



# SEEING VIENNA

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We present this small guide which gives you the low-down on the city so that you can enjoy and experience Vienna in a relaxed manner.

Here's to a successful conference and an unforgettable experience in Vienna.

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# WELCOME TO SEEING VIENNA

Welcome to seeing **Vienna**, *Ophthalmology Times Europe's* guide to help you get to grips with the Austrian capital during the XXIX Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS).

Vienna is steeped in history, it's home to spectacular buildings and beautiful scenery making it an ideal location to absorb culture in breathtaking surroundings. In this guide we offer a modest selection of what's on offer to see, eat, drink and how to get around this historical capital city.

Perhaps you would like to try the traditional Wiener schnitzel, which is no longer coated in gold but can still be enjoyed covered in the less expensive yet tasty breadcrumbs! Or, if your tastes lie within the realm of caffeinated beverages then Vienna offers a wealth of cafés to try and enjoy.

Aside from food and drink there are also many sights and attractions to take in, including the Natural History Museum, the Old Imperial Palace, the Vienna Hofburg or the Schmetterlinghaus (Imperial Butterfly House).

If your inner child is screaming out for attention then you can always visit the amusement park where you can take a ride on a 200 ft ferris wheel or the more adrenaline-inducing 'Ejection Seat'!

Whatever your tastes or preferences there is plenty on offer, we hope we have given you a good starting place here and we wish you a wonderful stay in Vienna.

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# ESCRS CONGRESS

With over 4000 members from 90 different countries, the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) Congress is one of the most significant forums for anterior segment. The congress offers a wide range of presentations and symposia, along with the opportunity to continue professional development with a number of workshops and courses. Surgeons will also have the chance to network with other aspects of the ophthalmology industry such as the media and ophthalmic product firms.

## When

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The XXIX ESCRS Congress will be held on the 17–21 September 2011.

## Where

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The 2011 ESCRS Congress will be held at  
Reed Messe Wien GmbH  
Messeplatz 1, 1020 Vienna  
Austria  
U-bahn: U2  
Tel.: + 35 3 12 09 11 00

## Registration

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The onsite registration fees for the congress are as follows:

<b>ESCRS member:</b>	€635
<b>Non-member:</b>	€735
<b>Trainee ESCRS member:</b>	€250
<b>Trainee non-member:</b>	€300
<b>Healthcare professional (non-ophthalmologist):</b>	€360

## Exhibition

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As well as the ESCRS Congress, taking place from Saturday 17–Wednesday 21 September 2011, there will be an exhibition from Saturday 17–Tuesday 20 September 2011.

## Main Symposia

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Every day there will be a main symposia as well as free paper sessions. Our highlights are:

**Saturday 17 September (2 pm–4 pm)**

*ESCRS/EuCORNEA Symposium: Cataract and the Endothelium*

Chairpersons: H. Dua and J. Güell

**Sunday 18 September (11 am–1 pm)**

*Femtosecond Cataract Surgery*

Chairpersons: G. Grabner and R. Nuijts

**Monday 19 September (11 am–1 pm)**

*Refractive Adjustments after Ocular Surgery*

Chairpersons: B. Cochener and M.J. Tassignon

**Tuesday 20 September (11 am–1 pm)**

*Decision-making in Presbyopia*

Chairpersons: P. Rosen and O. Findl



### **Wednesday 21 September (11 am–1 pm)**

*Aphakia and Anterior Segment Reconstruction*

Chairpersons: P. Barry and S. Binder

### **Refractive Surgery Didactic Course**

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This highly recommended course will take place on the first day of the meeting, Saturday 17 September. Separated into two main sessions this EBO credited course will offer surgical skills training courses on refractive procedures. Here are *OTEurope's* highlights:

- 8.30 am — *Corneal topography and IOL power calculation* (J.T. Holladay)
- 12.05 pm — *Multifocal IOLs* (O. Findl)
- 12.20 pm — *Presbyopia* (G. Grabner)
- 2.20 pm — *Customized ablational procedures* (J.L. Alió)

### **Instructional Courses**

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Instructional courses will be held from Saturday–Tuesday and this year are completely free to registered attendees of the event. Some of *OTEurope's* recommendations are listed below.

#### **Saturday 17th September 2011**

- 10.30 am–12.30 pm — *Glaucoma Surgery: Modern perspectives*
- 4 pm–6 pm — *PRK, LASEK & Epi-LASIK*
- 5 pm–6 pm — *Artificial Iris Implantation*

#### **Sunday 18th September 2011**

- 8 am–9 am — *LASIK: Basic steps for safety and great results*
- 10.30 am–1.30 pm — *Viscocanalostomy and canaloplasty non penetrating glaucoma surgery*
- 2.30 pm–4.30 pm — *Management of Paediatric Cataracts*

### **Monday 19th September 2011**

- 8 am–10 am — *Posterior capsulorhexis: Indications and surgical techniques*
- 5 pm–6 pm — *Raytracing for IOL Power Calculation*

### **Tuesday 20th September 2011**

- 8 am–10 am — *Update on the Intra ocular mirror telescope for AMD: The new secondary intra ocular telescope for pseudophakic AMD eyes*
- 2.30 pm–4.30 pm — *Anterior segment surgical solutions for secondary repair of post-traumatic eyes*

### **Other Highlights**

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#### **Friday 16 and Saturday 17 September**

2nd EUCornea Congress

#### **Friday 16 September**

2011 ESCRS Glaucoma Day

#### **Saturday 17 September**

Young Ophthalmologists Programme

#### **Saturday 17 September**

Video Symposium on Challenging Cases

#### **Sunday 18 September**

Workshop on Visual Optics

#### **Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September**

Surgical Video Symposia

### **Organizers**

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## SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

Surrounded by the Danube plain, German-speaking Vienna has a history that covers almost 2000 years. The 24000-year-old Venus of Willendorf, currently housed in Vienna's Natural History Museum, is one of the most spectacular artefacts to be found in Central Europe.

Originally founded as Vindobona by the Romans, Vienna has always been known as a metropolitan city. The city centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site — boasting Austria's oldest library (the Austrian National Library), the majestic Hofburg Palace and the beautiful Stadtpark.

Vienna is sprawling with traditional coffee shops. Forget Starbucks and Costa Coffee, this city is where you can visit an original Kaffeehauskultur, the official way to drink coffee Viennese style.

Don't be fooled by the city's rich historical tapestry, as Vienna certainly has a wild side. The Donauinsel (Danube Island) is where you will find skateboarders, bars and the Donaufest — a free summer festival.

The Austrian city is split into 23 districts, ranging from the historical Innere Stadt to the trendy Neubau District.

### ART AND CULTURE

Vienna is renowned for mixing tradition and grandeur with the contemporary and creative. Many of the best museums are housed in the grounds of the **Hofburg Palace**. At the **Liechtenstein Museum** you will find all things Renaissance and Gothic, along with a touch of royalty. The **Albertina** offers an excellent range of Modernism pieces and photography, while the **Technisches Museum** is perfect for the scientifically minded.

If you want to take a break from the museums and art galleries then the **Schönbrunner Tiergarten** or the **Haus des Meeres** aquarium and zoo, boasts a magnificent collection of wildlife.

For a more alternative slant the **Central Cemetery** is where you will find the tombs of some of Austria's greatest classical musicians.

