

World66's guide to Vienna

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Vienna

Austria's capital Vienna spreads along both sides of the Blue Danube (which as the Viennese are certain to point out is actually muddy brown) at the very foothills of the Alps. The city is a smorgasbord of Baroque with a dash of art nouveau. Circling the old town (the *Innere Stadt*) is the imposing revivalist architecture of the Ringstrasse Vienna's main boulevard. These buildings range from the charming Opera House to the monumental Natural History Museum. Nestled throughout the city are the graceful art-nouveau buildings of turn-of-the-century architects Otto Wagner and Adolf Loos. The buildings are one of the many remnants of the artistic and intellectual flowering that took place in Vienna at the turn of the century. Of course the buildings and the city's history are only a backdrop for the daily culture that can still be found in the concert halls opera houses and cafes.

Before traveling to Vienna try to reserve tickets to the main attractions in advance as ticket requests from outside of the country are given priority. We recommend the Vienna State Opera the Spanish Riding School (with its famous Lipizzaner stallions) and the Vienna Boys Choir (the choir is particularly moving). If tickets for the State Opera are not available try the Volksoper which features operettas musicals and ballets. If all else fails the Gothic Rathaus (city hall) hosts a popular Christmas market in the winter and free concerts in the summer. Take a tour of the city to get oriented either on foot or in a *Fiaker* (a horse-drawn carriage). If you prefer a more elevated impression of the city go up to the top of the Donauturm (Danube Tower) at 846 ft/258 m it provides quite a panorama from its observation platform and two revolving restaurants. You can see from there that Vienna is quite a large city its sights are dispersed throughout so you'll want to buy bus/subway passes for the number of days that you'll be there.

The pulse of the city can be found along Ringstrasse. As you walk around the area be sure to take a break at a sidewalk cafe and have one of the city's superb pastries. The Viennese invented cafe society and there is no better pastime than to linger over a torte read a newspaper and watch the Viennese. Each café has its own personality; while the lavish cafes inside the Ringstrasse are most impressive the smaller ones just outside have a charm and authenticity that should also not be missed. Don't just stick to coffee the Austrian fruit teas and black teas are so flavorful that you'll wonder what you've been drinking all these years.

After a coffee or a cup of tea you should be ready to visit one of the many world-class museums along the Ring. The Kunsthistorisches Museum has works of art by Bruegel, Rembrandt, Caravaggio and Titian as well as Roman and Egyptian antiquities. Just across the plaza is the Naturhistorisches Museum which has the 25 000-year-old *Venus of Willendorf* one of the oldest works of art in existence. The Museum of Applied Art located farther down the Ring has an amazing one-million piece-collection of Rococo Baroque and Jugendstil furniture glass porcelain and fabric. Just off the Ring is the brilliant Secession Building one of the must-sees of Vienna. Built as a reaction to the overblown Ringstrasse buildings the museum is a work of art in itself and except for Gustav Klimt's Beethoven Frieze generally better than the hit-or-miss contemporary art exhibited inside.

If the Ringstrasse is the pulse of the city the *Innere Stadt* (the old city) is the heart. This is where the city's main attractions are located (and since it is a pedestrian zone it is also a great place to stroll). For an overview climb the bell tower of the 450-ft-/137-m-high St. Stephens Cathedral. The cathedral built in 1258 is easily identifiable by the zigzag pattern of its roof tiles. Between St. Stephens and the State Opera House is Karntnerstrasse Vienna's main shopping street. Nearby is the Albertina museum which houses more than 200 000 drawings (works by Albrecht Durer among others). At another corner of the old city is the Hofburg Palace a massive complex that contains the Burgkapelle (the chapel where the Boys Choir sings Mass) the

Stallburg (where the Spanish Riding School performs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) the Imperial Treasuries (Habsburg Crown Jewels) and the elaborate Austrian National Library.

Across the river from the old city is Prater Park an enjoyable amusement park that dates from the 18th century. The parks main attraction is the Riesenrad the giant Ferris wheel seen in the film *The Third Man* (the film plays every summer in one of the theaters on the Ring) and the goofy statues scattered around the park (one shows a enormous baby taking his tiny father for a walk).

On the other side of the old city near the Südbahnhof is the Belvedere Palace which houses a stunning collection of Viennese art from the art-nouveau era including Gustav Klimts *The Kiss*. These enchanting pictures are reason enough to visit Vienna. The palace also has a spacious garden with a great view of the city.

