



activities, recommendations and infos for your time in Vienna

Getting from Vienna International Airport to Vienna

There are a few options available to get from the airport into the city itself, either by taxi, bus, or rail. A taxi will cost anywhere between 40–60 euros. Uber, Bolt, and other ‘taxi-like’ services are regulated as if they were taxi’s in Austria, so the difference between the providers and regular taxi’s is not much.

There are two [Vienna Airport lines](#) that can be used to get into the city. VAL1 leaves every hour from the airport and terminates at Westbahnhof via Hauptbahnhof (Central Station). VAL2 goes directly to Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz which is closer to the traditional city centre.

Lastly, it is possible to get into the city proper via rail. Here there are a few options, the first is the [CAT Train \(City Airport Train\)](#). This is the fastest way to get into the city itself, but depending on where you are staying, you most likely will need to switch to the local public transport to get to your hotel. Tickets are 14.90 for a single trip or 22.90 for a return.

Personally, we would recommend taking the regular train network into the city, there are a lot of options here, so consult the [ÖBB website](#). Not only is it still fast, it’s by far the cheapest way to get into town, around 4–5 euros.

Public Transport in Vienna

Public transport is very good. Pretty much no matter where you are, you aren’t far from an underground station, tram, or bus stop of the [Wiener Linien](#). Google Maps has integration with the Wiener Linien network, so you won’t need to download a separate app to get around. Departure times, however, are only according to schedule, not live (don’t ask, it’s a long-running dispute as to why).

Hotels:

You have different options in Vienna, and we recommend some hotels that past guests have found convenient. However, thanks to Vienna's excellent public transport, feel free to explore other options as well! For a more upscale stay, [Hotel Regina](#) offers historic charm next to the Votivkirche, close to the Ringstraße and the University of Vienna, while [The Harmonie Vienna](#) has elegant rooms only a short walk or tram ride from the city center. For mid-range options, [25hours Hotel](#) at MuseumsQuartier is a 15-minute walk across Ringstraße, while [H+ Hotel](#) and [Motel One](#) are both just 15 minutes away by public transport.

Getting You Through A Conference Day

We will serve coffee and tea in the coffee breaks indicated in the programme. If you need something beforehand, or are looking for a coffee spot right by the university building, you can check out:

- [Jonas Reindl](#)
- [No Panic](#)
- [Kaffeeküche](#)

If you need anything else, there is a big SPAR and also a BILLA right at the *Schottentor* tram station.

Exploring Vienna

For participants who would like to explore Vienna independently during their free time, here are some recommended activities.

Classic Viennese Cafés:

- [Café Hawelka](#) – Classic grumpy waiters, Apfelstrudel, and Buchteln with vanilla sauce (after 8 pm).
- [Café Bräunerhof](#) – A less touristy but still traditional café.
- [Café Sperl](#) – The one from the movie Before Sunrise.
- [Café Central](#)
- [Café Tirolerhof](#)

Other Places to Eat

Here's a list of places members of the organising team have been to and (consensually or not) agree are pretty good, but maybe your taste buds will vary. Note that all suggestions are outside of the historic centre - it's not common for locals to go there.

- [Ostwind Szechuan](#) (Not for the faint of heart, if you don't like spicy food, I'd avoid it!)
- [Mamamon Thai Eatery](#) (Very small, and cute restaurant, feels like a little slice of Bangkok in Vienna).
- [Gasthaus Woraciczky](#) (Very traditional Austrian-fare, try any of the offal if you are brave enough)
- [Gasthaus Schilling](#) (More Austrian)
- [Disco Volante](#) (It's pizza cooked in a discoball, I think it sells itself)
- [Café Nil](#) (Egyptian)
- [Der Wiener Deewan](#) (Pakistani, buffet style, pay what you want - a favourite among students)

Places to Drink

- [Schadegasse12/Liebling 2](#)
- [Futuregarden](#)
- [Needle](#)
- [Café Jelinek](#)
- [Café Monic](#) (It's very weird, you'll either love it or hate it)
- [Kaffee Alt Wien](#)
- [Café Anno](#) (If you want to see where young people go, this is it)
- [Prosecco Bar](#) (The name gives it away)
- [Erdgeschoss](#)

Local Specialties to Try:

- *Schnitzel* – A must-try dish in Vienna. The proper Austrian variant comes with potato salad rather than fries and lacks the sauce our northerly neighbours like to pour over it.
- *Sachertorte* – The world-famous chocolate cake.
- *Marillenkrapfen* - it's *not* a Berliner, we swear.
- *Palatschinken* - great sweet; the name is also a sign of the various nationalities home to Vienna which have influenced the city, and language.
- *Kaiserschmarrn* - literally an imperial dessert, what could be more Austrian?## Museums:
- *Wien Museum* – Main exhibition is free; special exhibitions require an entrance fee. [More info](#)
- *MQ Libelle Rooftop* – Free entry with a stunning view over the city center. [More info](#)

- if you don't mind paying an entrance fee, then there's the Albertina, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Albertina Modern, Leopold, MUMOK, MAK, Jewish Museum, amongst more than 100 museums. There's a big list [here](#).

Churches (usually free entry):

- *St. Stephen's Cathedral (Stephansdom)* – Charges apply to visit the towers or the catacombs (guided tour required). North tower has a lift; south tower has only stairs.
- *Peterskirche*
- *Votivkirche*
- *Karlskirche*

Parks & Green Spaces:

- *Burggarten* – A beautiful park in the city center.
- *Schloss Schönbrunn* – A vast palace park; walking up to the Gloriette is recommended for great views.
- *Belvedere Garden & Botanical Garden* – Free entry to these scenic green spaces.
- *Stadtpark* – A peaceful park with the famous Johann Strauss monument.
- *Prater* – Free to walk through, includes Vienna's famous amusement park.
- *Zentralfriedhof* – A historic cemetery with memorials of famous figures.
- *Vienna Woods (Wienerwald)*: On the western edge of Vienna, but still easily accessible by public transport, you'll find a lovely forested area. Not too steep mostly, if you want to properly escape the city vibes.

Markets:

- *Naschmarkt* – A vibrant food and flea market with local and international delicacies.

Walking Tours & Sightseeing:

- *Ringstraße Walk or Tram Ride* – See the city's most important buildings, including the University, City Hall, Burgtheater, Parliament, Volksgarten, Hofburg, Burggarten, Art History Museum, Natural History Museum, and the Opera. Alternatively, take tram lines 1, 71, or D (preferably an old one for the best view).
- *Hundertwasser Village* – A unique architectural site. [More info](#)