One of Vienna's greatest attractions is the **Natural History Museum**, including a striking collection of dinosaur bones, meteorites and natural phenomena.

**Nationalbibliothek**  
**[www.onb.ac.at/ev/index.php](http://www.onb.ac.at/ev/index.php)**  
**Josefsplatz, 1015**

The Nationalbibliothek (National Library) is the largest library in Austria. With 7.4 million items currently in its collections, there is something for everyone. Browse through ancient books, manuscripts, maps and papyrus parchments. The Nationalbibliothek is easily one of the most magnificent libraries in the world.

**Opening times:** 9 am–9 pm

**Admission:** €7



### Hofburg Palace

[www.hofburg-wien.at](http://www.hofburg-wien.at)

**Hofburg Innerer Burghof/Kaisertor, 1010**

The Old Imperial Palace (Vienna Hofburg), built in the 13th century, was the official residence of the Hasburg royal family from Frederick III to Karl I. The palace currently houses the President of Austria but is still open to the general public and regular tours. The oldest part of the Hofburg is the well-preserved Alte Burg (Old Fortress), with the most recent addition to the palace being the Imperial Forum built in the early 20th century. Highlights included within the palace grounds are Schönbrunn Palace, Imperial Furniture Collection, Imperial Apartments, Sisi Museum and the Imperial Silver Collection.

**Opening times:** Sept–June (9 am–5.30 pm)

July and Aug (9 am–6 pm)

**Admission:** €10.50

### St Rupert's Church

[www.ruprechtskirche.at/new/](http://www.ruprechtskirche.at/new/)  
**Ruprechtsplatz 1/2, 1010 Wien**

St Rupert's Church (Ruprecht's Kirche), argued to be the oldest building in Vienna, is situated in the historically picturesque part of the city. The early 12th century church is wrapped in ivy giving it an anciently mysterious feel. Ruprecht's Kirche is also home to the oldest stained glass windows in Vienna. The windows depict a variety of religious scenes including the crucifixion of Jesus, the Madonna and child and St Rupert teaching.

**Opening times:** 15 April–30 Sept  
(Mon–Fri: 10 am–1 pm)

**Admission:** Free





### St Stephen's Cathedral

[www.stephanskirche.at](http://www.stephanskirche.at)

**Stephansplatz, 1010**

St Stephen's Cathedral is Vienna's gothic masterpiece housing a beautifully winged altar sculpted in 1447. The tomb of Prince Eugene of Savoy, also located in the cathedral, dates from 1754. The cathedral, also nicknamed 'Steffi' by the Viennese, was named after the first martyr of Christendom. There are guided tours available every day of the week — a great opportunity to explore both the Pummerin (North Tower) and the Türmer Stube (South Tower). Steffi is still used as a place of worship, with seven services during the weekdays and ten on Sundays.

**Opening times:** Mon–Sat 6 am–10 pm  
Sundays and Public Holidays 7 am–10 pm

**Admission:** Free

### Tiergarten Schönbrunn

**Schönbrunner Tiergarten Maxingstraße  
13b, 1130**

Built in 1760, Tiergarten Schönbrunn is the world's oldest zoo. Situated on the grounds of the Schönbrunner Palace, the baroque zoo features an aviary, a polarium for arctic animals and an aquarium. The zoo is rich in history as it was originally the Schönbrunner Palace's menagerie. Many of the zoo's buildings were destroyed in World War II but these were replaced with a desert house and Amazonian rainforest house.

**Opening times:** April–Sept: 9 am–6.30 pm  
(Peak season)

**Admission:** €14

### Liechtenstein Museum

[www.liechtensteinmuseum.at/en](http://www.liechtensteinmuseum.at/en)

**Fürstengasse 1, 1090**

The intimate art gallery features the breathtaking artwork of Rembrandt and van Dyck, with heavy emphasis on Rubens. The permanent exhibition includes Religious Art of Gothic and Renaissance Italy, Flemish Painting and The Art of Pietre Dure. Other temporary exhibitions include Masterpieces of European painting from the Hohenbuchau Collection and Norbert Bittner's Egypt.

The gallery also houses the sensational golden carriage commissioned by Prince Joseph Wenzel I von Liechtenstein. The beautiful fairytale style carriage was used for ceremonial purposes and the prince's entry into France and Versailles. Visiting the Liechtenstein Museum is the perfect opportunity to see the neoclassical library — previously one of the most important buildings in Vienna and now home to various historic sculptures and ancient books.

After browsing in the Liechtenstein Museum, the Rubens Palais Restaurant is ideal for gourmet dining, while the less formal Rubens Brasserie is perfect for a bite to eat.

**Opening times:** Fri–Tues (10 am–5 pm)

**Admission:** €10 for the permanent exhibition  
(please see website for group reductions and combination ticket prices)

### Kunsthistorisches Museum

[www.khm.at](http://www.khm.at)

**Maria Theresienplatz, 1010**

Housed in a beautiful 19th century building, the Kunsthistorisches Museum is an art lover's dream. Presently, exhibitions vary from the Hasburg Royal Family medal collection to German portraits from the 1500s. Explore the



awe-inspiring works of Caravaggio, Bruegel, Titian, Holbien and Raphael.

**Opening times:** Tues–Sun (10 am–6 pm) and Thurs (10 am–9 pm)

**Admission:** €12

### Albertina

[www.albertina.at](http://www.albertina.at)

**Augustinerstrasse 1,1010**

Situated within the Imperial Palace is the Albertina Art Gallery including iconic works from the Modernism period such as Monet and Picasso. Featured temporary exhibitions, “A World of Pictures Unbound: The Photographic Society in Vienna 1861–1945” and “Albertina Contemporary: From Gerhard to Richter to Kiki Smith” are certainly worth a visit.

The gallery has also introduced a great selection of graphic art. It is split into three general sections: the exhibitions, Hofburg Palace displays and 19th and 20th century paintings.

Entry is free for people aged 18 years and under.

**Opening times:** Daily (10 am–6 pm)

on Wed (10 am–9 pm)

**Admission:** €9.50

### Schmetterlinghaus

[www.schmetterlinghaus.at](http://www.schmetterlinghaus.at)

**Buggarten 1010**

In the heart of the city lies the Schmetterlinghaus (Imperial Butterfly House). Come and see hundreds of free-flying tropical butterflies. The greenhouse-like structure is situated in the grounds of the Hofburg Palace and features cascading waterfalls and hollow trees. The Schmetterlinghaus recreates the hot and humid environment needed for the butterflies, giving that authentic rainforest feel.

**Opening times:** Mon–Fri (10 am–4.45 pm)

**Admission:** €5.50

### Natural History Museum

[www.nhm-wien.ac.at](http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at)

**Maria-Theresien-Strasse, 1040**

Dinosaur skeletons, meteorites and tropical insects can all be found at the Naturhistorisches Museum opposite the Kunsthistorisches Museum. On the ground floor you will find an enormous, beautiful 117 kg topaz, along with other minerals and precious jewels. The floor includes fossils and geological artefacts, as well as prehistoric animals.

On the first floor you will find mammals, reptiles and all sorts of interesting creatures. Vienna’s Natural History Museum is bursting with life and full of interesting information on Earth’s creatures. The museum is an ideal opportunity to see the famous Venus of Willendorf figure. Discovered in Austria in 1908, the statuette is thought to be a symbol of fertility and a good luck deity used during hunting. Guided tours are available in English and there is also a museum shop selling over 4500 items.