Another enjoyable museum is the quirky KunstHausWien designed by the artist Hundertwasser. The museum is a fantasy of colorful tile lumpy floors and peculiar architecture (trees grow out of the third floor window). Just down the street is a block of apartments that was also designed by the artist. Though not open to visitors the colorful fairy-castle facade always draws a crowd of onlookers. If you still have a hankering for modern art visit the Museum of the 20th Century (we found the exhibits to be a bit spotty).

However we thoroughly enjoyed seeing the homes of famous Viennese: Sigmund Freud (his psychoanalytic couch and other possessions are on display) Johann Strauss Jr. (where he composed *The Blue Danube*) Beethoven (he wrote his Third Symphony there) and Mozart (called Figarohaus: its where he composed *The Marriage of Figaro*). We also enjoyed seeing where famous Viennese are buried! Probably the most famous grave is Mozarts hidden somewhere in the St. Marx Cemetery when he died the great composer was buried in an unmarked paupers grave that to this day remains undiscovered. After the Mozart fiasco Vienna got its act together and began to bury its famous people in clearly marked graves in the Central Cemetery which now hold the graves of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Schoenberg, and other Viennese dignitaries. To round out the cemetery tour travelers can visit the Imperial Burial Vault (Kaisergruft) the final resting place of the emperors and empresses of the last 300 years of the House of Habsburg. Were not particularly ghoulish but we enjoyed visiting the Augustinerkirche vault (it contain the heartsliterallyof many of the Habsburgs).

Visitors shouldnt miss the elaborate 17th-century Schönbrunn Palace which was the Habsburg summer home. Often crowded with sightseers it is nonetheless a must-see. Highlights include the State Rooms the Hall of Mirrors (where Mozart made his debut at the age of 6) the magnificent Wagenburg Imperial Coach collection the enormous gardens and the Tiergarten Europes oldest zoo.

If you feel like taking a short excursion out of the city consider having a picnic in the Vienna Woods (beech-covered hills) relaxing in the charming wine gardens attached to nearby vineyards or strolling along the scenic Danube River.

There are several sights nearby Vienna that merit a visit if you have the time. One is Klosterneuburg an abbey begun in the 12th century which features the Verdun Altar. Also south of the city is Baden a pretty wooded town where Beethoven and Mozart lived. Appropriate to its name Baden has a huge open-air thermal bathing complex with a treatment center. The towns sulphur waters are believed to provide healing; following the footsteps of Mozarts wife Constanze thousands go there every year seeking rejuvenation. Once rejuvenated they attend festivals and operettas (in the summer) or head to the casino.

Another composers town was Eisenstadt south of Vienna where Joseph Haydn lived (he was court musician at

the Esterhazy Palace). And don't miss St. Polten with its Baroque frescoes; and (in summer) Rust and its famous storks.

Every year orchestras from around the world take part in The Vienna International Festival. Churches, mansions and palaces across the city host more than 150 different concerts ranging from sacred music to opera and choral music to symphony.

Four nights are really the minimum needed to see Vienna. Additional days could be spent in the region or taking half-day tours outside of town.

Note: Although Vienna is one of the safest cities in the world, travelers have recently become a target of pickpocketing and purse snatching in the two largest train stations. If you stay alert you shouldn't have any problems.

Vienna – History

Most visitors connect Vienna with a romantic place full of Habsburg nostalgia and musical resonances. It is, still today, but more.

The first settlement of any substance was Roman. The city was called *Vindobona*, but was in fact never more than a garrison town. It was only with the rise of the Babenberg clan in the tenth century that Vienna became an important city. In 1278 the city fell to Rudolf of Habsburg, but had to compete for centuries with Prague, Linz and Graz as the imperial residence on account of its vulnerability to attack from the Turks, who first laid siege to it in 1529. It was only with the removal of the Turkish threat in 1683 that the court based itself here permanently. The great aristocratic families, grown fat on the profits of the Turkish wars, flooded in to build palaces and summer residences in a frenzy of construction that gave Vienna its Baroque character.

Imperial Vienna was never a wholly German city: as the capital of a cosmopolitan empire, it attracted great minds from all over central and eastern Europe. By the end of the Habsburg era it had become a breeding ground for the ideological movements of the age: nationalism, socialism, Zionism and anti-Semitism, all flourished here. This turbulence was reflected in the cultural sphere, and the ghosts of Freud, Klimt, Schiele, Mahler and Schönberg are nowadays bigger tourist draws than the old stand-bys like the Lippizaner horses or the Vienna Boy's Choir.

