

## What to do in Vienna?

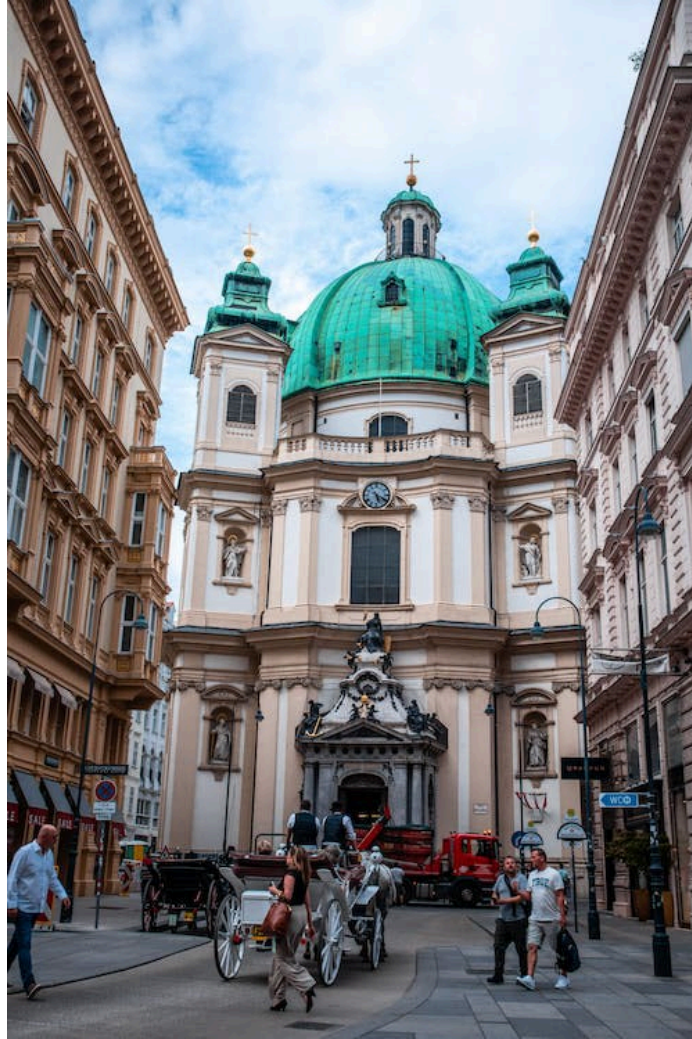


## History

Vienna's historic core enjoys the designation of a UNESCO World Heritage site. As such, landmarks like St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Imperial Palace join a select list of around 700 globally significant cultural and natural sites. Vienna offers a rich tapestry of experiences, from its grandiose Baroque architecture to the shimmering touches of Art Nouveau, all the way to modern architectural marvels. Follow these links for more information on Vienna's history and sights:

- Sights from A-Z: <https://www.wien.info/en/sightseeing/sights/from-a-to-z>
- Cultural Heritage: <https://www.wien.info/en/sightseeing/sights/cultural-heritage-343850>
- 10 Fascinating Facts About Vienna (You Probably Didn't Know):  
<https://www.salutetovienna.com/post/10-fascinating-facts-about-vienna-you-probably-didn-t-know>

## Facts about Vienna



- The city is **safe** (except for pickpockets)! Going alone through streets at night – no problem.
- You can **drink** the **tap water** – it is of excellent quality.
- Waiters always expect a **tip** – we just **round things up** but 10% are a good benchmark. Don't expect too much kindness or service for that though. Viennese **waiters** (in particular at coffee houses) are famous for being grumpy.
- Most people will be able to understand and speak at least some **English**.
- Card payments are on the rise but not universally possible. **Prepare your wallet**.
- Austrians appreciate their work-life balance. Nearly all shops are **closed on Sundays**. They mostly close at 7 during the week and at 5 or 6 on Saturdays.

