

Vienna

Transport

The **Vienna-Card** entitles you to unlimited free travel by underground/bus/tram for 72 hours for only €18.50

Available in:

- Hotels
- The Tourist information centre on Albertinaplatz (open daily from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm)
- The tourist information point at the airport (open daily from 6.00 am to 11.00 pm)
- At sales and information points of the Vienna Lines (e.g. Stephansplatz, Karlsplatz, Westbahnhof, Landstraße/Wien Mitte)
- Credit card on tel. +43-1-798 44 00-148.

There are more than 210 discounts given for museums /sights /theatres/concerts/shops/cafés/restaurants etc.

Tickets are valid for 72 hours from the date of issue. However, discounts offered by the Vienna Card can still be enjoyed throughout the final day of the card's validity.

Getting from Vienna Airport to City Centre:

- City Airport Train (CAT)

It runs every 30 minutes between the stops: Landstrasse/Wien Mitte and the airport.

Duration: 16 minutes

Checking in and getting boarding passes is possible for many flights at the stops Wien Mitte (Invalidenstrasse / Marxer Bruecke) and at a dedicated CAT platform.

Airport - City

Daily from 6:05am - 0:05am

City - Airport

Daily from 5:38am - 11:38pm

Rates:

One way: €10, online rate: €9

Round trip: €18, online rate: €16

With the **Vienna-Card**

One-way ticket: €9, online rate: €8

Round trip: €16, online rate: €15

- Airport Express bus

It runs every 30 minutes between the city centre stop: Morzinplatz / Franz-Josefs-Kai

Duration: 20 minutes

Daily from: 05:00am to midnight

One-way ticket: €7

Round trip: €12

- The Schnellbahn (City Train)

Daily from 6:05am through 0:05am

You can enjoy special discounts with the **Vienna-Card** or with another ticket of the Vienna Transportation Authorities. For your ride to and from the airport, you need only buy an additional "Aussenzonen" (outer zone) ticket for 2.20 Euro (1.80 Euro if bought in advance) and have it punched before entering the train.

Without the **Vienna-Card**, you need to pay two zones (4.40 Euro, or 3.60 Euro if bought in advance).

Please make sure that the train in the direction of the airport shows either the sign "Wolfsthal" or "Flughafen." From the airport to the centre of Vienna, you should choose train with signs "Wien Mitte," "Wien Nord" or "Floridsdorf."

- Taxi

Tel. 60160

Tel. 40100

Tel. 31300

For journeys to / from the airport, please ask for the airport tariffs.

Alternatively, call the C & K Airport Service (tel. 444 44)

Getting around Vienna: Public Transport

The best way to visit Vienna's sights and discover the city on your own is by public transport; underground, trams, buses and rapid transit.

The **Vienna-Card** is the best way to take advantage of the extensive network of subway trains (which run till shortly after midnight), streetcars and buses.

Besides the Vienna-Card, the following tickets are available:

- 24-hour season ticket €5.70
- 48-hour season ticket €10.00
- 72-hour season ticket €13.60
- Single ride tickets €1.80

These tickets are available at the ticket sales offices of the Vienna Transport Authority, at tobacconists and from vending machines in the underground stations; the 72-hour season ticket is also available in the Tourist Information Office (Albertinaplatz: daily 9am – 7pm).

Single tickets can also be purchased from the ticket machines onboard the bus or tram (for a total of €2.20 including issuing fee, coins only). Children up to six years of age always go free; children up to 15 years ago ride free on Sundays, holidays and during the Vienna school holidays (photographic ID required).

The subway lines in Vienna run on weekdays from about 5.00 am to about midnight. On weekends and on the eve of public holidays, the subway trains also run through the night.

Most tram and bus services end before midnight. You can also find the exact timetables of all Vienna lines, together with the timings of the first and last train for each station, on the Wiener Linien website. During the night-time hours, night buses cover the major routes in Vienna. You can also use the night buses at no extra charge with all tickets issued by Wiener Linien.

Viennese Food and Drink

Viennese cuisine is the only cuisine in the world to be named after a city. Influences from various countries are combined to create exciting dishes. Popular dishes are famous all over the world, from **Wiener schnitzel** (escalope coated in and breadcrumbs and fried) to **Kaiserschmarrn** (best know dessert – pancake cut into pieces served with hot apple sauce), **Sacher-Torte** (world famous chocolate cake) and **apple strudel** (popular pastry).

