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Welcome to Vienna, a city rich in history, culture, and quality of life. Vienna combines majestic architecture with vibrant modern life. Its history stretches back to the Romans, who laid the foundation for this fascinating city. Over the centuries, Vienna has been home to the Habsburg monarchy and the center of significant cultural movements, including the Viennese Classical period with composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Haydn.

Moreover, Vienna holds a distinguished place in the development of psychology. It is the birthplace of psychoanalysis, founded by Sigmund Freud, and the ground for Alfred Adler's individual psychology. The city's intellectual contributions extend through the Vienna Circle's logical positivism to Viktor Frankl's existential psychology, emphasizing Vienna's ongoing impact on psychological thought and research.

Today, Vienna is ranked officially as the most livable city worldwide. It combines green oases with a lively urban atmosphere, offering residents and visitors a unique experience. From the majestic Hofburg palace to the magnificent State Opera and the green boulevards of the Ringstraße area, Vienna is a place that perfectly combines tradition and modernity. There are a lot of [places to see](#).

Join us on a journey to explore Vienna, where history meets innovation, and every corner of the city tells a new story. Are you ready to experience Vienna in all its splendor?

8 Facts about Vienna

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Vienna is a city full of **fascinating stories and curious facts**. Did you know that Vienna was once the center of the Habsburg Empire and is still marked by this imperial splendor today? Majestic palaces like the **Hofburg** and **Schönbrunn Palace** still remind of this glorious past.

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Vienna is also home to the **world's oldest zoo**, **Tiergarten Schönbrunn**, which has been attracting visitors from around the world since 1752. Here, you can admire not only rare animal species but also follow the history of the zoo and its development.

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Vienna's **coffeehouse culture** is a **UNESCO World Heritage**. In traditional coffeehouses like **Café Central** or **Café Sacher**, you can not only enjoy excellent coffee but also experience the unique atmosphere that has inspired writers, artists, and thinkers for centuries.

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Musically, Vienna is also outstanding. This city was **home to composers** such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss, and their works are closely associated with Vienna's concert halls and opera houses, which are still famous worldwide for their acoustics and performances.

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And did you know that Vienna is also known as the city of "Krapfen"? The **famous Viennese Krapfen** (or "Punschkrapfen") are a sweet temptation that you should definitely try while strolling through the city streets.

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Vienna is known for being a **safe city with low crime rates** compared to other European capitals. The city maintains a high level of security, particularly in tourist areas and public transportation. However, like any major city, it is advisable to remain attentive against petty crimes such as pickpocketing, especially in crowded tourist spots and on public transport. Overall, Vienna is considered a safe destination for travelers.

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Worth mentioning is that **tap water** in Vienna is of **excellent quality** and is safe to drink. It comes directly from the Austrian Alps and undergoes rigorous testing to meet high standards. Locals and visitors regularly drink tap water without any concerns. Therefore, you can confidently refill your water bottle from taps across the city, which is not only convenient but also environmentally friendly.

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Tipping in Vienna is generally expected and appreciated, although it is not as high as in some other countries. In restaurants, it is common to leave a **tip of around 5-10%** of the bill if the service was satisfactory. Often, the tip is given directly to the waiter in cash. In bars and cafes, rounding up the bill or leaving a small amount is common. Tipping hotel staff, taxi drivers, and tour guides is also appreciated but not obligatory. Always check if a service charge has already been included in the bill, as this can vary depending on the establishment.



City Tours

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

History

- Highly recommended is a classic tour through the historic center of Vienna. Take a stroll through the magnificent streets of the **Old Town** (1st district), where **baroque palaces** and **Gothic churches** transport you back in time. Learn about the grandeur of the **Habsburg Monarchy** and the legendary figures who shaped this city.
- Special tip: For those who love hidden stories, **saga tours** are ideal. Immerse yourself in mysterious alleyways and listen to tales of ghosts, legends, and unsolved mysteries that have surrounded Vienna for centuries. You can book your experience via several companies, e.g. [GetYourGuide](#).

Culinary

- A culinary journey through Vienna is a must. Sample delicious Viennese specialties such as “**Sachertorte**” and “**Wiener Schnitzel**” in traditional coffee houses and cozy taverns.
- For insider recommendations regarding cafés, restaurants and bars, have a closer look at the separate chapter Dine & Drink as well as Viennese Coffee Houses.

