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Alicja Swierczek (1985)

I am a Philosophy and Sociology student at the University of Vienna. I came to Vienna when I was 1 year old. So I can say that I lived here for all my live really.

About me

A habit of mine is to observe people, reflect upon what I see and make my own little theories about it (what should go nicely with my studies).

A passion of mine is music. I can not live without it. I need to hear it, to feel it, to breathe it. It's my oxygen and my medication.

Besides I love to travel, to meet new people, to learn about new and different things therefore I like to read and watch documentaries. I love to laugh and do crazy but no illegal things :) If I had to describe myself in three words, I wouldn't. I'll say that you'd have to see for yourself and generate your own opinion. And if you were wrong I would correct you, of course :)

Why Vienna?

There are sooo many reasons. Speaking (or rather writing) as a local and a traveler I can tell that Vienna is one of the cleanest cities in the world (and you learn to appreciate it when you lived somewhere else for some time). There are a lot of green spaces in this city, where you can lay around and relax.

Vienna has a long history carved into its numerous historical buildings and monuments and there are really some diamonds of architecture to be found here. I will not tell which ones they are, because everybody shall spot his own jewel here:). In my humble opinion, those relatively small buildings are always more charming than those huge, glassy skyscrapers.

Besides, culture is a really important thing in Vienna. Not just the cliché of classic music and opera, but there is a lot going on other than that. Concerts in different genres almost every day, small and big exhibitions of known as well as unknown artist or dance performances of distinct styles may make you stand around helplessly not knowing where to go and what to see next :)



Daniela Lettner (1987)

After graduating from high school, I traveled a bit, lived in the USA for a couple of months and in France. When I came back to Austria I decided to move from my 800 inhabitant village to the capital.

About me

After a month of couchsurfing, I moved into a flat in the 15th district sharing with two girls.

After a long distance relationship, Giambattista decided to move also to Vienna where now we found our base in the 3rd district.

We travel a lot together, working as photographers and travel writers and when we come back to Vienna we enjoy the cultural life here.

What Vienna means for me!

I still don't know, but I got stacked in this city. It's a love/hate relationship. I hate the gray and cold winters, while

I love the Danube Island in summer, the green parks, festivals and the charm of its bars and cafés.

Where else can you find me online?

Please check the Vienna cityblog for links



Giambattista Pace (1969)

I moved to Vienna in 2007, my 7th place of residence after Taranto (Italy), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Florence (Italy), Verona (Italy), London (UK) and Mitrovica (Kosovo).

And yes, I can't generally stay too much in the same place, usually I move after having spotted all the spottable, or so!

About me

I work mainly as a photographer for online travel sites and in general I'm crazy enough to spend my time doing things I consider worth doing.

With my girlfriend Daniela we travel a lot to explore new places.

Why Vienna?

- I fell in love with an Austrian girl!
- Mitteleuropean
- Quality of life
- Spending lazy time in cafés with a newspaper and cigarettes (still allowed to smoke here!)
- I don't need a car here the public transport is just perfect

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Doris Neubauer (1978)

I came to Vienna in 2003 to start my master degree. After a year working and living in Berlin, I did not like this city at all: Unfriendly people in the restaurants, bars and public transport, too many tourists and I felt I could not go anywhere without being noticed.

After six months though I could not imagine going anywhere else! The city full with tourists walking all over the streets or trying to bike is part of Vienna. This really is charming.

About me

Since 2004 I work in the hotel industry in Vienna and I am really loving this busy industry and making people having the time of their life.

I really love finding new, beautiful and lovely spots in Vienna and after five years of living in Vienna I still find places I never been before!

Why Vienna?

- Because of the beautiful architecture of the canal houses;
- Every day is different with all kinds of social events;
- Because of the river Amstel;
- A long history with many good stories;
- Because of the huge amount of "grachten" (canals);
- The restaurants and bars are always busy;
- The weather is not always splendid, but Vienna still remains a lovely city!



Katrin-Sophie Dworczak (1981)

I am a born and raised Viennese and a natural born traveler. I love to extend my horizon by meeting new people, above all the locals when traveling.

My favourite hobby in Vienna is to walk around and get a new perspective on the Viennese way of living – day by day.

About me

I make my living working in a gallery for contemporary art. Being the assistant to the director of Hilger contemporary is a demanding job but is also a lot of fun because I get to know a diversity of people – ranging from artists to curators, collectors -basically everyone who remotely has got to do with the art business. Furthermore I have the opportunity to (assist to) organize an exhibition or a presentation at an art fair from the scratch.

From my point of view I live in one of the most interesting areas of Vienna – the 4th district, Wieden. Not only is it close to the city center (10mins by foot, 2 Metro stops to Stephansplatz- the “heart of the city”) but also is it kind of famous for its art scene, the galleries, a buzzing nightlife, great coffeeshops and nice little shops offside the main roads and official Viennese hot spots.

Why Vienna?

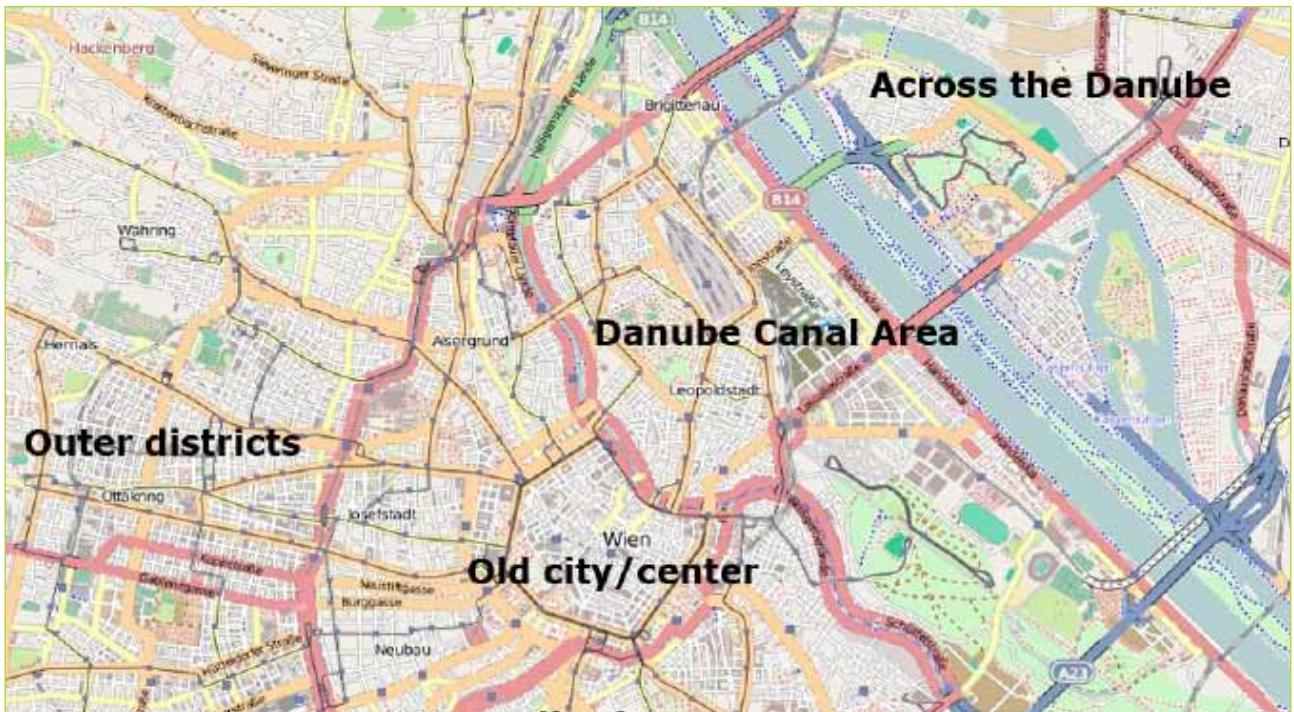
- Tradition versus an alternative lifestyle
- Up and coming, more and more opening up to the rest of the world, above all to the east, now that the borders are open it is being considered the gate to the eastern way of living.
- Even though it's a relatively small city it is big when it comes to diversity regarding art, culture, views on the (inter)national microcosms.
- Get the Vienna experience and judge for yourself. It's full of tourists at any time of the year but we still need more non-mainstream travellers.

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Areemap Vienna

This is an overview map, to show you roughly where the Vienna areas we mention in our articles are located.



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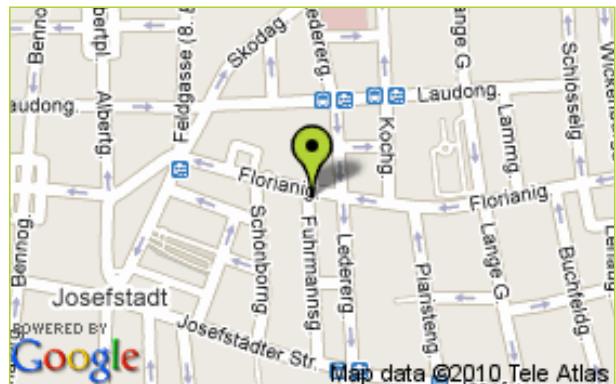
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"Der Tunnel" - All in one, the perfect place!

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Have you ever dreamt of a place where you get a delicious breakfast for only 3 euros (coffee not included, but for half the price)? Yes? Then you should definitely head to this place!

The Tunnel is located in the 8th district, in a nice and quiet street. During the nice season there are even some places to sit outside on the sidewalk. Interiors are in dark wood, with some nice big sofas and all in all it is very cosy.

There are some very big tables, where you have to share the place with other people, and as well some smaller ones if you have to discuss something serious with your breakfast partner!

There is a difficult choice among 8 international yummy breakfast dishes:

- *Muesli with yogurt and fruits
- *Spanish omelet
- *Greek omelet
- *Ham omelet
- *Continental
- *Continental vegetarian
- *Arabian breakfast (my favourite: with homos, eggplant salad, stuffed vine leaves, feta cheese, olives and Syrian Bread)
- *Italian breakfast

Breakfast from 09:00 to 11:00 (self-service!)

Lunch from 11:30 to 14:30

The lunch menu is 5 euros and there is always a meat and a vegetarian dish, or you can choose from "a la carte" menu which includes vegan and vegetarian dishes aswell!

At 21:00 the party starts with concerts, student gatherings, cheap beer and good atmosphere. Food is served until 01:00 am, and Pizza even until 01:30!

PS: If you prefer to be served at your table for breakfast, the little brother Cafe Merkur (check the Café Merkur article) is offering the same breakfast from 10:00 to 12:00 with service for €3,50. It's just around the corner!

"Der Tunnel"

Florianigasse 39

Inner districts | +43 1 9475720

Art & culture, Bars, Music, Restaurants (Intern.)

Breakfast € 3.00

365 days from 09:00 to open end!

7Stern Bräu - Great beer specialties!

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Ever tried hemp or chili beer? no? So you should definitely come here, this is the place for beer lovers in Vienna. Best is to start with some rustic typical Austrian food to fill your stomach up, so you don't get drunk immediately!

They have quite strong "bock" beer which contains around 6,2% alcohol. Most of their beer is self brewed and wholly natural without preservatives (compared to industrial beers).

Food is also good and inexpensive, and they serve huge portions! So if you are a small eater, one dish will be enough for two people.

The place is usually very crowded in the evenings and it can happen that you don't find space if you come in a bigger group, so reservation is recommended!

At lunch you can have a main dish for €4 - €5 and it is also less crowded than in the evening.

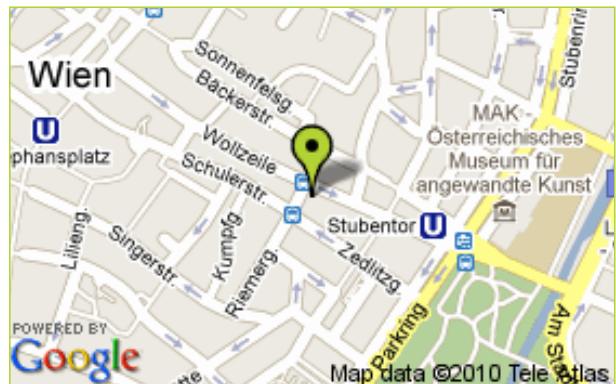
The main restaurant area is non smoking, but they also have smoking areas, which are usually more quiet as they are smaller. The atmosphere is in general very much like in a pub, so don't expect anything too fancy!

7Stern Bräu

Siebensterngasse 19 A
Inner districts | +4315238697
Bars, Restaurants (Austrian)
0.5l beer € 3.50
10:00 - 00:00 daily (closed Dec 24th)

Aida cafés - Pink is sweet

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Vienna's pink heaven can be found all around the city at 26 different locations. The café and pastry chain has got a long tradition in Vienna and is well known as everything is pink: the outfits of the waitstaff (even the socks) and the cakes itself, such as the raspberry bomb.

Most of the cafés are still in their original 50ies/70ies style. It is popular among senior citizens and pink lovers. Some nice locations are next to the St. Stephens cathedral or in the Wollzeile (old city center).

If you want to bring home a sweet souvenir, buy one of their delicious boxes of chocolates, of course in pink!

Check the Aida cafés website for other locations.

Aida cafés

Wollzeile 28 (and see the website)

Old city/center | +4325826110

Coffee & tea

Sacher cake € 2.60

Mon - Fri 06:30 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 20:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00

Alcazar the Cocktail bar - Unpretentious but good

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Situated just in the city center this cocktail bar can be surprisingly empty. There are two reasons. The first one is that it is well hidden in an inconspicuous looking side-street. Furthermore it is right next to a restaurant, which has a much bigger sign and which doors is right next to Alcazar's. Remember, you have to open the right door and there should be stairs going up.

Second of all, it looks very fancy. Actually it's not although it seems so at first sight. In fact, this place is quite unpretentious. No dress code, no class code, simply no code. Close to the Opera, the Musikverein and some very expensive hotels it kind of misses their target group and keeps a friendly vibe instead of cold and "classy".

The cocktails are good (that is they have the right amount of alcohol) and the variety is huge. The prices start at around 7 Euro what is normal considering cocktails are seldom both good and cheap.

Alcazar the Cocktail bar

Bösendorferstraße 2

Old city/center | +435043545

Bars

Mojito € 7.50

Mon - Wed 19:00 - 02:00. Thu - Sat 19:00 - 04:00

Alte Donau - Old Danube

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This is one of my favorite spots. I often walk or run along the Old Danube enjoying the view on the water or the nice little cabins.

In the summer you can hop into the water from one of the wooden piers or you can, just like my friends and I often do, throw a little party on those wooden piers. Or you may rent a pedal boat.

Don't try to reach the little island in the middle, called the Gänsehäufel, which is an open air pool. The pool attendants are watching and you really don't want to mess with them.

Alte Donau

Alte Donau
Across the Danube
Relaxing
24 hours daily

Am Himmel - Heavenly moments

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Am Himmel can be translated with “at heaven” or “in paradise”, and both is the truth. Up in the hills of Vienna, there is this special spot where recreation from the city life is guaranteed.

For centuries the area Am Himmel is known to be good for wandering tours for Viennese inhabitants. Back in 1784 there were exotic gardens and a little castle, later on also the Sisi-chapel (named after the famous empress Sisi) which attracted lots of visitors.

It was only 1997, that the area was designed as it is now with the restaurant Oktogon for exhausted wanderers who only want to sit down and enjoy the view. As one of the main attraction, you can also find a celtic circle of arbor vitae up there: The circle in general symbolizes life, human nature, the world and everything which is alive. But it not only a general statement, but each of the 40 trees stands for some personalities, some characteristic, some strengths and weaknesses.

Considering your birth date, just take a look and find out more about the tree in this period – and more about yourself. Unfortunately, the descriptions are in German, so be sure to take a translator with you or ask another visitor.

Am Himmel

Himmelstraße/ corner Höhenstraße
 Outer districts | +4313288936
 Art & culture, Bars, Relaxing, Restaurants (Intern.)
 Dishes € 10.00
 Wed - Fri 12:00 - 22:00, Sat - Sun 11:00 - 22:00

Amerlingbeisl - A hidden jewel!

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This cultural center, bar and restaurant is a hidden spot in the popular 7th district. Especially their green hidden inner court yard, which can be used all year long, is a rare place to find in the middle of the center. They serve from breakfast to dinner and cocktails, basically everything (every week a special-price cocktail offer).

Their Lunch menus are very popular as well. In busy lunch hours and evenings the service can be a bit slow, but is always very friendly!

The warm ambient inside and the cosy yard give space to colorful crowds from young to old, cultural interested people, intellectuals, students, activists and many more. The upper floor of the building is used for workshops (feminist, anti-racist), exhibitions and other events.

A yearly highlight for us: The Roma festival in September, with Roma music and exhibitions! Great atmosphere is guaranteed!

Amerlingbeisl

Stiftgasse 8

Inner districts | +43 1 526 1660

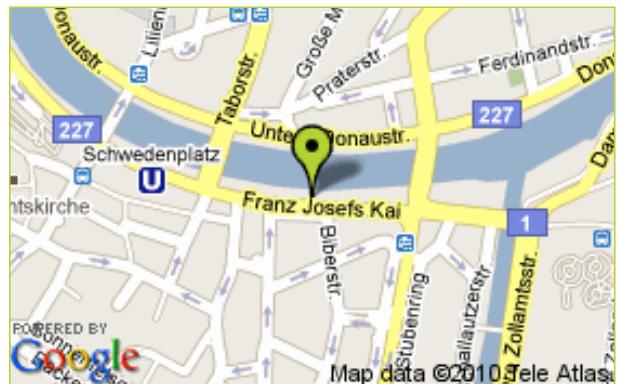
Art & culture, Bars, Music, Restaurants (Austrian)

main € 7.00

09:00 - 02:00 daily

Badeschiff Wien - A pool and club on the Danube

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A pool on the Danube, what do you want more? A place to catch a sunburn nearby, where tasty food and drinks are almost close at hand, and a bar plus dance floor to never ever leave this location again. That is what you get at the Badeschiff Wien.

