



TOUR DETAILS

Step into Vienna as the city begins to bloom and come alive in the spring. In this live and interactive experience, we will explore Vienna at one of its most beautiful times of year, when flowers fill the parks, café terraces open to the sunshine, and the city's grand streets feel full of energy once again. As we walk through the heart of Vienna, you will take in elegant architecture, historic squares, and everyday moments that define life in this imperial city. Along the way, we will experience the rhythm of spring, from locals enjoying time outdoors to the seasonal details that make this time of year so special. This tour offers a fresh perspective on Vienna, blending its rich history with the simple pleasures of the season. Join us as we experience the city in bloom and discover how Vienna welcomes spring.



★ MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE: CLAUDIA



Claudia was born and raised in a city that is considered one of the most beautiful in the world. Claudia can often be seen walking the streets of Vienna, mostly with guests from all over the world, showing them the most beautiful and interesting neighborhoods of her hometown with knowledge, enthusiasm, and spirit.

PRIVATE TOURS | Your guide is available for private tours, virtually or in person. It's a special way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or special occasion - or to add to an upcoming trip. Please reach out to us and we will be happy to connect you.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Get ready for something special. We're traveling with no passport, no plane ticket and no luggage. And yet you'll experience all the sights, sounds and stories with just your laptop, favorite snack and amazing guide.

The tour will be live streamed by your guide directly. While on the tour you'll be able to see a full screen video of your guide and their surroundings, interact with them and other travelers.

MUSIC SELECTION

Johann Strauss II The Blue Danube Waltz by Johann Strauss II
https://youtu.be/_CTYymbbEL4?si=o7vujB52jVB6gUNh
Wien, Wien, nur du allein (Vienna, Vienna, You Alone) by Rudolf Siczynski: https://youtu.be/RhXxBmHOVn4?si=lOKMm_-G5QEXlrsU



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – RECIPES



Viennese Melange | Serves 1

Ingredients:

- 1 shot espresso (1.5 oz)
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tbsp whipped cream
- 1 tsp sugar (optional)

Instructions:

- Brew a strong espresso shot and pour into a glass mug.
- Froth the milk until creamy and spoon over the espresso.
- Top with a dollop of whipped cream. Sweeten if desired.



Sachertorte | Serves 10-12

Ingredients:

- 4 oz dark chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup apricot jam
- 4 oz dark chocolate + 3 tbsp heavy cream (glaze)

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt chocolate; beat with butter and sugar.
- Mix in egg yolks, then flour. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites.
- Bake in a greased 9-inch pan for 35–40 min. Cool completely.
- Slice cake in half; spread apricot jam between layers and on top.
- Melt chocolate with cream; pour over cake to glaze. Let set before serving.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – SNACKS



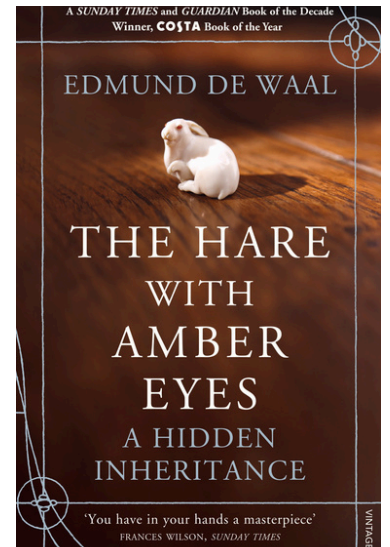
- **Manner Wafers:** These classic hazelnut cream-filled wafers have been a staple in Austrian confectionery since 1898. Their light, crispy texture and rich hazelnut flavor have made them a favorite worldwide.
- **Mozartkugeln (Mozart Balls):** Named after the famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, these confections consist of pistachio marzipan and nougat, coated in dark chocolate.
- **Almdudler:** Often referred to as Austria's national soft drink, Almdudler is a herbal lemonade made from a blend of alpine herbs.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – BOOKS