## City Tours



Whether you prefer structured excursions or self-guided adventures, by foot or aboard a tour bus, Vienna offers various ways to discover its charms. To experience Vienna, either join one of the activities offered as part of our social program or explore the city on your own. Here are a few options to explore the city:

- Discover Vienna on your own: <https://www.wien.info/en/see-do/discover-vienna/tours-guides/ivie-walks-guides-436368>
- Vienna with a Guide – pay as you wish: <https://www.absoluteviennatours.at/free-walking-tour-vienna/>
- Sightseeing tour with the bus: <https://www.wien.info/en/see-do/discover-vienna/tours-guides/bus-tours-342040>
- Further recommendations: <https://www.wien.info/en/recommendations>

## Museums & Exhibitions



Vienna boasts an impressive array of museums and exhibitions that serve as a testament to its rich cultural heritage and forward-thinking vision. From collections of classical art in historic buildings to contemporary installations in modern spaces, the city's art scene offers a diverse range of intellectual and aesthetic experiences. Whether you're interested in history, art, or science, Vienna's curated spaces provide valuable insights and inspiration.

- Museumsquartier: <https://www.mqw.at/en/>  
One of the largest cultural quarters in the world with an area covering 60,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Albertina: <https://www.albertina.at/en/exhibitions/monet-to-picasso/>  
The Albertina houses one of Europe's most important compilations of Modernist art in the form of the Batliner Collection.
- The Natural History Museum Vienna: <https://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en>  
The Natural History Museum Vienna is a multidisciplinary space where extensive collections meet scientific research and public dialogue, all housed in an architectural masterpiece.
- Art History Museum - <https://www.khm.at/en/>  
The Kunsthistorisches Museum, located near the Imperial Palace, is renowned for its world-class collections, including the largest assembly of Bruegel works.

More information: <https://www.wien.info/en/sightseeing/museums-exhibitions>

## Theater & Music



Vienna stands as a vibrant hub for theater and music, deeply rooted in a tradition that spans from classical opera to modern performances.

- Vienna State Opera: <https://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/en/season-tickets/events-tickets/>
- Konzerthaus Wien: <https://konzerthaus.at/concert/eventid/60583>
- Musikverein Wien: <https://www.musikverein.at/spielplan/>

These sample will get you tuned into the Vienna vibe:

- New Year's Concert 2023: <https://open.spotify.com/intl-de/album/748QKJBfuFQehlw3CJ7TvW>
- Vienna Waltz: <https://open.spotify.com/intl-de/album/Oi5T87wEjypMSsfROpbrCL>
- Wien: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7dRwu1rSF2JXzE4HxhggN9>

## Dine & Drink



Viennese Cuisine is the only cuisine in the world to be named after a city. From local taverns known as "Beisls" to high-end culinary establishments, the city's dining options span a wide range of local and global flavors. Fancy some wine? Vienna is unique among major cities for its noteworthy wine production within city boundaries, a tradition rooted deeply in its local culture.

- The Viennese bistro or beisl: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/viennese-cuisine/beisl-340946>
- Viennese wine & Heurige: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/wine>
- Heurige in Neustift: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/wine/neustift-etc-353878>
- Restaurants in Vienna: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/restaurants>
- Seven unique outdoor dining areas in Vienna: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/top-picks-outdoordining-361630>
- Hot Dog Stands: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/viennese-cuisine/hot-dog-stands-348128>

## Viennese Coffee Houses



Famed worldwide, the Viennese café serves as a haven of cozy comfort and relaxed charm. With offerings like Sachertorte and Gugelhupf, these venues entice visitors with the allure of sugary delights.

- Coffee houses <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/coffeehouses>
- 10 amusing facts about the Viennese coffee house <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/coffeehouses/wiener-kafeehaus-fun-facts-433242>
- The Top 6 traditional coffee houses in Vienna: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/coffeehouses/top-traditional-coffee-houses-in-vienna-361666>
- Six trendy cafés in Vienna: <https://www.wien.info/en/dine-drink/coffeehouses/top-picks-trendy-cafes-vienna-361652>

## Vienna with Children



Vienna is a playground for young adventurers and curious minds, offering a mix of cultural and recreational experiences that the whole family can enjoy. From miniature train rides through the Green Prater and awe-inspiring views atop the iconic Ferris wheel, to animal encounters at the world's oldest zoo in the historical setting of Schönbrunn, the city is rich with child-friendly attractions that combine learning, fun, and a touch of imperial charm.

- Schönbrunn Zoo: <https://www.zoovienna.at/en/>
- Prater: <https://www.praterwien.com/en/home>
- Liliputbahn: <https://www.praterwien.com/en/attractions/details/midget-railroad>
- Schönbrunn Castle Park with maze: <https://www.wien.info/en/see-do/families/sightseeing/irrgarten-337892>
- More informations <https://www.wien.info/en/see-do/families>