggenberg: Prunkräume und Park

This palace was built for the Eggenberg dynasty in 1625 at Johann Ulrich's request. Built in Baroque style with hints of Gothic architecture in some places, almost everything in the palace is designed based on astronomy, particularly zodiac signs and religious mythology. A guided tour of the palace is available in German and English.

Address : Eggenberger Allee 90, 8011 Graz

Zipcode : 8011

Location : 47.072657, 15.394978

Contact : +43 316 80179532

Website : <http://museum-joanneum.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Eggenberg Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €11.50 Senior citizens, people with disabilities: €9.50 School pupils, apprentices, students under 27, conscripts and those doing civilian service: €5.50 Family ticket (2 adults and children under 14): €23 Children below 6 years of age: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : State Rooms: April to October - Admission with guided tour only Park and Gardens: November to March: Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs April to October: Daily 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Kunsthaus Graz

The Graz Art Museum (Kunsthaus Graz) was built in 2003 to mark the city's selection as a European hub of culture. The museum focuses on the contemporary art of the mid-20th century. The gallery promotes artists from all over the world in its regularly changing exhibitions. The highlight of this museum is its shape which looks like an alien spaceship, the effect of which is even more defined at night.

Address : Lendkai 1, 8020 Graz

Zipcode : 8020

Location : 47.0713865999999, 15.4340736999999

Contact : +43 316 80179200

Website : https://www.museum-joanneum.at/kunsthaus-graz?utm_source=Branded&utm_medium=Extern&utm_campaign=Hausdomain

Nearest Public Transport : Sudtiroler Platz/Kunsthaus Light Rail Station

Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station Graz Andreas-Hofer-Platz Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9 Groups of 7 or more, senior citizens, people with disabilities: €7 School pupils, apprentices, students under 27, conscripts and those doing civilian service: €3 Family ticket (2 adults and children under 14): €18 Children under 6 years of age: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Schloss Eggenberg: Alte Galerie

Alte Galerie is one of the major museums in Schloss Eggenberg. The museum is home to a collection of paintings from the middle ages to baroque. Some of the highlights of the gallery are works by Lucas Cranach der Ältere, Martin Johann Schmidt, and Pieter Brueghel the Younger. The rooms in the gallery have been painted according to the dominant tone of the paintings displayed in them.

Address : Eggenberger Allee 90, 8020 Graz

Zipcode : 8020

Location : 47.0727319999999, 15.3949689999999

Contact : +43 316 80179770

Website : <http://altegalerie.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Eggenberg Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : 1st April to 29th October: Wednesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs 1st November to 31st December: Admission with guided tours only

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Museum der Wahrnehmung

Museum der Wahrnehmung (Museum of Perception) was entrenched in a former public bath in the city of Graz. This museum is unique as it explores art through sensory illusions. Each exhibit has a different perception based on distance. There are several gadgets that help you study the illusion in detail. The highlight of the museum is the 'samadhi bath', a bath that deprives the body of all sensory input. Note: Advance booking for the bath is recommended.

Address : Friedrichgasse 41, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0626083999999, 15.4375142999999

Contact : +43 316 8115990

Website : <https://www.muwa.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Finanzamt Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €3.50 Reduced (Students, senior citizens, people with disabilities, civil servants): €2.80 Family card: €8 Children (6-18 years): €2 Senior citizens 60+, cultural pass holders: Free admission Kindly check website for more prices.

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 13:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Domkirche and Mausoleum

The Domkirche dates back to the 15th century when it was built on the site of an earlier church dedicated to St. Giles. Among the highlights of the church are the remains of a late Gothic fresco depicting life in Graz in the late 15th century

when it was under attack from the Turks, plague and locusts. Adjoining it is the Mausoleum built for Emperor Ferdinand II known for its splendid artwork and sculptures.

Address : Burggasse 3, 8010 Graz

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0719352, 15.442411600000014

Contact : +43 316 821683

Website : <http://domgraz.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station Graz
Opernring Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 Children/ Pupils/ Students: €2 Groups (minimum 10 people): €4 per person Families with 3 children: 1 child free Families with 4 children: 2 children free

Open & Close Timing : January to April: Tuesday and Friday 10:30hrs-12:30hrs and 13:30hrs-16:00hrs May to December: Daily 10:30hrs-12:30hrs and 13:30hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum

“I’ll be back”, is a line by Arnold Schwarzenegger that no one can ever forget. You can gain an intimate insight into the childhood and career of this actor and bodybuilder at the interactive museum where artefacts and photos are displayed from his life. Located close to his place of birth, Thal near Graz, this beautiful building was constructed in 1806.