BOOK SELECTION

- **The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal:** A memoir tracing the fate of the Ephrussi family, a prominent Jewish dynasty in Vienna, as their wealth and home are seized during the Holocaust. A poignant exploration of loss, resilience, and history through the lens of a unique family heirloom.
- **The World of Yesterday by Stefan Zweig:** A sweeping memoir by one of Vienna's most celebrated writers, recounting the golden age of Viennese culture before the upheaval of two world wars. Zweig paints a vivid portrait of the city's intellectual and artistic life, and the gradual unraveling of the world he loved.
- **The Piano Teacher by Elfriede Jelinek:** A provocative novel set in contemporary Vienna, following a repressed piano teacher at the city's prestigious conservatory whose inner life is marked by obsession and control. Written by Austria's Nobel Prize-winning author, it offers an unflinching look beneath the polished surface of Viennese society.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – MOVIES

MOVIE SELECTION

- **Before Sunrise (1995):** This romantic drama follows two strangers who spend a single night wandering Vienna, engaging in wide-ranging conversations about life, love, and chance. The film highlights the city's streets, cafés, and quiet beauty, making Vienna itself feel like a central character.
- **The Third Man (1949):** A classic film noir set in postwar Vienna, following an American writer who arrives to find his friend mysteriously dead. The film captures the city's bombed-out streets, shadowy underground canals, and divided occupation zones, making it one of cinema's most atmospheric portrayals of Vienna.
- **Amadeus (1984):** This Oscar-winning historical drama brings 18th-century Vienna to life through the rivalry between composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri. Filmed largely on location in Prague but faithfully recreating the grandeur of Vienna's imperial court, it immerses viewers in the music, opulence, and intrigue of the Habsburg era.

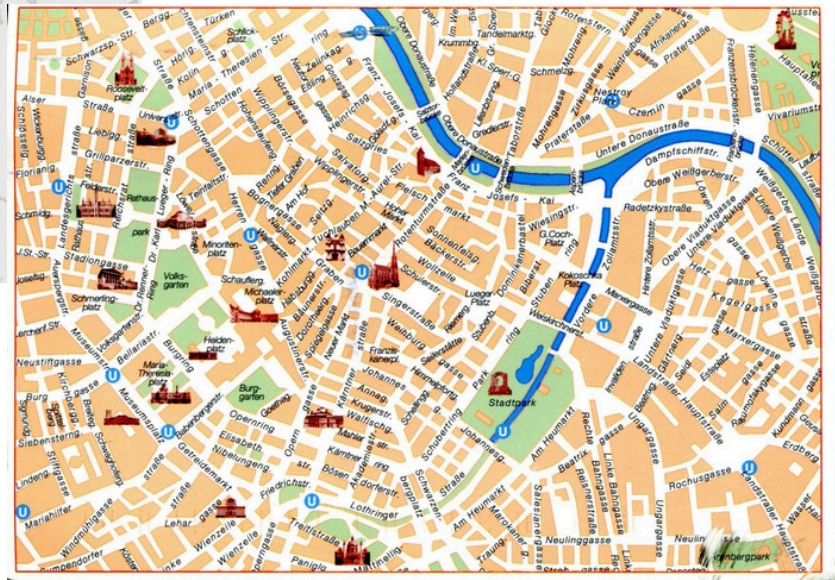


VIENNA, AUSTRIA – FUN FACTS

FACTS

- **Tiergarten Schönbrunn, the World’s Oldest Zoo:** Located on the grounds of Schönbrunn Palace, Tiergarten Schönbrunn was founded in 1752 and is considered the oldest continuously operating zoo in the world. It began as an imperial menagerie for the Habsburg family and remains one of Vienna’s most visited attractions today.
- **Vienna’s Coffeehouse Culture as UNESCO Heritage:** Vienna’s traditional coffeehouse culture is so central to daily life that it has been recognized by UNESCO as part of the world’s intangible cultural heritage. These cafés have long served as gathering places for conversation, reading, and intellectual exchange.
- **Roman Roots Beneath the City:** Modern Vienna sits atop the remains of Vindobona, a Roman military camp established nearly 2,000 years ago. Elements of this ancient settlement can still be seen in the city’s layout and in archaeological sites throughout the historic center.
- **The True Wiener Schnitzel Standard:** In Vienna, the term “Wiener Schnitzel” is protected by tradition and law. To be considered authentic, it must be made with veal, while versions made with pork must be labeled differently.
- **Consistently Ranked Among the World’s Most Livable Cities:** Vienna regularly ranks at or near the top of global livability indexes, thanks to its efficient public transportation, abundant green spaces, strong healthcare system, and high overall quality of life.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – MAP



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Coffeehouse Culture and Daily Life

- Vienna is famous for its coffeehouse culture, where people often linger for hours. What is a place where you enjoy sitting and spending time? What makes it special to you?
- In Vienna, coffeehouses have long been places for conversation, reading, and connection. Where do you find a sense of community today?
- Viennese cafés often serve classic desserts like Sachertorte and Apfelstrudel. Do you have a favorite dessert that brings back a strong memory or sense of place?