**Opening times:** Thurs–Mon (9 am–6.30 pm)

Wed (9 am–9 pm)

**Admission:** €5.50

### Wiener Prater

[www.praterservice.at/en](http://www.praterservice.at/en)

**Prater 1020**

Home of Vienna’s iconic 200 ft Giant Ferris Wheel, this amusement park is one of the most enjoyable attractions in Austria (apart from skiing, of course). There are several merry-go-rounds, a Viennese Grotto Train, traditional Punch and Judy shows and turbo-charged rides such as Ejection Seat and Space Shot. If you want to experience breathtaking views of Vienna then Prater Tower, the 117-metre high chairplaine, is the way to



do it. The park is open from March until late October, with some rides staying open all year round.

**Opening times:** Daily (10 am–midnight)

**Admission:** Variable (please see website for further details)

### Central Cemetery

#### **Simmeringer Hauptstrasse 230-244, 1110**

The resting place of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Strauss, is the second largest cemetery in Europe. The cemetery is beautifully kept and a peaceful experience for tourists and locals alike. Split into Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Russian Orthodox areas, the cemetery symbolizes the prominent segregation of human life in earlier years.

Visit the cemetery's main church, Karl-Borromäus-Kirche, to see the former mayor of Vienna's crypt and high altar. The Central Cemetery is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Vienna's mesmerizing history.

**Opening times:** Nov–Feb (8 am–5 pm)

Mar/Apr/Sep/Oct (7 am–6 pm)

May–Aug (7 am–7 pm)

**Admission:** Free

### Vienna State Opera House

**[www.vienna-opera.com/stateopera.php](http://www.vienna-opera.com/stateopera.php)**

#### **Opernring 2, 1010**

Why not treat yourself to a night out at the opera by visiting one of the world's most famous opera houses. Currently under the direction of Dominique Meyer and Franz Welser-Möst, the Vienna State Opera House hosts a variety of performances ranging from *The Magic Flute* to *Madame Butterfly*. Either book yourself onto the official organized tours to indulge in the history of the beautifully designed opera house or go

and see an evening performance. Seat prices are suitable for all budgets, ranging from €3 to €240.

**Opening times:** See website

**Admission:** €3–€240

### Technisches Museum

**[www.tmw.at](http://www.tmw.at)**

#### **Mariahilfer Straße 212, 1140**

As Vienna's only science museum, this one does not disappoint. The Technisches Museum, situated near the Schönbrunn Palace, features a fantastic aviation collection dating back to 1916 and a stunning assembly of cars — including a 1955 Mercedes Silver Arrow.

The museum houses a particularly interesting industrial and power engineering exhibition, along with an impressive railway display featuring the world's oldest steam locomotive. The world's first computer and television studio can be seen here, along with an array of historical musical instruments.

**Opening times:** Mon–Fri (9 am–6 pm)

Sat, Sun and bank holidays (10 am–6 pm)

**Admission:** €8.50

### Stadtpark

**<http://www.wien.gv.at/english/environment/parks/stadtpark.html>**

#### **Stadtpark, 1030 and 1010**

Right in the centre of the city, the Vienesse City Park is designed to look like a typical English garden. Opened to the public in 1862, the park was the first of its kind in the city. Sights in the park include Johann Strauß II — the gilded bronze statue — the bust of Robert Stolz and the statue of Franz Schubert. The Stadtpark is a charming place for a relaxing stroll and the perfect place to people-watch.



### Haus des Meeres — Aqua Terra Zoo

[www.haus-des-meeres.at](http://www.haus-des-meeres.at)

**Fritz-Grunbaumplatz 1, 1060**

The non-profit Aqua Terra Zoo is full of vibrant and tropical aqua life. With more than 10000 animals the 4000 m<sup>2</sup> aqua zoo is one of the best in Europe. Highlights of the Haus des Meeres include sharks, sea turtles and piranhas.

The aquarium is divided into sections including a Mediterranean Sea area, a tropical house featuring birds and monkeys, and a Tropical Marine Fauna. The Haus des Meeres is an excellent way to see impressive Blacktip Reef sharks, native to the Indo-Pacific Ocean, up close without being eaten!

**Opening times:** Daily (9 am–6 pm)

Thurs (9 am–9 pm)

**Admission:** €12.90

## SHOPPING

Whether you're after big brand stores in the **Old City (District 1)** or the livelier and modern **Mariahilf (6th district)** and **Neubau (7th district)**, Vienna is sprawling with an eclectic choice of shops. You can't venture down Mariahilfer Strasse without coming across a quirky boutique full of exciting gifts and souvenirs.

The city features several well-known fashion chainstores such as H&M, Agent Provocateur and Zara. As with all major European cities, Vienna offers a fantastic range of designer stores including Armani, Prada, Chanel and Tiffany.





Those shopping for elegant jewellery should visit **Kärntner Strasse** and **Kohlmarkt**.

For indoor shopping the **Steffi department store** is perfect for designer shopping, complete with a SkyBar and gourmet restaurant. The **Ringstrassen Galleries** is also a shopping mall well worth a visit.

For food lovers the ultimate department store is the **Julius Meinl Store**, home to a delicious delicatessen, restaurant, coffee shop, sushi bar, café and wine bar.

Last, but certainly not least, the **Flea Market in Naschmarkt** is full to the brim with trinkets and curiosities, perfect for the more adventurous out there.

### Naschmarkt

[www.wien-vienna.com/naschmarkt](http://www.wien-vienna.com/naschmarkt)

As Vienna's number one flea market, the Naschmarkt stretches 1.5 km over the Wien River. Everything from pungent cheese, Austrian wines, local catches of the day and fresh meat can be found at the Naschmarkt, along with plenty of small restaurants to choose from. Even if you don't buy anything, you can still take advantage of all the generous free food samples on offer!

### Ringstrassen Galleries

[www.ringstrassen-galerien.at](http://www.ringstrassen-galerien.at)

This indoor shopping complex consists of two buildings, the Palais Corso and the Kärntnerringhof, connected by a glass bridge. The Palais Corso is a protected 19th century building with a contemporary interior, while the Kärntnerringhof is a 16 storey high block, housing offices as well as Vienna's biggest shopping centre. The Ringstrassen Galleries is crammed with designer shops, traditional outlets and local Viennese businesses.

### Neubau

The chic shopping district attracts a younger crowd and is extremely family friendly. Organic food shops, boutiques, hip bars and local clothing shops dominate the scene. Typically, the streets are filled with students, urban artists and fashionistas, giving the area a bohemian atmosphere.

### Freihausviertel

The city's 4th district, Freihausviertel, is where you will find Vienna's best vintage clothing and antiques. In Freihausviertel it is possible to shop in true Viennese style — mixing old with the new. Flo, situated in the heart of the district, offers a beautiful range of vintage attire, ranging from 1920s Charleston dresses to shoulder-padded blazers from the 1980s.