Address : Linakstraße 9, 8051 Thal, Austria

Zipcode : 8051

Location : 47.0719798, 15.3626741

Contact : +43 316 571947

Website : <http://arnieslife.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Thal b.Graz Thaler See Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6.50 Concessions (Groups with minimum 10 people, Children up to 5 years of age, students up to 27 years of age, senior citizens over

65 years of age, physically challenged): €5 Children (5-14 years): €3

Open & Close Timing : March to October: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Schloßberg

Schlossberg is 473-meter tall hill above Old Town Graz and can be reached by a 3-minute funicular ride or a 20-minute walk. The main attraction of the hill is the 28-meter tall clock tower (Uhrturm) where stood a castle which was destroyed during the Napoleonic wars. In addition to the clock tower, is the 94-meters deep Turkish Well, the 35-meter tall belfry with its 8-ton bell, a café with great views of the city and an open-air theatre.

Address : Schlossberg, A-8010 Graz

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.07626129999999, 15.438067100000012

Contact : +43 316 80750

Website : https://www.graztourismus.at/en/see-and-do/sightseeing/sights/schlossberg_sh-1251

Nearest Public Transport : Schlossbergbahn (Sackstraße) Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Grazer Landhaus

Situated in the heart of Graz's Old Town, Landhaus is one of the finest buildings of its kind in Austria. It is also the home of the Styrian provincial government. After passing through the facade with rounded windows, there is a loggia in the beautiful courtyard with 3-storeyed pergolas on 2 sides and a fountain built in Renaissance style. Regular outdoor concerts and theatrical performances are held in the courtyard.

Address : Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0698927, 15.439316400000052

Contact : +43 316 8776309

Nearest Public Transport : Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Grazer Murinsel

Murinsel is an artificial island in the middle of River Mur tethered at both sides by foot bridges. The island was built to commemorate selection of Graz as the European capital of culture in 2003. The island is made out of steel and is shaped like an upside down seashell. It consists of a café, a playground for children and a stage used for concerts and other events.

Address : Mariahilferpl. 2, 8020 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8020

Location : 47.0731238, 15.4346163

Contact : +43 316 8722107

Website : <http://murinselgraz.at/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schlossbergplatz/Murinsel Light Rail Station
Südtiroler Platz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Cafe: Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-19:00hrs Friday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.4. Volkskundemuseum

In 1913, it was with these exhibits of Viktor Geramb that the folklore museum founded in Paulustorgasse. Geramb's museum concept at that time was that the exhibits should be integrated into a self-contained environment. Accordingly, he designed individual rooms as total works of art. After the renovation work in 1989, the newly designed museum mainly layed emphasis on the presentation of the actual showpieces, the building, and the premises.

Address : Paulustorgasse 11-13a, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0747185, 15.4396254

Contact : +43 316 8304160

Website : <https://www.museum-joanneum.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schlossbergplatz/Murinsel (Sackstraße) Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Hauptplatz

The history of the town hall in Graz shows the growing importance of Austria's second largest city. Around 1550, the city administration moved into a town hall in Renaissance style. A new and larger hall in classical style replaced the old building in 1803. Since 1878, a monument/fountain has towered above the market stalls luring with visitors with hot franks, dairy products, fruits, ice cream and pumpkin seed oil.

Address : Hauptpl. 1, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0712025, 15.4382783999999

Contact : +43 316 80750

Website : <https://www.graztourismus.at/de>

Nearest Public Transport : Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Basilika Mariatrost

Being one of the most famous pilgrimage sites of Styria in Austria, it is located on top of the Purberg Hill in Mariatrost. It can be reached using 200 stairs and is known for its Baroque architecture. The characteristic attributes of the church are the 2 front towers and a dome visible even from a great distance. The main altar includes a statue of Madonna originally created in the Gothic period around 1465 and the frescoes on the ceiling are of particular importance.