Vienna – Eating Out

Austria's cooking is great. If you like flummerys, pastries and sweets, it is the paradise on earth. These dishes are not necessarily served as a dessert, they can also be a complete main dish. The traditional venue for eating out in Vienna is the *Beisl*, an intimate neighbourhood place, somewhere between restaurant and pub, providing good home cooking and a cosy refuge for local beer drinkers. There are plenty of these both within and beyond the Ring. The best places to look are districts 6, 7 and 8.

Vienna is also the true home of the traditional *Kaffeehaus* or café – largely a venue for good-value lunchtime food, afternoon coffee and cakes, and late-night drinking. Those within the Ring tend to be touristy and

overpriced, but many are dipping with atmosphere and continue to be patronized by the Viennese themselves. If you want to order in German/Austrian, make sure to pronounce "Kaffee" with a long and open "ee", like the end of "fiancé" (otherwise they will immediately think, you are German). Austria has a great choice in coffee, which names sound all a bit strange: "Wiener Melange", "Brauner" (coffee with milk), "mit Schlagobers" (with whipped cream) etc.

For food on the move, the *Würstelstand* is as big an institution in Vienna as anywhere else in Austria. Look out for *Leberkäs*, a slice of spicy meat sandwiched between two halves of a *Semmel*. One more advice: Go to the *Naschmarkt* – the city's main fruit and veg market off Karlsplatz. This is a great place to assemble a picnic or grab a tasty take-away, and also home to numerous cheap cafés attached to the various stalls.

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Tunnel

Beer, wine and delicious food (pizza, pasta, arabic dishes) at modest prices. It's a place for students rather than for nice dinner. Great breakfast variety for about US\$ 2.50. Very "gemütlich" (cosy) place. Service is unfriendly enough to remind you that you're in Vienna. Livemusic in the cellar (therefore *Tunnel*) on most evenings, sometimes entrance free.

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address: Bäckerstrasse 14, 1. Bezirk

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address: Neubaugasse 52, 7.
Bezirk

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Vienna – Sights

Vienna has a compact historical centre, bound to the northeast by the Danube canal and surrounded on all other sides by the majestic sweep of the Ringstrasse. From here, the main arteries of communication radiate outwards. Most of the important sights are concentrated in this tourist-clogged district and along the Ring, but a lot of essential Vienna lies beyond it, in the initially forbidding grid of barracks-like 19th century apartment blocks. There are also outlying sights, such as *Schloss Schönbrunn*, or the funfair and parklands of the *Prater*. To discover Vienna by walking needs more than only some days, but public transport items are comprehensive and helpful.

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Wiener Staatsoper

The Staatsoper is considered to be the N°1 Opera House of Central Europe. Even if you're not into that kind of culture, the impressing building itself is worth a visit. Show up there two hours before the regular start of the performance and you can get tickets for as little money as 20 Austrian shillings (US\$ 1.50).

When they are playing to a full house, there are no seats for holders of these cheap tickets, but the atmosphere in the standing room is funny anyway and most days enough seats remain free. T-shirt and jeans is also ok as long as you do not attend to a premiere. See the *Staatsoper* programme

address: Opernring, 1. Bezirk

Burgtheater

The Burgtheater is the theatre where Thomas Bernhard became the top scandal playwright of the German speaking world in the 80's. They are still playing a lot of his stuff (don't miss *Heldenplatz*) and many other strange plays. Its certainly not the place to go, when you think theatre should be played like it was a hundred years ago, even though the *Burgtheater* is located in a marvellous 19th century building. Ask for student tickets here (50 ÖS = US\$ 4.00).

See the *Burgtheater* programme

address: Dr. Karl-Lueger-Ring, 1. Bezirk

Stephansdom

The heart of the inner city. The 'Steffl', like some locals call it, dominates the Stephansplatz and the Vienna skyline with its Gothic bulk and the brightly coloured chevrons of its tiled roof. Inside, the high vaulted interior is studded with Baroque details. The highlight is an early 16th century carved stone pulpit with portraits of the four fathers of Christian church, sculpted by Anton Pilgram. The area beyond the transepts is roped off, so to get a good look at the Wiener Neustädter Altar, a masterpiece of late Gothic art.