The pool is heated and open until 00:00. It is trailed to the ship, which has a sun deck on it, where you can lie on the deck-chair and watch those people who watch you. What you don't get at the Badeschiff is privacy because of the people passing by who cannot help but stop and stare. On the other hand at which outdoor pool can you avoid the average Peeping Tom ;)? Around October the pool gets covered with what looks like a big white balloon and it becomes a bar.

In the evening, the party starts in the so-called Laderaum (cargo bay). There they play Indie, Electronic, 90s and more. Entrance is free on the weekends including access to the pool! What I like about this place is that parties can get crazy but still don't go overboard.

Badeschiff Wien

Danube canal

Old city/center | +4369915130749

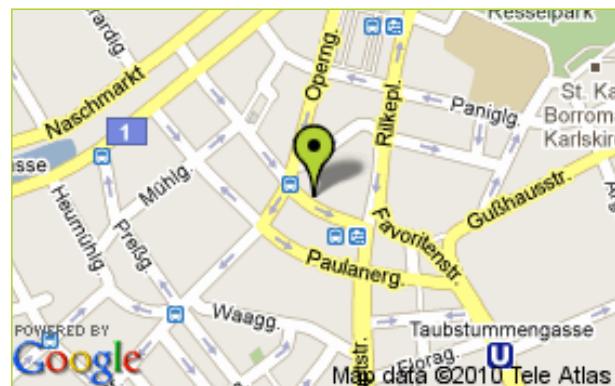
Bars, Music, Relaxing, Snacks

Beer € 3.40

Pool May - Oct 10:00 - 00:00 | Club 22:00 - 04:00

Bobby's foodstore - North American and British food

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All Vienna based locals and travelers who love North American and British food products will go crazy when grocery shopping at Bobby's.

You'll find all the usual suspects to calm down your inner voice crying for the next trip to the States, Canada, UK and other countries that sell those kind of products. Chat up the person sitting at the counter in English. Locals love to get the feeling of being abroad and this little shop satisfies their cravings .

I personally love the soda Mountain dew and only found it there. Aunt Jemima's American pancakes baking item. My mouth waters by the thought of it. There is even a book exchange shelf to be found right at the entrance. Check it out yourselves and get lost in the fascinating world of foreign grocery shopping.

One of my best friends recently told me about a new international grocery store in town: it is always good to have more than one option, right? ;)

BOTTELINI drinks + snacks., 1050 Wien
Pilgramgasse 16.

Since May 2010 there is a second shop in
Josefstdtterstraße 42, 1080 Vienna.

Bobby's foodstore

Schleifmühlgasse 8
Inner districts | +4315867534
Shopping, Snacks
Mon - Fri 10:00 - 18:30, Sat 10:00 - 18:00

BROTKunsthalle - THE new art venue in town

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It used to be a factory once in Vienna's 10th district and now it evokes the atmosphere of an Off-Space in Berlin or of the Meatpacking district in New York, and not that of a Viennese Gallery space.

The new show is called Coca-colonized (16.9, opening 7pm - 20.11.2010) -curated by South African-born curator Claire Breukel and featuring nine artists from South America, Central America and Africa, responding to what it means to live and work 'beneath' their first world Northern counterparts (specifically North America and Europe). Coca-colonized responds to the ideology that the influence of a mass culture on another, what is termed 'less established' or 'developing' region, implies an absolute relationship between the influencer and the impressionable.

BROTKunsthalle is in the process of becoming a vibrant and manifold art space beyond the realm of the general Viennese mainstream locations. There are going to be three exhibitions a year. By involving other galleries and art institutions it aims to be a place of multifaceted cooperation. It is supposed to be a platform for various artists, curators, art lovers - to create something new.

For more information, please check out www.brotkunsthalle.com

BROTKunsthalle

Absberggasse 27
Outer districts
Art & culture, Festivals & events
Free
Thu - Sat 12:00 - 18:00

Bücher Strass - A Book store

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Upon entering one feels pitched it into some magical world like the wand shop in Diagon Alley (for all non Harry Potter-junkies- that is where all the students get their magic equipment supply).

A lady in her Sixties (hard to tell to be honest), Mrs Tengg is the owner of the old bookstore (already since 1993). Her night shift opening hours are a perfect opportunity for people who work late or students (technical university is close by) to check out the latest book releases or some old school literature. This is something special since Vienna hasn't yet decided on a more customers-friendly regulation regarding shopping hours.

She calls her store a "Gemischtwarenladen" which translates to grocery's store in a really traditional way. She focuses on Russian and French lyric (she is a great fan of lyric in general) and art books, but offers also a great variety of bestsellers and new releases (couple of them in English). And the best part about it is- she knows most of the books she sells.

Get your own customized book recommendation. If you are not into books check it out nevertheless – it will be your special Vienna experience. Something to tell your grandchildren. Take some time to get to know one of Vienna's genuine "institutions".

Since the owner is always there until past midnight it

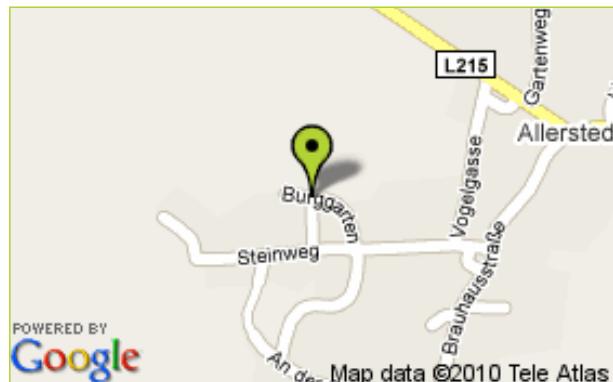
is almost like a 24 hours daily store. But please call to make sure it is open.

Bücher Strass

Operngasse 28
Inner districts | +436649313041
Art & culture, Shopping
Bookmark from € 2.00
Please call to make sure it is open

Burggarten - Green space in the middle of the city

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This is the park that gets full with students in the summer time. And they don't just sit around quietly. They play on their instruments (and that quite nicely) or with their hacky sacks, throw their Frisbees, have picnics, take sunbaths and more.

I love it there partly because it's surrounded by the beautiful buildings of the Schmetterlingshaus (butterfly house), Palmenhaus (palm tree house), National Library and Hofburg and partly because it's always clean.

It is also quite a funny contrast looking at all the students there who would never go to the nearby restaurant, the Palmenhaus because it is simply too expensive. All in all, it is a nice place to relax after sightseeing in the center.

Burggarten

Burgring, Opernring

Old city/center

Relaxing

Apr - Oct 06:00 - 22:00, Nov - Mar 06:30 - 19:00

Café Berg - Not only the gay community loves it

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15 years ago a nice little coffee shop was founded in the young university district. But it was not a "normal" coffee shop: Due to Café Berg's connection with the bookstore "Löwenherz", which is specialized on gay literature, the spot became a hotspot of the queer-, transgender-community.

But not only gay people love Berg: It is one of the loveliest coffee houses in the district, where organic (and fair trade) food is served, where you do not pay a fortune and everyone is easygoing. A non-smoking-area and a little garden for the warmer seasons exist as well.

Apart from the changing menus full of national and international dishes (you can take a look at the menus for the upcoming 2 weeks on the website, the waiters take also care of your dogs – they even have special "doggy-bags" for our hairy friends. As a fan of brunches, I am always thankful for cafés serving breakfast until 15:00 like Berg does.

The whole place is equipped with wireless, but - and this is a little drawback - you have to pay for it: €1 for 30 min, €1,50 for 60 min.

Are you already a fan of the spot now? Then do not hesitate to order one of the "Berg"-fan-T-Shirts and equipment via their website, which is also in English.

Café Berg

Berggasse 8

Danube Canal Area | +43 1 3195720

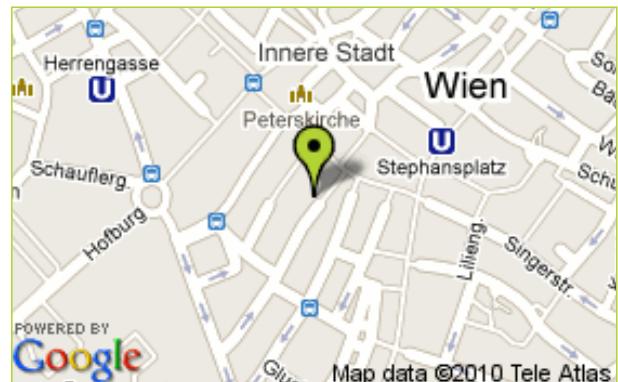
Art & culture, Coffee & tea, Restaurants (Austrian)

Main from € 7.00

Summer 10:00 - 00:00 daily (warm dishes till 23:00),
October 10:00 - 01:00

Café Hawelka - Where the old charm still prevails

Last updated: Aug 24th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



The famous Café Hawelka was one of the centers of Austrian cultural life since the middle of the 20th century. Its charm lies in the owner's habit of hardly ever renovating the place and keeping the old Viennese coffee house customs from the 20th century like selling single cigarettes in a glass.

The old Mr. Hawelka used to stand at the door and greet the customers but I haven't seen him in a while. I remember that when I was there once with a friend from abroad, I wanted a list of beverages, so she could order something to drink. I asked Mr. Hawelka, if I could have the menu. He looked at me like I was crazy needing a menu and pointed at the chalkboard on the wall, where the writing was so smudgy that I could not read a thing.

Since the last renovation it is a bit cleaner and there is a well legible chalk board but amazingly the original furniture is still there.

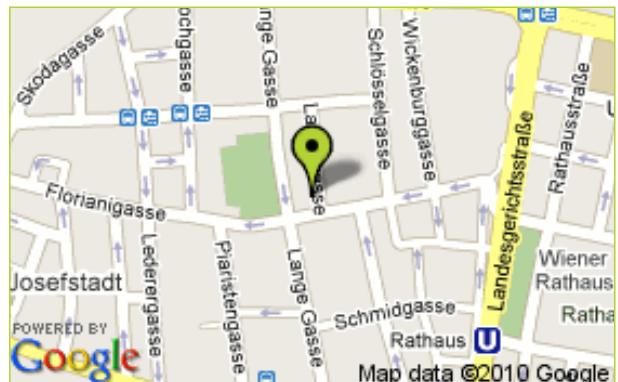
If you go there you have to try the freshly made dessert Buchteln (only in the evenings). They are to die for.

Café Hawelka

Dorotheergasse 6
Old city/center | +4315128230
Coffee & tea
Melange € 3.40
Mon & Wed - Sat 08:00 - 02:00, Sun 10:00 - 02:00

Café Merkur - Tunnels smaller and quieter brother

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There is already a puff piece about Tunnel (check the Tunnel article) on this website, but for those who are a little scared by the crowds and the size of this students "most go", there is an alternative: Café Merkur.

Merkur, which has been re-opened just recently, is actually the smaller brother of Tunnel and can be found literally around the corner from the other spot. It has the same motto as the bigger brother: International food for affordable prizes.

Moreover, it has the same menu (so for this, take a look at the Tunnel article) and promotes the acts/ music shows and art exhibitions of the Tunnel. But for me, according to food and good service, Merkur is the better option. An additional plus is that in Merkur breakfast is served until 17:00 on weekends - and you almost always get a table there.

So, just enjoy the variety of breakfasts known from Tunnel with one of the (international) newspapers. There is hardly any better start into the weekend...

Café Merkur

Lammgasse 1

Inner districts | +4319905413

Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (Intern.)

Snacks à € 2.50

10:00 - 02:00 daily

Café Prückel - 100 years of coffee tradition

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The charm of this typical Viennese café, which was founded in 1904, attracts many people from businessmen to students to seniors.

The cozy interiors with its low armchairs in 50s style make you feel at home. Some people use the café as their private office, as free Wi-Fi is available. Others enjoy reading an international newspaper after a lunch from the daily menu and some come to listen to the live piano music on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 19:00 - 22:00!

It is a place where you can spend hours watching people without getting bored.

The kitchen is typical Austrian, pastries such as the apple-strudel are homemade, coffee is served with a free glass of water and the waitstaff is dressed penguin style. Their Sacher cake is another delight, and according to many one of the best in Vienna.

They have separate smoking and non-smoking areas.

Read more about Viennese coffee culture here!

Café Prückel

Stubenring 24

Old city/center | +4315126115

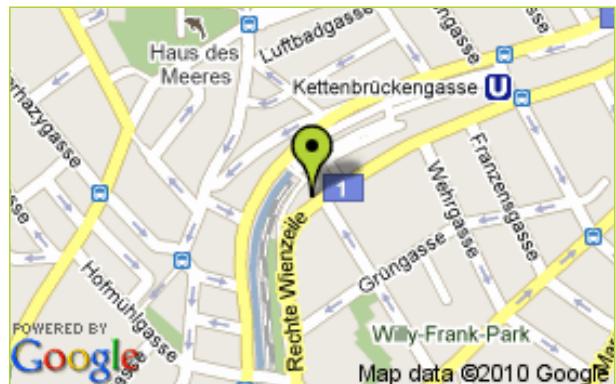
Coffee & tea, Restaurants (Austrian)

Apple-strudel € 2.90

08:30 - 22:00 daily (closed Dec 24th - 26th)

Café Rüdigerhof - Vienna as it is

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One summer about 8 years ago, it was love at first sight; it felt like meeting someone I have already known all my life. Maybe I felt like that, because the Café Rüdigerhof represents Vienna as it is.

For more than 100 years, the coffeehouse has been situated in one of the famous Jugendstil-buildings of the Naschmarkt-area. The golden letters invite you to a more glamorous era, and inside it feels like time stood still: The menu still offers traditional Austrian dishes which are prepared in a way like my granny used to cook them.

If you want to be on the safe side, take the "Wiener Schnitzel" but for people who love to take risks I recommend the "glasierte Leber". If you really want to know what it is, I am sure one of the friendly, relaxed and caring waiters tell you more about it. You get all that for reasonable prizes – especially the lunch menus, which attract a lot of students to Café Rüdigerhof.

But it is not only students, it is everyone – from old ladies to artists; from knitters to couples in love and even some of the high-society. In wintertime the cosy rooms provide a refuge from the stressful world outside. So, choose a coffee or tea - and enjoy Vienna as it is.

Café Rüdigerhof

Hamburgerstraße 20

Inner districts | +43 1 5863138

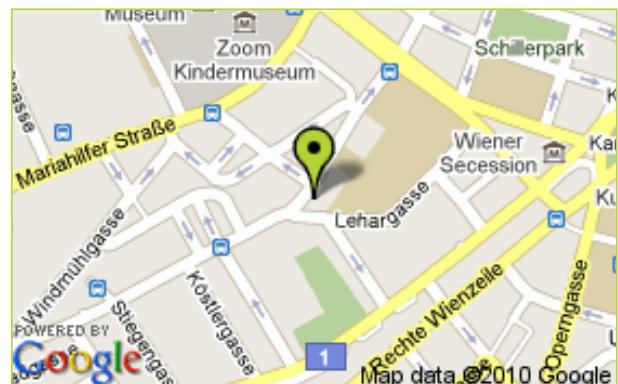
Coffee & tea, Relaxing, Restaurants (Viennese)

Main € 5.50

09:00 - 02:00 daily

Café Sperl - One of those famous coffee shops

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Do not expect tasty coffee or friendly and anxious service, do not expect clean and stylish atmosphere – typical Viennese coffee shops are not about these things. On the contrary, the harsher the service, the more worn out a place is, the better it is. So, what is the mystery behind the Viennese coffee shops then? Well, I guess it is all about experiencing those places and travelling back in time.

Café Sperl, built in 1880 and a listed monument now, is one of the oldest Viennese coffee shops and definitely a must-see and must-go in Wien. In former times the Russian occupying forces used the Café Sperl as shelter for their horses. And students of the academy of arts used to trade their hand drawings for coffee - pieces of art, which are now shown in the famous Viennese Albertina.

Now, Café Sperl is often ranked high considering service and other qualities, even though I recently have experienced some really rude waiters. Moreover, I would not recommend having lunch or dinner there, but sticking to deserts like Strudel and cakes such as the Original Sperl Kaffeehaustorte.

Alternatively, just go inside, order a coffee (Attention: Cappuccino is with whipped cream, Melange with milk) or a glass of water, take one of the international newspaper and just suck in the atmosphere of many centuries of Viennese tradition.

NB: You might be interested in this article on Viennese coffee culture on our main website.

Café Sperl

Gumpendorfer Straße 11
Inner districts | +43 1 5864158
Coffee & tea
Deserts from € 5.00
Mon - Sat 07:00 - 23:00, Sun 11:00 - 20:00 (15:30 - 17:30 piano music)

Café Westend - Unfriendliness meets coziness!

Last updated: Aug 30th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Giambattista Pace



The first address after arriving in Vienna by train (if you arrive at the West-railway station) is this old traditional café.

Smoky atmosphere, dark furniture, comfortable benches, and perfectly dressed waiters, that's the Westend. Don't expect to be warmly welcomed. The waiters, most of them as old as the place itself, are unfriendly and moody.

But they have yummy cakes, good coffee and the warm atmosphere let you forget about them immediately. Actually these moody characters make this a typical café in Vienna.

The location of the café invites all kind of types of people stopping by for a coffee and makes it also interesting to watch people. Somehow you have the feeling that many people have this hobby here - having a coffee and observing the situation.

You can also find typical Austrian dishes at every hour (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

Even if it is a real smokey place (like almost all the cafés in Vienna!) there is a non-smoking corner. At least you don't have to inhale the smoke of your neighbor!

