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1. Geographical location

Vienna is situated in the North-East of Austria and lies by the Danube River. It is the largest city and capital of the country, also it comprises one of the 9 states of Austria. The city is close to the borders of Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. Vienna occupies an area of approximately 415 km² and has a population of about 1.7 million.



Index**2. Neighbouring cities/countries**

Major Austrian Cities Close To Vienna Are Salzburg (252 Km) And Innsbruck (386 Km). Vienna Being Close To Austrian Border Is Also Close To Bratislava In Slovakia (56 Km), Budapest In Hungary (252 Km), Prague In Czech Republic (252 Km), Zagreb In Croatia (265 Km), Munich In Germany (355 Km), Venice In Italy (435 Km) And Belgrade In Serbia (495 Km).



3. Significance

Vienna is Austria's primary city, with a population of about 1.8 million, and its cultural, economic, and political centre. Apart from being regarded as the City of Music because of its musical legacy, Vienna is also said to be "The City of Dreams" because it was home to the world's first psycho-analyst – Sigmund Freud. The UN-Habitat has classified Vienna as being the most prosperous city in the world in 2012/2013. The city was ranked 1st globally for its culture of innovation in 2007 and 2008.



4. History

According to historical evidence the area occupied by Vienna has been continuously inhabited since 500 BC. Vienna was settled by Celts during the early period. In 15 BC Romans took control of the area and it came to be known as Vindobona. In the 10th century the Babenberg dynasty started increasing their control over the region and eventually expanding to Vienna. In 1145 Vienna became the Babenberg family residence. After the end of Babenberg dynasty Vienna came under the Habsburg rule. It eventually became the de facto capital of the Holy Roman Empire until the beginning of the 19th century. During the Napoleonic Wars Vienna became the capital of the Austrian empire. After the Austro-Hungarian compromise of 1867 Vienna remained the capital of the Austro-Hungarian empire. In the latter half of the 19th century Vienna grew rapidly and several suburbs were incorporated in the city. After World War I, in 1918 Vienna became capital of the Republic of German-Austria and then in 1919 capital of the First Republic of Austria after signing of the Treaty of Saint Germain. In 1938 Vienna lost its status as capital as the Austria became part of Nazi Germany until the end of World War II. After the war, Vienna was divided into sectors under the control of the USA, the UK, France and the Soviet Union. During this period reconstruction and restoration of the city was started. The four power rule ended in 1955 when Austria was given full sovereignty.

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5. Cultural identity

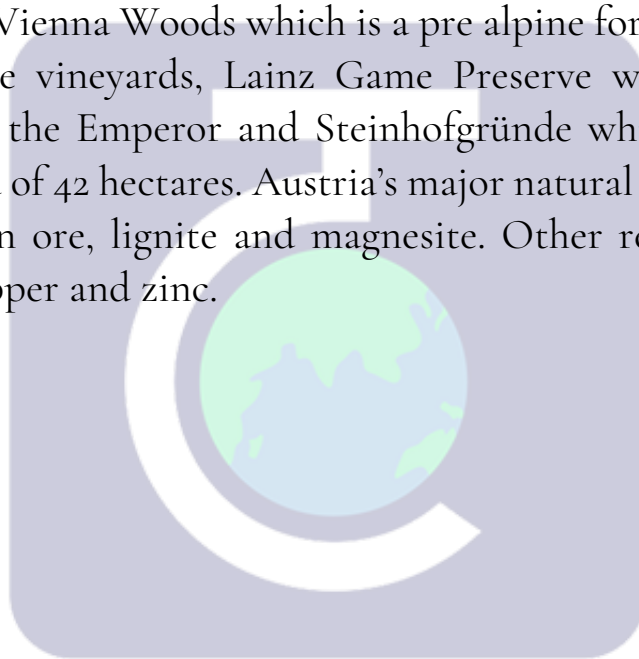
Vienna, located in the heart of Europe has been a cultural epicentre for ages. Vienna is the considered one of the music capitals of the world. It has been home to artists like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, the Strauss family, Johannes Brahms and many others. The Musikverein, considered to be one of the three finest concert halls in the world hosts the famous New Year's concert of the Vienna Philharmonic, considered one of the best orchestras in the world. The event is broadcasted to an audience of over a billion people. Vienna has been home to several writers and poets like Arthur Schnitzler, Thomas Bernhard, Robert Musil, Georg Trakl, Franz Grillparzer, Franz Werfel and many more that have added more to the culture of the city over centuries.



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6. Natural resources

Vienna is famous for its architecture, its theatres and palaces but it also has great natural attractions that offer you opportunities for hiking, bike rides, skiing and observing wildlife. You can find huge parks, forests and wildlife reserves in or around Vienna that take you away from the hustle bustle of the city. Some of the popular destinations are The Vienna Prater which is a large public park covering few attractions, The Vienna Woods which is a pre alpine forest at the outskirts of Vienna and even the vineyards, Lainz Game Preserve which used to be the hunting grounds for the Emperor and Steinhofgründe which is a large natural park covering an area of 42 hectares. 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. Hofburg Palace

The Hofburg is perhaps the most important among Vienna's palaces having been the residence of every Austrian ruler since 1275. The sprawling complex is spread over 59 acres and contains 18 groups of buildings with 19 courtyards and 2,600 rooms. Various buildings in the complex exhibit architecture including influences of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo. The palace includes many attractions like the Imperial Chapel (Hofkapelle or Burgkapelle), the Sisi Museum, the Natural History Museum (Naturhistorisches Museum), the Austrian National Library, the Imperial Treasury, the Burgtheater, the Spanish Riding School and several others.

Address : Michaelerkuppel, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2076579, 16.36605380000003

Contact : +43 1 5337570

Website : <http://hofburg-wien.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Herrengasse Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12.50 Children: €7.50

Open & Close Timing : September to June: Daily 09:00hrs-17:30hrs July to August: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. St. Stephen's Cathedral

St. Stephen's Cathedral or Stephansdom is the most significant religious building in the city and Archbishops' seat in Vienna. The cathedral with its many-hued tiled roof has become one of the city's most noticeable signs. With 4 towers, the tallest being the South Tower rising up to 137 meters, you can climb 343 steps to the tower room to enjoy breathtaking views of the city. Another striking feature is the Pummerin, the second biggest free hanging bell in Europe. You can also see the 14th-century catacombs and the Cathedral Treasure consisting of relics decorated with gold and precious stones and vestments.

Address : Stephansplatz 3, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2084114, 16.373470699999984

Contact : +43 1 515523054

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

Nearest Public Transport : Stephansplatz Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €5.50 Children: €1.50

Open & Close Timing : 06:00hrs-22:00hrs (07:00hrs-22:00hrs on Sundays)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Schönbrunn Palace

The Schönbrunn Palace is the erstwhile imperial summer residence and a predominant architectural, cultural and ancient monument of Austria. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the palace contains more than 1,440 rooms and apartments including those that were used by Empress Maria Theresa and Emperor Franz Joseph's Walnut room and bedroom. The Schönbrunn Gardens serves as a recreational amenity for locals and a major tourist attraction for international visitors.

Address : Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 47, 1130 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1130

Location : 48.18486480000001, 16.312239800000043

Contact : +43 1 81113239

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

Nearest Public Transport : Schonbrunn Subway station Schloss Schönbrunn (Schlossallee) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Imperial Tour: Adults: €13.30 Children (6-18 years): €9.80 Students (19-25 years): €12.30 Disabled people: €12.30 School groups (6-18 years): €6.70 Grand Tour: Adults: €16.40 Children (6-18 years): €10.80 Students (19-25 years): €15.00 Disabled people: €15.00 School groups (6-18 years): €9.10 The entry fees depends on the type of tour taken. Kindly check website for more.