Address : Kirchpl. 8, 8044 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8044

Location : 47.1070597999999, 15.4915485999999

Contact : 8044

Website : <http://mariatrost.graz-seckau.at/ueber-uns>

Nearest Public Transport : Graz Mariatrost Postamt Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Summer: Monday to Saturday: 19:00hrs Sunday: 08:00hrs and 10:30hrs Winter: Tuesday to Friday: 19:00hrs Saturday: 17:00hrs Sunday: 08:00hrs and 10:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Stadtpark

Stadtpark is like a green island in the middle of the roofscape of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage City. During the day, kids storm the enormous playground next to strollers and bon vivant settling comfortably on the park benches. And if you have some nuts in your pocket, you will be able to make new friends at the park - the local squirrels.

Address : 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0745061999999, 15.4444599999999

Nearest Public Transport : Hauptplatz/Congress Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Herrengasse

Herrengasse, a very famous street in the cultural city of Graz, means shopping with sightseeing. Most of the shops are located in historic and architectural buildings. A perfect stop for shopaholics, popular shops for shoes, fashion, and jewelry are scattered all over this street.

Address : Herrengasse, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.07017, 15.4397199999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Stempfergasse

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.0705426, 15.4405947999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Annenstraße

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.0712012, 15.4249563999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Schmiedgasse

Schmiedgasse is a historic street which centuries ago was home to craftsmen, blacksmiths, tanners, and gunsmiths. Today it is a pedestrian zone with several small shops, cafes, and bars always found to be frequented by tourists and locals.

Address : Schmiedgasse, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.06874, 15.43934

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Lendplatz & Mariahilfer Straße

Lendplatz & Mariahilfer Straße is a must see for any traveler especially those looking for unique designer products. Many designer shops are present in the 'creative district' around Lendplatz offering designer articles perfectly suited for gifts.

Address : Stockergasse, 8020, Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8020

Location : 47.0742145, 15.4324888999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Kaiser Josef Platz

For fresh produce in Graz head to Kaiser Josef Markt at the Kaiser Josef Platz.

The market is held Monday to Saturday, but on Saturdays you might feel the whole of Graz has descended to this market to buy fresh products from the farms here.

Address : Kaiser-Josef-Platz, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0684541, 15.446011999999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Kastner & Öhler - Haus Graz

With a mall like Kastner & Öhler at Sackstraße 7-13 that covers a sprawling area, Graz has no shortage of shopping and entertainment options. Head here to splurge a little while you pamper yourself with some retail therapy.

Address : Sackstraße 7-13, 8010 Graz, Austria

Zipcode : 8010

Location : 47.0718086, 15.4365487

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. CITYPARK

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.059907, 15.426561999999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Shopping Center MURPARK Graz

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.0409572, 15.462505899999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Center West

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.0340855999999, 15.4171331999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in the region. Cycling is also popular in Graz with events like City Radeln and Tour de Mur in which Graz is one of the stage goals. During winters ice-skating is very common especially during advent at Grazer Winterwelt on Karmeliterplatz square.

- **UPC-Arena:**

Address : Stadionpl. 1, 8041 Graz, Austria

Location : 47.046212,15.454864

Contact No : +43 316 4715310



9. Spas and relaxation

Austria has a lot of Spa and Wellness centers located away from the cities in the Alps to provide the visitors spa treatments in soothing surroundings. Graz is no exception with several Spa and Wellness centers located inside the city.

- **Hotel Novapark:**

Address : Fischeraustraße 22, 8051 Graz

Location : 47.095796,15.41064

Contact No : +43 316 6820100

Website : <http://www.novapark.at/>

- **SPA Zur Sonne:**

Address : Feuerbachgasse 11-13, 8020 Graz

Location : 47.06925,15.431896

Contact No : +43 316 722734

Website : <http://www.holding-graz.at/freizeit/saunen/spa-zur-sonne.html>

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Opernredoute

One of the most prominent events of the year the Opera Ball takes place at the Graz Opera House on the last Saturday every January.

Design Month

From 30th April to 29th May, various artists in Graz display their creativity at various locations in the city. This diverse and comprehensive programme brings all facets of design to the UNESCO city of design. This event is of growing importance on the international design stage.

Styriarte

Styriarte is perhaps the most important event in Graz which is dedicated to classical music. There are various performances of classical music in the city from 24th June to 24th July.

