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# YOUR GUIDE TO VIENNA AT RIPE 63



# WELCOME TO RIPE 63!

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Vienna is a beautiful city that successfully balances its old world charm with modern trendiness. You only need to walk for just a few minutes to absorb the rich history of this vibrant city; it's easy to see why Vienna's city centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site. If you're a history buff, you'll be spoiled by the very long list of incredible historic sites to visit during your stay.

Under the Habsburg dynasty, Vienna enjoyed a period of wealth during which these grand buildings were erected. It was at this time that important reforms were introduced to match the expansion of its vast empire. And to think that no wars were waged to achieve this powerful expansion of its vast empire; marriage was the key strategy in keeping political peace.

Vienna is often ranked one of the best places to live in the world. After spending a few days here, you'll understand why. When you've got spare time between meeting sessions, please use this guide as a starting point for exploring this wonderful city! If you're attending the RIPE 63 Dinner on Thursday night, you'll get to experience the grandeur of the Vienna City Hall Ballroom first-hand.

If you're looking for a bit of street food, take a ten minute walk to St. Stephan's Cathedral for a käsekrainer (cheese sausage) and a pfiif (small beer).

And many thanks to our very own Vienna correspondants, Wolfgang Nagele and Ferenc Csorba, for providing us with many insider tips.

We hope you have a productive RIPE 63!

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# HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Vienna has a reputation of being an extremely safe city. It is rare that visitors are confronted with crime or other dangerous situations. The streets in most areas are free from threatening atmospheres and both men and women should feel safe to walk around, even at night, without feeling intimidated. Some areas of the city, such as Karlsplatz, Praterstern and Schwedenplatz, are areas frequented by drug addicts and, while not especially dangerous, these areas are best avoided late at night if you are alone.

Like most large European cities, tourists are a target for crafty pickpockets. The usual rules on this apply: don't keep your wallet in your back pocket in busy areas, be wary of people distracting you around cash machines, and don't carry large amounts of cash on you.

## **Health**

Vienna is a highly developed European city and doesn't pose any great health risks. Water is entirely safe to drink and standards of hygiene in restaurants, pubs and cafés are as high as you would expect in any EU capital. If you do fall sick during your stay in Vienna, there are many hospitals and clinics available, many with English-speaking staff. If you are an EU resident, then you'll probably qualify for free treatment (provided you have the necessary documentation), while residents of other countries are advised to take out holiday insurance with medical coverage.

General Hospital: +43 1 404 00 1501

## **Smoking**

If you are a non-smoker or if cigarette smoke bothers you, you might find it uncomfortable in bars and many restaurants here. Unfortunately, Vienna has yet to embrace non-smoking legislature, so be warned. Many restaurants will boast a "non-smoking area", but don't assume you won't be inhaling second-hand smoke, you'll probably just be in a tucked-away corner.



# LANGUAGE

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German is Austria's native language and many Viennese will tell you that they speak German in its more pure and "melodic" form. Here are some useful words and phrases that you might want to learn:

yes - no - maybe

ja - nein - vielleicht

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Hello! - Goodbye!

Guten Tag! - Auf Wiedersehen!

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Good morning!

Guten Morgen!

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Do you speak German / English?

Sprechen Sie Deutsch/Englisch?

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(Repeat) Once again, please.

Noch einmal, bitte.

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I don't understand.

Ich verstehe nicht.

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Where is/are...?

Wo ist/sind...?

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When? Who? How?

Wann? Wer? Wie?

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Why? What?

Warum? Was?

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Where's the restroom/toilet?

Wo ist die Toilette?

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I'd like...

Ich möchte...

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A menu, please!

Eine Speisekarte, bitte!

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What do you recommend?

Was empfehlen Sie?

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No medicine can cure stupidity

Gegen Dummheit gibt es keine Pillen

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Wonderful/superb

Wunderbar

# VIENNESE CUISINE TERMINOLOGY

**Schnitzel:** A flattened veal escalope coated with flour, egg and breadcrumbs and fried in lard. You can also get a “Schweinswiener” schnitzel, which is pork instead of veal.



