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INTRO

Vienna—the capital of Austria, known for its beautiful city center, historic buildings, Sachertorte, and Wiener Schnitzel—is an ideal destination for a city break.

A long weekend (3–5 days) offers enough time to experience Vienna's most important highlights and get a good impression of the city.

The Austrian capital is served by several European airports and is also easily accessible by train from southern Germany or other neighboring countries. From the airport, the Airport Train takes you directly and easily to the city center in 15 minutes.

Vienna's sights are easily accessible by foot or subway, even though Vienna is currently the fifth largest city in the EU.

Due to its eastern location, a trip to Vienna can also be combined with visits to other European capitals, such as Budapest or Bratislava.

There is no classic best time to visit Vienna. Of course, the city has a lot to offer in summer thanks to its location at the Danube river, but also in winter with its beautiful Christmas markets.

In addition to the classic sights, we were particularly impressed by the beautiful architecture, the good food, and the pleasant atmosphere.

HIGHLIGHTS



01.

St. Stephen`s Cathedral

St. Stephen's Cathedral is the most famous sight and THE landmark of Vienna. The church, which is over 130 meters high and named after St. Stephen, is also called Steffl by the locals. The church can be visited from the inside, including the underground catacombs. From the highest point, the south tower, you have a great view over the whole city, and the Pummerin is one of the largest bells in Europe.



02.

Hofburg Palace

The Vienna Hofburg Palace is definitely worth a visit when you're in town.

Until the early 20th century, the Hofburg served as the residence of the Habsburg dynasty, and today it is the official residence of the Austrian Federal President. It is also known as the home of Empress Sisi and Emperor Franz, and today it houses the Spanish Riding School, a chapel, and a museum, among other things.



03.

St. Charles`s Church

The Roman Catholic St. Charles's Church is located in Vienna's 4th district and was consecrated to St. Charles Borromeo.

Its construction was commissioned in the 18th century by Charles VI. Tourists can purchase an admission ticket for the church on site, which also includes access to the upper viewing platform. Particularly striking are the column-lined entrance, the large dome, and the two triumphal columns.



04.

Danube Boat Trip

Since the Danube, one of Europe's major rivers, flows right through the city, a boat trip on the Danube is a worthwhile activity, especially in the summer months.

05.

Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum is also a real highlight. Over 30 million objects are on display here—from dinosaur skeletons to Martian rocks.

06.

Museum of Art History

The Museum of Art History is one of the most important museums in the world, attracting around 1.75 million visitors per year. Modern art can also be found in Albertina.

07.

Christmas Markets

In Winter, Vienna's Christmas markets are among the most beautiful in Europe, including those at Schönbrunn Palace, on Rathausplatz, and on Spittelberg.



08.

Belvedere Palace

Belvedere Palace, which translates as “beautiful view,” is located right next to the main train station and formerly served as the royal summer residence.

Today, you can take a lovely stroll through the surrounding park.

09. Schönbrunn Palace

Many people are familiar with Schönbrunn Palace.

It is one of the largest and most important buildings in Austria, and the best way to get there from the city center is by metro.

Schönbrunn Zoo is located right next to the palace.



10.

Prater

The Vienna Prater is an approximately 6 km² site that houses a year-round fairground with rides and food stalls.

A particularly striking feature is the Ferris wheel, which is over 60 m high and has 15 gondolas. The park is open all day until the evening and there is no admission charge.





DAY TO DAY

Day 1 – If you arrive in Vienna around noon on your first day, either by plane or train, and have checked into your hotel, then head straight to *St. Stephen's Cathedral* in the city center. Just around the corner, you can enjoy lunch at a classic restaurant, *Figlmüller*, and try a Wiener Schnitzel.

Afterwards, take a stroll through the beautiful city center, past the *State Opera House* and on to *St. Charles's Church*.

In the late afternoon, take the metro to *Schönbrunn Palace*. In winter, you can visit the Christmas market here.

Then you drive back to the *Rathausplatz*, and if you like to party,

you can visit the *Volksgarten Club*, located just around the corner.

Day 2 – The second day is then packed with activities.

After breakfast at the famous *Café Central*, you visit the *Hofburg Palace* and at lunchtime you can choose between the *Natural History Museum* and the *Art History Museum*.

In the afternoon, you can have a snack at the *Palmenhaus* in the *Burggarten*.

For dinner, you could go to *Reznicek*, for example, and then visit the *Vienna Prater*.

Day 3 – Early in the morning, head back to the Prater for breakfast at the *Ponykarussell*. From there, take a stroll through the *city center*, especially along “*Graben*” street around the *Plague Column*. At lunchtime, try the famous Sacher Torte at *Café Sacher* and visit *Belvedere Palace* on the way to the main train station before departing.

Extra-Days – Of course, you can take more time for everything, visit the *christmas markets* in winter and go on a *boat trip* in summer.

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurants & Bars:

★ Figlmüller

Home of the Wiener Schnitzel
Bäckerstraße 6, 1010 Wien, Österreich

● Reznicek

Good restaurant, Käsekrainer & Cordon Bleu
Reznicekgasse 10, 1090 Wien, Österreich

● Via Toledo Enopizzeria

Good Italian restaurant, neapolitan Pizza
Laudongasse 13, 1080 Wien, Österreich



● Palmenhaus

Nice interior and good drinks
Burggarten 1, 1010 Wien, Österreich

● Volksgarten Club

Mainstream music Club, central location
Volksgarten, 1010 Wien, Österreich



Cafés:

★ Ponykarussell

Great breakfast spot at Prater
Prater, Karl-Kolarik-Weg 86A, 1020 Wien, AT

● Café Central

Traditional café since 1876, queueing
Herrengasse 14, 1010 Wien, Österreich

● Café Sacher

Famous Sacher Caking, queueing
Philharmoniker Str. 4, 1010 Wien, Österreich

● Gerstner Café

Very chic café
Kärntner Str. 51, 1010 Wien

● KARL

Nice small Coffee Shop
Margaretenpl. 6, 1050 Wien, Österreich

● OTOTO

Good coffee & book shop
Zirkusgasse 20, 1020 Wien, Österreich

WHERE TO SLEEP

There are lots of good hotels and Airbnbs in Vienna.

When visiting with a larger group, we found a super spacious Airbnb with good facilities and a roof terrace (see link below), and when traveling as a couple, we stayed at the **Motel One Hotel** at Vienna Central Station, which also offered a good standard and a great location.

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