Art

- Art enthusiasts can enjoy a tour of the city's renowned museums, including the **Albertina** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and the **Kunsthistorisches Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), where **masterpieces by Klimt, Schiele** and other giants of art history are on display.
- Also, visit the **Belvedere Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) – the **home to Gustav Klimt's famous work "The Kiss"** and the **MAK** (Museum of Applied Arts; [webpage](#), [location](#)), which features an impressive collection of **design and applied arts**.
- For some more detailed information about the enriching museums in Vienna, read through the next chapter Museums & Exhibitions.

Specials

- Vienna comes alive in the evening with its **vibrant music** and **opera scene**. Experience the unique atmosphere of a concert at the **Vienna State Opera** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and the **Musikverein** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) where the **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra** performs. Since the building of the opera is very impressive, there are also [guided tours](#) that give you an insight on the architecture of the opera. Unfortunately, there are no concerts in the summer months, but if you want to enjoy some **spectacular opera**, check out the **outdoor “Sommer Opera”** at **Schloss Belvedere** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), where they perform **Mozart's “Don Giovanni”** outdoor at this impressive venue (<https://www.opernsommer.at/>).
- Explore Vienna's **green oases** such as the **Prater** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and the **Schönbrunn Palace Park** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

You can also find 7 different suggested walks (plus tips on restaurants and interesting stores along the routes) in the “Route” brochure from the City of Vienna in your Welcome Bag.

Recommendation from Bernadette Kamleitner: Jubiläumswarte Wien



Those who would like to enjoy a **delightful panorama** of Vienna and its surroundings, should hike on to the **Jubiläumswarte** ([location](#)) on the summit of the “Wilhelminenberg”. A wooden tower was originally erected here in 1898 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of Emperor Franz Joseph I.; since the 1950s, 31-meter-high concrete columns has stood here, with spiral staircase and viewing platform.

Clicking here you can find a [recommended loop hike](#), that, besides the Jubiläumswarte also brings you to **Wilhelminenberg Palace** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and Otto Wagner’s Church at “Steinhof”. Wilhelminenberg Palace was built in 1908 in the **neo-Empire style** and today houses a hotel and a restaurant. A wonderful view over Vienna as well as **culinary delicacies** can be enjoyed on the viewing terrace.

Recommendation from Ulrike Kaiser: Karmelitermarkt



The **Karmeliterviertel** (2nd district) is authentic and down-to-earth. A **lively culinary scene** has developed around the Karmelitermarkt which forms the heart of the neighborhood.

Exploring the Karmeliterviertel you will find a laid-back district that still bears **visible traces of its Jewish history** today. Best day to visit: Saturday as there you will find a **nice market** besides the many small bars and cafés. Sundays it is closed.

Museums and Exhibitions

Amidst the magnificent architecture and rich history, you'll find a variety of museums and exhibitions showcasing the diversity and beauty of art in all its forms.