### Kohlmarkt

[www.kohlmarkt.co.at](http://www.kohlmarkt.co.at)

Kohlmarkt, literally translated as 'Coal Market', is an upmarket shopping precinct situated in the centre of Vienna and sells anything but coal! Cartier, Gucci, Tiffany and Rolex are among the stores lining the historic district. In Kohlmarkt you will also find Demel, Austria's renowned chocolatier. You don't have to buy anything to enjoy Kohlmarkt, because the outstanding shop displays means window-shopping can be just as fun.



## ESCAPING THE CITY

Although it is a challenge to fit in all that the city of Vienna has to offer, you may find it refreshing to temporarily leave city life and explore the surrounding attractions. Relax and unwind at the **Bad Vöslau**, which is a spa town 35 km from the city. Or if you are feeling active then you could climb **Hermannskogel Mountain** — the highest point in the vicinity of Vienna. For all you nature lovers **Vienna Woods** is the place to be. However, if you're after a livelier time then head to neighbouring country Slovakia's capital city, Bratislava.

### Bad Vöslau

[www.thermalbad-voeslau.at](http://www.thermalbad-voeslau.at)

Bathe in the thermal mineral springs of Bad Vöslau, enjoying time out from the stresses of city life. The ancient springs are surrounded in rich architecture and pine trees.

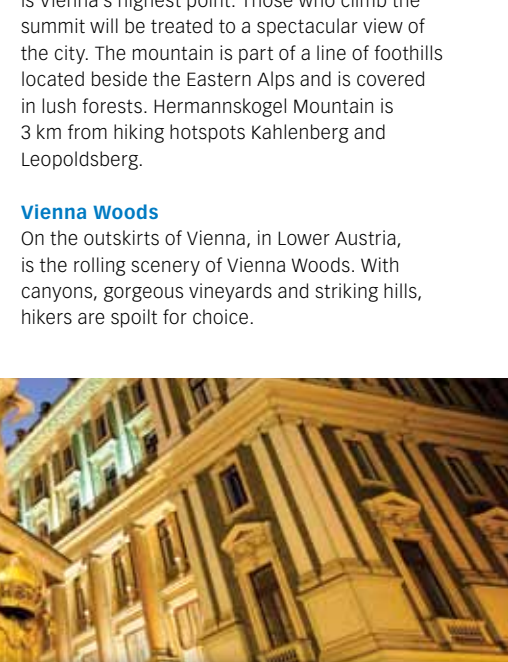
Relax in the Finnish indoor and outdoor sauna, followed by a brine steam bath and a full body massage. The spa has undergone recent renovation and now includes ice renovation, a forest pool and a gym. Due to the spa's popularity it is advisable to book some services advance.

### Hermannskogel Mountain

At 542 metres high, Hermannskogel Mountain is Vienna's highest point. Those who climb the summit will be treated to a spectacular view of the city. The mountain is part of a line of foothills located beside the Eastern Alps and is covered in lush forests. Hermannskogel Mountain is 3 km from hiking hotspots Kahlenberg and Leopoldsberg.

### Vienna Woods

On the outskirts of Vienna, in Lower Austria, is the rolling scenery of Vienna Woods. With canyons, gorgeous vineyards and striking hills, hikers are spoilt for choice.





## RESTAURANTGUIDE

Wiener schnitzel is the winner in Vienna. Legend has it that Kaiser Basileios created the tenderized boneless meat smothered in breadcrumbs in the 7th century. Being a king he had expensive taste and preferred his meat to be covered in sheets of gold. This became popular amongst wealthy citizens, but also incredibly costly. Instead of gold, breadcrumbs were used as a cheaper alternative.

The dish features in almost every restaurant in the city, even if it isn't listed on the menu. But that isn't all Vienna has to offer in terms of culinary delights. Although Austrian cuisine heavily relies on meat in many of its dishes, Vienna has many alternative options on offer, ranging from vegetarian to Italian to Mediterranean to Japanese.

Not only is there an excellent variety of food, the interior design of the restaurants is nothing short of impressive. The restaurant décor in Vienna can be anything from sleek and stylish, funky and hip, or traditional and classic.

### Steirereck

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**Cuisine:** Gourmet

**Address:** Am Heumarkt 2A, 1030

**Tel.:** +43 1 713 31 68

**www.steirereck.at**

One of the most popular restaurants in Vienna, Steirereck, overlooks the centre of the Stadtpark. Offering French classics with an Austrian twist (think pigeon on a plate covered in white feathers). Reservations are essential for this Michelin-star restaurant!

### Motto

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Schonbrunner Strasse 30, 1050

**Tel.:** +43 1 587 06 72

**www.motto.at/motto/**

If you're after a quirky, lively place to dine then look no further than Motto Restaurant. With an ambient atmosphere and a great soundtrack of jazz and soft electro, Motto is the place to be. The Knödel dessert is reportedly the best in Vienna and there is a large selection of cold beers and wines. Motto offers both traditional and modern Austrian fare such as wiener schnitzel and roasted duck breast with vanilla and cherry coulis.





## Konoba

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**Cuisine:** Seafood

**Address:** Lerchenfelderstrasse 66–68, 1080

**Tel.:** +43 1 929 41 11

**www.konoba.at**

For Vienna's freshest fish and seafood dishes check out Konoba. The food is all prepared in an open kitchen so you can watch the magic as it happens. From sea bass to calamari the restaurant has the best selection of fish and seafood. If you are unfortunate enough to be allergic to seafood then Konoba has a fine choice of meat dishes including sirloin steak and grilled pork chops.

## Da Capo

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**Cuisine:** Italian

**Address:** Schulerstrasse 18, Innere Stadt

**Tel.:** +43 (0)1 512 44 91

**www.dacapo.co.at**

Situated in the hub of Vienna's vibrant restaurant scene is the atmospheric Da Capo. The authentic Italian restaurant bakes all of the fresh pizzas in a traditional stone oven in front of the customers. All the classic dishes are available including risotto, spaghetti bolognese, lasagne and carbonara. Da Capo is the perfect place to dine by candlelight.

## Lubin

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**Cuisine:** Mediterranean/Croatian

**Address:** Hainburger Strasse 48, 1030

**Tel.:** +43 1 713 36 83

**www.lubin.at**

With an impressive array of Mediterranean seafood dishes it is clear that Lubin embraces authenticity and tradition. The décor, however, is fresh and modern with a Spanish twist. There is plenty of

outside seating to enjoy the fresh fish, fine Croatian wine and the mild Viennese weather.

## Kim Kocht

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**Cuisine:** Asian

**Address:** Lustkandlgasse 6, 1090

**Tel.:** +43 1 319 02 42

**www.kimkocht.at**

Despite being slightly pricey, Kim Kocht offers well-presented organic Asian food. Cooked by Kim herself, each dish is a delight for the taste buds. It is strongly advised to try Kim's famous lemongrass mango salad as a starter, followed by coconut chicken leg with black rice. There is also a shop where you can purchase Kim Kocht recipe books and ingredients.

## Pürstner

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Riemergasse 10, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 512 63 57

**www.puerstner.com**

Built at the turn of the 20th century, the Pürstner Restaurant is the pinnacle of the Austrian lifestyle and hospitality. The Pürstner offers hearty dishes such as Mastochsenbraten (beef stuffed with ham and camembert cheese) and Schweinsschnitzel (breadcrumbed and fried pork). The restaurant boasts it serves the 'Original Wiener Schnitzel'.