**Tafelspitz:** A slice of beef (tri-tip) simmered with root vegetables and spices in broth. It is usually served with roasted slices of potato and a mix of minced apples and horseradish or sour cream mixed with horseradish.

**Zwiebelrostbraten:** This is a braised roast beef, served with braised or fried onions, a heavy gravy, fried potatoes and pickled cucumber.

**Eiernockerln:** Egg-fried small dumplings made from pasta dough.



**Wiener Gulasch:** A meat stew made with a lot of onions and powdered red bell pepper (paprika).

**Blunzengröst:** A blunzen is a black sausage, made of blood and lard. This sausage is cut and fried with some bacon and potatoes.

**Selchfleisch:** Meat that's cooked then smoked and served with sauerkraut and dumplings.

**Germknödel:** a fluffy yeast dough dumpling filled with spicy plum jam (Powidl), garnished with melted butter and a mix of poppy seeds and powdered sugar, sometimes served with vanilla cream.



**Heuriger:** A winery-owned tavern that serves its own wine and a selection of traditional Viennese food.

**Beisl:** A traditional, casual Viennese restaurant serving authentic cuisine, ales and porters.



**Insider Tip:** Good coffee near the meeting venue

If you need a break from hotel coffee, pop over to Cafe Diglas for good brew. Just head west on the Weiskirchnerstrasse and Wollzeile. It's located at Wollzeile 10.

# RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

## **Figlmüller, (€€€)**

Figlmüller Wollzeile 5, A-1010

T: +43 (0) 1512 6177

[www.figlmueeller.at](http://www.figlmueeller.at)

Many say this is the “best” schnitzel in Vienna, even though it’s not the “classic” schnitzel made with veal (it uses pork). With thousands of rave reviews all over the Internet, and located just a 10 minute walk away, we’d say this is a must-eat.

## **Kolonitzbeisl (€)**

Bechardgasse 2/Ecke Kolonitzgasse

1030 T: +43 (0) 1713 8193

[no website](#)

A cosy homestyle Beisl featuring hearty portions of traditional Viennese cuisine at very affordable prices. Just a 10 minute walk from the meeting venue.

## **Restaurant Steirereck (€€€)**

Am Heumarkt 2A, A-1030

+43 (1) 713 3168 [www.steirereck.at](http://www.steirereck.at)

A beautiful fine-dining restaurant in the Stadtpark that serves modern Austrian cuisine. Highly recommended, reservation is necessary.

## **Cafe Phönixhof (€€)**

Neustiftgasse 55, 1070 Wien

T: +43 (0) 699 1733 1072

[www.phoenixhof.at](http://www.phoenixhof.at)

A casual Viennese restaurant with many interpretations of Schnitzel. Also caters to vegetarians. Take metro U2 or U3 to the Volkstheatre stop.

## **Eis Greissler (€)**

Rotenturmstrasse 14

[www.eis-greissler.at](http://www.eis-greissler.at)

One of the best ice cream parlours in Vienna. Open until 22:00, just 13 minutes walk away.

## **Lebenbauer Vollwert Restaurant**

Teinfaltstrasse 3, Vienna 1010

T: +43 (0) 1533 5556

[www.lebenbauer.cc](http://www.lebenbauer.cc)

Highly recommended for vegetarians and pescetarians. Inventive, seasonal menu focused on fresh ingredients.

## **Plachutta (€€)**

Wollzeile 38, A-1010 Wien

T: +43 1 512 15 77

[www.plachutta.at](http://www.plachutta.at)

If you want tafelspitz, this is your place. The helpful wait staff can guide you through all the different cuts of beef on offer. Other Viennese classics also served. Just a 10 minute walk.