La Strada

A unique event in which unusual

locations in Graz turn into performance venues for street theater, acrobatics, pantomime, puppet theater, children's theater, dance, and clown acts.
Styriarte

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Long Table of Graz

One day of August the historic centre of Graz is turned into a giant open air restaurant where you can dine with 700 other guests. The event gets sold out within few weeks of ticket sales starting in November.

Aufsteirern

The old town of Graz is turned into a stage where numerous participants take you on a trip through the folk culture of the region. It gives you a chance to see how charming, sparkling, original, traditional and modern can be the Styria folk culture.

Christmas Markets

As with other European cities, from November to December Graz is home to various Christmas Markets. These markets are like a welcoming village of stalls, offering traditional handicrafts and wonderful treats for soul and body as well as

“Feuerzangenbowle”- a blend of wine and rum. To keep the kids entertained, there is a carousel. Christmas Markets

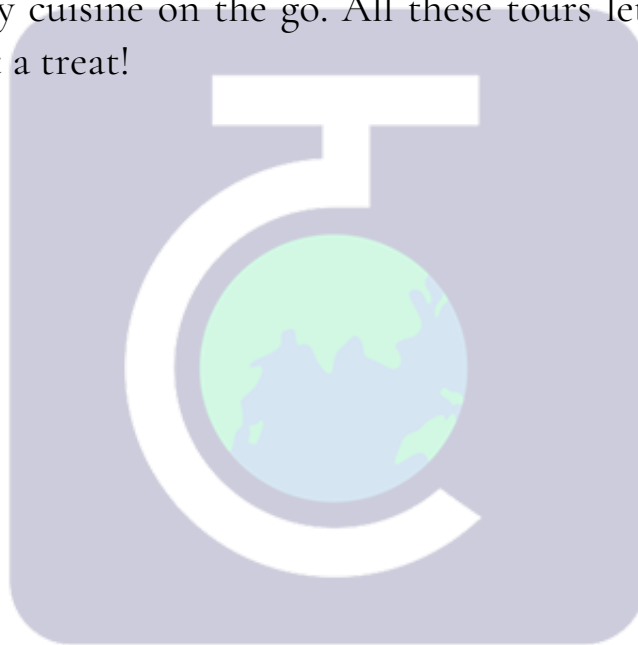
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11. Key local guides and tours

To make the most of your trip to Graz you may enlist the help of a local guide. Make sure that your guide is certified. In Austria tour guiding is a regulated trade and guides need to pass a competency test. Graz has come up with a number of walking tours to discover the city. Some of them are Graz at Twilight walking tour, historic city centre walking tour and a taste of Graz walking tour that lets you taste the culinary cuisine on the go. All these tours lets you experience the city like a local- what a treat!



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12. Transportation hubs

"Airport Graz Airport (Flughafen Graz Thalerhof) Is Located 9 Km From The City And Has Flights From Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Munich, Stuttgart, Vienna And Zurich. To Reach The City From The Airport You May Use A Taxi That Will Cost Around €20-25. There Is A Bus Station In Front Of The Airport From Where You Can Get Buses To The City A Single Ticket Costs €2.20, Time Taken Is Around 20 Minutes. You May Walk To The Train Station Which Takes Around 5 Minutes, From There You Can Find Trains To Hauptbahnhof (main Train Station) Which Reaches The City In 15 Minutes. Train Station The Main Train Station Is At Hauptbahnhof, At The Western Edge Of The City Centre. There Are Regular Connections To Most Austrian Cities And Munich. There Is Less Frequent Service To Zurich, Zagreb, Slovenia And Hungary. Bus Station Graz Does Not Have A Dedicated Bus Station. Eurolines Operates From Hauptbahnhof Which Offers Service To Many European Cities. "