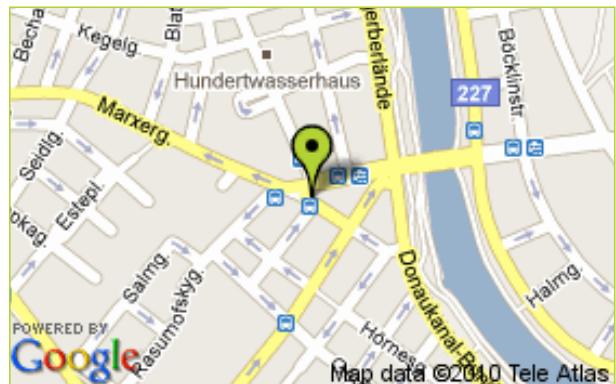
Read more about Viennese coffee culture here.

Café Westend

Mariahilfer Straße 128
Inner districts | +43 1 5233 183
Coffee & tea, Restaurants
Espresso € 2.20
07:00 - 00:00 daily

Café Zartl - Austrian Gemütlichkeit

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Austrian Gemütlichkeit, "coziness" describes this place perfectly. It is another traditional café, like so many in Vienna: International newspaper, late breakfast, typical Austrian fare, comfortable sitting, are the keywords for our beloved cafés.

The café Zartl was founded in 1883, and didn't change a lot since 1919 when a Monsieur called Zartl took over this place. It has always been a meeting point for writers and philosophers, especially during the years between the wars, writers such as Robert Musil came here. Now a days you might come to write a blog entry, taking advantage of the Wi-Fi hotspot while drinking a Melange (Viennese coffee specialty with milk foam).

The waitstaff is not the most attentive, neither the food has a super quality, but here you can spend hours relaxing, chatting and reading in a comfortable warm ambient. Perfect for watching Viennese personalities...there is nothing better than that in a Viennese café!

Have a walk at the nearby Prater before coming here!

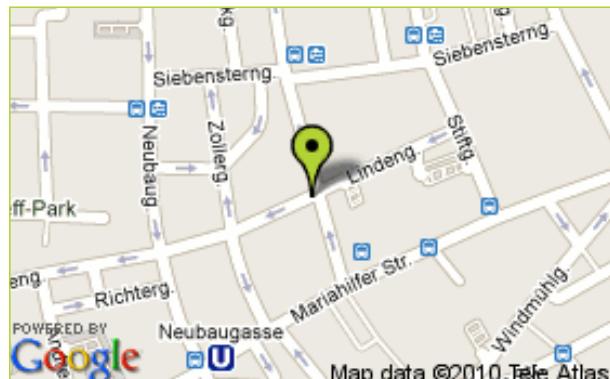
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Café Zartl

Rasumofskygasse 7
Inner districts | +4317125560
Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (Austrian)
espresso € 1.70
07:00 - 00:00 daily

Camille Boyer - Exquise et personelle mode

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French are known for their taste and fashion. And Vienna? Well, Vienna is not mentioned among the fashion capital cities in the world. But even though the industry is quite clear and rather unspectacular, there is still potential - and hope.

One of those who enrich the "scene" is ... a French girl, what else! Camille Boyer opened her Boutique ("Camille Boyer") in the 7th district, the so called "fashion district", a couple of years ago and convinced! Her exquisite and interesting selection of international designers and unique pieces are great, but even greater is the charm of the owner herself.

In search of the Austrian label Me-Shit I rather stumbled over Camille Boyer - and left the shop some hours (!) later with clothes I am still in love with. And with the intention to come back!

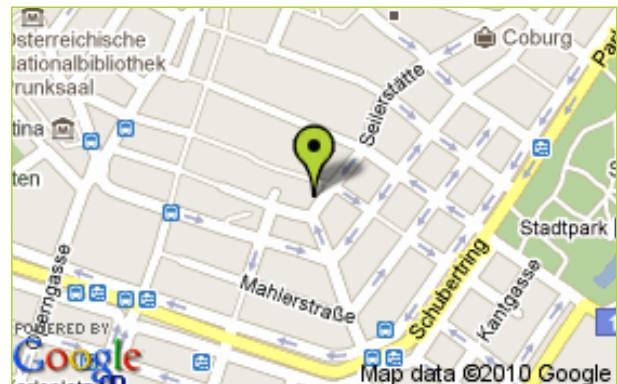
Camille presents her products with affection and sincere interest. You can really tell that she selects every single shirt, every single jacket, every single scarf she offers in the shop - Camille is simply committed to the whole range and wears every single garment herself. It does not surprise me, that Camille Boyer is rather the place to go for fashion people than an insider tipp any more...

Camille Boyer

Lindengasse 25
Inner districts
Shopping
Mon & Thu 11:00 - 15:30, Tue - Wed & Fri -Sat 13:00 - 18:00

Cantino in "Haus der Musik" - A little bit of Spain

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Doris Neubauer



Vienna is called the “city of music”, but if you want to discover what sounds, notes and rhythm are about, Haus der Musik is definitely a Must-go. You will find it in almost every tourist guide and it is not too exaggerated to say that you can spend a day in there. Not mentioned all the time though is Cantino, the restaurant in Haus der Musik.

Family Weinzirl, who not only own Cantino but also the restaurant Weinzirl in Konzerthaus, are experts in making you feel comfortable. Taking the glass lift up to the roof top of Haus der Musik, you will discover Cantino and feel welcome immediately.

With its passion for details and lovely decorations, changed according to the season, the restaurant is worth a visit. Furthermore, you get one of the best views at the old city center.

But you should not go just because of the view or the interior, it is about food: In Cantino they really serve good Spanish tapas (according to Gault Millau '09 maybe the best tapas outside of Spain!"), Italian pasta, and fresh sea food and a huge variety of wine. Of course, you cannot afford to eat there daily, but for an unforgettable evening, it is definitely the place to go.

If you have the chance to be in Vienna on a Sunday, I can highly recommend the Tapas Brunch from 12:00

to 15:00 for a very special start of the day.

Cantino in "Haus der Musik"

Seilerstraße 30

Old city/center | +43 1 5125446

Art & culture, Music, Restaurants (Spanish)

Tapas brunch € 30.00

Mon - Fri 12:00 - 15:00 & 18:00 - 23:00, Sat 18:00 - 23:00, Sun 11:00 - 15:00

Chelsea - Shake your booty the Alternative way

Last updated: Aug 24th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



Chelsea is THE place to go if you need Indie and Alternative music to keep your vitals stable. Although it may happen to you that you walk in on some electronic or metal music (if you don't check the program first), it concentrates mainly on rock and its musical siblings.

Don't be put off by the dirty looking exterior, inside it is a little bit better. But who wants to experience dirty Rock'n'Roll in a sterile environment anyway.

I am usually one of the first to take the dance floor there because, especially on the weekends, it gets really, really crowded. So after powering myself out, I usually go outside to catch my breath and enjoy my beer, because when it's not too cold there are some chairs and tables.

I like this place so much because the music is really good and danceable and it is one of the few places where you can get pear cider (which I love, by the way).

Besides whoever is in charge of the music selection there, shows real talent in picking live bands to play at the Chelsea. Those are mainly little known but from all around the world.

Therefore, if you need your weekly (or daily) dose of freaking-out-to-alternative-rock just try out the



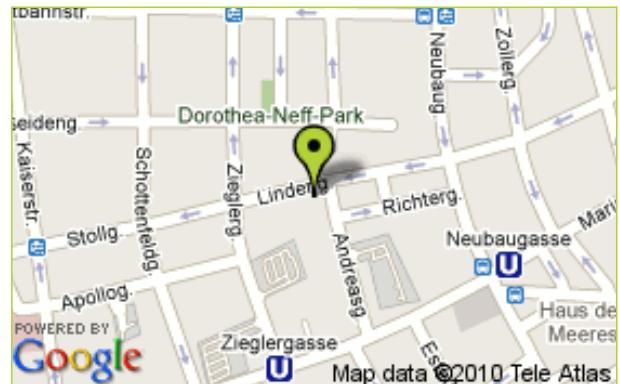
Chelsea.

Chelsea

Lerchenfeldergürtel 31
Old city/center | +43 1 4079309
Bars, Music
Wieselburger beer € 3.50
Mon - Sat 18:00 - 04:00, Sun 16:00 - 03:00

Cinethek OZ - An open living room

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Living room ambiance at a video rental store...it is located right off the busy shopping street- a calm harbor for movie-lovers (mainly old-school and art house).

Every 1st Sunday/month - "Patschenkino" (translates to slipper cinema) meaning that you can behave like at home, you can smoke, drink, feel free to chill, be yourself and enjoy THE art of movie making. They have a great selection of Art house, classics, insider tips, movies for children, rare stuff and tv-series - and TATATATATA - the usual suspects: BLOCKBUSTERS.

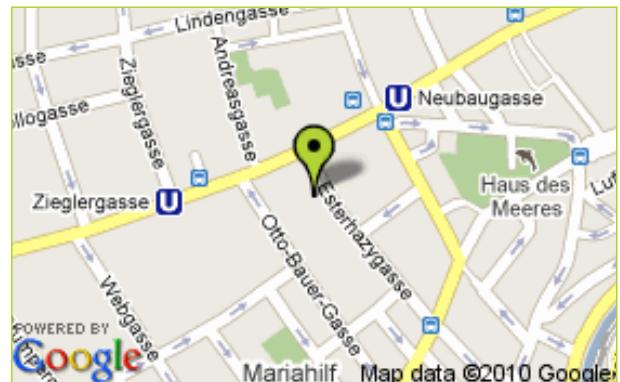
And even the "gourmets" get their money's worth - Illy coffee (Italian), Lasko beer from Slovenia, Austrian wine, healthy juices, Frucade (a BOBO drink, I used to drink it as a kid, they relaunched the brand), Fritz Cola (same) and various snacks. You can either have them for take away or enjoy your snacks and drinks there.

Cinethek OZ

Lindengasse 53
Inner districts
Art & culture, Cinemas, Relaxing
Per DVD per night € 3.60
Mon – Fri 14:00 - 23:00, Sat 12:00- 12:00, Sun 12:00 - 19:30

Club Barfly's - The Original

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Barflys Website



“This is the most urbane and sophisticated cocktail bar in town, frequented by journalists, actors, and politicians“, says not the owner but a review of the New York Times describing Club Barfly's. And I fully agree.

It is the only cocktail bar I frequently visit, because of the great ambience and the amazing menu. With about 400 cocktails, 400 kind of rum and 1000 of whiskeys listed on the menu there is at least one to discover every single day of the year.

Leather chairs to sink in, cozy darkness, jazz or swing piano music in the background, Latin-American live performances from time to time, strong men behind the bar – and great mixed cocktails of course make Club Barfly's into a place where time stands still.

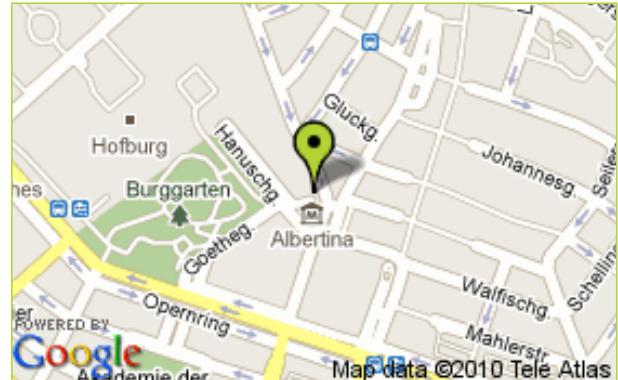
So, stop and relax, take it easy and enjoy the silence as long as you want to.

Club Barfly's

Esterhazygasse 33
Inner districts | +43 1 5860825
Bars, Music
Cocktails from € 9.00
18:00 - 04:00 daily

Das Filmmuseum - Movies for connoisseurs

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At the Filmmuseum you may watch everything but the Hollywood blockbuster movies. I like to think of it as the artistic, alternative cinema in Vienna.

They often have theme programmes, mostly older (black and white) movies and artistic ones. If you walk in uninformed it may happen that you catch an endlessly long short- film of a single perspective of a moving staircase (it made me challenge my perception of art).

The ambiance is simple but classy. For example the screening room is called "Invisible room" because it's completely black and without any ornaments. It was designed in order to keep the focus on the film. The bar fits to this description as well. It is small and black leather seats are placed at the windows in a kind of notch. The red house wine there is cheap AND tasty.

Due to new regulations smoking is only allowed after 21.00.

Das Filmmuseum

Augustinerstraße 1

Old city/center | +43 1 5337054

Bars, Cinemas, Snacks

Entrance adults € 9.50

Bar: 10:00 - 00:00 daily | box office: one hour before 1st screening

Das Moebel - Furniture to try out

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Walking in, the inconsistency of the range of furniture will strike you. And every piece has a price tag attached. Right. They are all for sale. Young and striving designers leave their products in the Moebel, hoping to sell them. But don't worry, you don't have to stand while eating or drinking and you will not be charged for spilling.

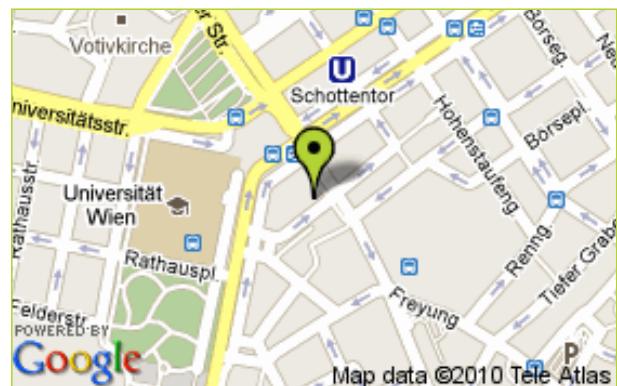
Being a young and hip place it has to have healthy snacks and beverages like organic, ayurvedic and herbal teas and unfiltered juices. Besides, opening not until 10.00 and serving breakfast until 14.00 it becomes very clear what the targeted clientele is: students and artists.

Das Moebel

Burggasse 10
Inner districts | +4315249497
Coffee & tea, Snacks
Beer € 3.20
10:00 - 01:00 daily

Demmers Teehaus - Unbelievable variety of teas

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When you visit Vienna during the autumn or winter you may want to stop and warm up with a nice cup of tea. At the Demmers Teahouse you will find a huge variety of different black, green and fruit teas... and more. It will take you at least 15 minutes to choose.

There are 5 more shops but the biggest is on the Mölker Bastei (in the center) where you can also sit down and take at least 15 minutes to choose what to order.

There is also a big and beautiful selection of tea pots and cups.

Demmers Teehaus

Mölker Bastei 5
Old city/center | +43 1 5335995
Coffee & tea
Tea pot one person € 2.90
Mon - Fri 10:00 - 18:00

Der Wiener Deewan - All you can eat-pay as you wish!

Last updated: Aug 30th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Deewan



A concept which stands out in the restaurant landscape of Vienna makes the Deewan such a popular place. Their motto: "All you can eat-pay as you wish" convinces many students from the nearby University, but it is also very popular among alternative crowds and Pakistanis.

The buffet offers a choice of Pakistani fare, such as lentils and lamb curry. Vegetarian and meat dishes are always well balanced, there is salad and rice. The dessert is a delicious mango semolina pudding.

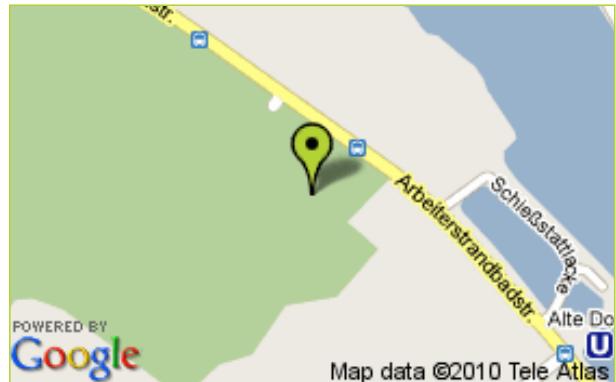
Smokers and No-smokers are separated, but both areas are always crowded. Occasional live music in the downstairs smoking area invites also to come just for a beer if you are not hungry. By the way: drinks have a fixed price, while you pay as you wish for the food.

Der Wiener Deewan

Liechtensteinstrasse 10
Inner districts | +4319251185
Restaurants (Pakistani)
Pay as you wish € 0.00
Mon - Sat 11:00 - 23:00

Donaupark - Take a ride with the mini railway

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The Donaupark is a really nice and big park which has more to offer than just trees. A lot of roses are planted there which let the air smell beautifully even in the autumn when most of them are withered.

Of course, there is a big play ground where I used to chase the peacock when I was a little rugrat. There is a tiny zoo, a tiny skater park, some kind of tennis courts, huge chess figures and a mini railway, which can be used by adults as well.

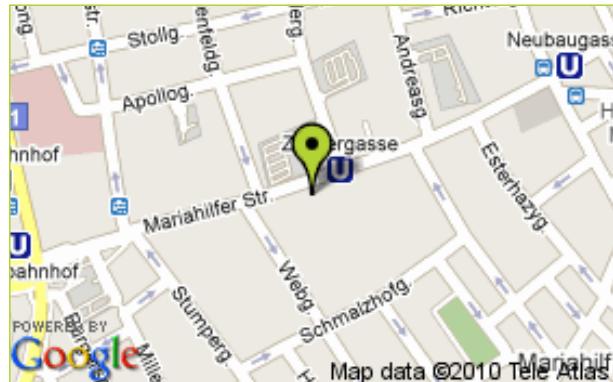
If you want to discover your inner child you may do it here. But you can stay old and just watch the artists at the Donaupark stage who may entertain you with music (Jazz and local) or with a cabaret (mostly in German with Austrian dialect).