## Appiano

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**Cuisine:** Mediterranean

**Address:** Schottenbastei 4, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 61 28

**www.appiano-dasgasthaus.at**

Appiano is known for its delicious octopus, stylish interior and friendly staff. The Mediterranean



restaurant suits all budgets and also serves Italian and Austrian dishes using local produce. The restaurant is located in the centre of Vienna and there are plenty of desserts to choose from, making it perfect for sampling creative Viennese cuisine.

## Plachutta

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**Cuisine:** Austrian  
**Address:** Wollzeile 38, 1010  
**Tel.:** +43 1 512 15 77  
**www.plachutta.at**

Plachutta is a prime example of a classic Austrian restaurant, perfect if you are a meat purveyor! You can even purchase the chef's cookbooks. The waiters are entertaining and the vibe is distinctly lively. The bustling restaurant is located in central Vienna and is particularly ideal to visit after a long day of sightseeing.

## Sosaku

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**Cuisine:** Japanese  
**Address:** Neustiftgasse 24, 1070  
**Tel.:** +43 1 944 16 39  
**www.sosaku.at**

For the best Japanese culinary experience visit Sosaku. The tempura shrimp and miso soup are the restaurants speciality. At €10 for a 4 course lunch Sosaku is one of the best value restaurants in Vienna! Small and intimate, Sosaku proves that big isn't always beautiful.

## Finkh

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**Cuisine:** European/French  
**Address:** Esterhazygasse 12, 1060  
**Tel.:** +43 1 913 89 92  
**www.finkh.at**

If you're looking for affordable dishes in a suave setting then look no further than Finkh. The interior is a minimalistic design in black and white. The many specialities include schnitzel, goulash, spätzel and apple strudel. Ask for the tarte au chocolat for a sweet treat!





## Trzesniewski

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Dorotheergasse 1, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 512 32 91

**www.trzesniewski.at**

Legend has it that Franz Kafka ate at this sandwich bar. If you want a break from the touristy restaurants of Vienna then Trzesniewski is the place to visit. As Austria's answer to fast food, it is an excellent place to grab a quick bite. Sandwiches cost as little as €1 each and the spreads are available to purchase in jars. Popular with the locals, Trzesniewski is not to be missed.

## Gaumenspiel

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Zieglergasse 54, 1060

**Tel.:** +43 1 526 11 08

**www.gaumenspiel.at**

This sunny little restaurant is also a guesthouse and a bar. It boasts a great selection of Austrian wines and everything is cooked from fresh ingredients. A must-try dish is the rabbit and dumplings washed down with a glass of local chardonnay. Gaumenspiel is popular with both tourists and locals so booking in advance is advisable.

## Bangkok Vienna

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**Cuisine:** Thai

**Address:** Joanellegasse 8, 1060

**Tel.:** +43 1 587 05 93

**www.bangkok-vienna.at**

Despite being in Vienna, do not overlook Thai restaurant Bangkok Vienna. You can expect to pay €30 for a three course meal for two diners — including beers! Bangkok Vienna provides outstanding value for money and simply delicious food.

## Café Berg

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Berggasse 8, 1090

**Tel.:** +43 1 319 57 20

**www.cafe-berg.at**

Neighbouring the gay bookstore is Café Berg. Offering a gorgeous selection of cakes and coffees, the gay friendly café is a warm and welcoming place. Open for 18 years, the café/bar/restaurant is the social hub for the gay, lesbian and transgender community.

## Rebhuhn

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Berggasse 24, 1090

**Tel.:** +43 1 319 50 58

**www.rebhuhn.at**

The beer flows freely at this restaurant, as it is sourced from the most respectable local breweries. Offering original Viennese cuisine, the pub-like interior of Rebhuhn makes for a cosy experience.

## Indus

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**Cuisine:** Indian

**Address:** Radetzkystrasse 20, 1030

**Tel.:** +43 1 713 43 44

With traditional Indian décor, the hotspot for Indian cuisine is definitely Indus. The dishes suit any taste buds, varying from very mild to extremely spicy. The intimate restaurant is considered to be one of the best in Vienna, so it is recommended to book a table.



## Salzberg

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**Cuisine:** Austrian/Mediterranean

**Address:** Magdalenenstrasse 17

**Tel.:** +43 1 581 62 26

**www.salzberg.at**

If you want to fit in some early morning sightseeing then why not treat yourself to a brunch and the Salzberg? With plenty of outdoor seating, the restaurant makes a perfect summer's brunch setting. The Salzberg offers meaty Viennese dishes at a reasonable price.

## Le Ciel

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Grand Hotel Wien, Kaerntner Ring 9, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 515 80 91 00

**www.leciel.at**

Welcome to gourmet Viennese dining at its finest. Here you will find both traditional and modern Austrian dishes all served on the 7th floor of the Grand Hotel Wien, meaning diners are treated to a panoramic view of the city. It is also possible to enjoy your meal on the roof terrace during the long, warm summers.

## Korso

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**Cuisine:** European gourmet

**Address:** Mahlerstrasse 2, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 515 16 54 6

**www.restaurantkorso.at**

Serving delicious buffet breakfasts, generous Sunday lunches and exquisite evening meals, Korso is the epitome of fine dining. Situated next to the Opera House, the restaurant oozes style and elegance.

## Altwienerhof

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**Cuisine:** French/Austrian

**Address:** 6 Herklotzgasse, 1150

**Tel.:** +43 1 892 60 00

**www.altwienerhof.at**

Neighbouring the Schönbrunn Palace and serving authentic Austrian cuisine, the Altwienerhof is perfect for tourist foodies! The charming restaurant provides a relaxing atmosphere in lavish surroundings.

## Koh-i-noor

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**Cuisine:** Indian

**Address:** Marc Aurel-Strasse 8, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 00 80

**www.restaurant-kohinoor.com**

Hidden in the middle of the hustle and bustle in Vienna is the peaceful Koh-i-noor. The Indian restaurant promises to treat you 'just like a real Maharaja or Maharani!' Koh-i-noor offers classic Indian dishes such as chicken tandoori and Alu Gobhi, but also blends Asian cuisine with a touch of European taste, this jewel of an Indian restaurant is certainly one to make a pilgrimage to.

## Unkai

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**Cuisine:** Japanese

**Address:** Grand Hotel Wien, Kärntner Ring 9, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 515 80 91 00

**www.unkai-grandhotel.com**

Also housed in the Grand Hotel Wien is Japanese restaurant Unkai. Awarded two toques by the Gault Millau Gourmet Guide and a Trophée Gourmet for ethnic cuisine, Unkai is the number one place for sushi, sashimi and teppanyaki. The oriental restaurant offers private dining in a traditional Japanese setting and food is served by staff wearing kimonos.



## Wrenkh

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**Cuisine:** Vegetarian

**Address:** Bauernmarkt 10, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 15 26

**www.wiener-kochsalon.com**

Rubbing shoulders with St Stephen's Cathedral is upmarket vegetarian restaurant Wrenkh. A firm favourite dish with locals and tourists alike is the vegetarian steak and the wild mushroom risotto. Other dishes include Greek fried rice with vegetables and tofu, tomato, and basil-pesto tarts. Culinary workshops are also available.