Award-winning chefs and amateur cooks shop at the city's many markets. The best known of all the **markets** is the exotic **Naschmarkt** in the city centre. This market has been around for years but is still very popular today. There are places to cater to every conceivable taste from classic Viennese pubs, to wine bars, exotic food stalls and pastry shops. Not forgetting the coffee houses which are monuments to Viennese Gemütlichkeit.

The **coffee houses** share their special cosy feel with the **Heuriger wine taverns** - the name shared by the new vintage of wine and the place where it is served. People typically like to sit and enjoy their glass of wine outside in the sun. These inns traditionally hang a sprig of pine outside to indicate they are open. Although surrounded by vineyards, they are just a short ride from the city centre. Vienna is the only major city in the world with extensive vineyards inside the city limits.

Restaurants:

Typically traditional Austrian food is found in:

Drei Hacken

Oswald & Kalb: Located in a beautiful old house

Figlmüller: Good for Schnitzel

Fine Dining:

Motto am Fluss: Located directly on the Donau channel in the centre of town

Palmenhaus: Located inside a glass Art Nouveau Palmhouse

Lusthaus: Used to be the hunting house of the emperor

Vestibul: Located inside the state theatre

Great view:

Le Loft: located on the 18th floor of Sofitel. It has beautiful views over all of Vienna

Cafes:

Diglas: It has a great menu and is especially good for desserts

Demel: Well known for its pastries

Landtmann: Large classic cafe on the ring

Heuriger:

Mayer am Pfarrplatz

Fuhrgaslhuber

Sirbu: great outdoor area

Zawodsky: very authentic with a good outdoor area

Culture, Museums and Attractions

A stroll around Vienna is like a journey back in time to the days of the empire. It therefore would come as no surprise that the historic city centre is a UNESCO world cultural heritage site. Vienna boasts 27 palaces and more than 150 other stately residences, including the imposing classic **Schönbrunn Palace** and the breathtaking baroque splendour of the Belvedere. Visitors will find examples of Vienna's illustrious past on every street corner. With its numerous parks and imperial architecture, a tour around the **Ringstrasse Boulevard** is a must for all sightseers.

One of the highlights of the Ringstrasse is the **Hofburg** which was the residence of the ruling Habsburg dynasty for more than 600 years. Located in the city centre, nowadays this magnificent building is home to a number of important museums and staterooms. Visitors to the **Burghaus** can listen to performances by the **Vienna Boys' Choir** on Sundays, or watch the graceful movements of the world famous Lippizan horses in the **Spanish Riding School**. The **Sisi Museum** sheds light on the legendary Empress's private life. Just a few tram stops away, the Belvedere - the **summer residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy** - sits on an elevated site. It is home to the world's largest Klimt collection.

Art lovers are also drawn to Vienna's best-known palace, **Schönbrunn** where the imperial family had 1,441 rooms to choose from, the most breathtaking of which are open to visitors. In the Palace Gardens, the Palm House awaits as well as the world's oldest zoo. Recently crowned the best in Europe, **Schönbrunn zoo** was built in 1752 under Empress Maria Theresa. Her final resting place is the Habsburg family tomb in the Kapuzinergruft is another must for imperial sightseers.

The **Albertina**, located just next to Opera is a venerable former palace, is now home to one of the world's leading art collections that features the likes of Dürer, Matisse, Renoir and Miró. The **Museum of Fine Arts** is the place for old masters, with works from Rubens, Titian, Rembrandt, Raffael and the world's largest Bruegel collection. The picturesque **Belvedere Palace** is home to the biggest collection of Klimts in the world, including *The Kiss*. This is a beautiful palace worth a visit.

Works by some of the leading lights of the 20th-century art scene are on display at the **MuseumsQuartier**, one of the world's ten largest museum complexes. The courtyard is once again full of life thanks to the **Leopold Museum** with its Schiele collection. He was a Viennese Ophthalmologist that collected Schiele and with his wife who was also an Ophthalmologist became one of the most renowned art collectors of their time.

There is also the Museum Moderner Kunst (MUMOK), Kunsthalle, Architekturzentrum, Designforum, and various shops, cafés and restaurants. Up-and-coming artists create a stir at countless exhibitions in galleries, at the ViennaFair, or at the MAK.