Donaupark

Arbeiterstrandbadstraße 122
Across the Danube
Art & culture, Music, Relaxing
24 hours daily

Dots Experimental Sushi - The name tells you all

Last updated: Oct 4th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Dots



Very well hidden in a backyard of busy Mariahilfer Straße, you can find not only one of the most stylish spots here in Vienna, but also one of the most creative Sushi and Asian restaurants in town.

Maki filled with chocolate, peanuts, curry-chicken, cream cheese - doesn't sound like traditional Japanese dishes, right? Well, you can get those in Dots Experimental Sushi too. But as the name implies, the restaurant is mostly known for the very weird recipes and they are really worth a try.

A straight tip for Asian food lovers, Dots also provides great atmosphere for a night out: A huge cocktail-bar with all sorts of wine and drinks, DJ music, so everything to enjoy your evening. And design fetishists are going to be fascinated by the modern, stylish interior full of glass, white furniture - and a lot of "dots" of course.

Dots Experimental Sushi

Mariahilfer Straße 103/G7
Inner districts | +43 1 9209980
Bars, Music, Restaurants (Asian)
Cocktails € 7.00
18:00 - 02:00 daily

Eberts Cocktail Bar - Mixed by Professionals

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Eberts Cocktail Bar



Starting 1996 with the no.1 Austrian Barkeeper school, the American Cocktail Bar machBar (now Eberts Cocktail Bar) was founded by Christian Ebert 10 years later. Situated on the ground floor of the school, the connection between those two places may not be visible - but tangible it is.

The bar in dark wood, the big couches, the beautiful lights, everything in red and beige colours, do not really give the impression of a classroom though. It is too warm, too cosy, too comfortable, too inviting for it. But take a look at the bar itself, at the menu offering more than 250 different cocktails and drinks or just ask the barkeeper to mix something for you - and you will know immediately: Here are professionals and connoisseurs doing their job!

And you are right: Every barman working in Eberts Cocktail Bar also has his daily job - which is teaching others how to become a barkeeper in school. Cocktail experts are fascinated by the detailed and professional explanations, others just love the delicious taste of the drinks.

You can also rent it for private parties (up to 100 people), I can only tell you from my experience: It is going to be a night you will always remember!

Just go there and enjoy your cocktail, especially during Happy Hour which is Monday till Thursday from

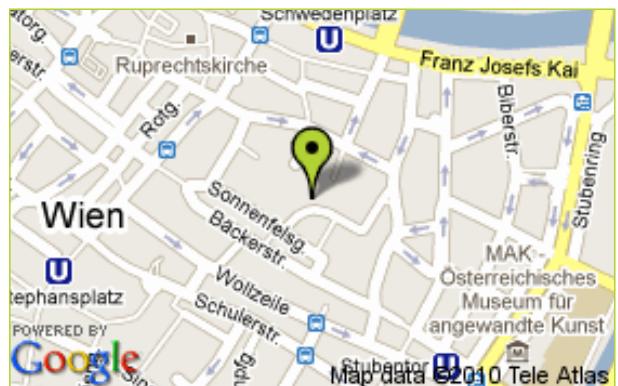
18:00 to 21:00, Friday and Saturday from 19:00 to 21:00 and around midnight.

Eberts Cocktail Bar

Gumpendorfer Straße 51
Inner districts | +43 1 5865465
Bars, Music
Cocktails from € 5.50
Sun - Thu 18:00 - 02:00, Fri - Sat 19:00 - 04:00

Elysium - The hottest club in town

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This is probably the hottest, coolest, hippest and most beautiful club in town.

Located in the old Viennese catacombs, it offers 3 different dance floors (latin, house and disco), various bars, a lounge with classy couches, the most state of the art bathroom accompanied by an enormous water basin/ pool (but no, I don't think it is cool to take a bath in it).

First time I went there I had the feeling I was in an underground club in NYC in the 80ies. a cool, very diverse crowd gets together in this dazzling surrounding. Party people, go see for yourselves...more to come, to be continued...

THE CLUB SEEMS TO BE STILL CLOSED EVEN AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK...I WONDER WHAT IS GOING ON...WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

Elysium
Schönlaterngasse 5
Old city/center
Bars, Music
Entrance adults € 10
Wed - Sat from 22:00

ESCAPE 2010 - Escape the Golden Cage

Last updated: Oct 8th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: www.escape2010.at (Sarah Musser, curator)

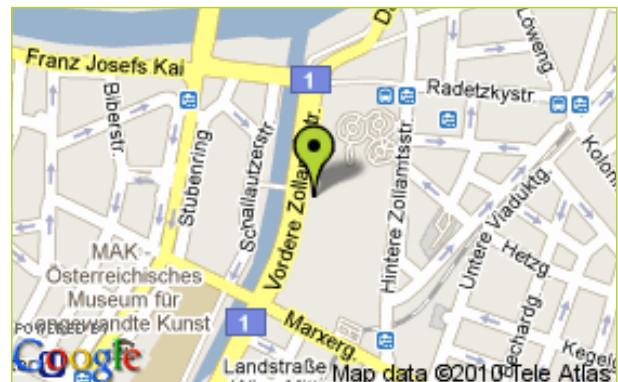


The international exhibition of urban art ESCAPE 2010 – Escape the Golden Cage presents artists who have never before been seen in such an extensive exhibition and will first open its doors on October 1st 2010.

The ESCAPE Team invited national and international artists to show their works - in order to communicate the current positions of urban art. References to space and urban settings, comic, pop and street art are the main focus of the show. The spontaneity and guerrilla attitude of the work is just something else - something that "established art" often lacks.

ESCAPE 2010 exhibits positions of street artists, graffiti sprayers and artists who are inspired by these works. The supporting program includes live paintings, lectures, great dj line-ups and above all - great art. AND on top of that - such a show has never been seen in Vienna...Opening and party 1 October 2010, 19:00... for free...exhibition entry after that € 2,-
CHECK IT OUT

Saturday October 9th is NOMAD'S DAY: "No way back. 24h I a lifetime"
Where: Morisson Club (Rechte Wienzeile 2A, 1050 Vienna)
When: from 11:00 until open end



What's going on: watch NOMAD painting the club, get them tattooed for free from 19:00 to 23:00 by lionheart tattoo gallery and dance after to hos funky music.

ESCAPE 2010

Vordere Zollamtstrasse 3
Inner districts
Art & culture, Festivals & events
Entry € 2.00
Mon - Wed & Fri 12:00 - 18:99, Thu 12:00 - 19:00

First Floor - The serious cocktail bar

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A hidden treasure of Vienna's "Bermuda-triangle", a popular nightspot in the center, is this cocktail bar.

The "First Floor" is hidden, as it reveals its name, in the 1st floor. The small door which doesn't let you spy from outside leads you in this cocktail paradise. Dimmed light, dark wood paneling and the vast aquarium add the special flair to this sophisticated place.

The staff knows how to mix a good cocktail and the choice is wide. Over 200 cocktails are offered. Enjoy your cocktail while watching the flowing seaweed in the aquarium and listening to a good selection of Jazz, Soul and Lounge music.

A perfect place for a intimate meeting or hanging out with good friends.

First Floor

Seitenstettengasse 5

Old city/center | +43 1 5337866

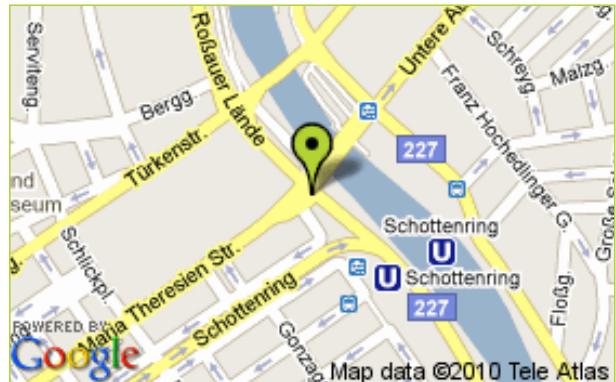
Bars

Cocktails from € 6.00

Mon - Sat 19:00 - 04:00, Sun 19:00 - 03:00

Flex Club - Welcome to the Underground Music

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“Let's go to the Flex”, is a phrase mostly used in the winter. “Let's go in front of the Flex” is often heard on warm days. The reasons are the many wooden tables and benches in front of the club, where you can sit drinking beer from the outside bar called Flex Cafe or beverages you brought yourself (a lot of people do it but you should be at least a little discrete about it) and enjoy the good old dirty Danube canal right next to you.

What makes sitting outside very attractive is the free access to the toilets, which, for the girls at least, has candy all over the walls (only behind a glass plate).

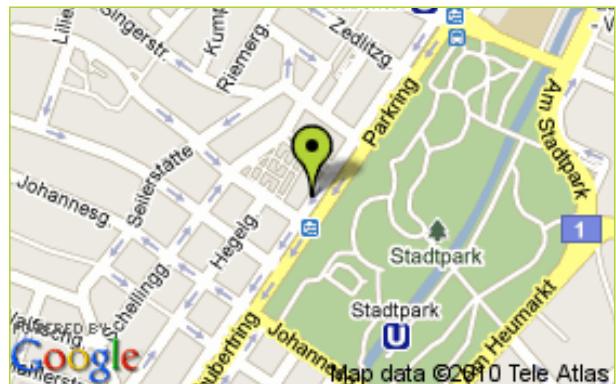
If you would like to see the Flex from the inside, you will have to pay entry more often than not (which varies according to the event). It is a place where you have to check out the program beforehand to know what to expect, but be sure, no matter if it is Rock or Electronic music, it's not the popular one you can hear on a regular radio station. As a consequence, you may spot a lot of freaky people.

Flex Club

Am Donaukanal Abgang Augartenbrücke
Danube Canal Area | +43 1 5337525
Bars, Music
Beer € 3.50
19:00 - 04:00 daily

Gartenbaukino - One of Vienna's finest movie theater

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Not only is Gartenbaukino a festival location for the independent film festival Viennale but also a host for every year's Oscar Award -night screening including free breakfast at 3ish am. COMING UP- Oct21

VIENNALE - by visiting the show Escape2010 you can win tickets for extraordinary street art movies. check it out...

Built in the 60ies it still got that kind of communist-Berlin-style touch to it, retro-style as we would put it now. It has got more than 700 cosy, non - Cineplex seats and a huge wide-screen with old school curtains that open when the movie starts. Gartenbaukino is an integral part to Viennale's success (side note- Viennale is the owner of Gartenbaukino).

Along side with other independent art house movie theaters like the stylish Metro, the small but nice Stadtkino (all of them also Viennale locations) or DeFrance (focus on French movies) the purpose of Gartenbaukino is to be an opponent to the commercial franchise cinema complexes that spring up like mushrooms.

I have to admit that sometimes they are more convenient than the old ones (wider screens, more service,) but they've got no unique character and there's definitely no genuine interest in showing movies that are not part of mainstream pop culture.

Gartenbaukino

Parkring 12

Old city/center | +4315122354

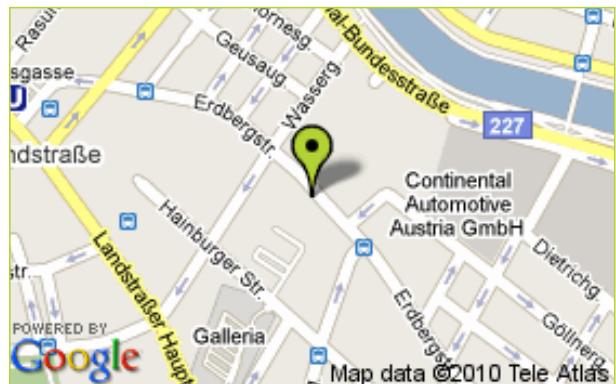
Art & culture, Cinemas, Festivals & events

Row 4-14 € 6.50

Daily

Gassner's Wirtshaus - Viennese!

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<http://www.gassners-wirtshaus.at/>



make a reservation.

So this is a typical Viennese "restaurant", nothing fancy for sure. It is not really in the most interesting area of Vienna, but neither far from the center.

Now what makes it worth to have lunch or dinner at Gassner's?

Well, first of all the staff is friendly. Yes, finally a friendly waiter! Second, the food is really good, high in quality, big portions and the prices are really moderate.

Now if I tell you that this friendly waiter was once managing some very fancy and well know restaurants in the center of Vienna you will start understanding why you really should give it a try. Thomas Gassner, the owner really knows the business and leads his restaurant with passion.

Seasonal menus and a great choice of Viennese classics, such as the Schnitzel don't make it difficult to choose a meal. My all time favorite is "Carinthian Ravioli" (vegetarian dish), accompanied by a good glass of white wine!

For lunch it is convenient to choose between the two daily menus (€4.90 - €5.90).

If you are planning to go for dinner I recommend to

Gassner's Wirtshaus

Erdbergstraße 48
 Inner districts
 Restaurants (Viennese)
 Main dish € 7.00
 Mon - Fri 09:00 - 23:00

Gesundes - Tiny but great

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Organic food shop, restaurant and take-away, "Gesundes" is all in one providing space for 15 people for having lunch at the same time. It is a really tiny spot close to Schwedenplatz and you would not find it without insider-hints. Since its opening in 2001, "Gesundes" has become one of the top spots guaranteeing both delicious and healthy food.

Alexandra Adler, the owner of "Gesundes", and her team are daily (except Sunday) preparing a lunch menu for guests and take-aways. The dishes are made from organic food, vegetarian and based on the 5 elements, TCM nutritional system, to give as much energy as possible. You get soup and a main dish in small portion or in the bigger version for quite a good price considering the ingredients - either to eat it there or as take-away.

If you feel like cooking yourself, there's the opportunity to buy lots of vegetables, fruits, corn, spices and much more in "Gesundes" as well. To complete the package, you can also take part in the regular cooking courses and / or get a coaching what to eat from Alexandra. And for German speaking people who are interested in all the things around "Gesundes", I can recommend this blog: www.gesundess.blogspot.com

It is all for your best, isn't it?

Gesundes

Lilienbrunnsgasse 3
Danube Canal Area | +43 1 2195322
Restaurants, Shopping (Organic)
Daily menu from € 8.90
Mon - Sat 09:00 - 15:00 (Food from 11:30 - 14:00)

Güvenir - Super Turkish supermarket

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A super supermarket, the Turkish Güvenir market in the 3rd district is a nice example for how much the Turkish community is appreciated in Vienna.

They have nice and good food and this supermarket sells basically everything one needs to prepare some Turkish dishes: they sell a large variety of salty cheeses (feta kind of cheeses), Turkish pasta and bread, and super sweet and yummy desserts and sweets.

Another highlight is their Burek, a fried pastry filled with salty cheese, minced meat, or spinach, or their Kebab. Fresh fish and meat, Turkish antipasti are also good in quality and taste.

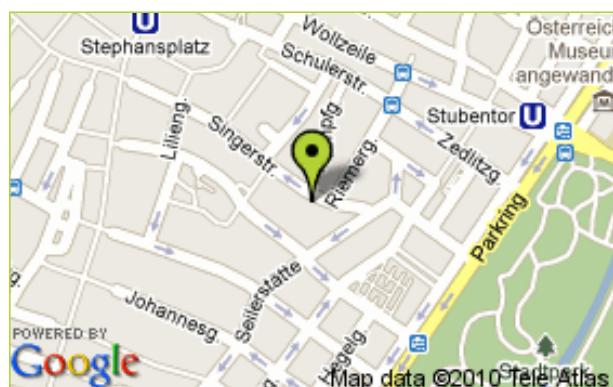
That they are in the Austrian "Genuss Guide" - A printed Guide for good and high quality food is another proof!

Güvenir

Löweng 55
Inner districts | +4317125632
Shopping, Snacks
Burek € 1.50
Mon - Fri 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 19:00

Happy living - UK flair in the heart of Vienna

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A couple of years ago when I did an internship in London, one of my most favorite cities in Europe, apart from my hometown, I fell in love with the city's charm – which was also caused by certain British products.

This time I am not talking about food but about furniture, fashion items and home accessories. An Austrian/British couple brought a wide range of those goods to Vienna. They do not only sell products made in England but also from different other charming countries but mainly from the UK.

The owners will be more than happy to tell you stories about each and every one of these great products – may it be a “shabby-chic” piece of furniture or a baby's rattle. This is daydreamer's paradise –romantic furniture that gives you a “home sweet home” feeling – happy living at its best.

Happy living

Singerstrasse 26a

Old city/center | +4315124051

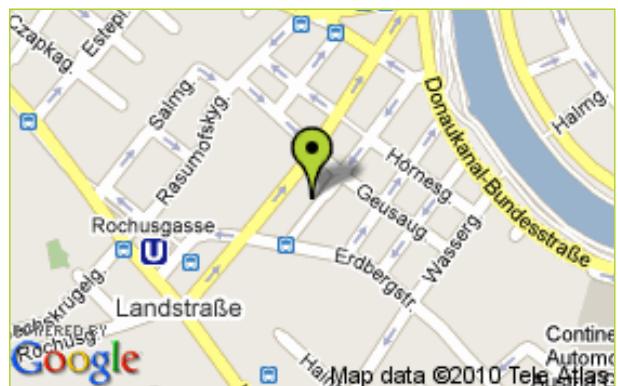
Shopping

Lighters € 2.00

Tue - Fri 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 18:00

Haus Wittgenstein - Design with Bulgarian flare

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Built in 1921 by the famous Austrian philosopher (and architect, gardener, primary school teacher!) Ludwig Wittgenstein for his sister in cooperation with the architect Paul Engelmann, this rational Bauhaus style white house was bought in 1977 by the Bulgarian government and today is home of their cultural institute.

For those interested in Eastern culture and architecture, go here! It's quite hidden among other buildings in the 3rd district. Check their website for the monthly program full of events, such as movies, concerts and expositions.

The building itself can be visited for free from Monday to Thursday, or arrange an appointment by phone for an individual tour.