Open & Close Timing : Schönbrunn Palace: April to June, September to October: Daily 08:30hrs-17:30hrs July to August: Daily 08:30hrs-18:30hrs November to March: Daily 08:30hrs-17:00hrs Park: 19th September to 29th October: Daily

06:30hrs-19:00hrs 30th October to 19th February: Daily 06:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Vienna Zoo

Founded in 1752 and tagged as the oldest zoo in the world, Vienna Zoo (Tiergarten Schönbrunn) is located on the grounds of Schönbrunn Palace. The greatest attraction of the zoo is its Giant Pandas and their cubs which attract many tourists. Other attractions include a rainforest house which will give you a feel of the Amazon forest and an aquarium which lets you walk underneath during floods. A special night tour is also available that lets you observe wildlife at night with infrared binoculars. In addition to the wildlife, the zoo has most of its 18th-century Baroque structures still intact which are a spectacle in themselves.

Address : Maxingstraße 13b, 1130 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1130

Location : 48.18208629999999, 16.302784500000003

Contact : +43 1 87792940

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

Nearest Public Transport : Dommayergasse Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Individual rates: Adults: €18.50 Children and adolescents, disabled people: €9 Children under 6 years: Free admission Group rates (more than 10 people): Adults: €16.50 Children and adolescents, disabled people: €8 Children under 6 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : November to January: Daily 09:00hrs-16:30hrs February: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs March and October: Daily 09:00hrs-17:30hrs April to September: Daily 09:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Albertina

Located in the Innere Stadt (first district), the Albertina is a museum and a part

of the Imperial Palace. Its collections contain more than one million prints and 65,000 drawings whereas the exhibition covers art movements of the last 130 years from French Impressionism and German Impressionism to Russian avant-garde and the present. Among the exhibits are masterpieces by artists such as Monet, Degas, Picasso, Rainer, Katz, Schiele, Rauschenberg and many others. In addition to this, the Albertina has an architectural and photographic collection which are exhibited in special shows.

Address : Albertinaplatz 1, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2046992, 16.368182400000023

Contact : +43 1 53483

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

Nearest Public Transport : Stephansplatz Subway Station

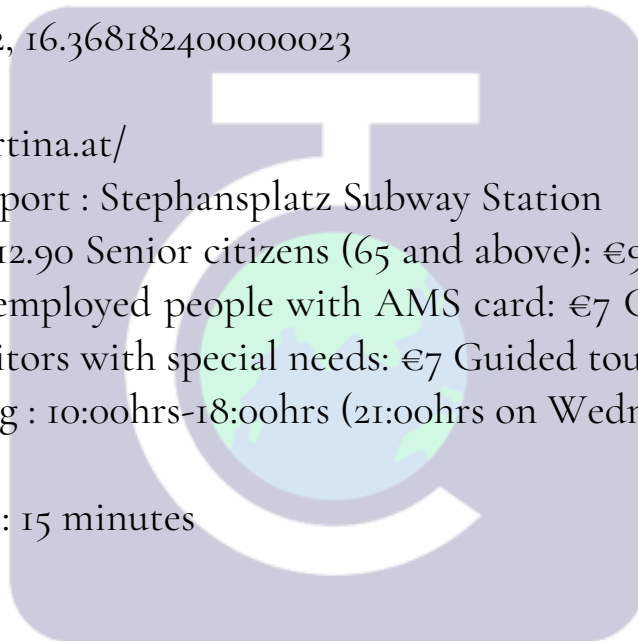
Entry Fee : Adults: €12.90 Senior citizens (65 and above): €9.90 Students with ID (up to 26): €8.50 Unemployed people with AMS card: €7 Group of 15 people or more: €9.90 each Visitors with special needs: €7 Guided tour fee: €4

Open & Close Timing : 10:00hrs-18:00hrs (21:00hrs on Wednesdays)

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.6. Danube Tower

Situated near the north bank of the Danube river, Danube Tower (Donauturm) was opened in 1964 and bags the tag for being the highest structure in the country rising to 252 meters. The observation platform at a height of 155 meters offers breathtaking views of the Austrian capital. There are 2 rotating restaurants in the towers which offer a beautiful view of the city. If you have an adventurous soul, you can even bungee jump from the tower during summer at a cost of €149.

Address : Donauturmstraße 4, 1220 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1220

Location : 48.24034469999999, 16.409873899999998

Contact : +43 1 2633572

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

Nearest Public Transport : Neue Donau Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €7.90 Children, Senior citizens: €6.40

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Imperial Treasury Vienna

If you wish to discover the fabulous treasures of the House of Habsburg, head to Imperial Treasury Vienna that houses a valuable and astonishing collection of royal treasures that are divided into 2 collections - the Secular Treasury and Ecclesiastical Treasury. It has on display objects like Imperial Crown, Crown of Emperor Rudolf II, items of Order of the Golden Geese and also a wide range of items from Europe's religious eras.

Address : Hofburg, Schweizerhof, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2069987, 16.366132800000006

Contact : +43 1 52524

Website : <http://www.kaiserliche-schatzkammer.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Herrengasse Subway Station Burgring Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Reduced: €9 Group (more than 10 people): €9 Children and adolescents (under 19 years): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : 09:00hrs-17:30hrs (Tuesday closed)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Technical Museum

Offering a deep insight into the world of technology, the Technical Museum is spread over an area of 22,000 square meters and displays exciting technological developments. It has many interactive displays and extensive collections divided into categories like everyday life and environment, production technology, information and communication, energy and mining, traffic and transport. Adults, as well as kids, can have a good time at this museum.

Address : Mariahilfer Str. 212, 1140 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1140

Location : 48.1908685, 16.318070799999987

Contact : +43 1 899980

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

Nearest Public Transport : Winckelmannstraße Light Rail Station
Johnstraße/Linzer Straße Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Individual tickets: Adults: €13 Children, adolescents (under 19): Free admission Students, trainees, people in military or civil service between 19 and 27: €11 Senior citizens above 60: €11 People with special needs (accompanying person free if noted in ID): Free admission Group tickets: Adults: €10.50 Children, adolescents (under 19): Free admission Students, trainees, people in military or civil service between 19 and 27: €8.50 Senior citizens above 60: €8.50 People with special needs (accompanying person free if noted in ID): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Leopold Museum

A definite must-visit for any art lover, Leopold Museum is an abode for the enormous collections of modern art from leading artists like Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt, Oskar Kokosch and Richard Gerstl. The major displays in the museum comprise of more than 5,000 exhibits spanning over 5 decades collected by Elisabeth and Rudolf Leopold.

Address : Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1070

Location : 48.2026499, 16.359142099999985

Contact : +43 1 525700

Website : <http://www.leopoldmuseum.org/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Museumsquartier Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €13 Reduced (Under 28 years – schoolchildren, apprentices, unemployed, disabled): €8 Students (under 28 years): €9 Retirees (above 60 years): €9.50 Family tickets: 2 adults + up to 3 children (under 19 years): €26 1 adult + up to 3 children (under 19 years): €16 Group tickets (from 10 people):

Adults: €10 Students (below 28 years): €6.50 School children as a class (below 19 years): €2.50 School children as a class including guided tour (below 19 years): €5
 Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday 10:00hrs-21:00hrs
 Tuesday closed Public holidays 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Museum of Natural History Vienna

Known as the Naturhistorisches Museum in German, Natural History Museum is a wonderful place to explore the historic past of the city. Housing millions of historical artefacts from many different parts of the world from 250 years ago, this museum is a bustling research center in the city. It is a great combination of art and science at the same place.

Address : Burgring 7, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.205212, 16.35984510000003

Contact : +43 1 521770

Website : <http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Wien Volkstheater (Bellariastraße) Bus Station Wien Volkstheater (Bellariastraße) Light Rail Station Volkstheater Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €4 Adults reduced: €2 Children and youth under 19: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Thursday to Monday: 09:00hrs-18:30hrs Wednesday: 09:00hrs-21:00hrs Tuesday closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Belvedere Palace

The Belvedere Palace houses 2 magnificent Baroque buildings namely the Lower (Unteres) Belvedere and the Upper (Oberes) Belvedere. The Upper Palace includes a ground floor hall with beautiful statues and a magnificent ceremonial staircase, the Marble Hall, a 2-storey hall with numerous sculptures, paintings and ceiling frescoes. The Lower Palace also has a Marble Hall with its oval plaster medallions and ceiling frescoes as well as a Marble Gallery that contains historic

statues. Other attractions in the complex are the Court Treasury, the Orangery, the Palace Stables and the Belvedere Gardens and fountains that link the 2 buildings.