13. Transportation cost

"Tram/Bus There Is Very Good Public Transportation System In Graz Which Consists Of Trams And Buses. To Travel Within Graz You Need To Buy A Ticket For 1 Zone. Children Below 15 Years Get A Discount Of 50% And Adolescents Up To Age 19 Get A 38% Discount. A Single Ticket Costs €2.20. There Are Different Passes Available Like 1 Day For €5.00, 10 Zone Ticket For €19.80, The 3 Day Pass Costs €11.80 And Allows 2 Children To Travel Along Free. There Are Also Passes For Longer Durations, Details Of Which You Can Find At [Http://www.verbundlinie.at/lang/en/tickets.php](http://www.verbundlinie.at/lang/en/tickets.php) The Tickets Can Be Bought From The Bus Driver (only Single Ticket), Ticket Machines In The Tram, Ticket Machines At The Train Station, Through SMS Or Ticket App, Tabak/Trafik Kiosks. All Tram And Bus Routes Run Through Jakominiplatz Where Different Routes Meet. Bus/Tram Service Is From 5 Am Till 12 Am. On Fridays, Saturdays And Days Before Public Holidays 8 Night Bus Lines Are Operational. Bike Graz Is Very Suitable For Biking And In 2012 A Bike Sharing System Graz Bike Was Launched. It Provides Different Types Of Bikes (city, Mountain, Racing Etc.) There Are 12 Locations In The City Where You Can Rent Bikes. Bike Rentals For An Hour Start At €4 And For A Day €10. Complete List Of Prices Can Be Found At [Https://grazbike.at/de/web/pricing](https://grazbike.at/de/web/pricing) Taxi You Can Easily Find Taxis In Graz. The Base Rate For Taxis In Graz Is €4 And €1 For Every Kilometre After That."

14. Baggage allowance

There Is No Set Limit On The Amount Of Luggage Allowed When Using Public Transport. However It Might Be Difficult Carrying A Lot Of Luggage During Peak Hours.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

One Of The Delicacies Of The Styrian Region Is Verhackertes Which Is Spread Made From Finely Chopped Raw Bacon. In Graz You Cannot Miss Pumpkin Seed Oil Which Is Used As A Dressing For Salads And Has A Distinct Nutty Taste. Another Popular Dish Is Heidensterz Made From Buckwheat Flour, Which Is Like Grits But Crumbles Very Easily.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Prato:**

Address : Sackstrasse 16, Graz

Location : 47.07247,15.436672

Contact No : +43 316 232098

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-24:00hrs from Monday to Saturday

- **El Gaucho:**

Address : Landhausgasse 1, Graz

Location : 47.069792,15.43909

Contact No : +43 316 830083

Open / Close Time : 17:00hrs-24:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

"A 3-course Meal For Two In A Mid-range Restaurant In Graz Costs Approximately €25 To €55. Meal At An Inexpensive Restaurant: €8 McMeal At McDonalds: €7.50 Beer: €2.95 - €3.30"



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18. Shopping

"Graz Is A Great Place To Shop As It Offers A Lot Of Options For All Kinds Of Buyers. Some Of The Most Popular Shopping Streets In Graz Are: Herrengasse Means Shopping With Sightseeing. Most Shops Are Located In Historic Buildings. Popular Shops Are For Shoes, Fashion And Jewellery. Just Of Herrengasse Is Stempfergasse Which Has Stores For Several Fashion Brands And Local Designers. Annenstraße Has A Lot Of Variety Stores Along With Fashion Stores, Parks, Hidden Paths And A Farmer's Market Too. Schmiedgasse Is A Historic Street Which Centuries Ago Was Home To Craftsmen, Blacksmiths, Tinnern And Gunsmiths. Today It Is A Pedestrian Zone With Several Small Shops, Cafes And Bars. Lendplatz & Mariahilfer Straße Is A Must See For Any Traveller Especially Those Looking For Unique Designer Products. Many Designer Shops Are Present In The So Called 'creative District' Around Lendplatz Offering Designer Articles Perfectly Suited For Gifts. For Fresh Produce In Graz Head To Kaiser Josef Markt At Kaiser Josef Platz, The Market Is Held Monday - Saturday But On Saturday It Might Seem The Whole Of Graz Has Descended To This Market To Buy Fresh Products From The Farms Here. Graz Has No Shortage Of Huge Shopping Centres Either Like Kastner & Öhler At Sackstraße 7-13 That Covers An Area Of 40,000m² Making It One Of The Best Shopping Places In Austria. There Are Other Shopping Centres Like Citypark Graz The City's Oldest Shopping Centre, Murpark Graz, And Center West Graz That Also Acts As A Venue For Many Events."

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

You Can Get A Refund On The Value Added Tax If You Are Not A Resident Of EU. Whenever You Make A Purchase Of €75 Or Higher, Ask The Salesperson To Provide You With A Tax Refund Form. When You Are Departing, Get The Tax Refund Form Stamped By The Departure Customs Stamp. You Can Then Proceed To Get The Refund At Either The Airport Or One Of The 700 Refund Points Worldwide.