## Hollmann Salon

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Im Heiligenkreutzhof Grashofgasse 3

**Tel.:** +43 1 961 19 60 40

**www.hollmann-salon.at**

With roast pork served with cheesy polenta, quail and chicken tart, and poached salmon trout on the menu it's clear that customers will be treated to a culinary variety of Austrian favourites. The restaurant layout ensures an intimate experience and the prices aren't so bad either.

## Palais Coburg

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Coburgbastei 4, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 518 18 80 0

**www.palais-coburg.com**

Stunning is an understatement for this gourmet restaurant. The décor is fabulous, the food is divine and the wine list is endless. To add a touch of class to your meal it is possible to book a limousine transfers from wherever you are staying in the city.

## Griechenbeisl

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Fleischmarkt 11, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 19 77

**www.griechenbeisl.at**

If you are a connoisseur of history then Vienna's oldest inn, The Griechenbeisl (The Greek Inn), is right up your street. The long list of famous customers includes Beethoven, Schubert, Wagner, Mark and Nestroy. The inn features snug vaulted rooms and offers traditional local cuisine at a decent price.

## Fabios

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**Cuisine:** European/Italian

**Address:** Tuchlauben 4–6, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 532 22 22

**www.fabios.at**

For those looking to splurge, the hip and lively Fabios Bar Lounge Restaurant is the place to go. Fabios specializes in Mediterranean wines and fine European/Italian cuisine, but with a distinct contemporary edge. Ask for their famous 'Burrata' and you won't be disappointed.

## Zum Schwarzen Kameel

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Innere Stadt Bognergasse, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 89 67

**www.kameel.at**

Literally translated to 'The Black Camel', this restaurant/wine bar/patisserie really is an inner-city gem. Zum Schwarzen Kameel also features a sandwich shop selling a range of upmarket finger foods. The lovely multi-functional restaurant is a fine example of traditional Viennese cuisine. Wienerschnitzel is available even though it's not officially on the menu!



## Tichy

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**Cuisine:** Ice cream

**Address:** Reumannplatz 13, 1100

**Tel.:** +43 1 604 44 46

**www.gastroweb.at/tichy-eis/**

Tichy is Vienna's most popular ice cream café. It would be a sin to miss out on an 'Eismarillknödel', a dumpling made of vanilla and apricot ice cream. Tichy is a tourist attraction in its own right.

## Gasthaus Pöschl

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Innere Stadt, Weihburggasse 17, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 513 52 88

Veal and pork wiener schnitzel served with potato salad is the emphasis here at Gasthaus Pöschl. With an array of classic home-cooked Viennese dishes the restaurant is popular with locals and gets full quickly so an early arrival or reservation is advised. If you do get there late, however, you can always have a pleasant wait at the bar with a drink.

## RieGi

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**Cuisine:** Austrian/French

**Address:** Schauflegasse 6, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 532 91 26

**www.riegi.at**

The family-run city centre restaurant prepares all of its dishes from scratch using only the freshest locally-sourced ingredients. Referred to as a 'culinary oasis', the Austrian/French gourmet restaurant serves up 5-course meals of generous portions. Although pricey, you will definitely get your money's worth and more!

## Palmenhaus

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**Cuisine:** Mediterranean/Austrian

**Address:** Burggarten 1, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 533 10 33

**www.palmenhaus.at**

Originally the imperial greenhouse of the Emperor's Palace, the Palmenhaus restaurant is bathed in culture and history. Luscious plants and gorgeous blossoms will greet you as you enter the Palmenhaus. The red leather settees add a modern yet classic twist to the delightfully laid-back restaurant.

## The Dining Room

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**Cuisine:** Italian/Mediterranean

**Address:** Maygasse 31, 1130

**Tel.:** +43 1 804 85 86

If you want to escape the crowds then Angelika Apfelthaler's small villa restaurant, situated on the outskirts of Vienna, is your Mecca. Angelika, the owner and chef, opens her own home three times a week at 7 pm, prepares all the meals from scratch and serves them all herself. This is a unique dining experience — complete with a golden retriever kitchen mascot. Booking is essential.





## Halle

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Museumsquartier 1, 1070

**Tel.:** +43 1 523 70 01

**www.diehalle.at**

Housed in the former winter riding hall of the emperor this café-restaurant is surrounded by beautiful architecture. The spacious Halle is minimalistic in style, making it a refreshing and contemporary Austrian dining experience.

## Glacis Beisl

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Museumsplatz 1, 1070

**Tel.:** +43 1 526 56 60

**www.glacisbeisl.at**

Nestled in the old city walls, the original garden restaurant of Vienna is an essential visit for any diner. The shady, flowery garden is a joy to dine in and the darkwood interior gives a cosy and welcoming feel. The Glacis Beisl is suitable for those on a low budget.

## Anna Sacher

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Philharmonikerstrasse 4, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 514 56 84 0

**www.sacher.com**

Take a trip to Old Vienna and visit the Anna Sacher Restaurant located in the Anna Sacher Hotel. The 19th century building features traditional oak walls and authentic crystal chandeliers. Oozing old-fashioned elegance, the Anna Sacher is a landmark of its own accord.

## Cantino

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**Cuisine:** Mediterranean

**Address:** Seilerstätte 30, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 512 54 46

**www.weinzirl.at**

Italian vintage wines, local Austrian tipples and Bonito del Norte (white Spanish tuna) are on the menu at Mediterranean restaurant Cantino. Well-presented tapas are served daily and are considered to be the best in Vienna. Enjoy the vast view of the steeples and roofs of the delightful city.

## Gmoa Keller

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**Cuisine:** Austrian

**Address:** Am Heumarkt 25, 1030

**Tel.:** +43 1 712 53 10

**www.gmoakeller.at**

Gmoa Keller is tucked into an ancient Viennese cellar opposite the Konzert Haus. Home of the best 'Tafelspitzsulz mit Kernoel und Zwiebeln' (cold cut of beef in aspic served with onions), the restaurant serves hearty Austrian food at a reasonable price.

## Julius Meinl am Graben

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**Cuisine:** European

**Address:** Graben 19, 1010

**Tel.:** +43 1 532 33 34 99

**www.meinlamgraben.at**

Next to Hofburg Palace is the über-contemporary restaurant Julius Meinl am Graben. The restaurant is housed in a large gourmet department store in the city centre featuring a sandwich bar, a coffeehouse, a sushi bar and a delicatessen.



## BARGUIDE

### Albertgasse 39

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**Address:** Albertgasse 39, 1080

With extremely cocktail-savvy bar staff a Peach Bellini or an Alabama Slammer would be a wise choice. If you're not into fancy drinks then Albertgasse 39 offers a great selection of European beers — mainly Austrian of course! Long windows bathe the bar in sunlight during the day but the lights are dimmed for an atmospheric feel during the evenings. There is also a restaurant available serving modern and creative cuisine.

### Alcazar

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**Address:** Bösendorferstrasse 2, 1010

Right in the middle of buzzing city life is Alcazar, the peacock of Viennese bars. With over 100 cocktails, shooters and drinks to choose from, you really will be spoilt for choice. The whimsical bar embraces the glamorous 1940s style and hosts regular live bands. The bar staff are masters of all cocktails and the jack of none!

### Bar Italia

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**Address:** 6 Mariahilfer Strasse 19–21, 1060

Where else can you order a 'Death in Venice' or 'Vatican Special' at none other than Bar Italia! The bar carries a strongly Italian theme, complete with Renaissance statues and stylish seating. Attracting a mature, professional crowd, the bar is perfect for schmoozing with Vienna's most suave.