Address : Prinz Eugen-Straße 27, 1030 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1030

Location : 48.1915585, 16.380954699999996

Contact : +43 1 79557134

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

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Belvedere Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €14 Seniors (65 years and above): €11.50 Students (0-26 years):

11.50 Groups (more than 10 people): €12.50 Children and teenagers (0-18 years):

Free admission Social ticket: €3 Discounted tickets with valid Vienna card (with valid disability card, social pass, culture pass): €12.50

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.12. Viennese Giant Ferris Wheel

The Giant Ferris Wheel (Wiener Riesenrad), located inside the Prater Park is a famous tourist attraction that was built in 1897 and served as a symbol of the city for years. From 1920 to 1985 it was known as the largest Ferris Wheel in the world. If you visit the Prater Park and do not take a ride on the Ferris Wheel gives breathtaking views over the roof of the capital city, you haven't really been to Vienna at all.

Address : Riesenradplatz 1, 1020 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1020

Location : 48.2166205, 16.395888900000045

Contact : +43 1 7295430

Website : <http://www.wienerriesenrad.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Prater Hauptallee Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9.50 With Vienna card: €8.50 Groups (more than 15 people):

€9 Children up to 3 years: Free admission Children (3-14 years): €4 Family tickets:

2 adults + 2 children up to age 14: €24 2 adults + 3 children up to age 14: €25 2

adults + 4 children up to age 14: €26

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The Ferris Wheel usually starts at 09:00hrs and closes anywhere between 16:45hrs-23:45hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Museum of Military History

Tagged as the prime museum of the Austrian Armed Forces, Museum of Military History records the history of Austrian Military officers by flaunting exhibits like weapons, tanks, flags, medals, paintings, airplanes, uniforms, badges of honor, photographs and documents. Being the centerpiece of Vienna's arsenal, a huge military complex that previously had a total of 72 buildings, attracts a lot of visitors all round year.

Address : Arsenal Objekt 1, 1030 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1030

Location : 48.1842718, 16.388935700000047

Contact : +43 1 795610

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

Nearest Public Transport : Wien Hbf (Autoreisezuganlage) Railway Station
Wildgansplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Regular fee: €6 Reduced fee (students, handicapped, senior citizens): €4 Guided tour: €4 Guided tour pupil: €2.50 Video/ photo permission: €2 (no tripod or flashlight allowed) Additional audio guide: €2 Free admission on first Sunday of the month and visitors until the age of 19.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on 1st January, Easter Sunday, 1st May, 1st November, 25th and 31st December

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Karlskirche

Appreciated as the most magnificent Baroque church in Vienna, Karlskirche is

frequented by tourists throughout the year. Its dome is in the form of an enlarged ellipsoid and the church is famed for its beautiful architecture and 2 flanking columns of bas-reliefs because of its restoration as an ensemble in the late 1980s.

Address : Karlskirche, 1040 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1040

Location : 48.1982453, 16.371828400000027

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

Nearest Public Transport : Wien Resselgasse Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Groups (6 people): €6 per person Students: €4 Children (below 10 years): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Sundays and Holidays: 12:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.15. Vienna State Opera

One of the largest and most splendid theaters in the world, the majestic Vienna State Opera House (Wiener Staatsoper) built in the 19th century has hosted some of the world's most prominent composers, conductors, soloists and dancers. The theater is closely associated with the Vienna Philharmonic regarded as one of the best orchestras in the world, whose members are chosen from the Vienna State Opera orchestra. Every year the opera house hosts over 50 operas and 10 ballet productions in about 300 performances.

Address : Opernring 2, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.20338169999999, 16.369206200000008

Contact : +43 1 514442250

Website : <http://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kärntner Ring. Oper Light Rail Station Karlsplatz Subway Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tours: Adults: €7.50 Pensioners (65 and older): €6 Children, apprentices, students (up to 27): €3.50

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. MuseumsQuartier

Spread over a large area of 60,000 square meters, MuseumsQuartier is the 8th largest cultural area in the world. This area contains several Baroque buildings and boasts of its modern architecture. It is home to a large number of famous installations. The MuseumsQuartier also hosts the Viennale Film Festival, ImPulsTanz Vienna International Dance Festival, Techno Sensual and many other events.

Address : Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1070

Location : 48.2033369, 16.358616600000005

Contact : +43 1 5235881

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

Nearest Public Transport : Volkstheater Subway Station Volkstheater (Burggasse)

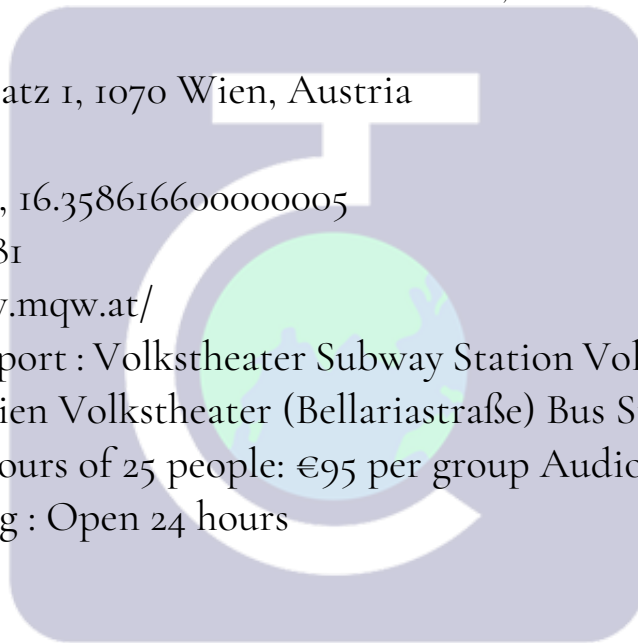
Light Rail Station Wien Volkstheater (Bellariastraße) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tours of 25 people: €95 per group Audio guide: €4

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.17. Austrian Parliament Building

One of the largest structures built in 1883 on Ringstraße, the Austrian Parliament Building occupies 13,500 square meters and was designed by the architect Theophil Hansen with Greek influences. The striking feature of the building is the Pallas Athena Fountain with its 4-meter high statue and figures depicting rivers Danube, Inn, Elbe, and Moldau. Guided tours in English are accessible from the visitor center that also comprise of multimedia exhibitions revolving around the history of the building and the Parliament.

Address : Dr.-Karl-Renner-Ring 3, 1017 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1017

Location : 48.20808840000001, 16.358608300000014

Contact : +43 1 401100

Website : <http://parlament.gv.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stadiongasse/Parlament Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tours: Individual tickets: Individual/ full price: €5 Reduced (apprentices, senior citizens, students up to age 25, conscripts): €2.50 For people under 19 and physically disabled: Free admission Family tickets: Adults: €4 Reduced (apprentices, senior citizens, students up to age 25, conscripts): €2.50 For people under 19 and physically disabled: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : September to Mid-July: Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs, 14:00hrs, 15:00hrs and 16:00hrs Friday: 11:00hrs, 13:00hrs, 14:00hrs, 15:00hrs, 16:00hrs Saturday: 11:00hrs, 12:00hrs, 13:00hrs, 14:00hrs, 15:00hrs, 16:00hrs Mid-July to the beginning of September: Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs, 12:00hrs, 13:00hrs, 14:00hrs, 15:00hrs, 16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.18. Burgtheater

Tagged as one of the most important German language theaters in the world, the National Theater (Burgtheater) was founded in 1976 and has 4 venues: the Burgtheater, Akademietheater, Kasino, and Vestibül. After it was nearly destroyed during World War II, the theater was restored in 1955 and has grown to become an Austrian landmark. Every year the theater entertains 400,000 guests with around 800 performances.

Address : Universitätsring 2, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.21029619999999, 16.361459999999965

Contact : +43 1 514444140

Website : <http://www.burgtheater.at/Content.Node2/meta/Intro.at.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Rathausplatz/Burgtheater Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tours: Adults: €7 Seniors: €6 Students: €3.50 Children: €3.50

Open & Close Timing : September to June: Monday to Thursday: 15:00hrs in German with English summary Friday to Sunday: 15:00hrs in German and English July and August: Daily 15:00hrs in German and English

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.19. Haus der Musik

The first ever museum of sound and music in Austria, House of Music (Haus der Musik) lets you dive into an exciting world of sounds and Viennese music. Their hi-tech and interactive displays introduce you to the amazing world of music, from the earliest use of musical instruments to the music of the present day. In 2002, the museum also bagged an award for its unique concept.