20. Essential local apps

Instead Of Carrying Guidebooks Everywhere While Exploring The World Now You Can Find All The Information You Need In The Palm Of Your Hand. Many Apps Are Designed To Make Travelling Easier. Some Of Them Are Like A Local, Speed Spot, Austria Country Guide, ISki Austria Etc.



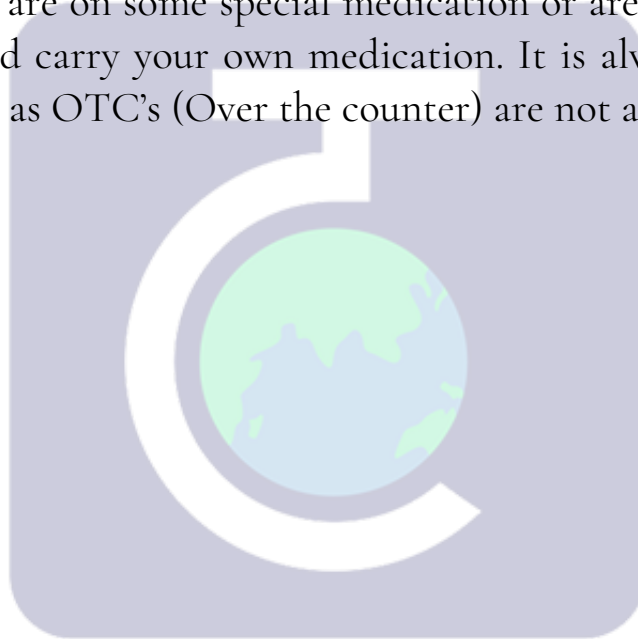
21. Driving

Driving In Graz Is Uncomplicated And Offers The Greatest Flexibility And Freedom: You Explore At Your Own Pace. Roads Are Well Maintained Whether You Select The Superhighway Or A Meandering Byway. An International Driver's License Is Required and Can Easily Be Obtained From Your Local Auto Club. IF You Plan On Driving On A Highway In Austria, You'll Need To By A "Vignette", Which Is A Toll Sticker That You Put On The Car Windshield. This Takes The Place Of Having Toll Booths Along The Highways. The Cheapest Sticker (Vignette) Costs 7.90 Euro For A Vignette Good For 10 Consecutive Days. You'll See Them Advertised For Sale At Highway Rest Stops, Gas Stations, Etc. In Germany and Austria. Do Not Drive On An Austrian Highway Without This.



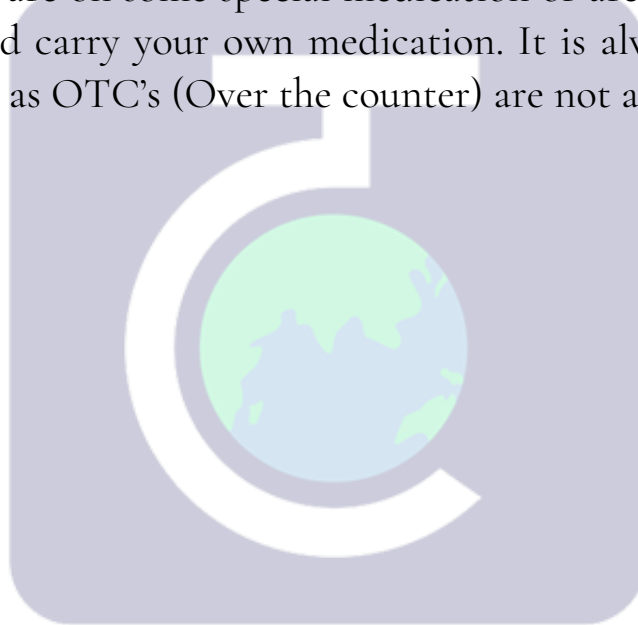
22. Travel essentials

Electric sockets in Austria are either the “Type F” Schuko or “Type C” Europlug although the former is more common. If essential, carry travel adapters for both type of sockets. Also the Voltage supplied in Austria is 220 - 240V. Some devices only work at 110-120V, if that's the case you may purchase a step down transformer. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Graz, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication. It is always advised to carry prescribed medicines as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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24. Local currency

Currency in Austria is Euro. 1 USD = €0.89.