## **Appiano (€€)**

Schottenbastei 4, 1010

T: +43 1 533 6128

[www.appiano-dasgasthaus.at](http://www.appiano-dasgasthaus.at)

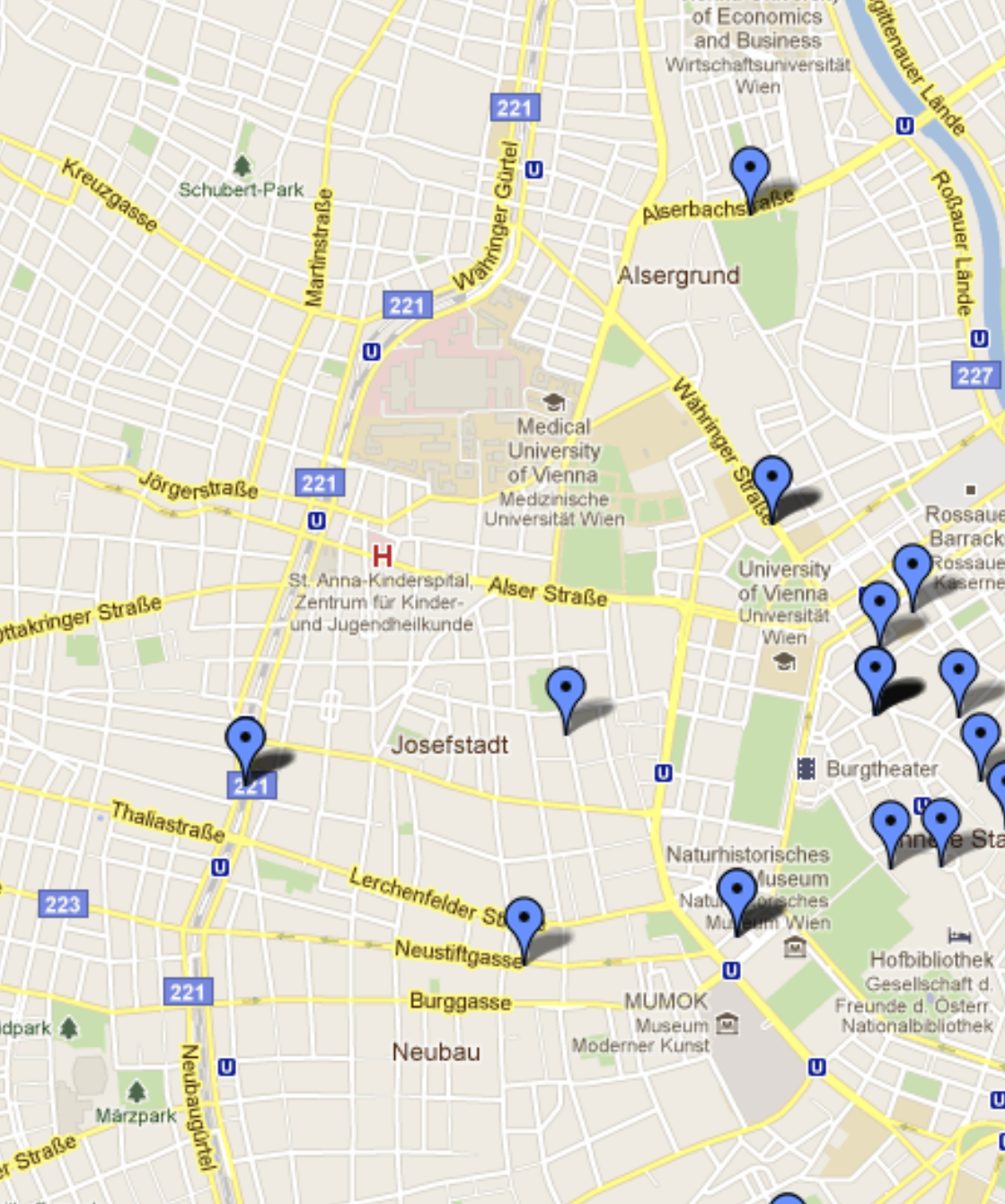
A family-run restaurant boasting a menu of fresh, seasonal Mediterranean classics and an extensive wine list. It will take you apx. 25 minutes to walk here.