Address : Seilerstätte 30, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2038358, 16.3730233

Contact : +43 1 5134850

Website : <http://www.hausdermusik.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schwarzenbergplatz (Schubertring) Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €13 Students (under 27), senior citizens, handicapped people: €9 Children under 12 years: €6 Children under 3 years: Free admission Family ticket (2 adults + 3 children under 12 years): €29

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.20. Sigmund Freud Museum

Dedicated to the life story of Sigmund Freud, the Father of Modern Psychology, this museum dates back to 1971 and houses a documentary center in his old rooms where he spent 47 years of his life. Special exhibitions and modern art collections display the effect of psychoanalysis on art and society.

Address : Berggasse 19, 1090 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1090

Location : 48.2185966, 16.36302120000005

Contact : +43 1 3191596

Website : <http://www.freud-museum.at/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Schwarzspanierstraße Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Senior citizens: €11 Vienna Card: €8.50 Students (18-27 years): €7.50 Pupils (12-18 years): €4

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.21. Mumok

Popularly known as "Museum Moderner Kunst", Mumok has an assemblage of 10,000 contemporary works including masterpieces from artists like Pablo Picasso, Roy Lichtenstein, and many others. The major contribution has been made by the German tycoon and art collector, Peter Ludwig and his wife in 1981. Housed in a stone-clad building since 2001, it is frequented by a large number of visitors.

Address : Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1070

Location : 48.2037823, 16.357833099999993

Contact : +43 1 525000

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

Nearest Public Transport : Volkstheater Subway Station Volkstheater (Burggasse)
Light Rail Station Wien Volkstheater (Bellariastraße) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €11 Groups: €9 Reduced (disabled people with ID, seniors above 65): €8.50 Reduced (Students under 27 years of age, military/community service, unemployed): €7.50 Free admission for people below 19 years of age and Vienna pass holders.

Open & Close Timing : Monday: 14:00hrs-19:00hrs Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Prater

Prater is a large natural park tucked between the river Danube and Danube canal. The Haputallee (main avenue) is the main artery lined with chestnut trees and the park also has a narrow gauge railway to take you around. Other attractions in the Prater are the Prater Ziehrer Monument, a statue of composer CM Ziehrer, the Prater Museum, a Planetarium, the Liliputbahn miniature steam railroad and Madame Tussauds which features wax figures of several celebrities.

Address : Riesenradplatz 1, 1020 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1020

Location : 48.2167269, 16.398028599999975

Contact : +43 1 7295430

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

Nearest Public Transport : Praterstern Bf Subway Station Wien Praterstern Railway Station Wien Praterstern Bf (Unterführung Nord) Bus Station Praterstern Bf Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-23:45hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-45 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Rathaus

The Rathaus is one of the most splendid attractions that consists of many monumental buildings in and around the main hall in Gothic architecture. Today it is said to be the office of municipal administration of Vienna city and rises to 321 meters. It has an exquisite stateroom, concert hall, ballroom and conference room that reflects. Free guided tours of the building take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 13:00hrs.

Address : Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz 1, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.21086849999999, 16.357248600000048

Contact : +43 1 52550

Website : <https://www.wien.gv.at/verwaltung/rathaus/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Rathaus Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday closed

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Stadtpark

Spread over an area of 65,000 square meters (28 acres), Stadtpark has bagged the tag for being the largest park in the city center. Built in 1862, this park is full of manicured lawns, a waterside walkway by the Vienna River that cuts through the park, a play area, and figurines of world-famous musicians. The park is also filled with coffee shops and restaurants that offer a variety of culinary delights.

Address : 1030 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1030

Location : 48.2051844, 16.3800542000000018

Contact : +43 1 40008042

Website : <https://www.wien.gv.at/umwelt/parks/anlagen/stadtpark.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Weihburggasse Light Rail Station Stadtpark Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Burggarten

Scattered over a large area, Burggarten was built in the year 1818 as an exclusive garden of the Emperor. The park is also an abode to Palm House, a Butterfly House, and Café Palmenhaus apart from the natural beauty that it already gloats about. The major highlight of the park is the Mozart statue that attracts a large number of visitors.

Address : Josefsplatz 1, 1010 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1010

Location : 48.2043329, 16.365782699999954

Contact : +43 1 5339083

Website: https://www.bmlfuw.gv.at/ministerium/bundesgaerten/gaerten_parks/B

urggarten.html

Nearest Public Transport : Burgring Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Donauinsel

Lying between the Danube river and the gouged channel Neue Donau, Danube Island (Donauinsel) is a small island situated in central Vienna. A famous site for locals as well as tourists, this island proffers a large number of recreational facilities like boating, water sports, parks, a climbing park, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. Don't forget to drop by at this island on your visit to Vienna.

Address : Donauinsel, 1220 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1220

Location : 48.2106899, 16.4350074000000018

Nearest Public Transport : Donauinsel Subway station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Mariahilfer Straße

Located by the Westbahnhof, this is a must-visit shopping street with a great number of stores lined up. With a plethora of shops selling clothes, leather goods, furniture and accessories, books and stationery, this street is every shopaholic's paradise.

Address : Mariahilfer Str., 1150 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1150

Location : 48.1957327, 16.339033299999983

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Landstraßer Hauptstraße

Tucked in Vienna's 10th district, Landstraßer Hauptstraße is capital's second largest shopping street. It has wide sidewalks lined with trees and innumerable

stores catering to all kinds of budgets and shopping needs. Head there to make the most of your spare time.

Address : Landstraßer Hauptstraße, 1030 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1030

Location : 48.1966252, 16.39596640000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Flea Market

Famed as one of the best flea markets in Europe, you will find many sellers for books, clothes, records, ancient electronic goods and just about everything else. They also entertain bargaining, so you make cheap purchases for good products.

Address : Wienerbergstraße, 1120 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1120

Location : 48.1702533, 16.339186299999938

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Naschmarkt

This is Vienna's best-known market with more than 120 market stands and restaurants. Naschmarkt has been used from as early as the 18th century and you can buy all kinds of food ingredients here. Saturdays are reserved for an antique market which should definitely be a part of your itinerary.

Address : 1060 Vienna, Austria

Zipcode : 1060

Location : 48.1984054, 16.363116499999933

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. J. & L. Lobmeyr Gesellschaft

Founded in 1823, J. & L. Lobmeyr Gesellschaft is a glassware company where you can find all kinds of beautiful glassware. They co-developed the world's first electric chandeliers. Having dealt with royalty, they even provided crystal chandeliers to the Schönbrunn Palace.

Address : Salesianergasse 9, 1030 Wien, Austria

Zipcode : 1030

Location : 48.1993889, 16.381004599999983

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Austria with some of the best teams based in Austria like FK Austria Wien, SK Rapid Wien and First Vienna FC. Vienna also hosts the Vienna City Marathon which attracts around 10000 participants every year and takes place in May. Vienna Open is a tennis tournament that takes place every year since 1974 and is held in Wiener Stadthalle which is a multipurpose indoor arena and convention centre.

- **Ernst Happel Stadium:**

Address : Meiereistraße 7, 1020 Wien, Austria

Location : 48.20720779999999,16.420984699999963

Contact No : +43 1 7280854

Website : <http://www.wienersportstaetten.at/home/ernst-happel-stadion>

- **Wiener Stadthalle:**

Address : Roland Rainer Platz 1, 1150 Wien, Austria

Location : 48.20235639999999,16.332877300000064

Contact No : +43 1 981000

Website : <http://www.stadthalle.com/en>

9. Spas and relaxation

The world's most livable city shows that there is no need to choose between relaxation and efficiency. Vienna offers some of the best spas where one can go and relax.

