

# **Navigate Austria like a Pro**

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*The country of Schnitzel, Mozart and Arnold Schwarzenegger is still one of the best hidden gems in central Europe. You might think? Australia? No. Austria – we still don't have kangaroos and, yes, we are a tiny country of approximately 9 million people in the heart of Europe.*

## **From the Wedding Venue, to where can you stay on what else is to do in Austria and many more useful things that will make your adventure worth it.**

First, Georgia and I, Chris, wanted to thank you for taking on the journey to celebrate our Wedding with us in Austria. We want to ensure your needs are met and decided therefore to write a small guide that will have everything you need. And of course, we are happy to answer any other questions you may have.

### **How to get to Salzburg and the wedding venue by plane?**

If you are in the LA area, which most of you are or San Luis Obispo, then your easiest path to Salzburg is taking United/Lufthansa/Austrian Airlines via Los Angeles (LAX), Frankfurt (FRA) and then directly into Salzburg (SZG). If you prefer to do a trip ahead of the wedding, see the airport guide around Salzburg below. East coast routes have similar connections, especially through Frankfurt. Simply, because most of the flights are part of the Star Alliance Group (Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Swiss, etc.).

#### **💡 ProTip**

You can book your flight directly through United Airlines. We usually do it that way too. Be aware United runs some good credit card offers that give away a lot of miles in case you want to save on airfare or checked bags.

### **South of Salzburg you will quickly end up in the Alps, while in the north you will find giant lakes that welcome you to dip in in summer**



## The wedding venue

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/diedeantnerin/>

Google Maps: <https://g.page/diedeantnerin?share>

**Date:** Friday July 14th - Find the schedule for the day on <https://www.chrisandgeorgia.wedding/austria>  
Unlike in the US, Austria does not have a traditional Rehearsal Dinner, so we will be hosting a dinner for all those around the night before. We will also be sharing a few other activities the week before that you can join (e.g., hikes or meals, self-paid).



## Where to stay for the wedding?

For the wedding day and a possible hike & brunch on the next day we arranged a wedding block at the following hotel:

<https://hoteleder.com/> and a kid friendly option at <https://ederfrida.com/en/home>

We will be providing transportation to and from this hotel to the wedding venue. Please arrange your stay through us, if you haven't already if you intend to stay multiple nights.



## Where to stay around Chris' Hometown?

First, let me introduce you to a tini-tiny town around 30mins south of Salzburg: Golling an der Salzach (Salzach is a river) - you will hear me refer to it as G-Town sometimes.

**Google Maps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/ipK5b5zrJs5kLHoL6>

This town has one of the prettiest waterfalls you shouldn't miss & while you are there check out the restaurant a little further below. For a fact, the one where my Dad learned his initial profession as a chef. Georgia requested to go here 4 times during our first visit.

**Waterfall Gmaps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/PDBvRgL8u8ztHrCB9>

**Restaurant Gmaps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/29JcMVKQXgNiJMgW9>

### List of Hotels/Bed And Breakfasts in Chris Hometown the family recommends:

Some are more pricey than others, but typically cheaper than US prices:

<https://www.hauslwirt.at/en/> - cozy and in the town's center

<https://www.cafemaijer.at/?lang=en> - hint: this one is the best bakery for cakes in around 100km

<https://www.golingen.at/en/> - one of the newer ones

[https://www.adler-golling.com/hotel/#ankommen\\_wohlfuehlen](https://www.adler-golling.com/hotel/#ankommen_wohlfuehlen) (unfortunately only available in

German, so let me know if you need help)

<https://www.doellerer.at/hotel/> (that one has a michelin star style restaurant at the hotel - very well known)

Most of them come with breakfast included - some room prices will say p.P. (per person), which is unfortunately common in Austria.



## Where to stay in Salzburg?

So, this, is funny, because I only know because of many business trips from Red Bull back in the day:

ARCOTEL Castellani <http://www.booking.com/Share-OD1DSU>

Sheraton Grand Salzburg <http://www.booking.com/Share-iJTIUe>

Hotel Imlauer (has a sky bar) <http://www.booking.com/Share-2zfryS>

Motel One: <http://www.booking.com/Share-MnWepwB>

## What to do around Salzburg and the wedding venue?

*Salzburg* - Stroll through the city, go up to the castle, have cake and enjoy some walks along the river.

There is also a museum of modern art on top of the hill of the Salzburg city centre (an escalator can take you up there) Also, Yes - Sound of Music was filmed here. For a fact, you can even do a [tour](#)

*Eisriesenwelt* - This word basically means: biggest ice cave in the world. Located in the mountains, you will take up a gondola and a short 45minute hike to an entrance and a guided tour. Bring warm clothes and good shoes. It's very well built out. <https://www.eisriesenwelt.at/en.html>

*Hallstatt* - <https://goo.gl/maps/d7RNynakVj8q5wTBA> - that city got rebuilt in China. 1 by 1 - touristy but worth a visit on a weekday.