## **Akakiko (€)**

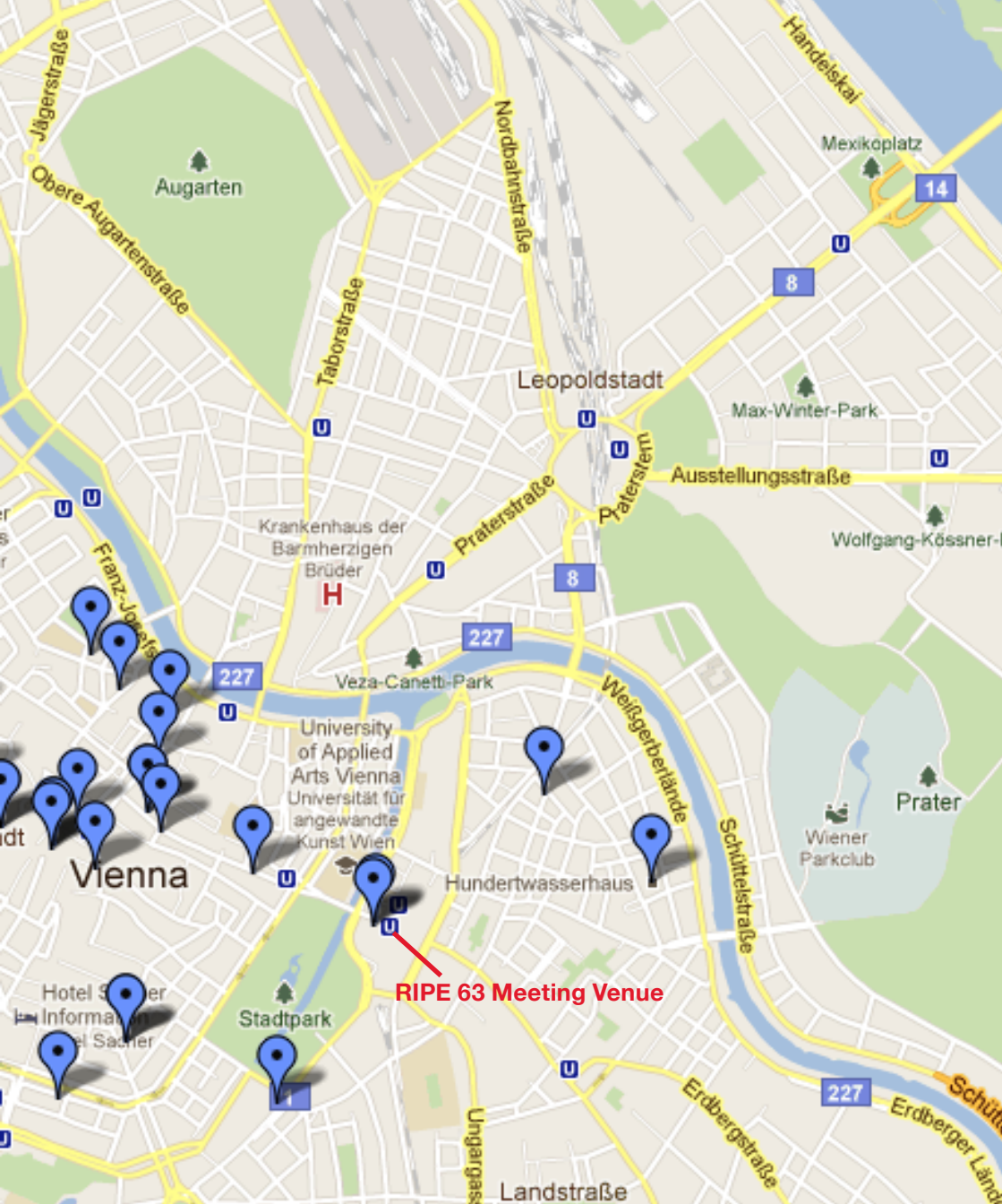
Singerstrasse 4, 1010

T: +43 (0) 57 333 140 [www.akakiko.at](http://www.akakiko.at)

If you’re looking for something lighter, and to go, we’ve heard good things about Akakiko. Extensive Japanese menu at affordable prices. 15 minute walk away.