- **Therme Wien GmbH & Co KG:**

Address : Kurbadstraße 14, 1100 Wien

Location : 48.1437114,16.401026600000023

Contact No : +43 1 68009

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

- **Aisawan Boutique Spa E.u.:**

Address : Grünangergasse 8, 1010 Wien

Location : 48.2074304,16.375244199999997

Contact No : +43 1 8908501

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

- **Sans Souci Spa:**

Address : Burggasse 2, 1070 Wien

Location : 48.2047125,16.356518300000006

Contact No : +43 1 5222520

Website : <http://www.sanssouci-wien.com/en/index.html>

- **Hotel Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom:**

Address : Praterstraße 1, 1020 Wien

Location : 48.212857,16.3798600000000008

Contact No : +43 1 90616 9406

Website : <http://www.sofitel-vienna-stephansdom.com/en/so-spa.html>

- **Sacher Spa:**

Address : Philharmoniker Str. 4, 1010 Wien

Location : 48.20393849999999,16.369783399999996

Contact No : +43 1 51456510

Website : <https://www.sacher.com/hotel-sacher-wien/sacher-spa/>

- **Mon Corps Hammam:**

Address : Belvederegasse 33, 1040 Wien

Location : 48.1904058,16.373424

Contact No : +43 664 3404968

Website : <http://www.mon-corps.at/>

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Year's Concert

The New Year's concert is performed by the Vienna Philharmonic and broadcast in over 90 countries on the morning of the new year. The concert mainly features music from the Strauss family with some music by other composers according to the conductor's choice. The concert is so popular, the tickets are booked one year in advance.

Vienna Opera Ball

This is a part of the Vienna carnival season and is held on the last Thursday of the carnival season at the State Opera House. The celebration dates back to the Congress of Vienna after the overthrow of Napoleon.

Mayday Festival

The traditional festival is held in Prater Park on May 1 with maypole dancing and closures. On this day the labour day is also celebrated with parades from unions and other political

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Vienna Festival

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Danube Island Festival

This is an open air free music festival that takes place annually at Donauinsel in mid June. About 2000 local and international artists from all genres perform on around a dozen stages. The event attracts an estimated 3 million visitors.

ImPulsTanz Festival

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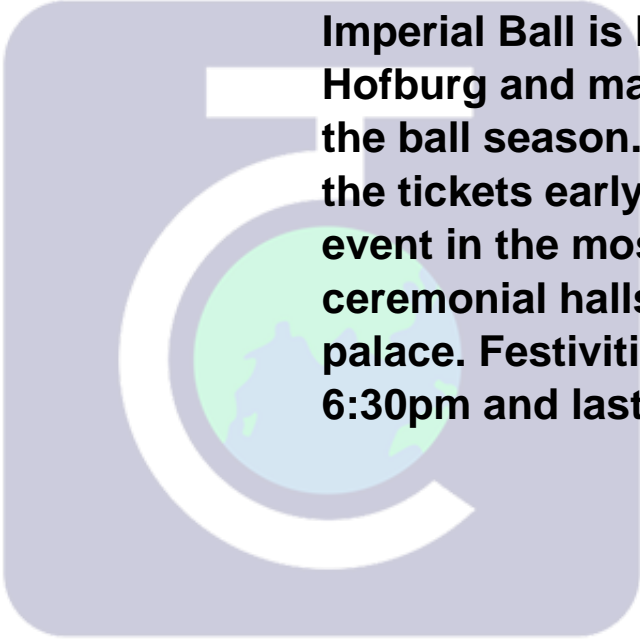
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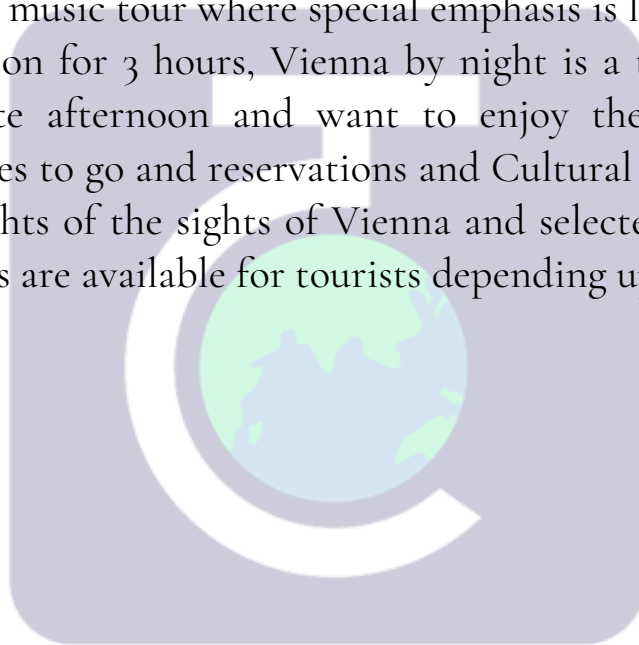
Imperial Ball



Imperial Ball is held in the Hofburg and marks the start of the ball season. You should book the tickets early to enjoy this event in the most elegant ceremonial halls in the Imperial palace. Festivities begin at 6:30pm and last up to 4:00am.

11. Key local guides and tours

Vienna is a historical city with a rich culture, although impossible to see all that the city has to offer, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience. In Austria, 'Tourist Guiding' is a regulated trade and a guide must acquire a certificate of competence through a state controlled qualifying examination. Vienna has a number of tours to offer. Vienna being a musical city has tours like Vienna music tour where special emphasis is laid on musical aspect of the city and goes on for 3 hours, Vienna by night is a tour for tourists that arrive at Vienna late afternoon and want to enjoy their first evening not bothering about places to go and reservations and Cultural and Culinary Vienna combines the highlights of the sights of Vienna and selected famous cuisines of Vienna. A lot of tours are available for tourists depending upon their interests.



12. Transportation hubs

Vienna International Airport is located just outside the city limits of Vienna to get to Vienna you may use one of these options:

- S-Bahn: Operates between 5:00hrs-24:00hrs. It runs every 30 minutes and takes 25 minutes to reach Wien-Mitte station which is on the edge of the city centre. One way ticket costs €4.20.
- City Airport Train: It takes 10 minutes less than S-Bahn to reach Wien-Mitte station and it also runs every 30 minutes. The fare is €12 for one way and €19 for a return trip.
- Vienna AirportLines bus: These buses operate from 5:00hrs-24:00hrs, they drive between the Airport and various assorted points in Vienna. Tickets can be purchased with cash from the operator. All routes cost €8 for one way and €11 for return.
- Taxi: You may negotiate the fare with the driver, it usually costs between €25 and €30. You may also pre book the taxi.

The three major train stations in Vienna are Wien Hauptbahnhof, Wien Westbahnhof and Wien Meidling. All of these stations are serviced by the Wiener S-Bahn and U-Bahn. Trains come in from all parts of Europe like Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Eastern Europe via Hungary or Slovakia. There are several stops for international buses in Vienna. These are Vienna International Busterminal, Waldmanngründen, Praterstern and Engerthstrasse. Apart from Vienna International Airport all the stops are serviced by U-Bahn.

13. Transportation cost

Vienna has a comprehensive transportation system which includes rail, commuter rail, U-Bahn (subway), trams and buses. U-Bahn is the most popular and efficient mode of transport and it will take you to almost all places you are likely to visit.

Fares The whole city of Vienna lies in a single zone and you may interchange your mode of transport. The tickets are available at the subway and rail stations from either the machines (which accept Visa and MasterCard) or from the counters. Single tickets can be purchased on trams or buses. The various types of tickets are:

- Single ticket costs €2.20 for adults and €1.00 for reduced (children, bikes and dogs) can be used for one way travel between any two points in the city.
- Shopping ticket costs €5.40 and is valid from 8am to 8pm on working days
- 24 hour ticket costs €7.60
- 48 hour ticket costs €13.30
- 72 hour ticket costs €16.50
- Week ticket costs €16.20 and is valid Monday- Sunday
- Monthly ticket costs €48.20 and is valid from 1st of the month to the 2nd of the next month
- 8 day climate ticket costs €38.40 valid for entire day until 1 am the following day. You keep stamping new boxes every day or it can also be used by groups. For example a group of 4 can use the ticket twice. Public transport is free with the Vienna pass.