Haus Wittgenstein

Parkgasse 18

Inner districts | +4317133164

Art & culture, Music

Free

Mon - Thu 10:00 - 12:00 & 15:00 - 16:30

Heindl's Palatschinkenpfandl - Pancake heaven!

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Sometimes it is difficult to find a restaurant in the center which is not too formal and too expensive, but also not too touristy! The so called "pancake-pan" is very centrally located and offers salty and sweet pancakes in a nice atmosphere. Sit down in one of the cozy wooden parlors (some with fireplace), or on the terrace, either smoking or no-smoking. Free Wi-Fi is a bonus for those who quickly want to check their email before eating.

The pancakes are served in pans, and usually they come in a combination of 3 different ones. Vegetarian choices, cheese pancakes and pancakes stuffed with meat; all in all there are 29 delicious variations. The sweet crepes are another delight and usually come with whipped cream or an ice creaming topping.

In the evening the restaurant tends to be crowded, so I recommend you to make a reservation.

Heindl's Palatschinkenpfandl

Köllnerhof-/Grashofgasse 4
Old city/center | +4315138218
Restaurants (Pancakes)
Pancake pan € 10
10:00 - 00:00 daily

Heuriger Hirt - Spectacular view included

Last updated: Oct 4th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Doris Neubauer



A Heuriger is something special for Austrian culture: Local wine and other homemade products, mostly cold dishes such as cheese, meat plates, platters of cold cuts, are sold by the producers. Heurige are usually not open all the time, but only on some special occasions – mostly twice or three times a year.

In Vienna, you can find most of the Heurige in the region of "Grinzing" and also some outer districts, but only few of them are as typical, as down-to-earth, as favourable and as likeable as Heuriger Hirt. And no other Heurige I know has the special add-on: The most spectacular view of Vienna and the beautiful "Kahlenbergerdorf"!

Don't expect the waiters to be super-friendly though, as this is not typical Viennese. Moreover, it's better to choose your food quite fast at the counter - the waiters can be quite impatient if you take your time. Thanks god, everything tastes quite nice as the owner uses his mother's original recipes and organic ingredients from his garden.

Getting to Heuriger Hirt is a little complicated as it is located a little outside: But if you take the underground U4 to Heiligenstadt and then the regional bus Nr. 239 to Kahlenbergerdorf, climbing up the steep streets of this "village", you definitely will not regret it: It is really overwhelming to sit in the garden, which provides space for 200 people, drinking

a glass of the house wine and watching the sunset above the skyline of Vienna.

Heuriger Hirt

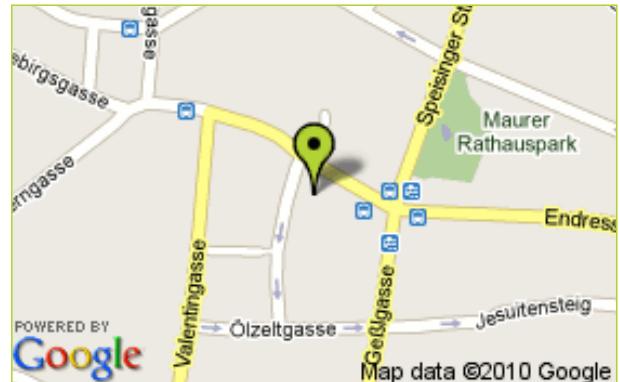
Eisernenhandgasse 165
Outer districts | +4313189641
Bars, Relaxing, Snacks
Dishes € 5.00
Nov – Mar: Fri - Sun from 12:00; Apr - Oct: Wed - Fri from 15:00 (good weather also Mon - Tue), Sat - Sun from 12:00 |

Heuriger Zahel - Off the beaten tourist track

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Heuriger Zahel



Heuriger



Heuriger are everywhere in Vienna and it is easy to get caught in a trap. Thanks god there are still quite typical Heuriger where the tradition of serving self made vine and food for rather normal prices is preserved. One of those places is Heuriger Zahel, one of the oldest Heuriger in Vienna.

Finding Heuriger Zahel is a challenge: It is quite hidden in a 250 years old farm house in one of the outer districts of Vienna. Getting there requires time as well. The next challenge is to chose the perfect timing as Heuriger Zahel is only open during the first two weeks of the month. But if you overcome those hindrances, you definitely get a reward: At Heuriger Zahel, seasonal dishes and Viennese food is served - either warm or on a cold buffet. Don't miss the delicious vine, made from the very own grapes and highly recognised.

As if this was not enough, you can either enjoy your food and drinks in front of the cosy cockle stove inside during wintertime or at the beautiful garden in summertime. Either way, the only downer are the sometimes really stressed out and therefor impatient waiters as Heuriger Zahel is always quite crowded and full of Viennese folk. Take it as a positive sign: You are definitely at the right spot!

Heuriger Zahel

Maurer Hauptplatz 9

Outer districts | +438891318

Restaurants, Snacks (Austrian)

Every first two weeks of the month 11:30 - 00:00
daily
kitchen till 21:30, buffet till 23:00

Himmelsstube - For spoiling your loved ones

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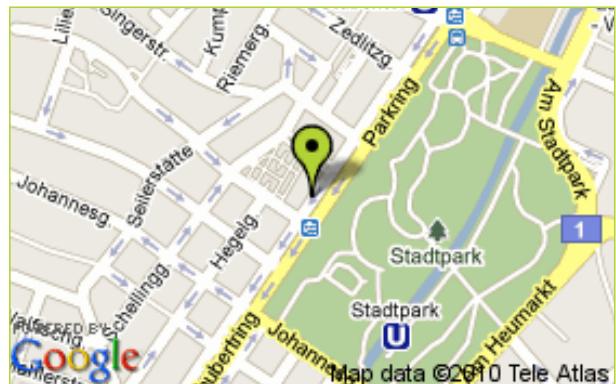


Recently, one of my best friends started talking starry-eyedly about this "lovely and intimate restaurant" where her boyfriend and her use to celebrate one evening every year. Her enthusiasm was so contagious that I had to check it out immediately - and cannot contract her in any ways.

Himmelsstube, which is located on the 12th floor of the hotel "Parkring" (book here!) is really a gem, and a quite unknown one. With only little space (about 10 tables), it is rather small and provides private atmosphere for romantic dinners with your lover or chatty girl-evenings with your best friend. Even some business events or family gatherings are possible there. There is a special room which provides space for about 36 guests. Due to its size, booking a table in advance is more than recommended.

When you book a table you can order a menu: either a romantic dinner (€32,-) or heavenly astro menu (€42,-), where you get the right dish for your sign of the zodiac; another option is to combine dinner & casino (€57,-) or - if you are still under 30 years old - get the first taste during a young gastronomic dinner every Tuesday (€25,-). There is the right menu for everyone.

But I still have not mentioned the best of all: It's not the delicious food nor the lovely atmosphere, on top of that you also can enjoy a really spectacular view of



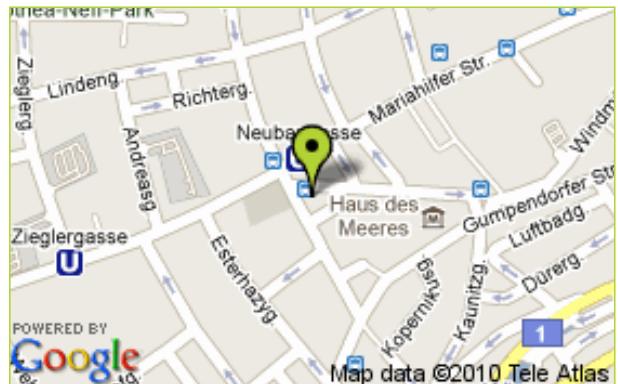
the roofs of beautiful Vienna. You should not miss it, that is for sure!

Himmelsstube

Parkring 12
Old city/center | +4351480417
Restaurants (Austrian)
Menu from € 32
12:00 - 14:30 & 18:00 - 22:00 daily

Hotkultur - Ewa's Fashion Lounge

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Second Hand Shopping and creative Fashion design, that's Ewa's Fashion Lounge.

Most people know the basement shop for it's cool second hand stuff, like 70s jackets and shirts. That Ewa is a great fashion designer is probably less known. But as soon as you start browsing you will discover funny and extraordinary clothing. She basically makes new things out of old ones.

My favorites: her Jackets for women, patchwork style with real cool cuts. And the best thing, she doesn't sell it at the usual "designer price"! You can get a unique piece for around 30 euros and less, and you can also be sure that you are the only one wearing this, because not a single piece is similar to the other!

Ewa's fashion lounge can be also rented for your personal fashion events! More info on that on her website.

Hotkultur

Schadekgasse 3
Inner districts
Shopping
Mon - Sat 10:30 - 18:00

Hütte am Weg - Romance meets Style

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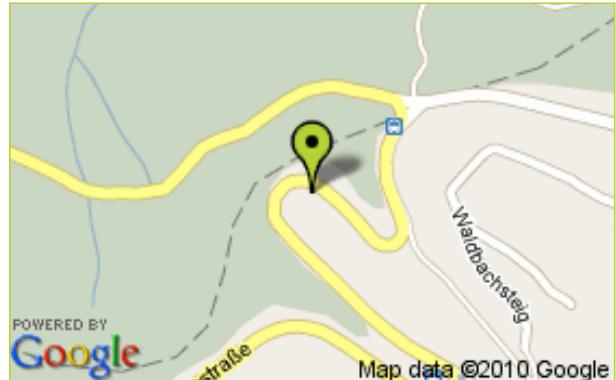


When friends of mine invited me to "Hütte am Weg" I would never have expected what I found: Not the rather simple, shabby hut, its name implies, but a rather romantic, stylish place with down to earth food and affordable prices.

Arriving at the Kahlenberg (check the Kahlenberg article) with the huge parking space, you have to know where to go next: A little arrow gives you the direction. Follow the small path to an old looking hut. The first impression might be deceptive. Take a closer look and you'll see the beautiful garden or smell the freshly grilled trout.

The inside of the hut is even more surprising: It is stylish, modern mixed with traditional parts. There are candles on each table, flower arrangements, a box of citrus fruits in front of the fireplace – everything is well put together. The waitresses wear tasteful "uniforms", some Austrian Dirndl with a modern touch. With all that you might expect exquisite prices on the menu, but - sorry - another mistake: The dishes such as Sauerkraut, dumplings, sausages, (mashed) potatoes and meat are quite cheap. The variety on the menu, which changes every few weeks, is not the best, but it is enough and really good.

What used to be an old hut providing rest during a tiresome excursion is now, after the re-opening in autumn 2008, really a wonderfully romantic and



stylish place - highly recommended not only after a hiking tour.

Hütte am Weg

Am Kahlenberg 47

Outer districts | +4313203975

Coffee & tea, Relaxing, Restaurants (Austrian)

Main from € 5.00

Mon & Wed - Sat 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00

Jazzland - The tiny land of Old School Jazz

Last updated: Mar 10th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



The Jazzland is a tiny place, really well hidden (the best places are) in a cellar in the city center. The unpretentious interior with the nice staff makes you feel welcome immediately.

The best part though is the music. The bands are mostly traditional Jazz, Blues, Boogie, Swing, Folk and sometimes modern Jazz.

The average age of the audience is a bit higher, but that's okay. They are just people who know their stuff and good music.

There is no possibility to make a reservation. Therefore (and because of the size of the place) strangers have to sit (don't really have to, only if they want to sit and not stand) at the same table quite often.

Jazzland

Franz-Josefs Kai 29
Old city/center | +43 1 5332575
Bars, Music, Restaurants, Snacks (Austrian)
Entrance from € 11.00
Mon - Sat 19:00 - 03:00 (Live music 21:00)

Kahlenberg - The most amazing view over Vienna

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It is a long and windy road to get to the top. The best way is to take the bus or go by car, but there are some crazy people actually going all the way up by bike! Either way, it is worth it. The view you have over Vienna is amazing!

If you go all the way to the top you may as well take a walk to the nearby hill, the Leopoldsberg. And at the foot of the Kahlenberg, there is a nice little town, Kahlenbergdorf. There, surrounded by vineyards, you can rest in one of the Heurige, a local restaurants, and enjoy a glass of wine.

Kahlenberg

Kahlenberg (Reachable by the bus 38A)

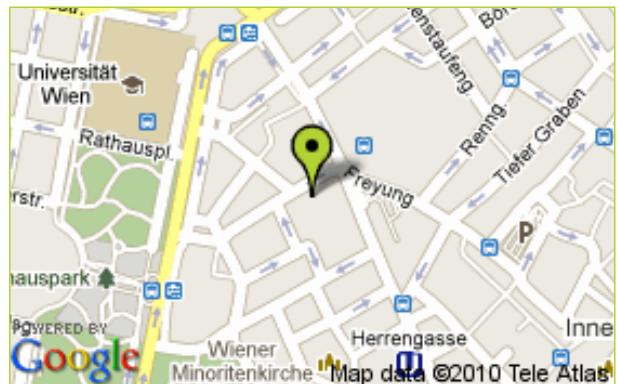
Outer districts

Relaxing

24 hours daily

Kaufhaus Schiepek - Girls in the sky of pearls

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Seeing the window display of Kaufhaus Schiepek I always behave like a mot drawn to the light. So much colorful, glittering and individualistic stuff that my brain is not able to form more than this thought: "I want".

The mainly self-made jewelry is trendy and beautiful. But they also offer pearls in any kind and shape as well as wires, threads and more to create your own accessories. If you have any practical questions the nice ladies from the shop will sure help you with words and deeds.

Additionally, Kaufhaus Schiepek has some nice bags and most importantly everyday objects in the flashiest styles. And let me tell you, they really brighten up your life. For more useful and colorful things go across the street to the store called "Shipping" which belongs to the Kaufhaus. Somehow this place seems to be bewitched putting thoughts into people's mind like: "You need new stuff". And somehow the stuff happens to be sold here.

Kaufhaus Schiepek

Teinfaltstraße 3

Old city/center | +4315331575

Shopping

Mon - Fri 10:30 - 18:30, Sat 10:00 - 17:00

Kebab Haus - Best Kebab in town

Last updated: Jun 10th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



The decent priced (not the cheapest in town but every cent of it is worth it – a justifiable investment leading to a high quality culinary experience) Kebab at the Kebab House is a not to be missed highlight in Vienna.

Either you go there after a night out at the club Roxy which is situated right across the street or for lunch, dinner – even if you only want to grab a snack to fight a sudden urge of gusto – this is the place to be.

Side note: check out the event "Entourage" at Roxy. A friend of mine, DJ Mezuan makes the party crowd dance (mostly 90ies RNB and Hip Hop)...UPCOMING EVENT: Friday, June 11, 2010 at 11:00pm
Operngasse 24 / Ecke Faulmannsgasse

The difference between a random Kebab kiosk and this place is that the staff and the owner guarantee that the meat is home-made and not from a wholesale (where often it's not traceable if the cold chain was never disrupted).

It's been more than 20 years (the restaurant was opened in 1987) and it is still THE place (even though this is –of course- my point of view and a matter of taste). However I still believe this is one of the best places in town for a good Kebab- above all "mit allem, bitte!- meaning: with all ingredients please!" Bon appetit!

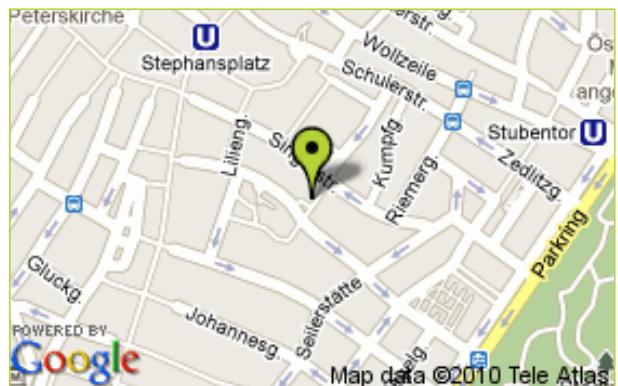
PS; Regarding the Kebabs – an advice by one of the locals: "mit scharf!" if you are into hot and spicy food

Kebab Haus

Operngasse 26
Inner districts | +43 1 5875308
Restaurants, Snacks (Turkish)
Kebab € 3.00
Mon - Thu & Sun 11:30 - 00:00, Fri - Sat 11.30 - 04:00

Kleines Café - Vienna's smallest coffee house

Last updated: Sep 14th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



A special place for BOBOs (members of the bohemian bourgeoisie - an expression made up by the city's well known magazine FALTER) It is really tiny indoors and maybe has a greater atmosphere in summer when you can sit outside on the wonderful Franziskanerplatz where you feel like you have hopped on a time machine and entered medieval times (when you first lay eyes on it what I am talking about). – a very intimate and picturesque place in modern Vienna.

If you don't know it you will probably not stumble upon it by chance. An interesting fact is, that the Kleines Café "starred" in "Before Sunrise" alongside with Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. Even the actor Hanno Pöschlo who runs the Kleines Café makes an appearance in the film – as an extra playing the role of a husband on the Budapest-Vienna train where the two main characters meet. The French student and the American traveler spend about 14 hours in Vienna –discussing love and life while exploring the city. All of these spots are definitely worth a visit.

Side note - an artist, Berenice Darrer (she is a painter), LOVES that café - it is her favourite place to be (she already said it on tv so i guess it is fine to say it on a blog) - maybe you will spot her among that extraordinary crowd.

Kleines Café

Franziskanerplatz 3
Old city/center
Bars, Coffee & tea
Wine from € 2.00
Mon - Sat 10:00 - 02:00, Sun 13:00 - 02:00

Kunsthallencafé - Chill out, chill out, chill out

Last updated: Oct 4th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Doris Neubauer



As soon as the first sun rays come out, there is one spot where people already sit in the sun, enjoying their café latte or their Aperol spritz – and this is Kunsthallencafé located on Karlsplatz.