- A must-visit is the **Kunsthistorisches Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), an **architectural gem** exhibiting a collection of **European art** from various epochs. From the **Renaissance** to the **Baroque period**, you can admire works by artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, Rubens and many more.
- If you are more interested in a multidisciplinary space where extensive collections meet scientific research and public dialogue, the **Naturhistorisches Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) directly opposite might be the right choice for you. Especially children are impressed by their **selection of dinosaurs** (and even a "live" Allosaurus), stuffed animals, or mummies.
- Highly recommended is a visit to the **Leopold Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) in the **MuseumsQuartier** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) which is a place surrounded by museums. This museum is known for its collection of **20th-century Austrian art**, including significant works by Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele and Oskar Kokoschka. Immerse yourself in the world of **Viennese Art Nouveau** and the **Expressionist movement**, presented here at its best.
- A stroll through the **Albertina Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) takes you through the history of one of the most significant **Graphic Arts Collection** in the world. Here you can admire masterpieces from Dürer to Michelangelo, as well as modern prints and contemporary photography.
- For lovers of **contemporary art**, the **Museum of Modern Art** (MUMOK; [webpage](#), [location](#)) is a must-visit. It is the largest museum of modern and contemporary art in Central Europe, showcasing works from Andy Warhol to contemporary Austrian artists. On July 3, our dinner will take place on the ground floor and garden of this museum.
- Not to be missed is the **Belvedere Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), famous for its **extensive collection of Austrian art** – including Gustav Klimt's world-famous painting "The Kiss". The baroque Belvedere palaces and their magnificent gardens provide an impressive place for taking a break from the busy city as well.
- The **House of Music** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is another highlight. It offers an **interactive journey** through the world of music, from the great masters of **classical music to modern composers**. Especially recommended for kids!
- In addition to these, the **Haus des Meeres** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is a unique experience as well. This **aquarium and vivarium** are housed in a **converted World War II flak tower** and showcases a fascinating variety of marine life, from tropical fish to sharks. Visitors can walk through **underwater tunnels**, participate in **feeding sessions** and **pet koi fish or lemurs**, making it an unforgettable experience, particularly for families with children.
- Apart from the major museums, a visit to galleries such as the **Secession** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is worthwhile, a symbol of **Viennese Modernism** and home to Gustav Klimt's famous "Beethoven Frieze".
- Explore the intriguing world of **psychoanalysis** at the **Sigmund Freud Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) located in the very apartment where Freud lived and worked. This captivating museum offers a deep dive into **Freud's life, theories**, and the **enduring impact of his work**, making it a must-visit for anyone fascinated by the human mind.

In addition to museums and galleries, Vienna regularly hosts temporary exhibitions and cultural events that further enrich the city's art scene. Keep an eye out for current recommendations and event tips during your stay. Check out the "Spot" brochure in your Welcome Bag.

Theater and Music

Vienna is not only famous for its rich cultural scene but also for its vibrant theaters and music venues. Let's embark on a tour highlighting the city's most significant locations and traditions.

- Vienna has a diverse array of theaters, ranging from **traditional opera houses** to **avant-garde stages**. Among the **most illustrious opera houses globally** is the **Vienna State Opera** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), celebrated for its renditions of **operatic masterpieces** by Mozart, Strauss, and Wagner. The **brehtaking architecture** of the venue itself is an experience that excites opera lovers from all around the world.
- Alongside the State Opera, the **Theater an der Wien** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is a theatre steeped in history. It was the stage on which **Mozart** premiered many of his operas.
- For devotees of **classical music**, Vienna boasts numerous concert halls, including the iconic **Musikverein** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and the **Konzerthaus Wien** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). The Musikverein is famed for its **Golden Hall**, one of the **world's most splendid concert venues**, regularly hosting performances by the **Vienna Philharmonic**.
- Vienna is adding a new gem to its crown with the premiere of the **Vienna Opera Summer 2024**. From July 1 to 20, the picturesque **Belvedere Park** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) will transform into an open-air opera haven. Visitors can enjoy ten extraordinary performances of **Mozart's "Don Giovanni"**. This event promises a unique opportunity to experience **top-class opera under the stars**, making it a must-see for all visitors to the city.
- In addition to classical music, Vienna has a lively scene for **contemporary music and jazz**. **Porgy & Bess** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) stands out as a legendary jazz, offering an **intimate setting** for music enthusiasts keen on exploring **lesser-known venues**.
- Beyond the grand theaters and concert halls, Vienna is home to **numerous smaller theaters** and venues presenting a diverse range of productions, **spanning opera and operetta to modern dance and experimental theater**. The city's cultural mosaic is mirrored in its expansive offerings of theater and music, drawing visitors from across the globe. For instance, the **English Theatre** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is currently playing **"Pride & Prejudice (*Sort Of)"**.

Vienna transcends being merely a city of the past. It is a dynamic cultural city that honors its traditions while fostering innovation and artistic experimentation. Whether you cherish classical opera, contemporary music or jazz, Vienna promises plenty experiences to enchant and inspire your cultural senses, including captivating candlelight concerts that add a unique ambiance to the musical offerings of the city.



Vienna State Opera



Musikverein



Porgy & Bess

Dine and Drink

Vienna, the capital of Austria, is famous for its rich culture and impressive history, but also for its outstanding gastronomy. Here is a comprehensive guide to a culinary adventure in this charming city.