Another feature of interest is the catacombs, where the entrails of illustrious Habsburgs are housed in bronze caskets. The smaller of the cathedral's two towers can be ascended by lift for a look at the *Pummerin*, the great bell.

address: Stephansplatz

openinghours: Mot – Sat 9am – noon and 1pm – 5pm, Sun 12.30–5pm, entrance free

Museum der Stadt Wien

This museum includes three floors of medieval sculpture and paintings, arms and armour recalling the city's struggles against the Turks, a reconstruction of Adolf Loos's ascetic living quarters, several works by Klimt and Schiele, and a model of the city as it was before the Ring was built.

address: Karlsplatz

openinghours: Tue – Sun 9am – 4.30pm

Schatzkammer des Deutschen Ordens

In the Treasury of the Order of Teutonic Knights you can view ceremonial regalia and domestic trinkets assembled by seven centuries of Grand Masters. Enjoy the almost pastorally peaceful courtyard to the rear.

address: Singerstrasse 7

openinghours: May – Oct Mon, Thu and Sun 10am – noon, Wed 3 – 5pm, Fri and Sat 10am – noon and 3 – 5pm: Nov – Apr closed Fri morning and Sun

Jüdisches Museum

Excellent temporary exhibitions on the first floor are mostly on contemporary Jewish life, while on the second floor, visitors are confronted with a series of free-standing glass panels imprinted with holograms of the city's once vast Jewish population.

address: Dorotheengasse 11

openinghours: daily except Sat 10am–6pm, Thu 10am – 9pm

Museum für Völkerkunde

A separate entrance in the "Neue Burg" leads to this museum, which features the collections of Captain Cook, Aztek treasures and other ethnological exhibits.

address: Heldenplatz (Neue Burg)

openinghours: dauly except Tue: Jan – Mar 10am – 6pm, Apr – Dec 10am – 4pm

Kunsthistorisches Museum

This late nineteenth-century museum (and its twin, the "Naturhistorisches Museum" on the opposite site of the court) has been designed to accomodate the vast imperial collections. It hosts one of the richest fine art collections in the world. Its ground floor is largely given over to decorative arts and the ancient world, with impressive Egyptian, Greek and Roman collections, while the fine arts section upstairs offers a fine perspective on the German Renaissance. Canvases of Danubian painters like Albrecht Altdorfer and two Lucas Cranachs providing a link between the medieval world and the perfection of Dürer, Rubens and Rembrandt (also represented with some paintings). The Egyptian section is overwhelming, nowhere in Europe you will find a brightness and choice of ancient treasures like here.

address: Maria-Theresien-Platz

openinghours: Tue – Sun 10am – 6pm

Dom- und Diözesanmuseum

Next to Stephansdom. Here the church silver is outshone by a collection of marvellous 15th century devotional paintings.

address: Stephansplatz 6

openinghours: Tue, Wed, Fri and Sat 10am – 4pm, Thu 10am – 6pm, Sun 10am – 1pm

Karlskirche

Probably the most pompous church in the whole of Austria. The brilliant white Baroque church with its two thin towers and green roof is certainly worth a visit. The interior is pleasantly light and covered in colourful fresco's. The church is dedicated to saint Carlo Borromeo and was built by Emperor Karl VI in the early 18th century.

The Karlskirche is the crowning achievement of Austria's foremost Baroque architect, Fischer von Erlach. Built by order of Emperor Karl IV in thanks for deliverance from the plague of 1713, it is an eclectic jumble, with an oval dome perched atop a Classical colonnade, flanked by replicas of Trajan's column in Rome.

address: Karlsplatz

openinghours: Mon – Sat 9 – 11.30am and 1 – 5pm, Sun only afternoon, entrance free

Jesuitenkirche

Built in the 17th century this church is a valuable piece of early Baroque architecture, much of the sumptuous interior is a work of Andrea Pozzo, who was invited to Vienna by Leopold I to spearhead the city's artistic revival with an injection of Italian Jesuit style.

Vienna – Getting Around

Vienna has an excellent public transport system of trams, busses and subways. Since it's a large town and there's not much (free) parking space available, public transport is the easiest and cheapest way to get around. You can get a wide range of tickets, including tickets valid for an hour (22 schilling), 24 Hrs. (60 schilling), 8 days (300 schilling), etc. The advantage of an 8 day-ticket is that it doesn't have to be 8 consecutive days. It doesn't even have to be 8 days, you can use it for more than one person at a time, for instance, 2 people can travel on it for 4 days. All these tickets are valid in the entire Vienna district, in all busses, trams and subways.

Vienna – Getting There

By train:

Trains from western regions and from Hungary terminate at the *Westbahnhof*, situated on the outer ring road or *Gürtel*, 2 km west of the centre close to Mariahilferstrasse, Vienna's busiest shopping street. From here the U-Bahn metro line U3 leads directly into the city centre. Trains from eastern Europe, Italy and the Balkans arrive at the *Südbahnhof*, 2 km south of the centre. From here tram "D" goes down

Prinz–Eugen–Strasse to Schwarzenbergplatz and the Ring. Some trains arrive at **Wien–Nord** (North of centre, take U–Bahn Praterstern) or at **Franz–Josefs–Bahnhof**, connected to the Ring by tram "D".