For directions on google map



os, see: <http://bit.ly/oLNOLQ>



# PLACES TO DRINK

## Drings Bar

Kärntner Ring 8, 1010  
T: +43 (0) 12 2122 3935  
[www.drings-bar.com](http://www.drings-bar.com)

Enjoy creative cocktails and vodka specialties at this stylish, space-odyssey-esque cocktail bar in the hip Ring Hotel.

## Manolos

Volksgartenstrasse 1 T: +43 (0)1526 2082  
[www.manolos.at](http://www.manolos.at)

If you're looking for some fun after the Tuesday social, head to this



stylish tequila bar for some great drinks and good music. It's located just a few minutes away from the Wien Museum, nestled in the Natural History Museum.

## 1516 Brewing Company

Schwarzenbergstrasse 2, 1010  
+43 1 961 1516  
[www.1516brewingcompany.com](http://www.1516brewingcompany.com)

Located close to the meeting venue, this brewery has seasonal beers including an IPA, an Imperial Stout and a smoked Märzen. You get the idea - a mixture of British ales and central European lagers.

## Flanagans

Schwarzenbergstrasse 1-3, 1010  
+43 (0) 1513 7378  
[www.flanagans.at](http://www.flanagans.at)

Yep, this one's Irish, well reviewed, and right next to 1516 Brewing Co.

## Unger Und Klein

Gölsdorfasse 2, 1010  
T: +43 (0) 1532 1323  
[www.ungerundklein.at](http://www.ungerundklein.at)

If you're into wine, come here. The owner's refined palate is reflected in the ever-changing selection of 50 wines by the glass. These might include such standouts as the 2005 Lagler Grüner Veltliner, which has the scent of a peach milk shake.



## Bockshorn Irish Pub

Naglergasse 7 (Korblerg), 1010  
T: +43 (0) 1532 9438  
[www.bockshorn.at](http://www.bockshorn.at)

It's got ale, it's got whisky, it's got darts. According to reviews, it's "authentic Irish" too.

## Wein & Co

Jasomirgottstraße 3-5, 1010  
T: +43 (0) 1535 0916  
[www.weinco.at](http://www.weinco.at)



A great place to sample some fantastic Austrian wine. You can buy a bottle and

drink it right there! Great atmosphere and fantastic inventive food. If you want a table, book in advance.





**Wolfgang says:** For a taste of Vienna nightlife, start at the pubs and clubs under the U6 metro line, from station Josefstaedter Strasse all the way to Nussdorfer Strasse. Check out Chelsea, Charlie Ps and, if you fancy house music, check out U4 and Passage.

### **Bermuda Bräu**

Rabensteig 6, 1010

T: +43 (1) 532 28 6514

[www.bermuda-braeu.at](http://www.bermuda-braeu.at)

This Austrian brew pub features Austrian beer and down-home food. Upstairs you can even tap your own beer right on the table. The Brennerei is a popular small club in the basement.

### **Villon Winebar**

Habsburgergasse 4, 1010

+43 (0)1 9679129

[www.villon.at](http://www.villon.at)

Looking for a really upscale wine tasting experience? Then the Villon Winebar is the place to be!



Old cellar in the city center off Graben, dapper background music, regular events (Vernissages and readings by contemporary artists).

### **Miles Smiles Jazz Cafe**

Lange Gasse 51, 1080

T: +43 (0) 1 4059517

[www.miles-smiles.at](http://www.miles-smiles.at)

For the discerning jazz fan who likes to see the whites of the artist's eyes. Live acts are irregular but always enthralling, and the atmosphere enthusiastic and energetic.

### **Cantina e l'arte**

Doktor Karl Lueger Ring 14, 1010

+43 (0) 5054 1490

no website

A cozy Italian cafe featuring the best wines and food from the Friuli region.

### **Chelsea**

Lerchenfelder Gürtel 29, 1080

+43 1 4079309

[www.chelsea.co.at](http://www.chelsea.co.at)

A popular nightclub featuring good DJs and live music. Check the website for what's going on each night.

### **Charlie Ps**

Währinger Strasse 3, 1090

+43 (0) 1409 7923

[www.charlieps.at](http://www.charlieps.at)

A popular restaurant/bar/club that will suit a group of people. Good music, good food, good service and an all-around nice vibe.