U-Bahn U-Bahn is the preferred method of travel in Vienna, the trains run every 1-5 minutes and cover most of the important parts of the city. Rail Vienna's rail network comprises three types of trains S-Bahn which serves inner suburbs and stops at almost all stations, Regionalbahn which are more long distance and stop on fewer stations, Regional Express which serve mostly outer suburbs. The network also stretches to neighbouring countries. Rail trips to suburbs cost an extra ticket. They can be purchased as zones or a point to point ticket.

Trams Trams have just 1 number and have 27 different lines. Travelling the tram is a little slower but more scenic. In Vienna, trams are also called as Light Rails.

Bus Bus travel is less common but if you spot a bus you can hop on it and it will take you to U-Bahn or tram station.

Night Service Most public transport runs till 12.30am except on Fridays, Saturdays and days before holidays the U-Bahn system runs all night along with a network on night buses called NightLiners.

Taxi Taxis are plentiful in Vienna and most of them run at a metered price. However if travelling outside the city, you should negotiate the price since the metered rate

does not apply outside city limits. Bicycles Although Vienna is a compact city and it does not take much time to travel on a bicycle, the facilities for bicycles are not great and it can be a little dangerous going through stop signs and intersections and in places there aren't bicycle lanes. Using a bicycle is much more useful when travelling to the countryside. You can take your bike on the U-Bahn (except peak hours) for a reduced ticket.



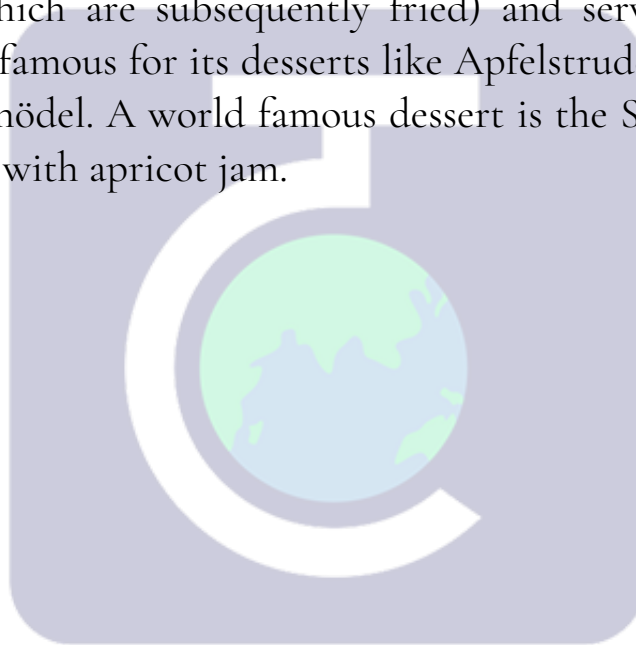
14. Baggage allowance

There is no set limit on the amount of baggage you can carry on public transport but you should travel light especially during the peak hours when using the U-Bahn.



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

If you are in Vienna you have to try the national dish of Austria which is Wiener Schnitzel, a cutlet of veal or pork which is pounded flat and coated with flour, eggs and breadcrumbs. Then it is fried in clarified butter. You will find this dish any place that serves Vienesse cuisine. It can be eaten hot or cold. Another popular dish is the Tafelspitz (lean boiled beef) served with Geröstete Erdäpfel (mashed potatoes which are subsequently fried) and served with horseradish sauce. Vienna is also famous for its desserts like Apfelstrudel, Milchrahmstrudel, Palatschinken and Knödel. A world famous dessert is the Sachertorte which is a moist chocolate cake with apricot jam.



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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Vienna is the only city to have a cuisine named after it. The choices for a food lover in this city are endless. You may dine at a Beisl or market food stall for a casual bargain meal or head to one of the many coffee houses that dot the city for popular Viennese cuisine. There is no short of high quality restaurants either.

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- **Restaurant Steirereck:**

Address : Am Heumarkt 2A (in Stadtpark), 1030 Wien

Location : 48.20445549999999,16.38138509999999

Contact No : +43 1 713 3168

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:30hrs and 18:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Schnitzelwirt:**

Address : Neubaugasse 52, 1070 Wien, Austria

Location : 48.2025315,16.349220100000025

Contact No : +43 1 5233771

Website : <http://www.schnitzelwirt.co.at/>

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-21:30hrs (Sunday closed)

- **Reinthalers Beisl:**

Address : Dorotheergasse 2-4, 1010 Wien
Location : 48.20800120000001,16.369903900000054
Contact No : +43 1 5131249
Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Fabios:**

Address : Tuchlauben, 1010 Wien
Location : 48.2098661,16.369585099999995
Contact No : +43 1 5322222
Website : <http://fabios.at/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Café & Restaurant Motto am Fluss:**

Address : Franz-Josefs-Kai 2, 1010 Wien, Austria
Location : 48.2121173,16.37781510000002
Contact No : +43 1 2525510
Website : <http://mottoamfluss.at/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:30hrs and 18:30hrs-02:00hrs

- **Pure Living Bakery:**

Address : Altgasse 12, 1130 Wien
Location : 48.2043736,16.347450799999933
Website : <http://www.purelivingbakery.com/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 09:30hrs-17:30hrs

- **Vestibül:**

Address : Universitätsring 2, 1010 Wien
Location : 48.2099403,16.36111489999996
Contact No : +43 1 5324999
Website : <http://vestibuel.at/>

- **Flex:**

Address : Augartenbrücke 1, 1010 Wien
Location : 48.2178265,16.370865399999957
Contact No : +43 1 5337525
Website : <http://flex.at/>

- **Passage:**

Address : Burgring 3/ Babenbergerstrasse 1, 1010, Wien
Location : 48.20352829999999,16.363662500000032
Contact No : +43 1 713 3168
Website : <http://club-passage.at/>

- **Roter Engel:**

Address : Rabensteig 5, 1010 Wien
Location : 48.2117947,16.375211499999978
Contact No : +43 1 5354105
Website : <http://roterengel.at/>

- **rhiz:**

Address : U-Bahnbogen 37, 1080 Wien
Location : 48.21072119999999,16.339100099999996

Contact No : +43 1 4092505

Website : <http://rhiz.org/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Donau:**

Address : Karl-Schweighofer-Gasse 10, 1070 Wien, Austria

Location : 48.2024093,16.357654499999967

Contact No : +43 1 5238105

Website : <http://www.donautechno.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 20:00hrs-04:00hrs Friday-Saturday 20:00hrs-06:00hrs Sunday 20:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Travelshack Vienna:**

Address : Mariahilfer Gürtel 21, 1150 Wien

Location : 48.1925452,16.33778200000006

Contact No : +43 1 9610131

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-14:00hrs and 18:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Krah Krah:**

Address : Rabensteig 8, 1010 Wien

Location : 48.21173729999999,16.37537150000003

Contact No : +43 1 5338193

Website : <http://krah-krah.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-02:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

A single espresso: €2.20 A cappuccino: €2.80 A large beer in a bar: €3.70 A large bottle of beer in a supermarket: €0.80 A bottle of wine in a supermarket: You can get drinkable wine for under €2.50 a bottle with no upper limit 1.5l bottle of mineral water in a supermarket: €0.25 to €0.75 Can of coke in a supermarket: €0.75 Typical main course of fried cutlet of pork (i.e. Schnitzel) with potato salad: €9.00



18. Shopping

Vienna has something for all kind of shoppers from casual shopping on the streets to upscale shopping malls.



19. Tourist benefits

The Vat rate is 20%. All visitors who are not residents of UK are entitled to refund of Value Added Tax. To avail this refund ask the salesperson to provide you with a tax-free form. On departure, get the tax free form stamped with the departure customs stamp, then you may proceed to get the refund from one of the 700 refund points worldwide or at the airport.