Breakfast

- Start your day at **Café Savoy** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), known for its **impressive mirrors** and **traditional Viennese coffee house atmosphere**. Café Savoy offers a wonderful selection of breakfast options. Enjoy a delicious “**Wiener Melange**” and a classic Viennese breakfast with fresh bread, butter, jam, a soft-boiled egg, and perhaps a piece of homemade cake.
- A breakfast oasis in the middle of the city is the **Meierei im Stadtpark** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that is run by and side-to-side to Steirereck, the **well-known best gourmet restaurant** in Austria. In the Meierei im Stadtpark you can enjoy **regional delicacies** throughout the day and get to know the world of Steirereck in an informal atmosphere.
- In addition to classic coffee houses, Vienna also has many **young hipster cafés**, which are characterized above all by their **vegan dishes**. Our PhDs particularly recommend **Café Blütezeit** ([location](#)), **Bröselei** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), or **Secret Garden** ([webpage](#), [location](#)).

Lunch and Dinner

- Take a stroll through the **Naschmarkt** (1060 Vienna, on “Wienzeile” between “Getreidemarkt” and “Kettenbrückengasse”). This market is not only a paradise for food lovers but also a lively meeting place for locals and tourists. Among the countless stalls, you can find **fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, and exotic spices**. The **small food stands** are particularly interesting because of their offering of a **variety of international dishes**. Highly recommended is a falafel wrap or fresh sushi.
- A classic choice is a visit to **Figlmüller** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), the so-called “Schnitzel King”. Here, you can enjoy the **famous Wiener Schnitzel**, which almost extends beyond the plate, accompanied by a **traditional potato salad**.
- Alternatively, to stay local, you can eat at **Plachutta** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and try the **Tafelspitz**, another traditional dish served in a delicious beef broth.
- On warm days, the Viennese are drawn to the **Danube Canal**, on whose banks you can also find some special restaurants. Our department particularly recommends **Motto am Fluss** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), a hotspot in the city with a living room atmosphere for **after-work drinks, modern Austrian cuisine** (and a good breakfast too!). On the opposite side of the Danube, we recommend the more low-key **beachclub Blumenwiese** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that also shows all games of the **European Championship** or the **NENI am Wasser** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that serves **Mediterranean-Israeli dishes** to share with beach club vibes. The original **NENI** restaurant is located at the Naschmarkt ([location](#)), and you also find another one at the **rooftop of the hotel Superbude** near the WU campus and view over the Prater amusement park ([location](#)).
- When tables and chairs are brought to the front of a coffee house or pub in Vienna, summer can't be far away. On the first warm sunny days in spring, the typical Viennese Schanigärten are set up. The **Schanigarten** is a Viennese specialty and is not just a pub garden. What makes it special: The Schanigarten is located on public land. Usually on a square, in a pedestrian zone, on the sidewalk or in a parking space, but of course always in the immediate vicinity of the

actual restaurant. Our PhDs recommend restaurants **Erich** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) and **Ulrich** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) as laid back and hip dinner locations.

- If you want to treat yourself to something special, Vienna naturally also offers some **upscale fine dining highlights**. These include Austria's **best gourmet restaurant Steirereck** at Stadtpark ([webpage](#), [location](#)), the **vegetarian** gourmet restaurant **Tian** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), which also runs a bistro ([webpage](#), [location](#)), the **DO&CO restaurant** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) with a **stunning view over St. Stephen's Cathedral** (also the bar is a classic!), or the restaurant **Labstelle** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that is known for its modern interpretation of Austrian cuisine.

Drinks

- If you look for an **intimate atmosphere** and **excellent cocktails**, the **Loos Bar** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) – designed by the famous architect Adolf Loos – might be a suitable choice. Other bars with a **unique design** include **Krypt** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), that is known for its **secretive and underground vibe**, tucked away in a historic vault beneath an unassuming bar. Styled like an **old-world apothecary** with a **modern twist**, **Dino's Apothecary Bar** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) offers a cozy and intriguing atmosphere where each cocktail is "prescribed" with a unique flair. Elegantly designed with a chic, **vintage decor**, **Kleinod** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is a gem in the heart of Vienna, offering a **sophisticated setting** for classic and innovative cocktails.
- For a more modern touch, you could visit the **Dachboden** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) at the 25hours Hotel, a **trendy rooftop bar** with **fantastic views** over the city and creative drinks. Similarly, situated on the rooftop of the **Leopold Museum** within the MuseumsQuartier, **Libelle** ([location](#)) provides an **impressive view** of **Vienna's historic district**, coupled with modern aesthetics and a vibrant ambiance.