Music and Cultural Legacy

- Vienna has been home to composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. What kind of music has been meaningful in your life, and has your taste changed over time?
- Music in Vienna is often part of celebrations and gatherings. Can you share a memory where music played an important role in your life?
- Live music continues to be an important part of Viennese culture. Do you prefer listening to music live or recorded? What makes that experience meaningful to you?

Architecture and City Design

- Vienna blends grand historic buildings with everyday living spaces. What types of buildings or neighborhoods have you always found beautiful or interesting?
- Many buildings in Vienna have been carefully preserved for generations. How do you feel about preserving older buildings compared to building something new?
- Vienna is known for being easy to walk through and enjoy. What makes a place feel comfortable and pleasant for you to walk around?

History and Memory

- Vienna was once the center of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. What historical stories or events have stayed with you over time?
- The city has experienced many changes over the years. Have you seen a place you know change significantly? What was that like for you?
- Vienna's Jewish Heritage is an important part of its history. How do you think cities should remember and honor difficult parts of their past?

Food and Traditions

- Viennese cuisine includes dishes like Wiener schnitzel and traditional soups. What foods feel most comforting or meaningful to you?
- Meals in Vienna are often enjoyed slowly and socially. Do you prefer meals as a social experience or something more quiet?
- Recipes are often passed down through generations. Is there a recipe or dish that has been shared in your family or community?

Then and Now Reflection

- Vienna balances its historic past with modern life. What do you think makes a place feel both timeless and current?
- Experiences like this tour allow us to explore places from afar. What is a place you have always been curious about, and why?
- What moment from today's tour stood out to you the most? What made it memorable?

Open Conversation Starters

- If you could spend one full day in Vienna, what would you most want to do?
- What surprised you most about Vienna during the tour?
- Did anything you saw remind you of another place you have been or lived?



Green Transportation

- **Extensive Public Transit System:** Vienna's subway, trams, and buses are energy-efficient and highly accessible, encouraging visitors to minimize car usage.
- **Cycling-Friendly City:** With over 1,400 km of bike paths, tourists can rent bicycles and explore the city's parks and historical sites in an eco-friendly way.
- **Electric Taxis and Car Sharing:** The city promotes electric and hybrid taxis, as well as car-sharing services for sustainable travel.

Eco-Friendly Accommodations

- **Certified Green Hotels:** Many hotels in Vienna hold eco-certifications like the Austrian Eco-label, emphasizing energy efficiency, waste reduction, and the use of organic products.
- **Solar-Powered and Energy-Efficient Practices:** Hotels utilize solar panels and LED lighting, and some even offer discounts to guests arriving by train or bike.

Waste Management and Recycling

- **Comprehensive Recycling Programs:** The city has a strong focus on waste segregation, with recycling bins widely available for tourists.
- **Reduction of Single-Use Plastics:** Many attractions, cafes, and hotels encourage the use of reusable bottles and cups, reducing plastic waste.

Sustainable Attractions and Activities

- **Green Spaces:** Vienna is home to numerous parks and green areas like the Prater and Schönbrunn Palace Gardens, offering eco-conscious leisure options.
- **Eco-Tours:** Walking, cycling, and electric boat tours focus on Vienna's sustainable practices, highlighting green energy and conservation efforts.
- **Local Markets:** Farmers' markets like Naschmarkt emphasize locally sourced, organic produce, supporting sustainable agriculture and reducing food miles.

Cultural Preservation

- **Maintaining Historical Sites:** Vienna uses sustainable methods for the restoration and maintenance of landmarks, ensuring their longevity while minimizing environmental impact.
- **Responsible Tourism Campaigns:** The city encourages tourists to respect cultural norms and local neighborhoods, fostering a positive relationship between visitors and residents.