It immediately gives you a holiday feeling when sitting either on the big terrace of the restaurant overlooking the Naschmarkt (see the Naschmarkt article) on one side or the Karlskirche at the other side. And when summertime is really here, there is also the chance – if you are fast – to grab one of the chairs in the grass and get the impression of chilling out on the beach.

Kunsthallencafé is the little sister of “Motto” (check the Motto article), it is one of the summer location of Bernd Schlacher, who is the owner of not only Motto and Kunsthallencafé but of two other spots, “Halle” in Museumsquartier and "Motto am Fluss", as well.

The system is basically the same in all three of them: Providing good atmosphere with chill out (and sometimes live) music, Asian-Austrian-Mediterranean kitchen for prices which are affordable (check out the weekly menu on their website) but not too favorable, tempting the young, urban, stylish people to go there and have a good time. Well, and this is what you can expect from Kunsthallencafé for sure!

Kunsthallencafé

Treitlstraße 2 (Karlsplatz)
Inner districts | +43 1 5870073
Bars, Coffee & tea, Music, Relaxing, Restaurants, Snacks (Intern.)
10:00 - 02:00 daily | DJ-Line Winter Sat - Sun from 14:00

Library at Urban Loritz Square - Another world

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Thousands of cars pass by every day on the “Gürtel”; the red-light-district is only minutes away; the nearby shopping street is attracting crowds to spend money for little and big things. And in between all these rackets and hectic atmosphere, you can take a deep breath and take a break at the city's main library. Even the building, connected to the underground station, just stands out and promises something different.

The promise is kept: In the modern library not only book lovers and newspaper addicts find an impressive number of 288.000 books, but also 57.300 AV Media, 130 PCs and 40 audio- and video-stations. The prices are also very modest: There is a yearly ticket for 18 Euros, but you can also get a daily pass for borrowing objects for the next 4 weeks. And now you can also order over 2.300 digital media directly online.

There are always lots of events taking place at Urban Loritz Square such as exhibitions, flea markets and - of course - readings; almost all of them for free! And if you are exhausted from browsing through all this or if you want to read immediately, take some more steps up to the Café restaurant Canetti, where there is a good view from the terrace and quite delicious food. Your journey to another world can start...

Library at Urban Loritz Square

Urban-Loritz-Platz 2a

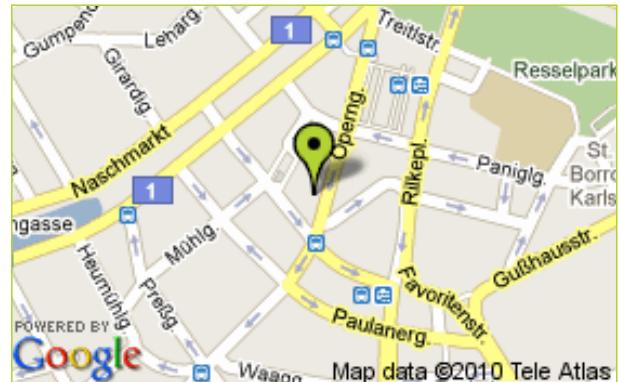
Inner districts | +43 1 400084500

Art & culture, Cinemas, Festivals & events, Music, Restaurants, Shopping (Intern.)

Mon - Fri 11:00 - 19:00, Sat 11:00 - 17:00

Little Joe's Gang-Shop - Arts, design, second hand

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At first glance Little Joe's gang Shop is already more than only a random store. It's got not only the charm of a second hand shop but also "the man in charge" is an establishment himself once you start a nice chat with him.

In front of the store is a table and two seats which makes even every by passer feel welcome to take a look inside or stop for a moment to talk to the people hanging out- you will most probably meet either the owner himself or his mom or friends or even all of them.

The wide range of offered goods is amazing – sunglasses, screen print t-shirts, second hand clothing and many more. Overall impression – not be missed if you are interested in artist-made clothes and a great insight on the local independent art scene.

A friend of mine is a big fan and friend of the owner and surprised me by wearing her own customized Little Joe's Gang shirt. Can you ask for more?

And if you are into artsy but not so fartsy t-shirts, check out Advanced Minority Contemporary Art Space
Westbahnstr 22, A-1070 VIENNA OPEN Mon - Sat 12:00 - 18:00 or Advanced Minority Beta-Store in Zollergasse 2, A-1070 VIENNA
- they call them "wearable visuals" ;) - ain't that

something ;)

Little Joe's Gang-Shop

Operngasse 34/ V
Inner districts | +4319667534
Art & culture, Shopping
Tshirts from € 25.00
Mon - Fri 14:00 - 18:00, Sat 12:00 - 17:00

Loving Hut - Save the planet while eating!

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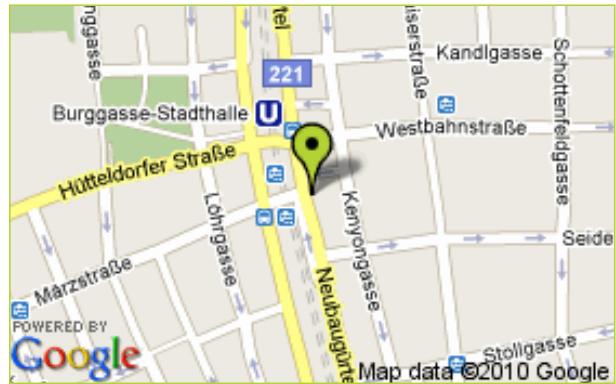


Eat vegan and take care of our environment - that is the (inofficial) slogan of "Loving Hut", an international chain of vegan (!) restaurants, which grows and grows and grows rapidly - and which has finally arrived in Vienna as well.

The main principle and the theory behind the concept is simple: A vegan dish made out of organic ingredients uses 200 times less water than a meat dish. Moreover it produces up to 94% less CO2-emission within a year. You can find this calculation on the website, and it is quite impressive and convincing, isn't it? Not convinced yet? There are even more arguments for being vegan on the website.

The first Viennese Loving Hut on the Neubaugürtel is quite unspectacular outside and you can overlook it quite easily as it is surrounded by grey-in-grey-buildings. Inside it is a bit nicer: Very light interior, including radio and television radiating music and images from the company owned happiness channel, "Supreme TV". Soon after the first restaurant, a second Viennese Loving Hut has opened its doors in Favoritenstraße 156.

What food can you expect at Loving Hut? Vegan AND fairtrade dishes are on the menu, some soy products replace meat dishes and lots of the ingredients are from local and organic productions. All



the food is also available as take away.

So, I actually could imagine worst things than eating vegan: In the end it's all about saving the planet while eating, isn't it?

Loving Hut

Neubaugürtel 38/5

Inner districts | +43 1 293 91 82

Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (Vegan)

Mon & Wed - Sat 11:00 – 21:00, Sun 12:00 – 21:00

Martinjak - Après Ski flair in a tasteful surrounding

Last updated: Sep 14th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



Ski lodge flair combined at TOP location “Am Ring” – an insider tip for travelers who did not yet come across Austrian cuisine or connoisseurs who can't have enough of it.

Opened in May 2008 Martinjak breeds Après Ski flair in a tasteful surrounding – stone pine furniture and an open fire place. Dessert specialty – the well-known Viennese apple strudel with cinnamon cream will be the highlight of a dinner in Austrians capital.

One might ask him/herself “Did I just die and woke up in heaven?”. Delightful ambiance, delicious food and courteous waiters –what else does a hungry traveler need? As a saying points out - traveling is not about arriving but about the way itself.

Since winter is about to hit our city hard (or at least it feels like it), check out the ski lodge ambiente at Martinjak.

Martinjak

Am Opernring 11

Old city/center | +43 1 5356969

Bars, Coffee & tea, Restaurants (Austrian)

Meal from € 7.00

08:00 - 01:00 daily

Maschu Maschu - The best falafel in town

Last updated: Aug 24th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



As the title says, Maschu Maschu really has the best Pita Falafel you can find in Vienna. It is humongous filled with plenty of healthy ingredients (and not just salad and a slice of tomato like somewhere else).

The other food is delicious as well. They put lots and lots of vegetables on your plate. For those who are not Vegetarians, don't worry they have meat there as well and it is not too bad either.

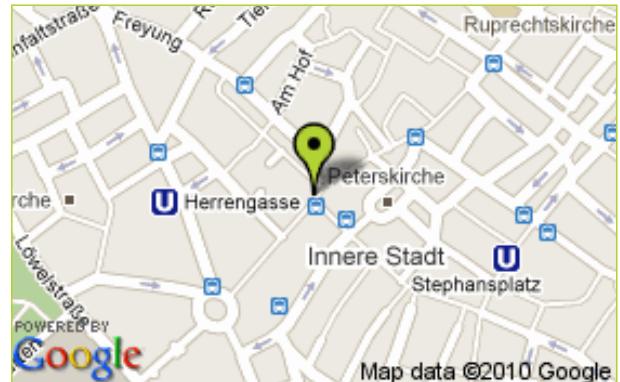
There are two Maschu Maschus, one in the city center and the other at Neubaugasse 20 in the 7th district. The second one is bigger then the other and slightly more expensive (a Pita Falafel for 3,90 Euro).

Maschu Maschu

Rabensteig 8
Old city/center | +4315332904
Restaurants, Snacks (Oriental)
Pita Falafel € 3.50
Sun - Wed 11:30 - 00.00, Thu - Sat 11:30 - 04.00

Meinl am Graben - For those luxury moments in life

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: konquest



Every now and then, I need a little piece of luxury – and the best place to find this in Vienna, definitely is Meinl am Graben. It is not that I can afford to buy caviar from the Caspian Sea or white truffles; it is just about the experience.

Meinl am Graben is not a “normal supermarket” with coffee-shop, wine bar, restaurant and sushi-bar included, it is a piece of art, a temple of delicious things (most of them out of reach); it is all about food and drinks, about taste and smell. If I have to find one word for it: It is all about luxury.

The range is enormous: Over 16.000 delicatessen from all over the world, things you cannot get anywhere else in Vienna, among them 400 kinds of cheese, sausages, chocolates, pâtés, wines, whiskeys – everything you can imagine, and also everything you cannot imagine.

Just do it like all the others: Stroll and browse around, take a look and inhale the feeling of being there. And if you cannot or do not want to afford goose liver, Meinl also has chips, milk, honey and all the things other supermarkets have for the usual prices. But at least you can say: you bought them in Meinl am Graben.

Meinl am Graben

Graben 19

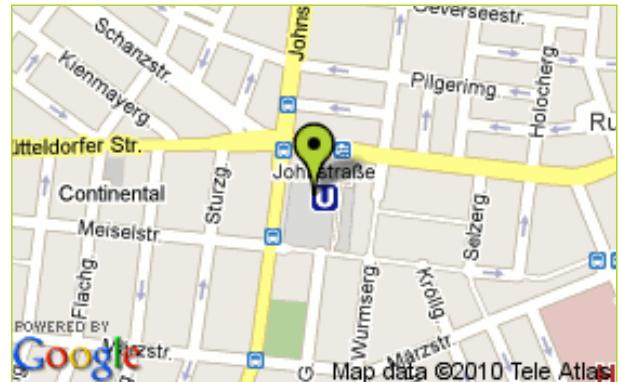
Old city/center | +4315323334

Bars, Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Shopping, Snacks (int.)

Mon - Fri 08:00 - 19:30, Sat 09:00 - 18:00

Meiselmarkt - Multicultural market under the roof

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Fruits, vegetables, Kebab, Pizza, clothes, cafés and many Nations: that's the Meiselmarkt. Maybe you will ask now: so what is special about it? Well, it is the atmosphere! Every market has another charm, so does this one.

Depending on who is selling what, which country's influence is stronger and so on... Here you have the feeling that it is very well balanced between foreign stalls and Austrian ones. A Turk sells meat next to an Austrian bakery. While a Pakistani sells cheap clothing and shoes close to the cheese section of the Italian. And everybody seem to be friends, even if sometime there is a language barrier, people are warmhearted here and open to other cultures.

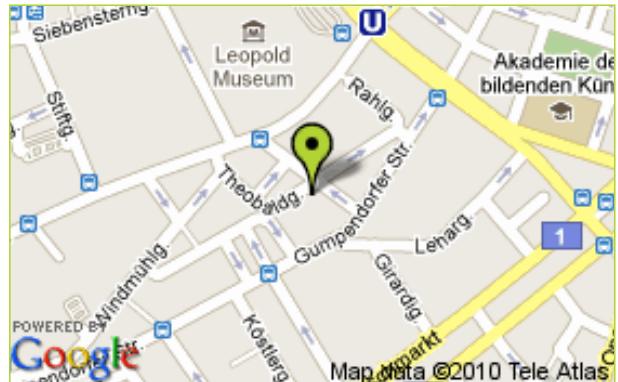
Sit down in one of the small eateries and just watch the people!

Meiselmarkt

Hütteldorfer Straße, corner Johnstraße
Outer districts
Shopping, Snacks
Mon - Fri 06:00 - 19:30, Sat 06:00 - 17:00

Mon Ami - Full-body-maintenance

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Doris Neubauer



Despite the sign "dog and cats care", Mon Ami is a spot where humans are taken care of. Inside, the location is quite simple: An ideal bar for private birthday parties and pre-drinking gatherings.

Soup and Snacks are served daily (€ 3,50 bis € 6,80), you can get nice cocktails from €6,80 on and the home made sandwiches on Wednesdays are filling. There are DJ-Lines and Live music occasionally and you can access WLAN for free. Nothing spectacular, right?

Well, you definitely have to take a closer look: Mon Ami is not only a bar, but a fashion store and an event location (Check it out on the Website). Inside the restaurant area hides a fashion studio of young Austrian designers. During the opening hours of the bar, you can take your drink and browse through the creative clothes, colourful hats, knitted scarves and other things. Or you can watch a designer creating and sewing a dress which can be found on the coat hooks the next day.

Coffeeshop, bar, restaurant AND fashion - well, what more can you ask from your friend, mon ami?

Mon Ami

Theobaldgasse 9
Inner districts | +4315850134
Art & culture, Bars, Coffee & tea, Music, Shopping, Snacks
Mon - Sat 18:00 - 01:00

Motto - Pleasure for eyes, ears and tongue

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“The world belongs to those, who know how to relish”: This quote by Giacomo Leopardi is the mission and the summary of “Motto”. There is hardly any other restaurant in Vienna which has been part of the insider scene for so many years now. Whenever you go there you can only be surprised how many beautiful and stylish people there are. But it is even more surprising how comfortable and well treated you feel in “Motto”.

Apart from elegant and stylish interior, amazingly friendly and service oriented waiters and good food which is a mixture of Austrian, Asian and Mediterranean cuisine, there's another important part of “Motto”: It's all about music.

From Wednesday to Saturday there is life DJ playing all kinds of chill out and relaxing music, every day with another motto (from pure jazz to deep house, electro to soul). And on Thursday, there is the special line up called “girls play for the boys”: The fabulous night for gay people, who come to Motto not only this night of the week – no wonder, if you look at the waiters...

Motto

Schönbrunner Straße 30
Inner districts | +43 1 5870672
Bars, Music, Restaurants (Intern.)
Dishes from € 8.00
Mon - Thu & Sun 18:00 - 02:00, Fri - Sat 18:00 - 04:00

MuseumsQuartier - Your own world of art & culture

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Robert/Picasa



There is no better meeting point in Vienna than MuseumsQuartier (for “insiders”: Muqua): Either you go to one of the many museums or you have breakfast at one of the various restaurants. Either you buy good and quite unique presents or just get some new ideas at the shop. Whatever you want to do, you can find it on this 60.000 m² area.

As one of the ten biggest cultural spots in the world, MuseumsQuartier offers a huge variety of different art museums like Leopold Museum and MUMOK (Museum of modern art), modern exhibition halls such as Kunsthalle Wien or festivals like Wiener Festwochen or ImpulsTanz Festival. Moreover, you can also find the Tanzquartier (the location for modern dance, both training and shows), the Architekturzentrum (center for architecture), a museum for children (ZOOM), some smaller galleries and production studios. It is just all in one.

But even though Vienna is known for its cultural taste, locals more or less use MuseumsQuartier for another reason: To hang out and enjoy each other's company. Whenever you walk through the area you always see a lot of mostly young people sitting around, having some drinks, reading and simply having a good time.

By the way: On Nov, 11th winter is starting in MuseumsQuartier - with lots of punsch, gluehwein and much more. Check it out!

MuseumsQuartier

Museumsplatz 1/5

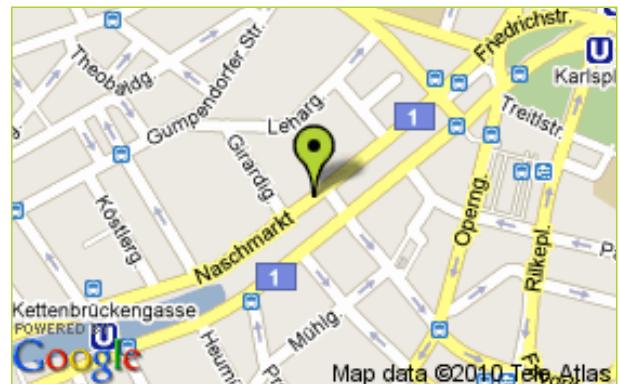
Inner districts | +43 1 5235881

Art & culture, Bars, Music, Relaxing, Snacks, Theaters

Museums generally 10:00 - 18:00 daily

Naschmarkt - THE market place in Vienna

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Need some spices for a traditional Thai dish – don't worry, go to Naschmarkt. You want to buy fresh vegetables from farmers – well, go to Naschmarkt. You are craving for sushi – the answer is obvious: Go to Naschmarkt.

For more than 300 years now, the area on the Wienzeile between Karlsplatz and Kettenbrückengasse is used for markets – and it is getting bigger and bigger.