Recommendation from Christina Schamp: Classic Bars



If you are interested in mingling with the chic Viennese locals, you should visit the **Bar Campari** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) or **Zum Schwarzen Kameel** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) located in the city center, each offering a **unique blend of tradition and chic Viennese culture**. Bar Campari is celebrated for its **specialty in Campari-based cocktails**, making it a vibrant spot for enthusiasts of this iconic aperitif. Zum Schwarzen Kameel is a historic venue known for its exquisite culinary offerings and sophisticated bar scene. And another insider tip: I recommend having breakfast at Zum Schwarzen Kameel when it is less crowded and you can choose between many different à la carte local dishes!



Recommendation from Melanie Clegg: Brasserie Palmenhaus

The **Brasserie Palmenhaus** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is a great place to enjoy delicious food and drinks in a **stunning historical setting**, surrounded by exotic plants in the heart of “Burggarten”. Come here for lunch after a round of sightseeing in the inner city. Next to the restaurant with a big terrace, there is directly the recently reopened Imperial **Butterfly House** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that reopened after extensive refurbishments where you can admire around 400 live, free flying **butterflies**.



Recommendation from Luca Held: Authentic Italian Pizza

Apart from traditional Austrian Cuisine, Vienna is known for culinary highlights from all over the world. The direct proximity to Italy has attracted some of the **best family-owned Pizzerias**, in many cases awarded with prestigious awards. You honestly cannot go wrong here, but some of my personal favorites include: **Via Toledo Enopizzeria** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), **Disco Volante** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), **Pizza Randle** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), **Pizzeria Senza Danza** in the “Volksgarten” ([webpage](#), [location](#)), or **Regina Margherita** in city center ([webpage](#), [location](#)).



Recommendation from Emanuel Schamp: Asian Cuisine

As an anonymous reviewer of this collected recommendations and proud Austrian, Christina’s husband would like to round off our recommendations by pointing out the best Asian restaurants in Vienna, which spans from authentic to modern chic.

For a truly **traditional Japanese experience**, head to **NihonBashi** near the State Opera ([webpage](#), [location](#)). There, you can savor some of the city's finest sashimi while seated on rice mats, all at reasonable prices. If you're looking for something **more upscale**, **Shiki on the bustling** Kärtner Straße ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is the place to be. It not only offers high-quality sushi but also a delightful array of Asian fusion dishes. For a **trendier vibe**, don't miss **Mochi** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), known for its irresistible Crispy Prawns. Lastly, for **top-notch Thai cuisine**, make your way to **Patara**, located at Petersplatz ([webpage](#), [location](#)).

Local special restaurants

- Consider visiting one of the traditional **Viennese Heurigen** to sample the local wines. These **wine taverns** are mainly located in the outer districts of Vienna like “Grinzing” or “Neustift am Walde” (e.g. **Heuriger Maly**, [webpage](#), [location](#); **Mayer am Nussberg**, [webpage](#), [location](#)) and are known for their cozy atmosphere and the opportunity to taste new wine directly from the winemaker. A glass of “**Wiener Gemischter Satz**” accompanied by bread, spreads, cheese, and cold cuts, is a must. In addition, you will have a breathtaking view over the whole city! If the distance seems too far for you, alternatively you can visit the **Stadtheuriger Gigerl** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) in the inner city.
- If you get hungry at midnight, you should visit a special Viennese institution – a **Würstelstand**. There is a famous one near the Albertina Museum ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Here, you can try **classic Viennese sausages**, such as Käsekrainer or Bratwurst, served with **mustard, horseradish, and fresh bread**. This sausage stand is popular not only with locals but also a highlight for tourists looking to experience Viennese street food.



Recommendation from Ulrike Kaiser: USUS am Wasser, Alte Donau

For those of you who stay longer, a laid-back spot by the water. **USUS am Wasser** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) offers drinks, delicious food and ice cream – all with a **view of the water**.