Renewable Energy and Carbon Neutrality

- **Green Energy Initiatives:** Vienna is a pioneer in renewable energy, with many buildings powered by hydroelectric and wind energy.
- **Carbon Neutral Tourism Goals:** The city aims to reduce tourism-related carbon emissions through energy-efficient infrastructure and sustainable mobility.

Community Engagement

- **Education and Awareness Programs:** Local communities and businesses are actively involved in sustainability campaigns to educate both residents and visitors about eco-friendly practices.
- **Tourism Impact Monitoring:** Vienna monitors the impact of tourism on local life, ensuring that tourism remains a benefit rather than a burden to the city.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – ACCESSIBILITY



Accessible Public Transportation

- Barrier-Free Transit: Vienna's subway, buses, and trams are designed for accessibility, featuring:
 - Step-free access.
 - Audible and visual announcements.
- Designated spaces for wheelchairs and strollers.
- Tactile Guidance Systems: Subway stations and major transport hubs include tactile paving and Braille signage for visually impaired passengers.
- Accessible Taxis: Wheelchair-accessible taxis and ride-hailing services are widely available.

Accommodation Options

- Accessible Hotels: Many hotels in Vienna offer rooms with step-free access, roll-in showers, grab bars, and spacious layouts for wheelchair users.
- Certified Accommodations: Hotels certified by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber meet strict accessibility standards, ensuring inclusivity.

Inclusive Attractions

- Barrier-Free Museums and Cultural Sites:
 - Major attractions like Schönbrunn Palace, the Belvedere, and the Vienna State Opera offer ramps, elevators, and accessible restrooms.
 - Museums often provide tactile exhibits, audio guides, and sign language tours for visitors with sensory impairments.
 - Accessible Parks: Vienna's parks, such as the Prater and Stadtpark, have paved pathways and accessible restrooms, making them enjoyable for all.
 - Concerts and Events: Many concert halls and theaters provide wheelchair seating and assistive listening devices.

Support for Visually and Hearing Impaired Visitors

- Guided Tours: Specialized tours with guides trained in Austrian Sign Language (ÖGS) or tactile interpretation are available.
- Audio Descriptions: Many venues provide audio-described performances or exhibits to enhance experiences for visually impaired visitors.
- Braille and Large Print Materials: Tourist information centers and major attractions offer resources in Braille and large print formats.

Accessibility Apps and Resources

- Vienna City Card – Accessible Edition: Offers discounts and step-free transport options tailored for visitors with mobility needs.
- Local Apps: Mobile apps provide real-time information on accessible transportation, parking, and attractions.

Dining and Shopping

- Step-Free Restaurants and Cafés: Many of Vienna's iconic coffeehouses and restaurants are wheelchair-accessible, with staff trained in accommodating diverse needs.
- Accessible Markets: Popular markets like Naschmarkt feature smooth pathways and accessible facilities for an enjoyable shopping experience.

Accessibility in Public Spaces

- Sidewalk Design: Wide, smooth sidewalks with lowered curbs and tactile paving are common throughout Vienna.
- Accessible Restrooms: Public restrooms across the city are equipped with step-free access and grab bars.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – MYTHS & FACTS



- Myth: Vienna is only about classical music and old traditions.
 - Fact: While Vienna is famous for its musical heritage, it is also a modern, creative city with a strong contemporary art scene, innovative cuisine, and a vibrant cultural life.
- Myth: Vienna is too formal and traditional for everyday life.
 - Fact: Although Vienna has a refined reputation, daily life is relaxed and approachable, with locals enjoying parks, casual cafés, and lively neighborhoods.
- Myth: Austrian food is all heavy and difficult to enjoy regularly.
 - Fact: While Vienna is known for hearty dishes, the city also offers lighter seasonal foods, fresh produce markets, and a growing focus on modern and international cuisine.
- Myth: Vienna is a very large and overwhelming city to explore.
 - Fact: Vienna is known for being clean, well organized, and easy to navigate, with an excellent public transportation system and a very walkable historic center.
- Myth: Vienna’s history only reflects its imperial past.
 - Fact: Vienna’s history spans Roman times, medieval growth, imperial influence, and modern developments, making it a layered city with many stories beyond the Habsburg era.
- Myth: Vienna is quiet and sleepy outside of major tourist attractions.
 - Fact: Vienna has an active local culture with festivals, markets, outdoor events, and neighborhood gatherings that keep the city lively throughout the year.