### **Weinplateau Südafrika**

Tiefer Graben 7, A-1010

T: +43 (1) 90 81 200

[www.weinplateau.com](http://www.weinplateau.com)

A Wolfgang-recommended wine bar featuring the best of South Africa's wine scene. Great food too. It's quite small, so a reservation is a must.

# PLACES TO VISIT



**Wolfgang says:** Vienna is quite an old city. It has loads of places to visit if you are interested in history. The RIPE 63 meeting venue is right on the border of the first district and this area is small enough to be explored by foot. A good start is to take the metro to station Stephansplatz in the very centre of the city. From there, you can stroll in pretty much any direction and see loads of old-style architecture. Personally, I recommend a walk from there via Graben

towards the Hofburg and then along the Ringstrasse up to the Town Hall (Rathaus). If you fancy a good view over the city and don't mind stairs, you can climb up the main tower of the Stephansdom at the Stephansplatz.



## Tiergarten

Maxingstraße 13 b, 1130 [www.zoovienna.at](http://www.zoovienna.at)  
Distance from RIPE 63: 7.4km

Founded in 1752 by Franz Stephan, the Schönbrunn Tiergarten is the oldest zoo in the world. It houses 750+ animals, including giant pandas that arrived in 2003. A batch of emus, armadillos and baby Siberian tigers joined them in 2006. Thankfully most of the original cramped cages have been updated and improved.



## Schönbrunn Palace

Schloss Schönbrunn, 1130 , [www.schoenbrunn.at](http://www.schoenbrunn.at)  
Distance from RIPE 63: 7.4km

If you visit the zoo, be sure to visit the palace, located only a few minutes away. It has 1,441 rooms, and 40 of these are open to the public. The tours aren't cheap but do offer insight into the people and the opulence of the baroque age.



## Palais Liechtenstein

Alserbachstraße 14, 1090 [www.liechtensteinmuseum.at](http://www.liechtensteinmuseum.at)  
Distance from RIPE 63: 3.1km

A palace boasting the magnificent private collection of Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein, featuring more than 200 paintings and 50 sculptures. Built between 1690 and 1712, this palace illustrates the audacious folly and extravagance of baroque architecture.



### **Hofburg Palace**

Hofburg B, 1010 [www.hofburg-wien.at](http://www.hofburg-wien.at)

Distance from RIPE 63: 1.6km

Nothing symbolises the culture and heritage of Austria more than its Hofburg (Imperial Palace). The Habsburgs were based here for over six centuries, from the first emperor (Rudolf I in 1273) to the last (Karl I in 1918). It's walking distance from the meeting venue and definitely a must-see.



### **Hundertwasserhaus**

Kegelgasse 34-38, 1030 [www.hundertwasserhaus.info](http://www.hundertwasserhaus.info)

Distance from RIPE 63: 1km

This colourful and quirky house is the work of Austrian artist Joseph Krawina. This expressionist building was built between 1983 and 1985. It features an uneven floor, a roof covered with earth and grass, and large grees growing from the inside and extending through the windows. Only a 13-minute walk from the meeting venue.



### **Altmann & Kühne**

Graben 30, 1010

[www.altmann-kuehne.at](http://www.altmann-kuehne.at)

Distance from RIPE 63: 1.1km

This charming small shop has a touch of the old world about it, partly due to the handmade packaging of its chocolates and sweets, designed by Wiener Werkstätte in 1928. Altmann & Kühne have been producing handmade bonbons for more than 100 years using a well-kept secret recipe.



### **Naschmarkt**

Linke Wienzeile 36, 1060

Distance from RIPE 63: 2.3km

THE market in Vienna. It has more than 500 metres along Linke Wienzeile between the U4 stops of Kettenbrückengasse and Karlsplatz. The western end near Kettengasse is more fun, with all sorts of meats, fruit and vegetables (this is the place for that hard-to-find exotic variety), spices, wines, cheeses and olives, Indian and Middle Eastern specialities and fabulous kebab and felafel stands.

