



# IN THE RHYTHM OF VIENNA

The Viennese have a unique attitude to life. It arises from the rhythm in which the city and its people move. The city's musical and imperial heritage is the focus of 2017, with anniversaries including those of the Blue Danube waltz and Archduchess Maria Theresia, all set against the pulsing heartbeat of today's Vienna.

Vienna's musical diversity was as evident in the past as it is today: For 150 years the Viennese have been turning in three-four time to Johann Strauss's world famous Blue Danube waltz. His golden statue in the Stadtpark is Vienna's most popular photographic motif. There's always dancing in the city, whether it's a waltz or the Lindy Hop. The sounds of jazz, club and electronic music ensure party nights go with a swing.

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra which has been enchanting audiences for 175 years, and the Vienna Boys' Choir\* which has been performing at its new concert hall MuTh\* for the past five

years, are the city's traditional key attractions. The city is rich in wonderful concert halls, with the Musikverein and the Konzerthaus\*. The State Opera joins the Theater an der Wien, the Wiener Kammeroper\*, Volksoper\*, Raimund Theater\* and Ronacher\* as the stage for a glittering range of musical performances, whether operas, operettas or musicals. Festivals including Wien Modern, Resonanzen, Voice Mania and the Gürtel Nightwalk demonstrate the broad spectrum of musical epochs and styles celebrated in Vienna. Franz Schubert and Falco captivated international audiences in the past; today Wanda are the city's musical heroes.

You still get a sense of the imperial lifestyle in Schönbrunn Palace\*. This is where two female rulers spent their summers: Archduchess Maria Theresia and Empress Elisabeth, also known as Sisi. To mark the 300th anniversary of Maria Theresia's birth, exhibitions are being held in the Imperial Carriage Museum\* at Schönbrunn, the Hofmobiliendepot\* and outside Vienna in Schloss Hof\* and Schloss Niederweiden. The State Hall of the National Library\* and the Coin Collection at the Kunsthistorisches Museum\* also feature exhibitions dedicated to Maria Theresia. Empress Elisabeth would have been 180 years old in 2017,

a fact acknowledged with a display at the Sisi Museum in the Hofburg Palace.

Vienna's landmark feature, the Giant Ferris Wheel\* in the Prater, has been rhythmically rotating for 120 years. Schönbrunn Zoo is 265 years old, making it the oldest zoo in the world.

And the special rhythm of Vienna is also reflected in the many pleasures it offers: whether shopping on the premises of purveyor to the imperial court or at a pop-up store belonging to a young designer, dining at a gourmet restaurant, gastronomic event, or down-to-earth hot dog stand and food truck.

The world's largest Bruegel collection and the most beautiful kiss, namely the one captured for eternity by Gustav Klimt in his world famous painting: These you'll only see in Vienna. Baroque excess and cool avant-garde, a young art scene which thrives in splendid surroundings and is as impressive as the Old Masters in Vienna's modern museums – this harmonious expression of creative tension can only be experienced here.

The Albertina\* houses one of the most impressive collections of art in the world. It puts on "major" exhibitions, and its own collection that includes works by Matisse, Renoir and Miro is spectacular. Art treasures from all the key epochs are exhibited at the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien\*, especially masterpieces of the Renaissance and Baroque: Rubens, Titian, Rembrandt, Raffael and the world's largest collection of Bruegel paintings.

With more than 2,200 objects, the Kunstammer is one of the world's most important treasures. The picturesque Belvedere Palace\* houses the world's largest collection of Klimt paintings, including the famous "Kiss". A visit to Schönbrunn Palace with its 1,441 rooms is a chance to appreciate impe-

rial art. Visitors to the Hofburg Palace can admire the Imperial Apartments\*, the Imperial Silver Collection\* and Treasury\*, as well as performances by the Spanish Riding School\*. Works by renowned 20th century artists are on display in the MuseumsQuartier\*. The former baroque stables for the Emperor's horses are one of the world's most significant cultural settings. Leopold Museum\* – the Schiele collection enjoys world renown – museum of modern art (mumok)\*, Kunsthalle Wien\* and the Architekturzentrum\* all host stimulating exhibitions. The 21er Haus\* close to the new Main Railway Station exhibits 20th and 21st century Austrian art. Numerous galleries, especially in the 1st and 4th districts, also show a range of contemporary art. Francesca

Habsburg has created a space for contemporary art with her TBA21 in the baroque Augarten. And the historic Brotfabrik, a former bread factory in the 10th district, now houses more than ten contemporary art institutions. Fascinating photo exhibitions are regularly held at the OstLicht and WestLicht\* galleries, and at the Kunst Haus Wien\* – situated close to the Hundertwasserhaus and also bearing the artist's imprint.