By bus:

Most international buses arrive at Vienna's main bus terminal beside **Wien–Mitte**, on the eastern edge of the city centre (U–Bahn Landstrasse).

By plane:

Vienna's airport is called **Wien–Schwechat** and is located 20 km outside the centre. It is connected to the city centre by the S–Bahn–line S7, which runs underneath the airport. Trains leave every 30min, taking half an hour to reach Wien–Mitte, near the Ring. In addition, there is a regular bus, which runs every 20 min to the City Air Terminal, next door to Wien–Mitte. Other buses run from the airport to both main train stations.

Vienna – Accommodation

Vienna offers its visitors a wide range and choice of rooms of every quality level, especially for those who are able and willing to splash out. However, extreme pressure on the cheaper accommodations end of the market means that booking ahead is essential in summer, and advisable during the rest of the year. It is hard to find anything affordable in the central area, and the cheapest double rooms within reach of it will set you back at least 350 ÖS a person. The best hunting grounds for cheap accommodation are in the western districts between the Ring and the Gürtel (Bezirke 5 – 9). Places here are often located on the upper floors of 19th century apartment buildings, and they mostly have a very charming atmosphere. Vienna's youth hostels are clean and efficient, but often overbooked. For a longer stay you should ask the **Mitwohzentrale** in the 8th Bezirk, Laudongasse 7, Tel. 0222 – 402 60 61. They normally are a cheaper and offer weekly rates.

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Cheap Accommodation in Vienna

url: www.petitmonde.co.uk

Pension Mozart

Nice pension just beyond the Ring, very near to some good museums (Messepalace, Museum of Natural History, Museum of Fine Arts). U–Bahn Neubaugasse / Babenbergerstrasse.

address: Theobaldgasse 15, 6. Bezirk

tel: 0222 – 587 85 05

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City Central Hotel

This **** hotel with its sophisticated ambience is only a few minutes walk away from St. Stephen's Cathedral. A traditional house, built around the turn of the century and refurnished with all modern comfort, radiating the typical Viennese atmosphere. The air–conditioned winter garden is like a green oasis and a

popular meeting place for taking your Viennese coffee in the afternoon.

address: Barichgasse 3, 1030 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Pension Mandara

Family run business – ideal for cyclists: easy to reach & repair facilities.

address: Alserstrasse 39, 1080 Vienna

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Hotel am Lerchenfeld

Small two star Hotel.

address: Hernalser Guertel 5, 1170 Wien

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Hof Hotel Wien

The Vienna Hof Hotel is centrally located. Close to the city centre and half way between Schönbrunn Palace and Grinzing. A hotel you'll feel welcome in and one you want to return to.

address: Kulmgasse 22, 1170 Wien

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Pharmador Pension

The pension is situated close to the Westbahnhof, next to the largest shopping center in Vienna – the Mariahilferstrasse. The well trained staff treats the guest like a king!

address: Schottenfeldgasse 39, 1070 Wien

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Hotel Wilhelmshof

Comfortable city hotel with home-from-home atmosphere, optimal transport connections, centrally situated near the Praterstern and the Danube cycle route. Family atmosphere – Viennese hospitality.

address: Kleine Stadtgutgasse 4, 1020 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Zipser Hotelpension

The hotel is centrally located, 5 minutes from the town hall. Hotel-Pension Zipser has a warm family atmosphere and is modernly decorated.

address: Lange Gasse 49, 1080 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Capri

Hotel Capri, built in the early 1970's, has been constantly successful in the Viennese hotel market and very popular with its international clientele of long standing

address: Prater Strasse 44, 1020 Wien

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Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg

Living comfortably in 50 studios and 40 rooms. All rooms have shower/WC, telephone, radio, TV and mini bar. Fax, safes and elevators available. Banquets and conference facilities for up to 220 persons. Family-friendly recreation facilities. Easy to reach, good traffic connections, enough private parking lots.

address: Savoyenstrasse 2, Wien

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Lerner Pension

The hotel Lerner is situated in the very heart of Vienna's city centre. Our Pension has seven rooms equipped with shower, telephone and cable TV. You will start your day with a delicious Viennese Breakfast and then enjoy the atmosphere of our beautiful city.