25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

The 2.5% commission rate is an estimate on the buying currency (US Dollar) from a bureau de change office when you are selling the Euro (in cash or possibly traveller's cheques). ATMs are common in Graz. Check with your bank if they charge an overseas transaction fee before withdrawing cash.



26. Staying connected

There are several public Wi-Fi spots in Graz. Also most hostels and hotels provide free Wi-Fi. The three major mobile networks in Austria are: • A1 • T-Mobile • 3 (Drei) The mobile coverage is excellent in nearly whole of the country. You can purchase a new SIM card for around €10 with the same amount credited to you as talktime. Make sure you get a 'Wertkarte' which means pre-paid sim. If you need internet access, check the website for your SIM provider, most providers charge around €7 for about 1 GB of data.



27. Time Zone

Austria follows Central European Time (CET), UTC +1.



Index**28. Languages**

Almost Everybody In Austria Speaks German. Most People Speak An Austro-Bavarian Dialect Of German But It Is Not Too Different From Standard German. Most People Especially Shopkeepers And Hotel Staff Can Speak English And Unless You Are Going Away From The Usual Tourist Places, You Shouldn't Have A Problem With Using English.



29. Political Scenario

Graz Is The One Of The 13 Districts And The Capital Of The State Styria Of Austria. Although Styria Has Been A Stronghold Of Austrian People's Party (ÖVP), Graz Favors Towards The Left Wing Communist Party (KPÖ). Graz Is A Statutory City Which Means The City Administration Functions Both As A Municipal Government And A Branch Of The Executive Arm Of The National Government.



30. Economic Scenario

Graz Is The Economic And Industrial Centre For Styria, It Accounts For 5.5% Of The Total GDP Of Austria. The Major Industries In Graz Are Paper, Steel, Electronics, Motor Vehicles, Leather Products And Wood. Graz Leads In Environmental Technology And Renewable Energy Industry Sectors As More Than Half Of Industries Engaged In Renewable Energy Are Based In Graz.



Index**31. Religious belief**

Christianity Has Most Followers In The Region With Around 55% Practicing Catholicism And 8% Following Other Forms Of Christianity. Islam Is The Next Most Popular Religion With About 7% Of Population While 20% Of The Population Does Not Identify With Any Particular Religion.



32. Visa requirements

Nationals Of EU Members, US, Canada, Australia And Members Of Schengen Do Not Require A Visa For Entry To Austria. You Can Find Nationals Of Which Countries Require A Visa Here: [Http://www.austria.org/do-you-need-a-visa/](http://www.austria.org/do-you-need-a-visa/). For Other Countries, You Need A Visa To Enter Austria.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

"In General, No Special Immunizations Or Medications Are Necessary For Travel To Austria. Tick Precautions Are Advised For Rural And Forested Areas, As Below. Vaccinations: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): Two Doses Recommended For All Travelers Born After 1956, If Not Previously Given Tetanus-diphtheria: Revaccination Recommended Every 10 Years Influenza: Recommended For All Travelers From November Through April"



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Austria Is A Safe Country And Graz Is Not An Exception. There Is Very Little Crime But You Should Be Careful About Petty Theft Especially In Crowded Areas. If You Are Using A Bicycle, Make Sure You Lock It Properly As Bike Theft Is Not Uncommon.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

Several countries have their consulates in Graz. To check if your country has representation in Graz you can refer to this link:
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/austria>