### Bockshorn Irish Pub

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**Address:** Naglergasse 7, 1010

If it's a rough and tough tumble of a Gaelic pub you want then this is certainly the place for you. Serving a range of Irish malts and stouts including Caffrey's Irish Ale, Guinness Stout and Kilkenny and a grand selection of whiskey, the cosy pub is perfect for hiding away and nursing an authentic Irish pint.

### Chill Out Lounge

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**Address:** Salvatorgasse 6, 1010.

The Chill Out Lounge does exactly what it says on the tin. Immersed in red décor and gentle lighting, the bar offers a welcoming place to relax and enjoy some good quality drinks on the numerous sofas and pillows scattered around. There is no doubt you will feel at home in the bohemian but modern lounge.

### Dino's

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**Address:** Salzgries 19, 1010

Named after Rat Pack legend Dean Martin, themed bar Dino's is full of old-school Hollywood glamour. Set in plush surroundings, Dino's is just the place to start a great night out. All of the music is 1950s inspired from Frank Sinatra to Elvis Presley.

### Jenseits

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**Address:** Nelkengasse 3 Mariahilf 6th District, 1060

Once the centre of the gay scene, Jenseits is now Vienna's best kept secret. With the interior not dissimilar to a private club, the bar attracts



a well-to-do younger crowd. The bar is ideal for sipping a smooth Scotch on the rocks and, if you're feeling brave, showing off your moves on the small dancefloor complete with mirrorball!

## Kix

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**Address:** Bäckerstrasse 4, 1010

Don't let the touristy prices put you off this bar because the quality of the cocktails is second to none. The décor is minimalistic and popular with people from all walks of life. Kix offers more than 200 cocktails and if they still don't have what you want then just ask and the bar staff will happily make it for you!

## Kruger's American Bar

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**Address:** Krugerstrasse 5, 1010

Serving imported cigars from afar afield as Cuba and the US and Scotch as old as Father Time, Kruger's American Bar gives off the feel of a traditional Gentleman's Club. Live jazz and blues bands play here on a regular basis and, according to legend, Sammy Davis Jr played here. But, just like a Gentleman's Club, the prices are fairly steep.

## Latte Grande

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**Address:** Währinger Gürtel 139, 1180

If you're looking for somewhere away from the crowds then head to this traditional cocktail bar located in the northwestern corner of the city. Try the Diablo, a blend of tequila, crème de cassis and ginger ale, for a real taste of what the Latte Grande has to offer. Highly regarded as one of the most friendly bars in the city, the Latte Grande is worth a visit or two.

## Onyx Bar

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**Address:** Stephansplatz 12, 1010

Situated in the ultra-modern glass Haas Haus, the Onyx bar is one of the trendiest bars in the city centre. The bar is on the sixth floor of the building so punters will be treated to a magnificent view of St Stephen's Cathedral. By day the coffees and cappuccinos are served, but by night the Onyx bar comes to life and the Absinthe starts to flow.

## Passage

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**Address:** Babenbergstraase 1st district, 1010

A former pedestrian underpass, the Passage bar really is an opportunity to explore the artistic side of Vienna. The futuristic bar doubles up as a nightclub and is one of the best places to go for a night on the tiles. The DJs play an eclectic mix of soul, house, funk and the latest techno.

## Rochus

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**Address:** Landstrasser, Haupt Strasse 55–57, 1030

This is possibly one of the only bars in Vienna where you will find a vodka and wasabi cocktail. From the classic to the downright quirky, Rochus serves a myriad of delicious and bizarre cocktails.

## Sky Bar

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**Address:** Kartnerstrasse 19, Vienna, 1010.

Certainly a very woman-friendly bar is the Sky Bar nestled in the city centre between the Stadtpark and Peterskirche. Popular with European 'it' girls, the bar is chic and definitely somewhere to be seen. The Strawberry Daiquiris are reputedly some of the best in Vienna.



## CAFÉGUIDE

Coffee has played a significant role in Viennese social life for hundreds of years. According to Austrian history, when the Turkish invaded in 1683 they left behind several bags of coffee. This was the start of the Viennese love affair with the caffeine beverage.

Café life is the perfect opportunity for people watching. Vienna is brimming with culture and vibrancy, making it a thoroughly interesting city to simply stop and watch life's hustle and bustle from the comfort of an Austrian coffeehouse.

The cafés in Vienna pride themselves in offering some of the most exquisite pastries and confectioneries in Europe. Don't leave the city without sampling hand-crafted truffles or the mouthwatering Sachertorte, washed down with a large mocha coffee.

Although there are many cafés in Vienna, here are some of the most unforgettable...

### Café Central

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**Address:** Strauchgasse/Herregasse, 1010  
**[www.palaisevents.at/en/cafecentral](http://www.palaisevents.at/en/cafecentral)**

Open for over 130 years, the Café Central oozes tradition and historical elegance. Famed patrons included Sigmund Freud and Leo Trotzki. With live piano music in the evenings, a variety of lunch options and a wide selection of pastries, available to eat in or takeaway, it is safe to say that Café Central is an eclectic experience.

### Café Hawelka

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**Address:** Dorotheergasse 6, 1010  
**[www.hawelka.at](http://www.hawelka.at)**

This bohemian café has a relaxed atmosphere and plenty of comfortable sofas. If you don't mind paying a slightly higher price, then Café Hawelka is great for kicking back with a coffee and a slice of cake.

### Sluka

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**Address:** Rathausplatz 8, 1010  
**[www.sluka.at](http://www.sluka.at)**

Boasting some of the best confectionery in Vienna is the Sluka café/restaurant. The café offers a range of cold sandwiches such as fillet of beef or, more interestingly, carp. For those of you with a sweet tooth Sluka's fine selection of tortes are especially fitting, covered in fondant icing and hand-decorated. The café claims it 'pampers its guests with confectionery delights for the eyes and mouth, body and soul.'

### Leopold Café

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**Address:** Museumsplatz 1, 1070  
**[www.cafe-leopold.at](http://www.cafe-leopold.at)**

Quiches, beef burger, shrimp salad, vegetable soup and veal steak are on the menu at this affordable yet funky café. Situated near the central tourist attractions, Leopold Café hosts a variety of live music gigs and DJ acts.



## Diglas

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**Address:** Wollzeile 10, 1010

**www.diglas.at**

This traditional coffeehouse offers tasty Viennese cuisine such as chicken schnitzel, onion roast and Tafelspitz. Try the local desert the Kaiserschmarrn, a rich, fluffy pancake made with raisins and other such fruits and served with a side of plum compote.

## Blaustern

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**Address:** Doblinger Gurtel 2, 1190

**www.blaustern.at**

For a livelier atmosphere take a trip to Blaustern for breakfast. Although highly priced, the café serves delicious breakfast and brunch. It attracts a large number of students as a result of being located next to the university.

## Prückel

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**Address:** Stubenring 24, 1010

**www.prueckel.at**

Buzzing is an understatement to describe this typical Viennese coffeehouse. This is where you will find the black-and-white photographic scene of elderly men playing cards on the tables outside. The coffeehouse is the epitome of Vienna's beloved coffee culture.