address: Wipplinger Strasse 23, 1010 Wien

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Residenz Hotel-Pension

A few minutes' walk from the University, City Hall, Parliament, Burgtheater and Votivkirche. Here you will feel at home. The rooms are comfortable and quiet. The Viennese breakfast buffet will give you a good start to the day: excursions, city sight-seeing tours, and in the evening a visit to the theatre or State Opera.

address: Ebendorferstrasse 10, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Strebersdorferhof Hotel

A family-friendly, comfortable 30-bed Hotel, located in a quiet surrounding in the northern area of Vienna. Due to the nearby Danube-bicycle-pathway (Donauradwanderweg) and a typical 'Heurigen' area, the Hotel is an ideal place for your vacation or business trip. The Hotel provides banquet- and meeting rooms for up to 120 persons.

address: Russbergstrasse 46, 1210 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Tourotel Roter Hahn

Located in the heart of cosmopolitan Vienna. The integrated wienerwald restaurant is renowned for poultry dishes and Viennese cuisine. And in the summer there is outdoor dining. 48 comfortable rooms, with bath or shower and WC, radio and direct-dial phone and color TV (on request). Telex, fax and safe deposit for

valuables available.

address: Laudstrasser Hauptstrasse 40

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Austria Hotel

The Hotel Austria is ideally located in the very center in a an absolutely quiet side street of Romantic old Vienna. St. Stephen's Cathedral, the State Opera, the Spanish Riding School and the famous Museums are within easy walking distance. Its typically Viennese atmosphere, excellent service and the modern comfort are due to its worldwide reputation.

address: Fleischmarkt 20, 1011 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

City Pension

The three star City pension offers elegant surroundings for those in search of culture or relaxation, for business travellers or for tour parties. The building itself has a long tradition. Behind the stylish facade stands a hotel with every modern comfort a restaurant and an atmosphere uniquely Viennese.

address: Bauernmarkt 10, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Donauwalzer Hotel

Original family hotel with personal service in the old Vienna style. Centrally located.

address: Ottakringer Strasse 5, 1170 Wien

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Franz Pension Hotel

Internationally well known. Centrally located at the Schottentor, near the Votiv church, the city-hall and the university. Comfortable rooms private bath, overlooking the lanes of one of the many parks of the city. Underground-garage in the immediate vicinity.

address: Waehringer Strasse 12, 1090 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Top Hotel Papageno

The hotel derives its name from one of the main characters in Mozart's opera The Magic Flute. This opera had its premier in 1791 at the Freihaus-Theater auf der Wieden, which was just next door to the hotel but no longer exists.

address: Wiedner Hauptstraße 23–25

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Modul Hotel

Spacious rooms and suites from 40 to 65sqm. Located in the heart of Döbling, an exclusive residential area. Beautiful view of Vienna. With underground car park. Please ask for the special monthly rates which include breakfast and hotel services.

address: Peter-Jordan-Strasse 78, 1190 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Regina Hotel

The Hotel Regina is situated in the university quarter only a few minutes from the famous sites and shopping area. The hotel has private parking facilities, 118 spacious and comfortable rooms and 10 apartments.

address: Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Royal Hotel

The Hotel Royal is situated in the City, close to St.Stephen's Cathedral, next to the famous Kärntnerstrasse, in absolutely quiet location. A public underground garage and the subway are nearby. The rooms tastefully furnished in period style, invite to a pleasant stay.

address: Singerstrasse 3, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Schild Hotel

Visit the city and live in the country. The Hotel Schild, situated in the northwestern part of Vienna, with the Vienna Woods, the vineyards and the famous "Heurigen" at the front door, has excellent connections to the public transportation system.

address: Neustift am Walde 97-99, 1190 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel am Schubertring

Stylish four star hotel in the very heart of the city. The rooms in Biedermeier or Art Nouveau style are all very quiet and comfortably furnished in good taste.

address: Schubertring 11, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel am Stephansplatz

Get to know Vienna from its most beautiful angles: you will feel quite at ease in any one of the sixty guest rooms, whose ambiance has been individually styled with loving care down to the last detail.

address: Stephansplatz 9, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Barich Hotel-Pension

Behind an unpretentious facade, Pension Barich is a small, exquisitely furnished, centrally located yet quiet hotel. The proprietors manage the establishment themselves and speak fluent English, French and Italian. Whether on business or pleasure, you will appreciate the warm, private atmosphere.

address: Barichgasse 3, 1030 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson

A bit outside the city centre, but rooms are designed in a homey country style. Opposite to the Vienna International Centre/UN building and the Austria Center Vienna.

address: Wagramerstrasse 16–16A, 1220 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Dorint Biedermeier Wien

