



AUSTRIA

Capital: Vienna

Language: German

Population: 8.4 million

Time Zone: EST plus 6 hours

Currency: Euro (€ or EUR)

Electricity: 230V. 50Hz

Fun Facts



- The German name for Austria is Österreich, which means “Eastern Empire,” referring to the time when Austria was a part of the Holy Roman Empire
- Austria is the only continental European Union country that is not a member of N.A.T.O.
- About one-fourth of the population of Austria lives in Vienna

A small Alpine jewel lying at the heart of the European Continent, Austria welcomes visitors with vistas of evergreen forests, magnificent mountains, sparkling lakes, quaint villages, popular summer and winter resorts, magnificent castles, and grandiose palaces and cathedrals.

With a population of a little more than eight million and a territory of 32,000 square miles, it covers part of the eastern Alps and the Danube region. The country’s few cities have preserved their centuries-old charm and the threads of European history running through their cobbled lanes and graceful boulevards. Vienna, for more than 600 years the capital of a mighty empire stretching from the Netherlands into Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, has attracted and inspired countless brilliant citizens through the ages. Famous scholars, architects, scientists, painters, and composers have left their imprint on this city, which like no other blends the best of the past with all the benefits of the modern age. Its beautiful concert halls still resound with some of the world’s best classical music by Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, and Strauss. The Vienna Boys Choir and the Spanish Riding School continue to draw crowds. While the Burgtheater ranks as Europe’s leading German-speaking playhouse, violins and accordions create a nostalgic atmosphere in cozy wine taverns in the Vienna Woods. Tyrolean

Tempting shops lure visitors with Swarovski silver crystal, Viennese enamel jewelry, or Geiger clothing.

Wiener Schnitzel and *Sachertorte* (supreme chocolate cake) are among the many pleasures of the table.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS



Visas to Austria are not required for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Austria. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room.

European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.



COUNTRY CODES

The country code for Austria is 43. When calling to Austria from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Austria are 5-13 digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011 43## #####.



CURRENCY

The official currency of Austria is the Euro. Euro coins differ according to country, but they can be used in any EU state. Bank notes are of uniform EU design.

1 EURO (€) = 100 Cents (c)

- Banknote denominations: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500
- Coin denominations: 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1, €2

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at www.globusfamily.com/currency.

Credit cards are accepted in Austria, and you should have no problems using them in larger shops and restaurants. Visa and MasterCard are most accepted.

Smaller shops may ask you to pay in cash or have a minimum amount required to use a credit card.



BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is €2-3.50.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately €18.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately €35-50.



TIPPING

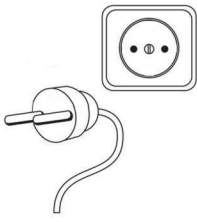
For restaurant services a tip is expected. You must ask for the bill in Austrian restaurants, and often it is provided verbally by the server. When providing the amount to pay, include the tip. Rounding up the bill is generally enough tip or leave 10% of the bill if tip is not included. Saying “*danke*” (thank you) means “keep the change,” so always include the tip in the amount to be paid and ask for change back. For a taxi, a tip of 10% is recommended. Tip hotel staff €1 for room service.



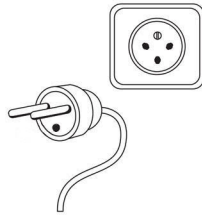
ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 230V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.

Austria uses a round, 2-prong plug that looks like:



Type C



Type E



TEMPERATURES

Austria's summers are warm and sunny, often extending well into October. Winters are relatively mild, apart from the mountainous regions. Layers are your best option while traveling here. Rain wear is recommended year-round. Pack appropriate gear if you plan to hike or ski while visiting the Alps.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Austria.

Month	Vienna	Salzburg
January	27/36°F	21/36°F
February	28/39°F	23/39°F
March	35/49°F	30/48°F
April	41/57°F	39/57°F
May	49/67°F	46/66°F
June	55/72°F	52/72°F
July	59/77°F	55/75°F
August	59/77°F	55/73°F
September	53/69°F	50/68°F
October	43/57°F	41/57°F
November	35/44°F	32/46°F
December	30/39°F	25/37°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

Wiener Schnitzel, *Sachertorte* (supreme chocolate cake), and coffee.



A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

German:

Good morning: Guten Morgen, **Good Day:** Guten Tag, **Good evening:** Guten Abend, **Please/You're welcome:** Bitte, **Thank you:** Danke, **Yes:** Ja, **No:** Nein, **Do you speak English?:** Sprechen Sie Englisch?, **I don't understand:** Ich verstehe nicht, **Please write it down:** Können Sie das bitte aufschreiben? **How much?:** Wieviel kostet das?, **1:** Eins, **2:** Zwei, **3:** Drei, **4:** Vier, **5:** Fünf, **6:** Sechs, **7:** Sieben, **8:** Acht, **9:** Neun, **10:** Zehn, **Where is...?:** Wo ist...?, **Telephone:** Telefon, **Bathroom:** Toilette, **Tea:** Tee, **Coffee:** Kaffee, **Bottled water:** Mineralwasser (**carbonated**=mit Kohlensäure, **non-carbonated**= ohne Kohlensäure), **Cheers!:** Prost!, **Restaurant check/bill:** Die Rechnung.

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