Can You Say It? Austrian German

Austrian German is very similar to standard German, but you may hear some unique words and a softer, more melodic sound. Here are a few helpful and fun phrases to try:

- Hello | Grüß Gott (groos got)
- Good Day | Guten Tag (goo-ten tahk)
- Please | Bitte (bit-uh)
- Thank You | Danke (dahn-kuh)
- Yes | Ja (yah)
- No | Nein (nine)
- Coffee | Kaffee (kah-fay)
- Delicious | Lecker (lek-er)
- Goodbye | Auf Wiedersehen (owf vee-der-zayn)
- See You Soon | Bis bald (biss balt)
- Good Morning | Guten Morgen (goo-ten mor-gen)
- Good Evening | Guten Abend (goo-ten ah-bent)
- Excuse Me / Sorry | Entschuldigung (ent-shool-dee-goong)

24 HOURS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA



9:00 AM – Breakfast at Café Central

- Start your day at this iconic Viennese café, enjoying classic pastries like Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel, paired with a traditional Austrian coffee.

10:00 AM – St. Stephen’s Cathedral

- Visit this gothic architectural gem in the city’s heart. You can also climb the Steffl Tower for a panoramic view of Vienna.

11:30 AM – Walk Through Graben Street & Kohlmarkt

- Stroll through these elegant shopping streets, passing landmarks like the Pestsäule and Hofburg Palace, while soaking in the vibrant atmosphere.

12:00 PM – Hofburg Palace & Imperial Apartments

- Explore the Sisi Museum and Imperial Apartments to discover the history of the Habsburg monarchy.

1:30 PM – Lunch at Naschmarkt

- Head to Vienna's most famous market, offering a variety of local and international dishes. Try the Wiener Schnitzel or other local specialties.

2:30 PM – Belvedere Palace

- Visit this stunning Baroque palace and enjoy its renowned art collection, including Gustav Klimt’s The Kiss.

4:00 PM – Walk Along the Ringstraße

- Take a leisurely walk along this grand boulevard, admiring historic buildings like the Vienna State Opera, Parliament, and City Hall.

4:45 PM – Coffee at Café Demel

- Stop for a coffee break at this historic café, where you can enjoy a traditional Austrian coffee and a sweet treat like Sachertorte.

5:30 PM – Kunsthistorisches Museum

- Discover world-class art at one of the world’s top museums, featuring masterpieces by Vermeer, Raphael, and Bruegel the Elder.

7:00 PM – Dinner at Gasthaus Pöschl

- Enjoy a hearty dinner at this classic Viennese restaurant. Try traditional dishes like Wiener Schnitzel or Tafelspitz, accompanied by a glass of local wine.

8:30 PM – Evening Walk Along the Danube

- Take a peaceful walk along the Danube Canal, with plenty of riverside cafés and bars to enjoy.

9:30 PM – Vienna State Opera or Concert

- End your day with a performance at the Vienna State Opera or enjoy a classical concert at one of the city’s renowned venues.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA – VIENNESE COFFEE HOUSE



Step inside one of Vienna's most beloved traditions. The Viennese coffeehouse is more than just a place to grab a drink. It is a space for conversation, reflection, and taking your time.

For centuries, these cafés have served as gathering places for writers, artists, and locals. Today, they continue to be an important part of daily life in Vienna.

What Makes a Viennese Coffeehouse Special

Viennese cafés are known for their elegant interiors, often featuring marble tables, wooden chairs, and soft lighting. Many still serve coffee on a small tray with a glass of water on the side.

You are never rushed. It is perfectly acceptable to sit for a long time, read the newspaper, or simply enjoy the atmosphere.

How to Order Like a Local

Coffee in Vienna comes in many styles, and the names may be different from what you are used to.

- Wiener Melange: Similar to a cappuccino, with coffee and steamed milk
- Einspänner: Strong black coffee topped with whipped cream
- Verlängerter: Coffee “extended” with hot water, similar to an Americano
- Kleiner or Großer Brauner: Espresso served with a small amount of milk

It is common to simply sit down, and a server will come to you. There is no need to rush your order.

Coffeehouse Etiquette

- Take your time. There is no expectation to leave quickly
- Enjoy the space quietly or with conversation
- It is common to read or people-watch
- Tipping is appreciated, often by rounding up the bill