Attention turns to young artists and creatives during art fairs including the vienna-contemporary and Parallel Vienna in autumn, as well as the Vienna Art Week and Vienna Design Week. Stars of the Austrian and international art scene are also present at the MAK\*, the Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art.

## AVANT-GARDE

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# VIENNESE TASTE

Viennese cuisine is unique in being named after a city. Vienna is also the only metropolis to produce wine of note within its city boundaries. And around the world, the Vienna coffeehouse is known as an oasis of hospitality and warmth. Accordingly the Vienna beisl, heuriger and coffeehouse are the cornerstones of Viennese culinary culture in its many forms.

The scale of gastronomic pleasure in Vienna ranges from luxury gourmet temples to original hot dog stands. Between them lie a plethora of tastes, from hearty home cooking to organic or ethnic. Viennese beisl are welcoming eateries serving tasty traditional fare, from schnitzel to kaiserschmarren. Here, just as in any gourmet restaurant, respect is paid to the Riesling and Weissburgunder wines grown in Vienna's own 700 hectares of vineyards. Vienna's Gemischten Satz is a popular tippel at heuriger restaurants in former villages at the city's edge such as Grinzing and Nussdorf.

With its DAC seal of quality, this excellent speciality wine is made from blend of at least 3 different types of white quality grapes, jointly grown and pressed. The Viennese coffeehouse – officially a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage – is an oasis of hospitality and warmth. Modern representatives of the genre enrich the tradition with stylish flair. Vienna's cake and pastry shops tempt their customers with sweet

delights such as gugelhupf and Sachertorte. Vienna's markets, including the fascinating Naschmarkt as well as the Brunnenmarkt and Rochusmarkt, are a source of exotic delicacies. Events including the Vienna Genussfestival held in the Stadtpark and special restaurant weeks round off the city's broad offering of epicurean delights.

The pampered gourmet will also enjoy extraordinary flavours and taste sensations in Vienna. Currently 116 Viennese restaurants proudly bear coveted Gault & Millau toques, with a total of 12 Michelin stars shared amongst nine venues in Vienna. Exclusive items are sold by former purveyors to the imperial court in Vienna's Old City and in luxury boutiques on the Tuchlauben in the Goldenes Quartier. The Mariahilfer Strasse shopping street offers a less expensive shopping experience, with the adjoining side streets being the home to many boutiques full of creative ideas and young designs.



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Life's good in Vienna. What the Viennese have long known to be true is now official: The 2016 Mercer study ranks Vienna as the world's most liveable city – for the seventh year in a row. And why? One factor is the city's many green spaces. Even the city's historic centre boasts numerous parks. Vienna also enjoys excellent urban infrastructure and is one of the safest cities in the world.

Whether blossoming flowerbeds or unspoilt natural landscapes, Vienna offers many varieties of green. Vineyards are an integral part of the cityscape and the source of internationally respected Viennese wine. That's why time spent in Vienna should include relaxing at a wine tavern and tasting the local vintage. To the east, the city offers the Lobau nature reserve and the Donau-Auen National Park. The Wienerwald, the "green lung" of the city, encircles its western boundary. This unique natural landscape is an ideal habitat for wildlife such as wild boar in the Lainz Game Reserve. If you're on the search for

exotic species, then Schönbrunn is your destination: Schönbrunn Zoo\* is regarded as the best zoo in Europe, and its exotic inhabitants feel at home here. By the way, the treetop trail at the zoo offers a wonderful panoramic view. Just like Vienna's other look-out points, including the Danube Tower\*, the Kahlenberg and Cobenzl are easy to reach using public transport. Mountain bikers, cyclists, hikers and cross-country skiers all enjoy using Vienna's signposted routes, whether through the rolling countryside or on flat stretches alongside the Danube. Other attractions near the river include the New Danube

side channel as a recreation area, the Danube Island for rollerblading, and the Old Danube arm of the river. This is the ideal spot for swimming and sailing in summer, and skating on the frozen surface in winter. The Prater is another enormous public park, with its famous Wurstelprater\* fairground featuring the Giant Ferris Wheel\*, one of Vienna's landmark features. Fresh from the tap, Vienna's mountain spring water is particularly delicious and refreshing. You can find out more at the Vienna Water Tower where younger visitors to the city are guaranteed to have fun at Europe's largest water playground.

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