

An incomplete and random list of recommendations

Please primarily use your touristic instincts and the standard listings of sights to get around; this list is meant for those who like to dig a bit deeper; * indicates a place I particularly like

Get around with public transit, city bikes, e-scooters, uber, cabs, ..

Vienna has an inexpensive excellent public transit system. Google maps has OK coverage of it. Consider a multi-day pass. <https://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeId/66533/channelId/-2000544>

City bikes (easy enough, inexpensive) <https://www.citybikewien.at/en/>

E-scooters: Lime, Bird, Tier, ...

Vienna and coffee:

Vienna is well known for its traditional coffee houses. They also serve lunch, dinner, wine, beers,... they make for a great evening out too.

Listing of traditional coffee houses (some tend to be busy): <https://www.wien.info/en/shopping-wining-dining/coffeehouses/in-the-old-city>

Cafe Demel* (overrun but best fancy cakes with imperial tradition; you may take out. Walk to the back to see how they are made.)

Cafe Central (famous but overrun, expect a piano player)

Cafe Landtmann (upscale, politicians, theater goers)

Cafe Prückel* (traditional but not old-school) <https://goo.gl/maps/JsFxHKwJdezrzsdx9>

Cafe Hawelka (small, run-down, famous)

Cafe Braeunerhof (less known; Thomas Bernhard's favorite place)

Other coffee places nearby:

Palais Lichtenstein* (outside coffee on park grounds; great to sit on a hot day; very limited selection of food; but serve coffee and drinks)

Cafe Blaustern (modern) <https://goo.gl/maps/quf8vTrKbK3vTPvS6>

La Mercerie (small French cafe nearby) <https://goo.gl/maps/pkGAcqXNBdwXg3Vf8>)

Vienna and wine:

The area is a wine-growing region, especially white wines. Among the best ways to spend an evening is to go to one of many wine taverns "Heuriger" at the city boundaries (many are easily reachable by tram.) They offer inexpensive wine from their own vineyards and buffet-style home-made food. Something quintessential Austrian. A listing <https://www.wien.info/en/shopping-wining-dining/wine>

Heuriger Zawodsky* (conference dinner) <https://goo.gl/maps/gptJGyrPWm5N83VR7>

Heuriger Mayer am Nussberg* (limited selection of food, no kitchen, but fantastic views, tricky to get there; 20 min walk from bus end station)

Heuriger Sirbu* (nearby the previous one, more traditional, has food)

Grinzing Village has many Heurige (end of tram 38 and easy to reach, <https://goo.gl/maps/jXvxqVSPJ4j1K88G6>). A bit touristic - but then you are tourists.

Spend an evening with outdoor seating

MQ (museum's quarter): great, large inner courtyard to hang out and have beers etc.; party on at Cafe Leopold there.

Altes AKH (close-by; Stiegel-Ambulanz, Bierheuriger Gangl, Universitätsbräu, ...)

Beaver brewer's (very close-by; American style brewery, pub food but good quality, pricey but good)

Spittelberg area <https://goo.gl/maps/CapKSPkJvbMNKKge7>. (TIAN Bistro, Das Spittelberg, Gasthaus am Spittelberg, Horvath Weinstüberl, Zu ebener Erde und im ersten Stock, ...)

Kleinod im Stadtgarten <https://www.kleinod-stadtgarten.wien/>

Tel-Aviv Beach (Donaukanal)

G'schupfter Ferdl (Burgers, Donaukanal)

Grünstern Gartenküche (basic but good food; great place to sit outside under trees at night. Also has a garden cinema.)

Volksgarten Grillerei (BBQ, sit outside, central)

Icecream:

Veganista* (close by, vegan, excellent) <https://goo.gl/maps/asJNYZSxik75vjsBA>

Cafe Demel* (very small selection, but a distance apart from everyone else).

Eis Greisler (city center; excellent)

Swimming:

Kahlenbergbad* (unbeatable view, sip a drink by the pool, kids friendly too)

Bundesbad Alte Donau (perfect for families; swim in the old Danube River, locals)

More for kids:

Zoo Schoenbrunn (excellent, pricey, busy)

Bauernhof am Cobenzl (pet farm);

Am Himmel (great adventure play ground for kids; great city views)

Natural History Museum

Zoom Kids museum (MQ)

Random restaurant recommendations: (very random, ran out of steam writing this).

Gasthaus Ubl* (time stopped there; excellent food)

Pizzeria Mari* (great Neapolitanean Pizzas; unpretentious, Italian feel; kids-friendly)

Mochi* (best Sushi, pricey, busy)

Gasthaus Pöschl (Wiener Schnitzel, small place, central)

Restaurant Eckel (<http://www.restauranteckel.at/>, never been there, but if you want very good Austrian food and spend money for it, that's the place)

Steirereck (burn through your professorial salary, 200 EUR p.p. min; gourmet Austrian cuisine)

Vienna and music / culture

Tons of museums and art collections. Follow the standard guides. The following additional things got recommended to me:

<https://www.operimsteinbruch.at/>

<https://www.neusiedlersee.com/de/event/5878/classical-music-festival-mozarts-requiem.html>

8. August, free entry, outdoors music: Die Pianistengasse: Nachtstücke; Pianistengasse, 8th district <https://goo.gl/maps/nbDtGCKsQWYibHZT6>

Alte Musik in St. Ruprecht: <http://www.alte-musik.co.at/evening> (old music concerts in a church; tickets at venue) <https://goo.gl/maps/N5a6cYF9JB7qA7Z9A>

Filmfestival, Rathausplatz: <https://filmfestival-rathausplatz.at/en/program/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/YtEndphQBvjhC9ei7>

Kino wie noch nie: <http://kinowienochnie.at/>

Kino im Kammergarten (Belvedere): <https://www.vienna.at/kino-im-kammergarten-2019-das-programm-beim-belvedere-sommerkino/6252815>

<https://www.callelibre.at/> Livepaintings at various locations, e.g. Wien Museum, House Bandits, Kirchberggasse, Schlingermarkt etc.

Kunst am Kanal: <https://www.daswerk.org/en/kunst-am-kanal.html>