## Café Sperl

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**Address:** Gumpendorfer Straße 11, 1060

At first glance this café doesn't appear as anything out of the ordinary. However, by the time you've sampled a smooth coffee and wolfed

down an iconic pastry you will feel like one of the locals. The café is a bit out of the way but this can be a good thing if you are fed up of the crowds! The café has a billiard table and is perfect for an all-round relaxing and enjoyable experience.

## Café Demel

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**Address:** Kohlmarkt 14, 1010

Even if you just visit Café Demel for its impressive views of Der Graben Strasse, you will not be disappointed. The café is not only an elegant coffeehouse but upstairs you will also find the Baroque Tearoom. Full of gold-gilded mirrors, mahogany and velvet, Café Demel is a fine café to visit.

## Café Mozart

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**Address:** Albertinaplatz 2, 1010

What better way to stop off for refreshments after visiting Mozart's birthplace and deathplace than to visit the café that features his name? The café is nestled in a beautiful historic building on Albertinaplatz and features original Austrian coffeehouse décor along with a delicious array of Viennese desserts!

## Alt Wien

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**Address:** Köllnerhofgasse 3, 1010

The equivalent of your local bar, the Alt Wien café is a lively but classic coffeehouse opened in 1936. As well as coffee, a good selection of beers are available and the bar food is ideal for hitting the spot after a hard morning's sightseeing.



## Eiles

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**Address:** Lenugasse 2, 1080

A favourite of actors from the city's nearby theatres, Café Eiles is full of old-fashioned charm. Serving delicious breakfast at a reasonable price, the café is great for visiting before seeing a performance.

## Café Landtman

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**Address:** Dr Karl Lueger-Ring 4, 1010

**[www.landtman.at](http://www.landtman.at)**

As the late Sigmund Freud's favourite haunt the Café Landtman is a must-see tourist attraction in its own right. The entirely non-smoking café enables you to bask in the ambience of traditional Viennese coffee culture. On Monday, Tuesday and Sunday there is a pianist and admission is free!

## Konditorei Oberlaa Stadthaus

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**Address:** Neuer Markt 16, 1010

Originally a bakery and chocolatier this café offers the finest selection of cakes, confectionary and coffee. The coffeehouse takes pride in no preservatives or artificial colours in its cakes and pastries. The café also offers chocolate to take away as gifts.

## Café de l'Europe

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**Address:** Graben 31, 1010

This restaurant and brasserie offers a grand selection of global beers, as well as the finest in French cuisine. The café adopts a French theme and sheds the traditional Viennese décor. The staff are friendly and well-presented — all adding to the quaint French-café experience.

## Café Griensteindl

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**Address:** Michaelerplatz 2, 1010

**[www.cafegriensteidl.at](http://www.cafegriensteidl.at)**

If you are a connoisseur of history then this café will suit your tastes. Located near the back exit of the Hofburg, the Café Griensteindl has been a favourite since the 19th Century, making it one of the oldest coffeehouses in the city. The menu is regularly changed but traditional dishes are normally available at reasonable prices.

## Gerstner

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**Address:** Kärntner Strasse 21-23, 1010

**[www.gerstner.at](http://www.gerstner.at)**

Born as a small pastry shop, the central café has fully blossomed into a gourmet café. Gerstner's founder, Anton Gerstner, was appointed Imperial Court Confectioner in 1873. The chocolates are heavenly and certainly fit for a royal.

## BIG Net

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**Address:** Kärntner Strasse 61

**[www.bignet.at](http://www.bignet.at)**

After a long day revelling in Vienna's sights and attractions, this popular Viennese chain of Internet café BIG Net is the perfect place to reconnect with the world. A wide range of drinks and snacks are available here.



## Cafe Schwarzenberg

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**Address:** Kärntner Ring 17, 1010  
**[www.cafe-schwarzenberg.at](http://www.cafe-schwarzenberg.at)**

As the Ringstrasse's first café, the Café Schwarzenberg is impressive as it is old. Not only does the café serve all the coffee you could possibly imagine, but also a grand selection of teas. The relaxed but exquisite café offers a breakfast menu, newspapers and even €10 gift certificates.

## Café Florianihof

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**Address:** Florianigasse 45, 1080

A contemporary twist on tradition, the Café Florianihof serves over 100 unique dishes. These can range from salads, bar snacks, curry, vegetarian dishes, desserts and breakfast. The beverage list is particularly impressive with red wines, white wines, coffees, teas, beers and spirits to choose from.

## Café Savoy

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**Address:** Linke Wienzeile 36, 1060

This café is particularly popular with university students. With welcoming staff, a broad spectrum of drinks and delicious food available the Café Savoy is an enjoyable experience. Be sure to try a croissant or a brioche filled with marmalade!

## Le Bol

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**Address:** Neuer Markt 14, 1010

If you want a break from the coffeehouses then this delightful café specializing in salads and tarts is worth paying a visit to. The French-inspired cuisine is delectable, yet affordable. The prices are lower than the tourist-trap cafés you may find around this area.

## Kleines Café

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**Address:** Franziskanerplatz 3, 1010

This adorable café is nestled in the heart of the city, just yards away from all the major sights and attractions. Regarded as a city gem, the Kleines Café is not to be missed!





## GETTING AROUND

### Transport

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Metro, tram or bus is the most convenient and cost-efficient way to travel around Vienna. The city comprises of **5 underground lines, 28 tram lines and 83 bus routes**. The underground trains (U-Bahn) run from 5 am to midnight on weekdays and around the clock on Friday and Saturday. The **qando app** can be downloaded to your phone for bus and tram timetables. Alternatively, you can visit **[www.wienerlinien.at](http://www.wienerlinien.at)**. Along the main routes of the city you will find there a regular night buses. Using Tram 1 or 2

### The Vienna Card

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This handy travelcard, available at all tourist offices and most hotels, can save you a large amount of money on public transport. As well as 72 hours of free travel, the €18.50 **Vienna Card** offers discounts in over 210 attractions, museums and cafés! You can also order your Vienna Card on-line by visiting **<http://www.wienkarte.at/card-order/order.php>**

### Other Cards

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Vienna is a very affordable city to travel around, as it offers a range of cost-cutting cards.

The **24-hour network card** (€5.70) allowed you to travel multiple times on any form of public transport. This can be upgraded to a **48-hour network card** (€10) or a **72-hour network card** (€13.60).

A **weekly ticket**, available Monday through Monday, is €14 and a **monthly ticket** is €49.50. When buying a single ticket on buses or trams it is advisable to have the exact change ready.

### Leaving Vienna

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If you are planning a day trip outside of Vienna then it is still very easy to use the public transport. In the East Region (Greater Vienna) it's still possible to use overground trains and buses. Several national and regional trains are operated by Austrian Railways (ÖBB). For detailed information on the national train schedule visit **<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en>**

### Purchasing Tickets

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Network cards can all be purchased from ticket machines in the U-Bahn stations, tobacconists, the Vienna Transport Authority's ticket offices and at **[www.shop.wienerlinien.at/index.php](http://www.shop.wienerlinien.at/index.php)**. Using the latter method, you can receive your tickets via post, mobile application or print them off yourself.

### Getting To The ESCRS Congress

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The ESCRS XXIX Congress is located at Reed Messe Wien GmbH, Vienna.

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