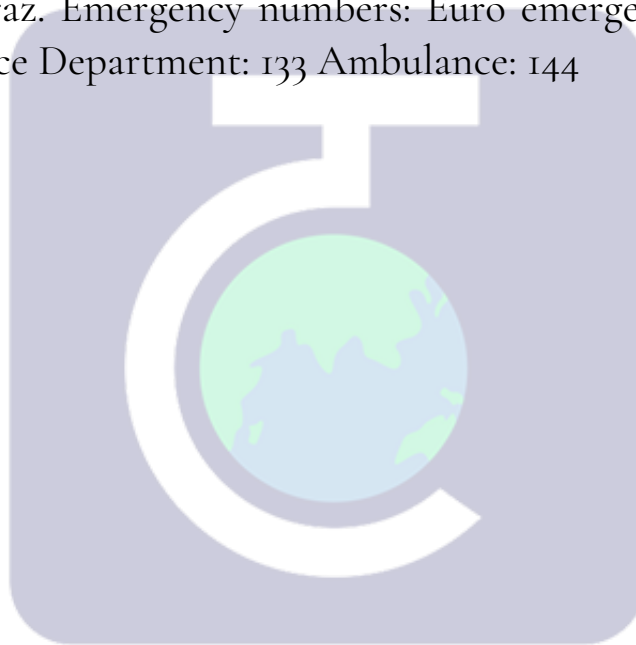
36. Accessibility

Most of the tourist attractions in Graz are wheelchair accessible and facilities are constantly improving. The public transport (buses, trams) are low-floored and can be used easily with wheelchairs. Most of the hotels also provide facilities for the disabled.



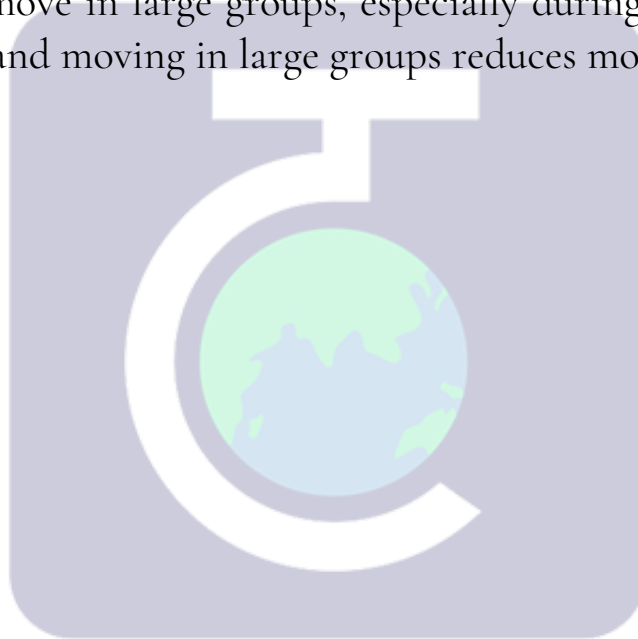
37. Emergencies

Citizens of EU with compulsory health insurance are covered for medical expenses which are reimbursed to you if you present a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to the medical practitioner. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Graz. LKH-Univ. Klinikum Graz is a centrally located major hospital in Graz. Emergency numbers: Euro emergency number: 112 Fire Department: 122 Police Department: 133 Ambulance: 144



Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Do take a bike ride in the city and bordering areas • Do carry your ID card at all times • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts • Don't order tap water, it might be considered rude or it might be priced very high. • Do not move in large groups, especially during summer months the city is very crowded and moving in large groups reduces mobility.



Index**39.Tipping basics**

Most Restaurants And Bars Add A Service Charge To Your Bill, So Tipping Is Not Necessary. You May Round Up The Payable Amount. It Is Common To Tip Taxi Drivers 10% Over The Fare.



Index**40.Pet info**

Lot of Austrians have pets, especially dogs and you should not have problems with finding accommodation that suits your pets or other facilities which may be required when travelling with pets. Austria has similar regulations on pets as other EU nations like vaccination for pets with microchip tagging that has to be done at least 21 days before entry into Austria. For pets coming from countries with high incidence of rabies, the pets must pass the titer test.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Graz Is A City Where Classic Architecture Blends Seamlessly With The Modern Influx. There Is No Shortage Of Historical Places In Graz That Paint A Picture Of The Region From The Middle Ages. For The Uniqueness Of The City, It Is Regarded As A UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Old Museums Standing In The City Are Complemented Well By The Modern Installations. Also Regarded As A University Town, Graz Has A Large Young Crowd Making The City All The More Vibrant Which Is Also Reflected In Its Active Nightlife. Graz Has Something For Every Type Of Traveller, And Any Type Of Budget. Graz Also Has Wonderful Gastronomical Attractions Which Delight Visitors With The Traditional Styrian Cuisine. Some Of The Best And Oldest Restaurants In Austria Can Be Found In The City. If One Gets Tired Of The City, There Are Plenty Of Spaces To Explore Outside The City Including Prehistoric Caves, Breathtaking Gorges, Mountains And Woodlands. Known For: World Heritage/UNESCO, History, Architecture, Castles, Museum, Food & Nightlife.

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