You will find a visit at Naschmarkt recommended in every tourist guide: Still the Naschmarkt is not only a place for foreigners, but also for Viennese locals who love the international atmosphere. Little stalls with fresh vegetables and fruits, wines, cheese and sausages; stand-up buffets offering Italian, Turkish, Greece, Egypt, Indian, Slovakian and of course Austrian food; highly motivated sales people welcoming you in different languages to their stand – that's what Naschmarkt is all about.

For the last years, Naschmarkt has also become the place for Asian restaurants so do not be surprised to stumble over a Sushi or Thai or Chinese bar every two minutes.

As there is also the biggest Viennese fleamarket every Saturday, especially during summertime it seems like all of Vienna is on Naschmarkt. So, if you are more up

to go shopping and relax, it might be better to visit the place during weekdays or in the morning. And do not forget to take a look at the surrounding: You will find some of the most beautiful buildings in this area!

Naschmarkt

Naschmarkt

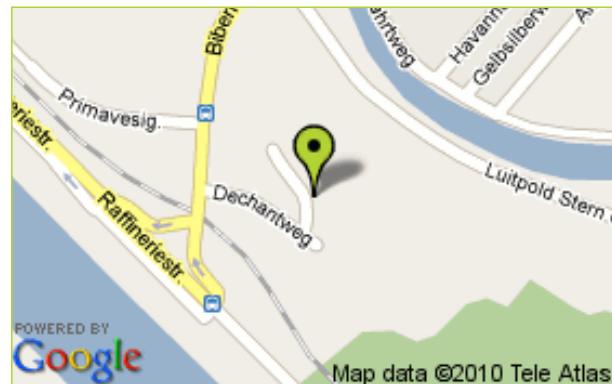
Inner districts

Art & culture, Coffee & tea, Relaxing, Restaurants, Shopping, Snacks (intern.)

Mon - Fri 06:00 - 18:30, Sat 06:00 - 17:00 | Fleamarket Sat 06:30 - 18:00

Nationalparkhaus-Lobau - Discover the nature

Last updated: Aug 12th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: MA 49



The great thing about Vienna is that you have both city and nature. Just a few kilometers across the Danube and still reachable with public transport you arrive to one of Austria's National parks. The Lobau, which is part of the Danube-Auen National Park is a wide area along the Danube, full of lakes, forests, and simple great for exploring the nature and going hiking.

Just at the entrance of the park you find the "National park house", where you can learn about plants, animals and the environment in general. There are also organized hikes through the park, focusing on different issues, such as wild food plants for example.

It's a great spot for a relaxing day in Vienna's nature and your children will love it too!

To arrive by public transport (around 30min from the center):

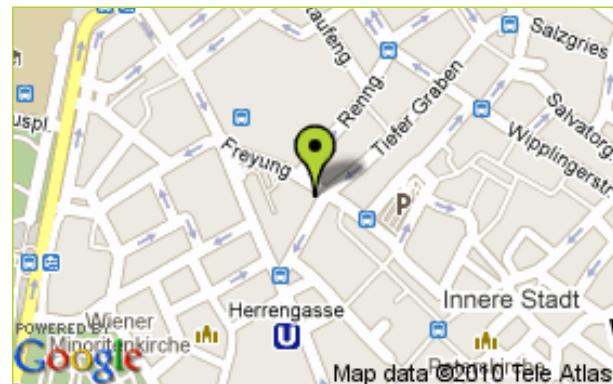
U1 to Kagran
from there Bus 91A, Stop: Roter Hiasl

Nationalparkhaus-Lobau

Dechantweg 8, 1220
Across the Danube | +43 1400049495
Art & culture, Relaxing
Free
4 Mar - 26 Oct Wed - Sun 10:00 - 18:00

Orlando di Castello - What a hippster ;)

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Vienna is growing up. You can tell by the new restaurants, bars, festivals that are popping up here and there. It is becoming more and more of a cosmopolitan city and can definitely keep up with cities like NYC, Paris and Barcelona.

This new bar/restaurant/chill out place is a testimony to this evolution. It comes off as a Berlin cafe - Kastanienallee 103 comes to my mind when I think of Orlando di Castello. Maybe less wanna-be fancy, the waiters are friendlier but are still keeping their cool. Appealing interior design, even the people working there are conformists - corporate design and identity par excellence. Shoes, clothes, even necklaces with the "ODG"-logo (abbreviation for the cafe's name) - a new brand is born.

Go for a "café al banco" for only 1 Euro. Ain't that great - something that I really missed about Vienna.

The only criticism I have to add is that the toilets, well actually the waiting room, has some kind of faulty design - people are always cuing in front of it.

Check it out. It is worth it.

Side note - the coffee (espresso) is good but strong..if you want a real italian coffee, creamy and traditional go to the NEW Vapiano - even though it is a chain and they all kinda look the same to me - the have

great coffee and decent priced food...herrengasse 6 to 8 right next to the subway stop u3 "herrengasse"

Orlando di Castello

Freyung 1

Old city/center

Bars, Coffee & tea, Restaurants (Italian)

Main meal € 8.00

Mon - Sat 07:30 - 00:00

Österreicher im MAK - Austrian cuisine reloaded

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Traditional meets experimental Austrian cuisine – reinterpreted by the star-chef Helmut Österreicher, staged by Peter Noever, the director of the MAK (Museum of Applied Arts). Creativity combined with a down to earth touch that is what the interior, the menu and the affiliated MAK design store are shouting out loud and clear.

Already when you enter the restaurant/bar/café you are amazed by the chandelier made out of empty bottles. At first glances it looks like a classic one but on a closer inspection you notice something outstanding about it.

The most fascinating part about this place is the interior design which is rounded up by the delicious plates the menu has to offer. They offer a great variety of Austrian and international wine - Italian, Spanish, French (the usual suspects).

Typical drink at Austrian restaurants: "G'spritzter" (white wine with bubbly mineral water) - the perfect summer drink.

A great aspect is also the shop where you can get yourself a Vienna art gallery guide or the latest up to date design doorstop.

Österreicher im MAK

Stubenring 5

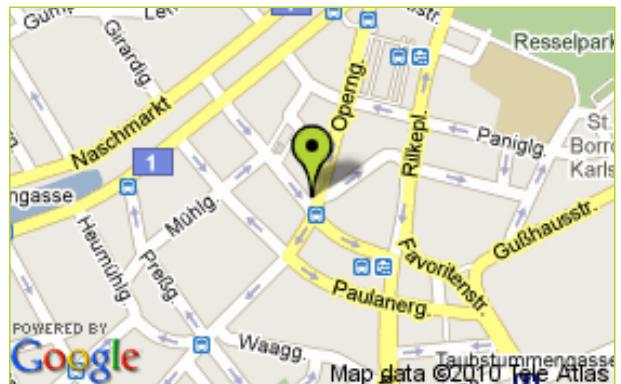
Old city/center | +4317140121

Art & culture, Bars, Restaurants, Shopping (Austr.)
Meal

09:30 - 01:00 daily

P.O.S - Point of Sale - a local hang-out

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The Point of Sale is not a retail store but a comfy local hang-out, at brunch and tea time (if you will) packed to the rafters. When I was someone fresh off the boat by that I mean new to the 4th district scene and a fresh(wo)man at university this place was basically my living-room.

This place (and the people frequenting it) and I clicked immediately. In summer 2008 it was redone and has got a fancier look to it now. It is not only eye candy to the design aesthete but also a culinary delight. It has got the charme of a French bistro (or like franchise chains like Pret a manger or Le Pain Quotidien). See and be seen through the huge windows is the motto.

Local comedians, artists and actors use this place as meeting point, to work on their stuff or to just hang out and have a coffee.

Now that it is summertime, you can enjoy a cafe latte outside while observing the bobos passing by.

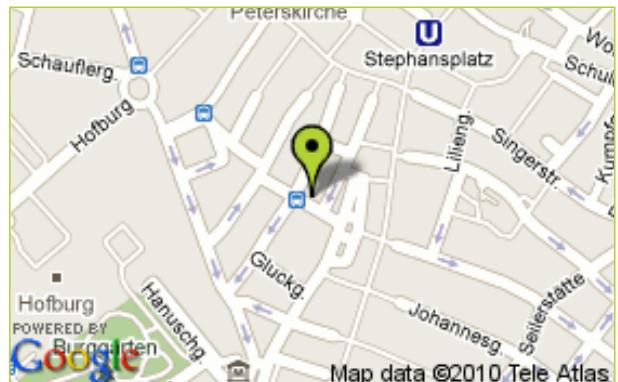
Italian, Greek, American, Indian bfast - you want it - they have it...

P.O.S

Corner Schleifmühlgasse 12
Inner districts | +43 1 9669891
Bars, Coffee & tea, Restaurants (International)
meal from € 7.00
Sun - Thu 10:00 - 01:00, Fri - Sat 10:00 - 02:00

Pat's brainfood - Cuisine to go

Last updated: Jun 10th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



In need of food that makes you feel good, that cools you down, refreshes your mind, contributes to your well-being. The right food is able to improve your mood, your ability to concentrate and achieve all your goals for the day. It is being prepared freshly every day.

The owner actually used to work in the marketing business. She is always there to prepare the food - is more than happy to be of help to make the perfect choice meal-wise. The interior is dashing – new age (reloaded) combined with Scandinavian design.

When I first set eyes on this tiny cuisine to go-restaurant one thought crossed my mind “Vienna is growing up and becoming more and more of a cosmopolitan city – including all the ingredients it needs to meet the young crowd’s expectations!” Since it is only open at lunch time you can imagine how incredibly packed it is – a place where 6 people fit in comfortably but 15 want to get in at the same time. So expect the worst and get the best service, best food in the end.

Now that this place is not an insider thing anymore, make sure to arrive early so you won't have to squeeze in and all the delicious menus will still be available by the time you get there.

At the risk of repeating myself - Vienna is step by step

growing up - it is the right time for adventurous caterer/gastronomer.

Pat's brainfood

Plankengasse 4
Old city/center | +4306642038303
Restaurants, Snacks (Healthy)
Curry soup with beef € 4.80
Mon - Thu 11:30 - 16:30, Fri 11:30 - 15:00

phil - Here you can buy almost everything!

Last updated: Aug 30th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Kieran Lynam

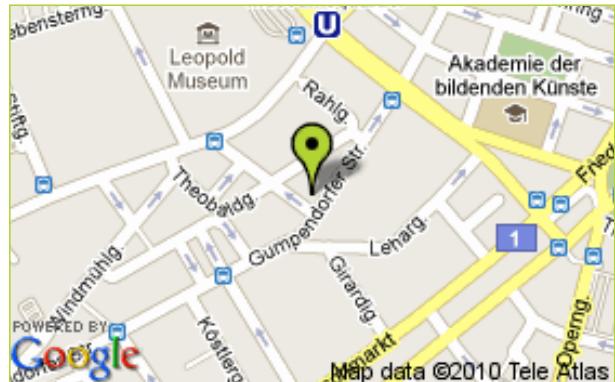


"By the way, the chair you are sitting on is for sale, oh and yes, the book, which you just grabbed from the bookshelf as well. Of course we sell the record you are listening to." That's the phil, a colorful café-bar-bookshop-recordstore-interior shop-flea market and if you find something you can't buy, then you are probably in the toilet, well actually I'm not even sure about that.

Actually the owner recently told us: "We don't sell the toilet (except for the lamp maybe), we don't sell the coffeemachine because she's from the 60s and something special, we don't sell the clothes we're wearing, and we don't sell the artists (singers, writers, painters) when one of our from-time-to-time events takes place."

Students, young families, artists and many more appreciate the easygoing in the phil. The furniture are mostly 70ies and as mentioned before, they can be bought. There is a large corner with books, Dvds, records and posters which you can browse and sniff into while having a drink, and if you like it, you bring it home.

The place is non-smoking and food looks and tastes healthy. Bring your laptop to take advantage of the free Wi-Fi and make sure to reserve a table if you plan to come in a larger group.



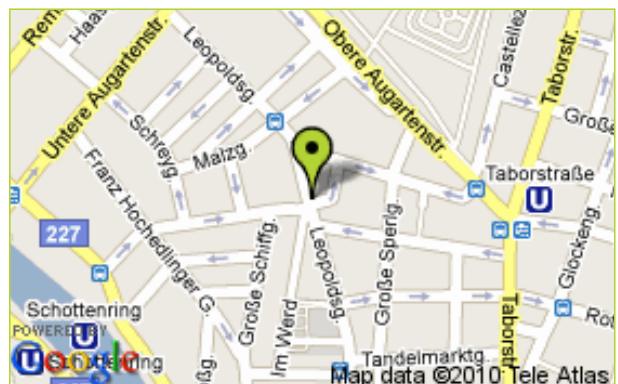
Every Sunday from 6pm live Djs to chill out the end of the weekend.

phil

Gumpendorferstrasse 10 - 12
Inner districts | +4315810489
Bars, Coffee & tea, Music, Shopping, Snacks
Mon 17:00 - 01:00, Tue - Sun 09:00 - 01:00

Pizza Mari' - The best Pizza in town!

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If an Italian living in Vienna says that this is the best Pizza in town, do you have any doubts about that?

Pizza' Mari is a minimalist pizzeria, no kitsch on the walls, no Eros Ramazotti as background music, no Austrianised Italian dishes, just Pizza, the basic of the basics. If you are looking for a Pizza Fantasia or Pizza Hawaii you are definitely at the wrong place, there are Austrians, Arabs, Turks and many more selling this kind of Pizza on every corner, but not here!

They have plenty of space inside and if you are lucky you'll find on a nice day even a free table outside. Watch out, as they pizza makers are Italians, they do ferragosto, which means they go to the beach in August, so no Pizza!

Best choice: a beer and a Pizza Margherita and you will be the happiest person... and please don't order Cappuccino after dinner (as you wouldn't be ordering cornflakes after dinner!)

Now repeat after me: "No more cappuccino after dinner, no more pizza Hawaii and please, for God's sake, don't ask for ketchup never ever!"

Buon appetito!

Pizza Mari'

Leopoldsg 23a

Danube Canal Area | +436766874994

Restaurants (Pizza)

Margherita € 6.80

Tue - Sat 12:00 -14:30 & 18:00 - 00:00, Sun & Holidays 17:00 - 23:00

Pizzeria/Trattoria Rossini - Dolce vita in Vienna

Last updated: Sep 14th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



One of the best Italian restaurants in town - if not THE best.

While it may be tough to find for a non-local, the great food, charming service and souther Italian ambiance, make it more than worth the effort. The guest are being welcomed with a charming "Buona sera Signori!" and if there were not the streets of Vienna outside you would actually get to the feeling of being somewhere in the south of Italy.

Apart from the fact that it is famous – special appearances were made by the Italian singers Romina Power and Albano Carrisi – you will fell home right away. I might be a bit biased since I am a big fan of Italian culture – be it food, way of living, art or...men;)- but I guess there are lots of people like me out there who appreciate it as much as I do and would die for a tasty pizza or an Amaretto soaked tartufo – and above all: an authentic Italian café.

In Italy there is a saying: "Vedere Napoli e poi morire" (see Napoli and then die) – in this case " Mangiare da Rossini e poi morire" (eat at Rossini and then die).

Pizzeria/Trattoria Rossini

Schönlaterngasse 11

Old city/center

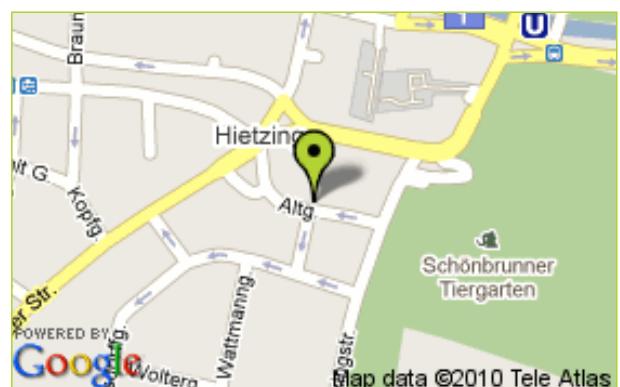
Restaurants (Italian)

Pizza from € 8.00

Mon - Sat 12:00 - 14:30 & 18:30 - 23:30

Pure living bakery - Do you want to see pink?!

Last updated: Oct 4th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Doris Neubauer



I have been living in Vienna for more than 13 years now, and I am still happy like a child if I locate interesting spots: One of these findings is the "Pure living bakery". When I accompanied a friend home from a walk in Schönbrunn, we literally stumbled over this tiny cafeteria - and knew: We have to come back!

"Pure living bakery" is unique here in Vienna, it could rather be found in California: Rumours say that the owner, a former stewardess, collected not only recipes and ideas for the delicious cakes, muffins and waffles on her trips but also every little detail of the interior. Soaps, "furniture buttons", candles, mirrors, mugs, gift wrap paper - it is amazing how much fits in the quite small shop-restaurant. And the good news is: You can buy almost everything you see to decorate your own kitchen or bathroom.

Apart from the cosy atmosphere, the kitchy interior you definitely have to mention the drinks and food: My friend found THE best coffee ever (according to her of course) here and I have to admit, that I am in love with cinnamon roll or the New York Cheese Cake.

By the way: Right across the street a second Pure Living Bakery - this time it is a shop - has opened its doors. It does not surprise me that the first store became too small - it's just an amazing world for

browsing, dreaming and getting inspired!