*Salzkammergut (Lakes)* - The former town named is also part of an area called Salzkammergut <https://goo.gl/maps/FmkZAQgD3zJwG9JX8> It includes many many gorgeous lakes where you can actually lay out and jump in. I recommend checking out: [Fuschlsee](#) and [Wolfgangsee](#)



### **Spa Hotels close to the wedding Venue**

There are a couple of Spa Hotels I wanted to point out that you can stay and relax at that are actually just 30mins further into the mountains. They are all gorgeous:

<https://g.page/Forsthofalm?share>

<https://g.page/mama-thresl-leogang?share>

<https://goo.gl/maps/SZD4PhFN6bK6j7G39>

These hotels are not only surrounded by amazing mountain scenery, but also offer top notch alpine cuisine. It is common to stay there and connect your Spa trip with amazing food right on site

*Burg Hohenwerfen* - this castle was actually in “The man in the high castle” - as you might know about that netflix show. <https://www.salzburg-burgen.at/en/hohenwerfen-castle/>

**Want to explore some canyons on family friendly hikes? Then this is for you:**

<https://goo.gl/maps/FFAGcLV7ZF2s4ZYDA>

<https://goo.gl/maps/KSkes6uKkxQ8KMK18> (specifically this [picture](#))



## FAQs

### Do I need a rental car?

It depends. If you want to roam around it is definitely helpful, as once you leave the city of Salzburg things can be done by train, but it gets rural fairly quickly. There are rental car companies at Salzburg airport, which is what I would recommend. Except you land in Munich, then renting right there will have more options.

*On that note - street signs in Austria*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road\\_signs\\_in\\_Austria#:~:text=Road%20signs%20in%20Austria%20are,sid e%20\(particularly%20town%20signs\).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_signs_in_Austria#:~:text=Road%20signs%20in%20Austria%20are,sid e%20(particularly%20town%20signs).)

### Should I pay with cash vs card?

Most places prefer cash, especially for smaller purchases.

### Do I need to tip at restaurants?

Typical US tipping is not standard here, although good service means you can round up a few euros. Just make sure to tell them before they run your card.

### What is the weather like?

While the weather in Austria is typically hot in July, there are occasional thunderstorms, so bring a light rain jacket or umbrella (your hotel might have an umbrella upon request as well). Otherwise, it could be 75 - 85 degrees.

## Going to Vienna?

First, Vienna is absolutely worth a trip. It is roughly a 3-hour train ride from Salzburg. Take the train (<https://westbahn.at/en/>) and enjoy your time in a truly beautiful city that houses more than 1mio people. The public transport is excellent and Vienna has been rated many times the most liveable city in the world ([I don't make this up](#)) - We recommend a 3 to 4 day itinerary to not get too stressed. We recommend booking your train tickets ahead of time (as trains can get fully booked) and so you can pick your preferred seats.

### Hotels I stayed at & liked in Vienna:

<http://www.booking.com/Share-CQY43J>

<http://www.booking.com/Share-Qa6INx>



## Museums

Vienna has an outrageous number of museums that are worth a visit and have something for everybody's taste.

### Here's a condensed list:

#### *Albertina*

Is known for its exhibits of very famous artists of paintings. From Warhol, Weigand, Picasso, Monet and many more. Check their website for current exhibits.

There is also an Albertina "Modern" which is a different house close by that exhibits modern art.

*The NHM - Natur-Historisches Museum (Natural History Museum)*

*The KHM - Kunst-Historisches Museum (Art History Museum)*

Both face each other on a plaza that is close to the 25hrs Hotel listed and recommended above. Both buildings are stunning by itself in-and outside, admission is below 20 Euros per adult (14 and 18 in 2022), with anyone under 19 years old getting free admission. Generally staying around the Ringstraße in Vienna is recommended, as you can walk many things or a maximum of a couple of stops with the Tram (famously named Bim after it's sound) or Subway (look for the blue "U" Signs).

Albertina: <https://goo.gl/maps/Zota5Mt24tuuHQDi7>

NHM: <https://goo.gl/maps/wmCcobCZR8gRuqKw5>

KHM: <https://goo.gl/maps/fhmw2Mkki1EqF5hx8>

#### *The MQ*

Also close by is the so-called Museumsquartier (MQ). The MQ holds different Museums and some free exhibits. The most well-known is the Leopoldmusuem (where you should be able to see Gustav Klimt's work which is famous in Vienna).

<https://goo.gl/maps/y4qSWfNpVHRmoiMY7>

#### *The Naschmarkt*

If you keep on walking from the MQ you will end up at a market called Naschmarkt. Open from 6am to 11pm-ish. It turns over from your average green and spices market to many permanent market restaurants that are open late night. Be ready to not get the Vienna Experience here, more an amazing food journey through the Middle Eastern world. FYI some restaurants are cash only here, which you will also want to buy any spices or trinkets.

<https://goo.gl/maps/Q7mNsmBrAZmXhv4U6>

### *The Vienna City Hall*

The City is not only a gorgeous building, but also in summer (July through August) the Vienna film festival takes place. Which doesn't mean you would go watch a movie. The park in front has a whole international food setup and loads of beer and wine spritzers. It's perfect to chill out on a hot summer day.