Centrally located exclusive 4 star hotel in quiet street in the center of Vienna. Close to the airport (20 min. ATS 450). All rooms are decorated in the Biedermeier style. Conference facilities for up to 100 persons.

address: Wagramerstrasse 16–16A, 1220 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Glanzing Gartenhotel

Vienna Woods, wine, music and the Danube. Conferences, coventions and the Vienna International Centre. Vienna, the city of waltz, of movement, contact and dialogue. The hotel offers you peace and relaxation. You stay in the green belt, in a quiet location, but still in the city.

address: Glanzinggasse 23, 1190 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hotel Rathauspark

This property, located within 5 minutes walking distance from the city centre, offers all amenities of a 4 star hotel.

address: Rathausstr. 17

[Book this hotel](#)

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Kaiserhof

Hotel Kaiserhof offers 85 comfortable double and single rooms with all the amenities you have come to expect from a 4–star hotel. The Kaiserhof is quiet despite its central location. In fact, you are just a few minutes walk from Vienna's Ringstrasse, the famous State Opera and the Kärntner Strasse, pedestrian walkway with all its shops and lively activity.

address: Frankenberggasse 10, 1040 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Kaiserpark Hotel – Schoenbrunn

Overlooking the beautiful gardens of Schönbrunn palace, the former summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Elisabeth, the traditional 4 star Hotel Kaiserpark–Schönbrunn awaits you. Everywhere you will encounter reminiscences of the monarchy. They serve typical Austrian specialities at their own cozy restaurant, the Stüber.

address: Gruenbergstrasse 11, 1120 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Triest Hotel

Where notes of Trieste linger in the heart of Vienna. Where old–fashioned hospitality blends with new, with special welcome for every guest. Where there are close encounters with the past in the former stables of the Vienna–Trieste stage, now transformed into 72 entirely new luxury rooms. Single room with private bathroom and facilities, room rate: ATS 2300, rate per room per night including breakfast, service and taxes, from 30 December minimum stay of 3 nights.

address: Wiedner Hauptstrasse 12, 1040 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Hilton Vienna

The Vienna Hilton is located adjacent to the Stadtpark and is directly connected to the City Air Terminal. All 600 rooms, the Executive Floor and the Penthouse Suites feature the luxury, service and modern comfort you expect in a 5–star hotel. Appropriate meeting rooms for every type of conference, convention and business incentive are available for up to 1000 people.

address: Stadtpark

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Thueringer Hof Hotel

Hotel Thüringer Hof was built at the end of the last century in the old traditional Viennese style. 1971 it went in family ownership. In 1985 it was totally refurbished and graded to the 4 star category. In 1988 additional Junior Suites, a modern conference room, a lounge, a bar as well as a balcony with view over the Viennese roofs on Votivkirche, Stephansdom and town hall were inaugurated.

address: Joergerstrasse 4–8, 1180 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Graben Hotel

The Graben Hotel is situated in the hearth of Vienna, quietly located in the quarter of antique shops, next to pedestrian zone. A public underground garage and the subway are nearby. Due to the special architecture every room has an individual style. Enjoy austrian specialities in the Restaurant Altenberg and italian specialities in the Trattoria Santo Stefano.

address: Dorotheergasse 3, 1010 Wien

[Book this hotel](#) **BOOKINGS**

Pension Quisiana

Small but cosy rooms in a pension run by friendly couple near Mariahilferstrasse. U-Bahn Neubaugasse.

address: Windmühlengasse 6, 6. Bezirk

tel: 0222 – 587 33 41

Hostel Ruthensteiner

Conveniently located within easy walking distance of the Westbahnhof. Breakfast is extra. No curfew.

address: Robert-Hamerling-Gasse 24, 15. Bezirk

tel: 0222 – 893 42 02

Hostel Zöhrer

Small and private hostel in a nice bit of town between Ring and Gürtel. No curfew. Tram No. 5 or 33 or U-Bahn Josefstädter Strasse.

address: Skodagasse 26, 8. Bezirk

tel: 0222 – 406 07 30

Hotel Orient

Exotic decor and a wide range of prices (per person between 40 and 150 USD).

address: Tiefer Graben 30, 1. Bezirk

tel: 0222 – 533 73 07

Vienna – Nightlife and Entertainment

For nightlife you have several options. If you're there during opera season and are lucky enough to have opera tickets eat an early dinner enjoy the performance and end with coffee and a Sacher torte at the cafe in the Hotel Sacher. Or you might go to the part of the central district known as the Bermuda Triangle where the small restaurants and the bars are open late. A third possibility would be to head for a *Heurigen* (a wine bar) for an evening of music and tasting of the years new wine (*Sturm*).