# FERENC'S SLIGHTLY SINISTER TOUR OF VIENNA

Ferenc Csorba, one of the RIPE NCC's Trainers, lived in Vienna for twelve years and has a vast knowledge of the city. He's put together a two-hour walking/public transportation tour that we think you'll enjoy.

More info: <http://ripe63.ripe.net/social-events/slightly-sinister-tour>

From the hotel, get on the U4 metro to Schottenring. Then take tram 1 along the flashy Ringstrasse Boulevard to the Opera tram stop. The tram will pass by the most important monumental buildings in town: Vienna University, City Hall, Imperial Theatre, Parliament, Imperial Museums, Imperial Palace, Opera.

Get off at the Opera and walk to the Kapuziner Church catacombs with the Emperors' crypts. Entry is EUR 5.

Afterwards, continue to the Stephansplatz, the central square of the city. Have a look at Stock im Eisen, the 600-year-old tree trunk studded with nails of medieval wandering apprentices. It was supposed to bring good luck.

Check out the Pestsaeule erected by Emperor Leopold to commemorate narrowly escaping the Black Death (the plague).

Stop for a bite (and a drink) at the the Trzesniewski, a 100-year-old sandwich shop with 20 different sandwich spreads and beer served in shot glasses (closed on Sunday).

Next, visit the narrow streets of the oldest part of town, Blutgasse. This is where the Knights Templars were allegedly massacred in the 13th century.

Now, it's the Basilisk House. The Basilisk was a huge toad-bird-serpent monster that lived here in the 13th century at the bottom of the well. It was killed when it saw its own reflection in a mirror. It turned into stone. The stone basilisk can still be seen in the wall of this house, so it must be true...

And finally the most famous story, the story of Augustin, the popular bagpipe player from the 1600's who got drunk one night and fell into a open pit filled with the bodies victims of the plague. He played his bagpipe and was eventually rescued unharmed.

# GETTING AROUND TOWN

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## Public Transportation



Vienna has one of Europe's best integrated public transport networks. Flat-fare tickets are valid for trains, trams, buses, the underground (U-Bahn) and the S-Bahn regional trains. Services are frequent, and you will rarely have to wait more than five or 10 minutes.

Public transportation starts at 05:00-06:00. Buses and trams finish between 23:00-00:00 and S-Bahn and U-Bahn services between 00:30-01:30.

There are 21 night buses that criss-cross the city from 00:30-05:00, catch one at Schwedenplatz,

Schottentor and the Opera; look for buses and bus stops marked with an 'N'. All tickets are valid for Nightline services.

A single costs EUR 2.20, a 24-hour ticket costs EUR 5.70 and a weekly ticket costs EUR 14.

Tickets and passes can be purchased at U-Bahn stations – from automatic machines (with English instructions and change) and occasionally-staffed ticket offices – and in Tabaks. Once bought, tickets need to be validated before starting your journey (except for weekly and monthly tickets); look for small blue boxes at the entrance to U-Bahn stations and on buses and trams. Just pop the end of the ticket in the slot and wait for the “ding”. It's an honour system and ticket inspection is infrequent, but if you're caught without a ticket you'll be fined EUR 60, no exceptions.

## Taxis



Taxis are plentiful and can normally be hailed on the street or found at a taxi-stand. Fares are technically set to a meter price but if you prefer you can negotiate a fare.

Always negotiate when traveling to the airport or outside of the city limits as fares are not set. The average fare to the airport is about EUR 35.

# CURRENCY AND CASH MACHINES

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Vienna's currency is the euro. Banks and currency exchange offices are located around town, but compare commission rates before changing money. Bankomats (ATMs) are found everywhere, including at the train stations and airport; most shut down at midnight.

The money exchange and banking services office in Westbahnhof keeps hours from 07:00-22:00 daily. The bank at Südbahnhof is open 08:00-18:00 weekdays and 08:00-16:00 on Saturdays.

## USEFUL INFO

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RIPE 63 takes place at the Hilton am Stadtpark Vienna, located at am Stadtpark 1, 1030 Vienna. T: +43 (0) 171 7000.

For more information about RIPE 63, visit [www.ripe63.ripe.net](http://www.ripe63.ripe.net)



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