<https://goo.gl/maps/VkMN2DSZ3WZzicjf8>

### *More Touristy Spots*

You should go to **St. Stephan's Cathedral** in the heart of the city. You can hike up 343 stairs to the South Tower and enjoy a magnificent view over the roofs of Vienna. If you are not afraid of tight rooms and human remains, underneath the cathedral you can tour the catacombs with approx 11.000 skeletons. A shopping street called Kärntnerstraße is connected to the St. Stephan's Cathedral Plaza and has on the one hand the cathedral, on the other hand the Opera House as well as the Albertina.

St Stephans Cathedral: <https://goo.gl/maps/usGtBdqG98EQvRSz8>

Opera House: <https://goo.gl/maps/W5dozZtw722Gxc4H9>

*Cake?* Yes - a beautiful cafe from the late 19th century is called Cafe Central. Yummy cake and a shorter line than at other cake places, such as (Cafe Sacher at the Hotel Sacher). Another very chill cafe with many other options would be the Cafe Landtmann across the City Hall.

Café Central: <https://goo.gl/maps/nLsYXPVF9UCWdm7e9>

Café Sacher: <https://goo.gl/maps/a1aydWSwGJrsovYx5>

Café Landtmann: <https://goo.gl/maps/EUuHmVYkJTqUMeMA>

### *Palace Schoenbrunn - A must visit!*

Yes, the summer residence of world famous Sissi and her Franz during the emperor years of the Austrian and Hungarian Monarchy. The gardens are free, only the palace tour (inside) will cost you some Euros.

You can spend up to half a day at the gardens, which also includes the world famous Schoenbrunn Zoo (Vienna Zoo) that will cost you roughly 20Euros per Person. A greenhouse called Palmenhaus is also worth a visit as its old architecture fits in the vibe of the gardens of Schoenbrunn as well.

Palace: <https://goo.gl/maps/t5uvxR4ReFCHXffQA>

Zoo: <https://goo.gl/maps/it8Nhfu9Yg6jS7yR9>

Pro tip. Try to take the Tram a couple of stops further, so you don't need to hike up to the Cafe Gloriette (a building on top of a hill part of the Schoenbrunn gardens).

<https://goo.gl/maps/uzxdrtwGzmwCp7kL8>

### **Shopping:**

The MariaHilferstraße is a 1.5mi long shopping street (walking only) – they banned cars a couple of years ago.

You can walk it from the MQ (Museumsquartier) all the way to Vienna Westbahnhof for a nice stroll

<https://goo.gl/maps/hAJstXTEs2jEEQJq6>

The KärtnerStraße (street) that connects St.Stephans Cathedral with the Opera House is a more upscale shopping street. However, a Birkenstock Store is located there. Birkenstock shoes are usually 2/3rds of the price of the US one.

#### **Restaurants:**

Witwe Bolte (traditional austrian) close by the 25hrs Hotel <https://goo.gl/maps/YzHdL6p63iGJMSpq7>  
L'Osteria Great (and huge) Pizza: <https://goo.gl/maps/HHQ7cLabnNsVvxy9>

The **Naschmarkt** (also walking distance from the 25hrs Hotel) has amazing Food Options for any hour of the day:

Neni (Tel Aviv inspired food): <https://goo.gl/maps/PQJedKSp3nRqpgB87>  
Do-An (Mediteranian): <https://goo.gl/maps/hzyCyW3i6Bsjqo9KA>

And many other, meat, fish, turkish, orientali, middle-eastern amazing places to eat from

#### **The City Hall Film Festival**

The Film Festival in front of the city hall starts July 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through September every summer. You will find tons of food trucks right in front of the city hall in its garden where you can sip on beer and wine in public while enjoying some asian inspired or australian, or peruvian inspired food.

<https://filmfestival-rathausplatz.at/en/>

These are the highlights from what we have experienced, there are of course plenty of other activities you can find through a google search- especially kid friendly ones (like an extremely unique aquarium).



## Where to fly out of Austria to other European Countries?

Again, thanks for making the trip across the Atlantic. Europe has many hidden gems beyond just the common summer destinations such as Spain, Italy and Greece. I highly recommend you consider Scandinavia as a possible destination. Let me know if you want a call and we can discuss your areas of interest, as I was lucky enough to be around Europe a lot.

**Salzburg (SZG)** has some solid connections to the Mediterranean, especially during the summer months as July is considered to be.

**Vienna (VIE)** is not only worth a visit, but also the hub for Austrian Airlines and Lufthansa that are part of the Star Alliance fleet. You can get to Vienna by Train (<https://westbahn.at/en/>) in around 2.5hrs 30-45 Euros which is considered cheap.

Select Salzburg To Wien Westbahnhof (from their you can take another train to the airport or partly even the vienna subway - adds 45min)

**Munich (MUC)** is also just a quick jump north of Salzburg. Munich is considered a very large airport in Germany and lets you fly to any destination you can think of. To Munich you also get best by train from Salzburg. (1.5hrs by train) (<https://westbahn.at/en/>)

Select Salzburg To München Ostbahnhof and take the subway from München Ostbahnhof to the airport (adds 45min)