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Cafe Spitt

Pleasant, unpretentious student place with brown wall panels and flowered curtains. It's cosy place and the waitress is un-Viennese friendly. Try the excellent cider-like Radler beer. Subway: *Friedensbrücke*, 9th district

address: Fuchtschallergasse.

Tunnel

Beer, Wine and Food (Pizza, Pasta, Arabic stuff) at modest prices. Great breakfast variety for about US\$ 2.50. Very gemütlich place. Service is unfriendly enough to remind you that you're in Vienna. Livemusic in the cellar (therefore *Tunnel*) on most evenings, sometimes entrance free.

Subway: *Josefstädter Strasse* or *Schottentor*, 8th district.

address: Florianigasse.

Wiener Staatsoper

The Staatsoper is considered to be the N°1 Opera House of Central Europe. Even if you're not into that kind of culture, the impressive building itself is worth a visit. Show up there two hours before the regular start of the performance and you can get tickets for as little money as 20 Austrian shillings (US\$ 1.50).

When they are playing to a full house, there are no seats for holders of these cheap tickets, but the atmosphere in the standing room is funny anyway and most days enough seats remain free. T-shirt and jeans is also ok as long as you do not attend to a premiere. See the *Staatsoper* programme

address: Opernring, 1. Bezirk

Burgtheater

The Burgtheater is the theatre where Thomas Bernhard became the top scandal playwright of the German speaking world in the 80's. They are still playing a lot of his stuff (don't miss *Heldenplatz*) and many other strange plays. Its certainly not the place to go, when you think theatre should be played like it was a hundred years ago, even though the *Burgtheater* is located in a marvellous 19th century building. Ask for student tickets here (50 ÖS = US\$ 4.00).

See the *Burgtheater* programme

address: Dr. Karl-Lueger-Ring, 1. Bezirk

Chelsea

Pub with little dancefloor, the music they play focuses on rock. The right place to get involved in an all-night-long booze-up. Often open til morning.

Subway: *Josefstädter Strasse*, 8th district.

address: Hernalser Gürtel

Spittelberg

Student clientele, plenty of pubs and bars, lots of places to sit outside in summer.

Subway: *Volkstheater*, 7th district.

address: Pub district between *Burgasse* and *Siebensterngasse*

Maria's Cantina

Go there for an unpredictable night. Don't show up before 11 p.m. Dance to Salsa rhythms, meet the young and beautiful. The place is obviously run by alcoholics, after 2 a.m. the staff sometimes goes mad and forgets to earn money. Fun, as long as you like tequila. For some reason the best day there used to be Wednesday.

Subway: *Volksoper*, 9th district.

address: Schubertgasse.

Cafe Berg

A pleasant cafe with a mixed gay/straight clientele. Located near the University, the Votifkirche and the Palais Luxembourg, it's an ideal place for a quiet cup of coffee or a huge mug of tea.

Subway: *Schottentor*, 9th district.

address: Corner of Berggasse and Wasagasse.

Schikaneder

Alternative place near Karlsplatz with some strange art in the window and lots of comfortable sofas to lounge in. There's often live music or a dj, and you can buy tickets for the small movie art house next door.

Subway: *Karlsplatz*, 5th district.

address: Margaretengasse

Flex

One of the best Clubs in Europe (Magazine Spex). Though they were a bit more underground years ago, there is a really good music-program to enjoy. But beware of the waiters – they aren't always the most nice persons on earth.

address: Donaukanallaende (Ring-Kai) nearby the Ringturm

The Guess Club

An exquisite bar with an impressive assortment of liquors and cocktails. Apart from some free internet terminals the place isn't really cheap...

Subway: *Neubaugasse*, 6th district.

address: Kaunitzgasse, near Apollo Cinema

Planter's Club

A beautifully furnished Cocktail Bar. Go there for the most decadent and fragrant piss of your life (onto icecubes and sliced lemons, no joke).

Subway: *Schottentor* or *Schottenring*, 1st district.

address: Zelinkagasse 4, 200m from Vienna Stock Exchange.

Palmenhaus

A beautiful bar located inside an Jugendstil old glass house from around 1900. The main part is a restaurant, but there's a separate bar area left of the entrance where you can sit under the high glass domes between large potted plants and choose from dozens of wines, liquors and other drinks.

Subway: *Babenbergerstrasse*, 1st district.

address: Burggarten.

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