Bring your beach bag on hot days and take a dip into the Danube river. It is easily accessible from the city via U6 subway (Stop Neue Donau) or by bike.



Recommendation from Lukas Maier: Gelato Carlo

Best ice cream in town at **Gelato Carlo** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) in Vienna’s 8th district, directly at “Hamerlingpark”, a nice little park where you can enjoy your ice cream.

Vienna offers a wealth of culinary experiences waiting to be discovered. Whether traditional or modern, the city has something for every taste. Enjoy your culinary journey through Vienna!

***We strongly recommend making reservations ahead of time
for the free evening of the conference!***

Viennese Coffee Houses

Famed worldwide, the Viennese café serves as a haven of cozy comfort and relaxed charm. The Viennese coffeehouse culture tradition dates back to the **17th century** and remains an essential part of city life today still. A walk through Vienna would be incomplete without a visit to one of its famous cafés for breakfast, in the afternoon or at any other time.

- Definitely worth a visit is one of **Vienna's most traditional coffeehouses** which is called **Café Central** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Opened in 1876, it was once a **meeting place for intellectuals** and artists like Sigmund Freud and Leon Trotsky. As you step into the café, you can sense the history. The high ceilings and elegant chandeliers give you an authentic Viennese vibe. Order a **"Wiener Melange"**, a perfect blend of coffee and milk, and enjoy it with a piece of **apple strudel** or **Sachertorte**.
- Another classic is **Café Demel** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Demel is not just a coffee house, it is a cultural institution with centuries of **artisanal baking knowledge**. If you do not want to queue in front of the café for a table, you can also buy some warm **"Kaiserschmarrn"** (Emperor's pancakes) right at their street counter. They also offer a nice range of take-away gifts in their shop.
- Another famous spot in Vienna is the **Café Sacher** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), located in the eponymous hotel. This is where the **world-famous Sachertorte was invented** – a must-try! Café Sacher impresses with its luxurious atmosphere, its classic decor and portrait paintings on the walls. Let the elegant surroundings enchant you as you savor the delicious cake and a strong **"Einspänner"** which is a Mokka with whipped cream. The drink takes its name from the one-horse carriages. Their coachmen held the coffee in one hand and the reins in the other. The thick top kept the coffee hot for a long time and could then be drunk during a break. In general, the "Einspänner" is not stirred, the hot coffee is traditionally drunk through the cold whipped cream.
- For a very **cozy atmosphere**, visit **Café Hawelka** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). This small, charming café has been family-owned since the 1930s and has preserved its authentic charm. The decor is simple but cozy, attracting a diverse crowd from students to artists. Here, you must try the homemade **"Buchteln"**, a traditional pastry that comes fresh out of the oven.
- A **more modern yet equally charming** café is **Café Sperl** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Opened in 1880, it has become one of the favorite spots for both locals and tourists. Café Sperl stands out for its traditional charm and a relaxed, unpretentious atmosphere. Here, you can enjoy a cup of coffee while browsing through the **historical newspapers and magazines** available for guests.
- But a visit to Vienna would also not be complete without a stop at **Café Schwarzenberg** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Established in 1861, it is **one of the oldest coffeehouses** in Vienna and impresses with its decor and classic Viennese flair. You can end your day with a cup of coffee and a piece of **"Gugelhupf"** while enjoying the view of the "Ringstraße".



Recommendation from Martin Schreier: Das Kleine Café

The **Kleine Café** ([location](#)) is a must-see on any visit to Vienna. The iconic facade embodies a cozy drinking and dining culture.

Whether it is a coffee or an evening aperitif, the harmonious ambience at the square is always appealing.



Recommendation from Christina Schamp: Café Landtmann

When you spontaneously want to visit a café, I recommend **Café Landtmann** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Since its opening in 1873, it has been a **popular meeting place** for politicians, actors, and writers. Café Landtmann is known for its excellent pastries and traditional Viennese coffee served at its finest. As the café is bigger in size than others, it is quite easy to get a table!