Other attractions include **Sigmund Freud Apartment** in Berggasse 19, Vienna, the medical history museum **Josefinum** which is housed in a beautiful building and the pathological museum **Narrenturm**.

Music

Vienna is the world's musical capital and each year the city stages over 15,000 concerts of all genres and sizes. No other city has been home to so many composers - Mozart, Mahler, Haydn, Beethoven and Johann Strauss, the king of the Viennese waltz, all worked in the city. The Vienna **Philharmonic** and the **Vienna Boys' Choir** set the international tone, while the **State Opera House** and the **Golden Hall** at the **Musikverein** are among the world's leading venues. The Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's Concert holds millions of television viewers from 50 different nations in thrall, and the Vienna Boys' Choir has a global following. Vienna is celebrated all over the world as a city of **waltz, operetta and musicals**.

<http://www.wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/opera-operetta/boys-choir>

http://www.wsk.at/jart/prj3/wsk_website/main.jart

The **Vienna State Opera (Wiener Staatsoper)** is an opera house and opera company with a history dating back to the mid-19th century. It is located in the centre of Vienna. It was originally called the Vienna Court Opera (**Wiener Hofoper**); in 1920, it was renamed the Vienna State Opera. The members of the Vienna Philharmonic are recruited from its orchestra. It is recommended to check the programme and make your booking early to early to avoid disappointment.

<http://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/Content.Node/home/index.php>

<http://www.wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/opera-operetta/state-opera>

Figaro house: Though Mozart lived at a dozen different addresses in Vienna; the only apartment that has survived to this day is at Domgasse number 5. The composer lived at this address from 1784 till 1787. His apartment on the first floor was positively grand, with four large rooms, two small ones and a kitchen.

<http://www.mozarthausvienna.at/>

Shopping

The range of shopping options is particularly rich in Vienna's historic first district. The pedestrianized streets of Kohlmarkt, Graben and Kärntner Strasse form the so-called **Golden U**, a Viennese shopping Mecca. In recent years Kohlmarkt has developed into a centre for **luxury boutiques**. It is lined with flagship stores of international labels such as Chanel, Cartier and Louis Vuitton. And at the heart of the Golden U, former Imperial court confectioner, Demel provides a reminder of Vienna of yore with its sweet treats and eye-catching window displays that showcase the high art of confectionary. A few buildings down are the equally illustrious Meinl am Graben, with its mouth-watering delicacies for gourmets and bon viveurs. On Graben, Altmann & Kühne awaits with its fine pralines, lovingly packaged in little boxes. Meanwhile **Schwäbische Jungfrau** is the place for exclusive tableware, bed linens and bathrobes; J. B. Filz's stock in trade is upmarket cosmetics.

There are many **antique shops** in the **First District**. The side streets around Graben, (incl. Dorotheergasse, Stallburggasse and Bräunerstrasse) are brimming with boutiques selling Baroque armories, renaissance chests, fine carpets, magnificent timepieces, paintings, porcelain and antique jewellery. Wiener Silber Manufacture in Spiegelgasse offers authentic reproductions of Viennese silverwork. Pieces include a dinner service based on original designs by Josef Hoffmann and Oswald Haerdtl. The antique section of Musikhaus Doblinger still contains a number of original sheets of Viennese classical music. The Dorotheum auction house (est. 1707) – one of the world's largest – is a magnet for lovers of attractive antiques.

The **Old Town's** attractions go well beyond the traditional. Anyone looking for **international designer fashion** will find what they are looking for at Firis, Chegini, 2006FEB01, Amicis and Sternlite, where gems from Dries van Noten, Marc Jacobs, Stella McCartney, Miu Miu and other designers line the racks. A number of Viennese designers have shops in the First District as well. Highlights include couturiers Michel Mayer and Schella Kann, Mühlbauer with hats from its own portfolio and international fashion labels, accessory specialist Robert Horn, and luxury shoemaker Ludwig Reiter.

Kärntner Strasse is home to one of just a handful of **department stores** in the city. Split across several floors, **Steffl's** offers fashion, fragrances and accessories. The nearby **Ringstrassen Galleries** is a spacious, indoor shopper's paradise. In December 2009 world-famous crystal maker Swarovski opened a store on this popular shopping street. The three-floor boutique is packed with jewellery, fashion, accessories, design objects and its highly collectable crystal figurines.

For more tourist information on Vienna go to:

www.wien.info