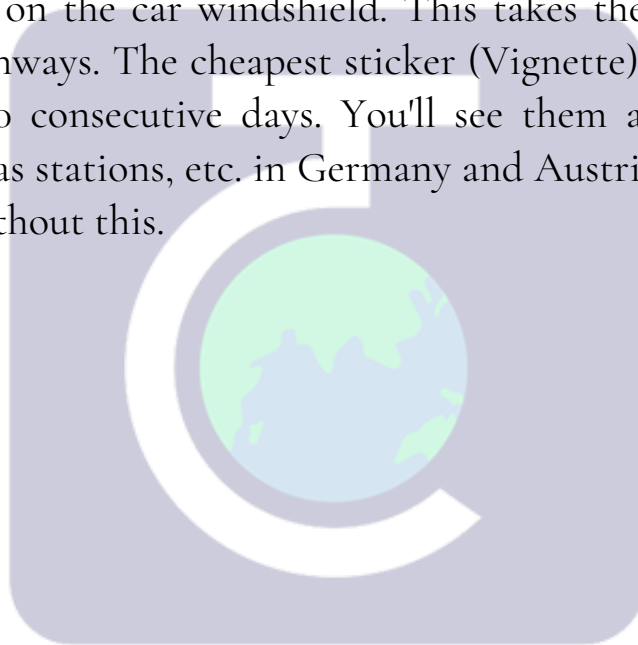
20. Essential local apps

Apps make travel hassle free. Some of the apps that are useful while travelling to Vienna are Wien 'At a glance', Sofortparken, Shpock and Freewave.



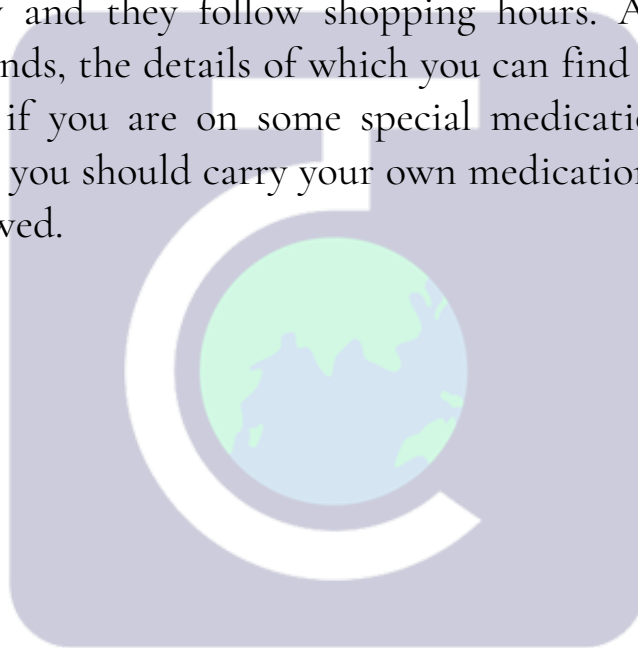
21. Driving

Driving in Vienna 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 buy 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.



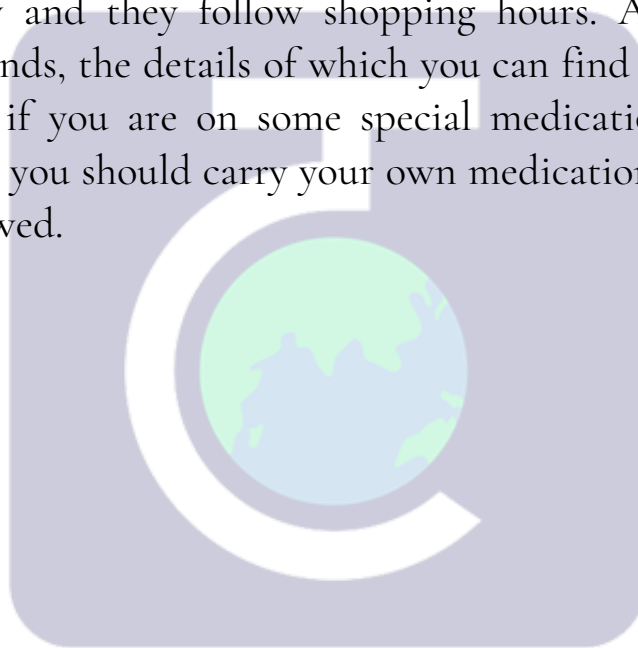
22. Travel essentials

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Austria are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type F" German style Schuko and the "Type C" Europlug although the former is much more common. Get an adapter for your device for this kind of socket. Also note the electricity is 220-240V so if your device does not support it, get a step down transformer for it. Pharmacies are common in the city and they follow shopping hours. A rota system covers nighttime and weekends, the details of which you can find at the window of the pharmacy. However if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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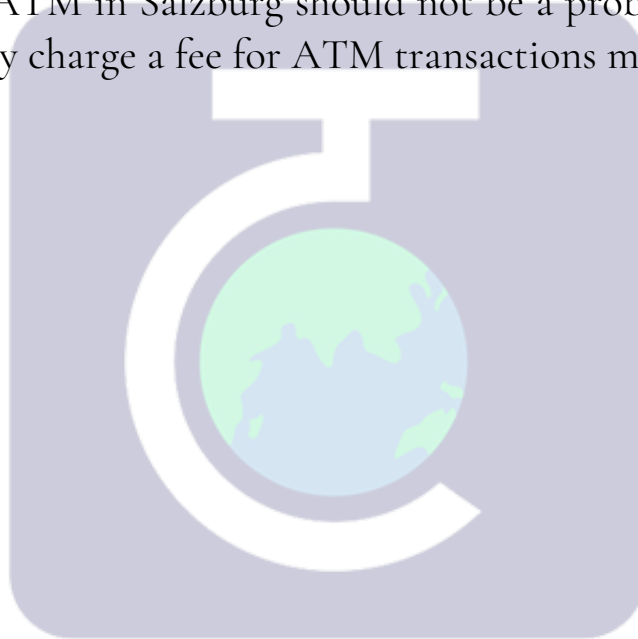
24. Local currency

The common currency in Austria is Euro. 1 USD = €0.89.



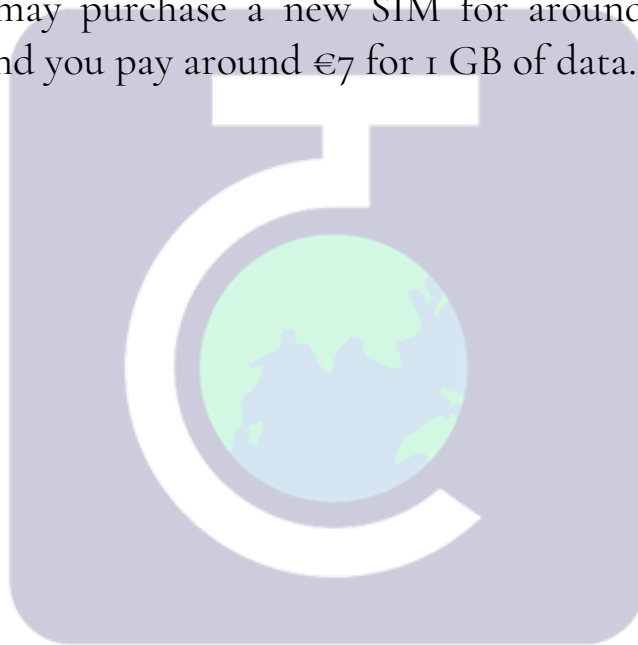
25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

No fee is levied by ATMs for cash withdrawal in Austria, but check if your bank does that for transactions overseas. 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). This is an estimate of what you might expect to receive, less any other transaction fees at the Salzburg Airport. Finding an ATM in Salzburg should not be a problem. You must check with your bank if they charge a fee for ATM transactions made out of your home country.



26. Staying connected

There are several locations in Vienna where you can find free wifi. Also many restaurants and cafes provide this facility. The three major mobile networks in Vienna are: • A1 • T-Mobile • 3(Drei) The mobile coverage is excellent in nearly whole of the country. You may purchase a prepaid SIM card from the post office or from many of the stores available. Be sure to get “wertkarte” as that stands for pre-paid SIM. You may purchase a new SIM for around €10 with the same amount as balance, and you pay around €7 for 1 GB of data.



27. Time Zone

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



Index**28. Languages**

The official language of Austria is German. Most Viennese people speak a mix of Viennese German and standard German but the differences are small and one can get by with speaking standard German. Although a lot of people do speak English, you cannot rely on it. It is helpful to learn a few German phrases.



