

A Rainy Weekend in Vienna – Still Worth It!

Two weeks ago, I and my flatmates, took a short trip to Vienna, and despite the rain that just wouldn't stop, I have to say, it was still pretty amazing. From the moment I arrived, I was struck by how elegant the city feels. Vienna has this mix of imperial charm and modern energy that's really hard to beat.

One of the highlights was walking around the Hofburg Palace area. Even under gray skies, it looked stunning. The architecture is so grand, and everything around it, from the gardens to the surrounding buildings, feels rich with history. I also visited some of the city's most famous churches, like St. Stephen's Cathedral and Karlskirche. St. Stephen's, with its towering spire and colorful roof tiles, is a true landmark. And Karlskirche? Its baroque style is breathtaking, especially from the outside.

Unfortunately, it rained the entire day. Like, non-stop. So I couldn't enjoy as much walking as I wanted to, and it definitely put a damper on the vibe. I would have loved to sit in a sunny square with a coffee and just watch the city go by, but instead, I ended up hopping between museums and cafés just to stay dry. At least the coffee was good, Austrians take it seriously! One thing that really stood out to me: how well Austrians speak English. People were super friendly and clear, which made everything so much easier. Honestly, it was quite a contrast compared to Budapest, where English isn't as widely spoken or as fluent in general. It makes a big difference when you're just trying to navigate a new city or ask for recommendations.

If I had to find one thing missing in Vienna, it would be the river views. For a city that has so much beauty and elegance, the Danube isn't really part of the experience. It feels disconnected from the city center, and you don't get those postcard-worthy riverside spots like you do in places like Paris or Budapest. With better river access and more scenic spots along the water, Vienna would easily be a 10/10 city.

All in all, even with the rain, Vienna was a great escape. Can't wait to return with a bit more sun, and maybe a bike to explore the parks properly next time!