Recommendation from Luca Held: Fenster Café

The **most instagrammable coffee** is served at **Fenster Café** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), where great coffee comes **in a cone**. This simple window counter near “Stephansdom” offers creative drinks, cocktails, and coffee specialties made from self-roasted beans—although I admit that the price for a coffee (and a picture of it) is higher than a regular one! ☺



For Vienna coffee and the coffee house culture is not just about taste – it is a way of life. Like Viennese Heuriger wine tavern culture, traditional Viennese coffee house culture now appears on the **UNESCO list of intangible cultural assets** – “the coffee houses are a place where patrons consume time and space, but only the coffee appears on the bill.”

The coffee houses are places of togetherness, enjoyment, and inspiration. They offer a welcome break from the hectic daily routine and a chance to experience Vienna's rich history and culture in a unique way. Enjoy your stay and let yourself be enchanted by the unique atmosphere of Vienna's Cafés. Around the conference dates, the “Vienna Coffee Festival” takes place at [“Marx Halle”](#) as well.

Vienna with Kids

Vienna is one of the most child friendly cities in the world, offering many amazing adventures! Children under the age of six travel free on the municipal transport system. Kids under 15 also travel free during official school holidays, on Sundays, and on public holidays. Under 19s get free entrance into all federal museums. This includes, for example, the Technical and Natural History museums mentioned before.

In addition, our faculty with kids can highly recommend the following activities. By the way, these activities are also fun without children!

- The **House of Music** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is an **interactive experience** dedicated to the **world of sounds and music history**. Children can explore the physics of sound in a playful manner, experiment with different musical instruments, and even conduct a **digital orchestra**. Particularly impressive is the **Sound Cloud**, where visitors can control sounds through movements. The House of Music is a fascinating journey through the world of music, offering both education and entertainment.
- A definite highlight is the **Prater** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), Vienna's famous **amusement park** in walking distance to the WU Campus. Here children can enjoy a **miniature train ride** on the Liliputbahn through the Green Prater, exploring nature while experiencing an exciting journey, or take a fun slide on the Toboggan, the oldest wooden slide in the world. Another unforgettable experience is a ride on the **Giant Ferris Wheel** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), a landmark of Vienna. From above, it offers a **breathtaking view** of the city that will captivate both children and adults. If you need a short break or second breakfast, try **Ponykarussell – Das Café** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) – we can highly recommend their poached eggs!
- The **Kindermuseum Schloss Schönbrunn** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) in the **Habsburg summer palace** complex gives youngsters an insight into life as a member of the Imperial family in the 18th century. The best bit is the **dressing up area**, where the kids can put on period costume and pretend to be little princes and princesses (or Archdukes and Archduchesses to give them their proper title). Visit the **Schönbrunn Palace Park** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) with its maze. Here children can wander through the **labyrinth** while learning through play.
- Right next to the park, the **Tiergarten Schönbrunn** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) is a must-see! In fact, the Tiergarten is the **oldest zoo in the world**, with more than 700 species of animals to be discovered in the unique setting of this UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. On July 5, you can even visit the zoo in the evening hours during the zoo's **"Animal summer evenings"** including concerts, artists, and culinary highlights.
- If you wish to escape the urban bustle, try the **immersive experience** at **IKONO** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) that combines **experiential art** with **simple fun**. IKONO has an eclectic mix of rooms offering different experiences, from ball pits to neon-lit installations.
- Nearby, there is also Vienna's famous aquarium the **Haus des Meeres** ([webpage](#), [location](#)). Originally an anti-aircraft tower from World War II, it is now a zoo with **over 10,000 animals** resulting from almost 7 decades of dedicated scientific work. Here you can admire a variety of animal species on 11 floors: sharks, rays, turtles on water and on land, lizards of all kinds, snakes, salt and freshwater fish, birds, flying foxes, and various monkeys.
- Not to be forgotten is the **Chocolate Museum** ([webpage](#), [location](#)), where children can uncover the secrets of chocolate making. Here, they can learn not only about the history and production of chocolate but also get creative and **create their own chocolate**.



Recommendation from Christina Schamp: Krapfenwaldlbad

There are many public swimming areas in Vienna – with the historical **Krapfenwaldlbad** ([webpage](#), [location](#)) in Vienna's 19th district being a very special one. It features **various pools**, a large **playground** under old trees, and a **breathtaking view** of the city. Although a bit hard to reach by public transport, the short cab or car ride is well worth it for a peaceful getaway. Enjoy this serene oasis!



Prater



Schönbrunn Palace Park



House of Music