29. Political Scenario

Vienna is considered the centre of the Social Democratic Party. For most of the time after World War I, the city has been governed by the Social Democratic Party with absolute majorities in the city parliament. The current mayor of Vienna is Michael Häupl. The city is divided into 23 districts which were created in 1850, the districts are not administrative districts.



30. Economic Scenario

Vienna is one of the wealthiest regions in the European Union, its gross regional product constitutes a little more than a quarter of the national GDP. The service sector in Vienna is the most important economic sector contributing 85% in gross value added. Since the end of Communism in East European countries in 1989, Vienna has expanded its position as gateway to Eastern Europe. More than 300 international companies have their Eastern European headquarters in and around Vienna.



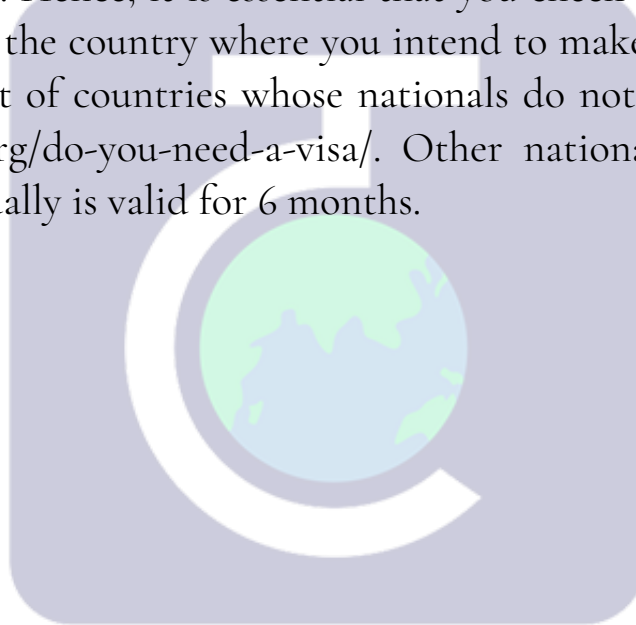
Index**31. Religious belief**

Around 49% of Viennese population is Roman Catholic while more than 25% do not follow any particular religion. The next most common religion is Islam with around 12% of the population.



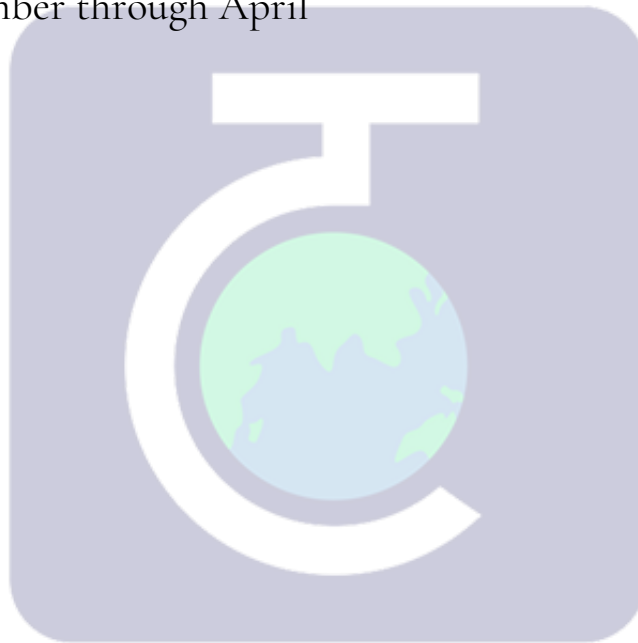
32. Visa requirements

Members of EU, the US and several other countries do not require a VISA for entry to Austria for a period of up to 90 days. Members of EU with a residence permit do not need a VISA for staying in Austria for any amount of time. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You may find the list of countries whose nationals do not require a VISA here <http://www.austria.org/do-you-need-a-visa/>. Other nationals can apply for an entry permit that usually is valid for 6 months.



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



34. Theft and Safety

Vienna is considered one of the safest cities in the world. There are no slums or particular districts that are to be avoided. In general you can visit any part of the city at any time without problems. It is advised to avoid parks at nights and to be careful of pickpockets at the U-Bahn although crimes are rare. Just exercise good judgement and you shouldn't face any problems.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

Being the capital of Austria, Embassies and consulates of many countries are in the city. For assistance from your country, you can locate their offices at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/austria>



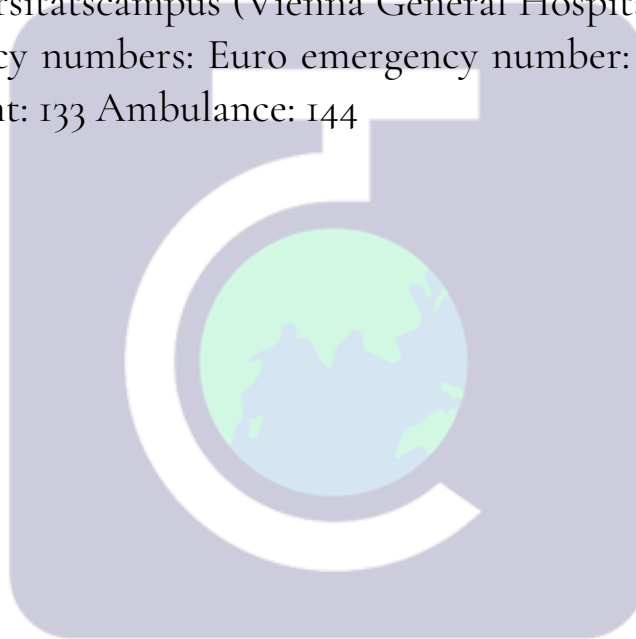
36. Accessibility

Vienna is very friendly to people with disabilities. The public transport is can be easily navigated by people in wheelchair. Even sidewalks are sloped and there are guiding strips for the blind in the subway stations. There are a few accessibility issues with old buildings and palaces, getting by with a wheelchair might prove difficult in those cases.



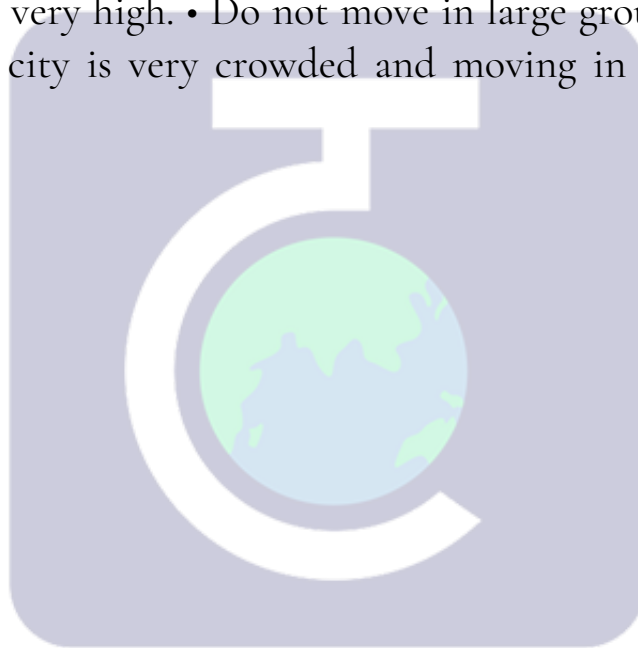
37. Emergencies

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 Vienna. Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien - Medizinischer Universitätscampus (Vienna General Hospital) is a major hospital in the city. Emergency numbers: Euro emergency number: 112 Fire Department: 122 Police Department: 133 Ambulance: 144



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

Do's • Do carry your ID proof. • Avoid tourist traps, if you only see tourists at some place, it may be a tourist trap. • 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.



39.Tipping basics

Although restaurants and bars add a service charge to the bill, tipping is common. You can round up when paying. For example for a bill of €27.50, you may pay €30. It is also customary to pay 10% over the meter fare for taxis.



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

The city of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven - Vienna - is one of the most livable cities in the world. It is known for its imperial buildings, chamber music, cozy wine taverns, cultural festivals, magnificent operas and stunning modern architecture. It is a dream destination of wine and music lovers from all around the world.



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