Pure living bakery

Altgasse 11 and 12

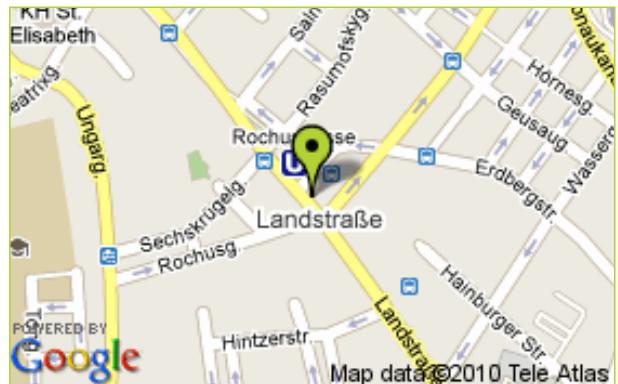
Inner districts

Coffee & tea, Relaxing, Shopping

Coffeehouse: Mon & Wed - Fri 09:30 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00 | Shop: Mon & Wed - Fri 10.30 - 18.30, Sat 10.00 - 14.00

Rochus - The stylish market-café/bar/restaurant

Last updated: Aug 30th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Daniela Lettner



Located around the corner of the Rochus Market, this fancy multi-function place is popular for all-day-long-breakfast, business-lunchs, afternoon-friends-meetings, evening-after-work-cocktails and many other occasions.

Stylish interiors, red armchairs, fancy toilets, a place to see and to be seen. A large variety of food, inspired from the market next door, is served a bit slow, though breakfast and lunch "boxes" are convenient in price and quality.

Check out their Facebook page to know the daily lunch-box offer!

The loungy atmosphere in the evenings make it a popular gathering place to enjoy a cocktail or two!

Inside is non-smoking, but there is a large terrace where of course it is still allowed to smoke.

Rochus

Landsträßer Hauptstraße 55-57

Inner districts | +4317101060

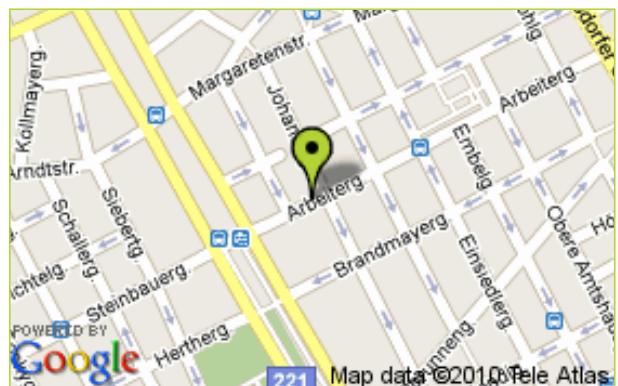
Bars, Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (International)

lunch box € 7.00

08:00 - 02:00 daily

Rupp's - Irish-Austrian-veggie-pub

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Giambattista Pace



Rupp's is not only the vegetarian/vegan answer if you want to try typical Austrian food, it is also a cozy Irish pub with a wide choice of hundreds of whiskeys.

Here you find vegan Gulasch, Wiener Schnitzel and Bratwürstel among typical veggie dishes such as sojaburger, salads, chili sin carne, and breads with various spreads.

If you want to know more about their whiskeys, you'd better go there and find out yourself...for those who are not into whiskey yet or those who want to get a nice overview, we recommend you to attend one of their whiskey tasting events. Check out the website for the upcoming dates.

Irish pubs are traditionally non-smoking, so is the Rupp's! They have a smoking room, which also has a soccer table!

Rupp's guests are always friendly and usually it's easy to find a table soccer partner or drinking mate..oh by the way, they have a nice choice of beers (also organic ones!).

Upcoming:

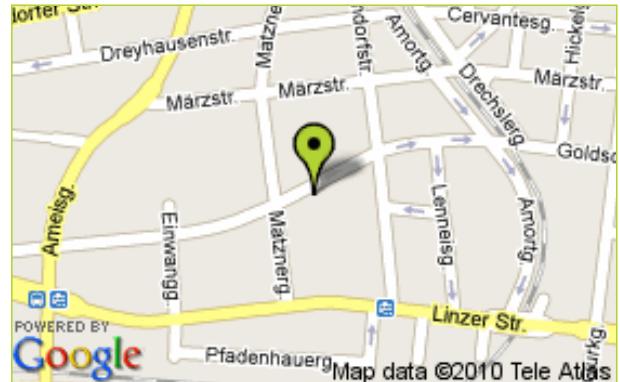
HALLOWEEN Party: 30 -31 October. Welcome to Hell

Rupp's

Arbeitergasse 46
Inner districts | +43 1 5452284
Bars, Restaurants, Snacks (Vegan)
Veg. Schnitzel € 8.50
Mon - Thu 18:00 - 02:00, Fri - Sat 19:00 - 04:00, Oct - Apr Sun 18:00 - 02:00

Sargfabrik - A very special project

Last updated: Jul 18th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Wolfgang Zeiner



The Sargfabrik is Vienna's biggest self-governing community and cultural building. There are flats, a kindergarten, a concert hall, a café-bar-restaurant, meeting rooms and a "bath house" (sauna, swimming pool, wellness area-open in winter).

The café-bar-restaurant has recently re-opened with a new chef and offers culinary delights. The lunch menu for 7,90€ including dessert and coffee seems to be a good reason for visiting the place! (open mon-fri: 10am-10pm) There is a big choice of vegetarian food!

They have nice cultural events and nice concerts, usually focusing on alternative and world music. Here is the program!

It is definitely worth a visit if you are interested in architecture and also in the project itself. That its name means "coffin factory" is not just a curiosity, it really used to be one!

*** SUMMER-BREAK: the restaurant is closed during the month of AUGUST!

NO events during Summer!

Sargfabrik

Goldschlagstraße 169/2

Outer districts | +43198898121

Art & culture, Festivals & events, Music, Relaxing

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 22:00

Sargfabrik-bathhouse - Warm up on cold days

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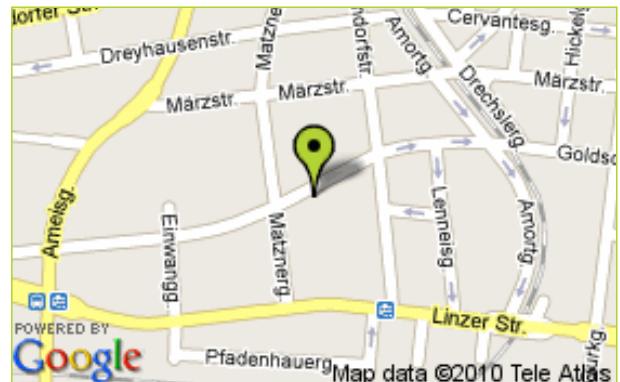


The Sargfabrik is Vienna's biggest self-governing community and cultural building. You'll find flats, a kindergarten, a café/bar, a concert hall, meeting rooms and our beloved bath house! They do have nice cultural events, nice concerts and also the bar we can recommend, but this article we want to dedicate to the bath house as it is so special!

Usually one has to pay a yearly membership to enter the bath house, but they also open their doors a few times per month to the public: the public bath day!

In the bath house you will find the place to relax and to incorporate body and soul. They have a Swimming pool, a sauna, a tepidarium, a whirlpool and bathtubs. Bring a bottle of wine and relax with your partner in a bathtub, read a book or enjoy a massage. Chill out music and candles create the perfect atmosphere. You are free to decide whether you want to wear a bathing suit or not (90% decide not to). For those who come spontaneously towels are available for rent.

Please check their website for the exact dates, usually it is open on every first Friday and on the 2nd, 3rd and last Wednesday of the month and there are also special dates only for women or only for men. The next public bath days: 3-8-15-22-29 of September 2010.



If you visit the bath house the first time you can ask for a free entrance on their website.

Sargfabrik-bathhouse

Goldschlagstr. 169
Outer districts | +43 1 98898111
Relaxing
Entrance € 10.90
See the website

Schokoladekönig - Royal chocolate delight

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Schokoladekönig



My best friend has been talking about Leschanz-chocolate for ages, but it was not until I had to find gifts for a company event, that I had the honor to get in touch with these royal chocolate delights.

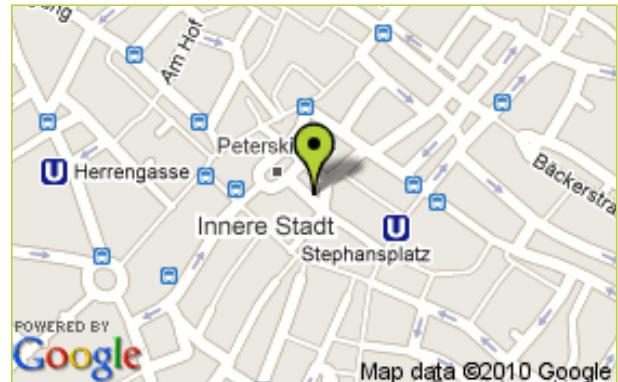
The Viennese confectioner Wolfgang Leschanz is delivering his handmade viands only to the best spots, among them are the famous Meinl am Graben (check the Meinl am Graben article) and the president of Austria for 10 years now.

Some 5 years ago, Leschanz decided to make his creations more accessible - and lucky Vienna, he found the ideal spot to open his shop in the city center: The antique "Button King".

The original furniture including a golden double-headed eagle from days, when the "Button King" was still purveyor to the court, stayed the same. You can even see reminders of former buttons in the shop. But instead of cloth buttons, you can now get chocolate "buttons", candies, cakes - everything sweet you could ask for.

In summertime, a fountain for fruits covered with chocolate provides refreshment - and in wintertime, you can warm yourself with hot chocolate.

It is not only the sweets, but it is Leschanz' passion which makes "Schokoladekönig" special. Experience



the chocolate, the service and indulge yourself - just like a queen and a king deserves it.

Schokoladekönig

Freisingergasse 1

Old city/center | +4315333219

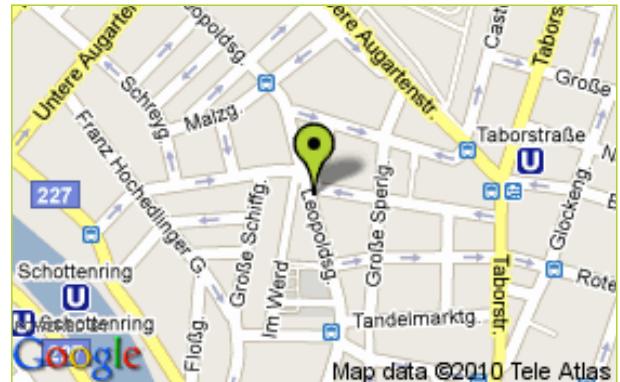
Shopping, Snacks

Sweets from € 1.50

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00

Schöne Perle - Eating with attitude

Last updated: Aug 30th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Daniela Lettner



The first question which came up when we discovered the place was: Why they call it the "beautiful pearl"? The answer we found on their website! Apparently the place was a former Chinese restaurant called like that, and when they discovered what great minimalist architecture was hidden in this place, they simple decided to keep the name.

The Restaurant of the "beautiful pearl", is a good choice for those who pay attention to where it comes their food from! Organic meat and mainly Austrian products are served, though their mussels are another favorite. Dishes are inspired from all around the world and the Karmeliter Market around the corner.

The place is quite simple, minimalist, but always full. Food is served from 11:00 until 23:00 by the friendly and warm staff. Also coffee and drinks are of good quality. As the location is quite spacious you might find family gatherings and young children playing around.

During weekdays (from 12.00 - 18.00) they offer two lunch menus for € 6,90.

A favorite dish of Daniela: Ratatouille of Beans and Pumpkins with pita bread. A favorite of Giamba: Yummy deep-fried Brie with tartar sauce and cranberries!

Guten Appetit!

Schöne Perle

Grosse Pfarrgasse

Danube Canal Area | +436642433593

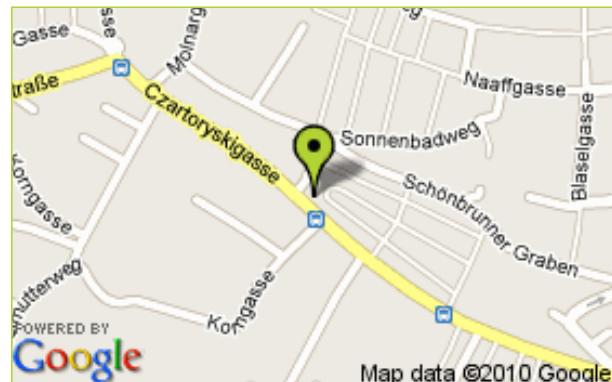
Restaurants (Austrian)

Main dish from € 5.00

Mon - Fri 12:00 - 00:00, Sat - Sun 10:00 - 00:00

Schutzhause am Schafberg - Ethnic in its best way

Last updated: Oct 25th, 2010 | Article By: Doris Neubauer | Picture By: Schutzhause am Schafberg



Originally, the "Schutzhause" in the allotment site "Schafbergsiedlung" used to be a stockage and a registry - but it did not take long till Anna Hytha opened it as a shelter and guesthouse. This was in 1923. And the Schutzhause became quite a legendary place, a site for exhibitions and concerts of Austrian musicians such as "Ostbahn-Kurti & die Chefpartie".

On the 11th of November 2009, some young ambitious people re-opened the "Schutzhause": Completely renovated but still in the same old shape, the old snuggeries provide a cosy atmosphere. The kitchen is seasonal and - of course fitting to the traditional ambience - quite indigenous. During the week, which is Tuesday to Friday, you can also get a daily lunch menue consisting of soup and main dish for €6.80. And if you really do not find anything appropriate on the menu, you can also book a table for a fondue menu.

A nice area, gourmet-kitchen, old traditional rooms, nice service, a beautiful garden for summer-leisure-time - all these ingredients should guarantee one thing: The Schutzhause am Schafberg should be on every must-visit-list in Vienna.

Schutzhause am Schafberg

Czartoryskigasse 190-192

Outer districts | +4314792279

Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (Int.)

Soup € 3.50

Tue - Sat 11:00 - 23:00, Sun 10:00 - 22:00

Shakespeare & Company - Bookstore with character

Last updated: Aug 24th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



Shakespeare & Company is an English bookstore with its own personality. It's small but filled with so many books that by turning around you unwillingly chuck them on the floor- or at least if you are a girl with a big bag.

I was actually very perplexed when the lady at the cash desk lit a cigarette. But then I figured it's her own shop why shouldn't she do what she wants? Besides her niece or grandchild was running around the shop and until now I am not sure whether the sign at the door "Beware of the little art" or something like that- was referring to her or some art I could not detect anywhere.

Though the shop is small you have your Austrian guide books and- even better -your Xenophobe's guides. Beside they don't sell everything but they have books you may not find in any other stores.

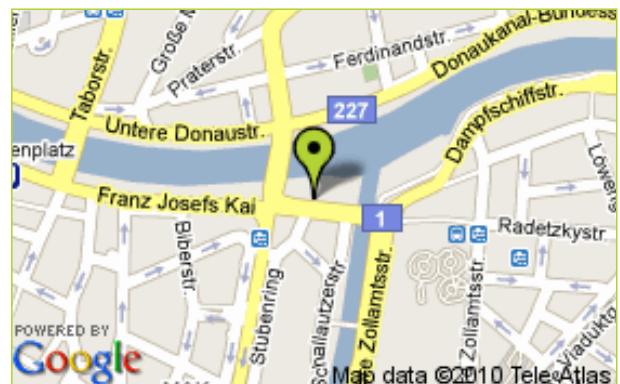
Girls- stop fishing for compliments- you may get them there plus a small discount. As I found an interesting book about the origin of the democratization in Poland the cashier was impressed with my interest in a difficult topic and immediately gave me a discount. Who needs men when there is the Shakespeare & Company bookshop?

Shakespeare & Company

Sternsgasse 2
Old city/center | +4315355053
Art & culture, Shopping
Mon - Sat 09:00 - 21:00

Strandbar Hermann - Beach-bar without the sea

Last updated: Aug 24th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



Don't want to make vacation in Vienna because it has no sea? Well, but it has a beach. And it's not just somewhere but right in the middle of the city.

Take your shoes off, when you come to Strandbar Hermann or you'll ruin them. Sand, canvas chairs and people are everywhere. If you want to get a free chair you better come before working hours are over. This is the place to be in the summer, so expect a lot of young, well-dressed men and women after work as well as not that well-dressed students.

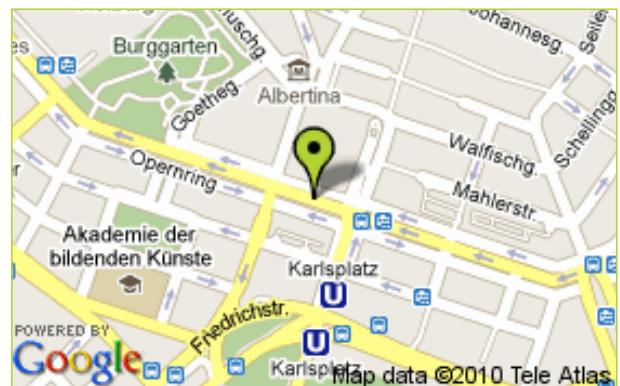
In the evenings there are often some DJ's helping out with taking our troubles away and letting us forget out sorrows until we are back at work.

Strandbar Hermann

Uraniastraße 1
Old city/center
Bars, Music, Relaxing
Beer € 4.00
Open from April 15th - September 29th

Street art - Artistic intervention in public spaces

Last updated: Sep 14th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Stefan Wirnsperger



Street art in Vienna is maybe not as big as in city like Berlin, known for artistic invasion of public space. But also in Vienna artists claim their spots. It embodies absolute freedom and the option to express either a sociopolitical statement or to share a piece of art with as many people as possible.

The good thing is that more and more artists have the urge to express themselves and present their philosophy. Art is not restricted to galleries, museums – the institutional and commercial aspect is to be put aside for a moment or to contemplate on the impact of these interventions.

A daring artist once sprayed “Cross line to feel female” and “Cross line to feel male” tags across town – even or above all in front of museums – questioning stereotypes of masculinity and femininity.

Keep your eyes open and you will see a piece of art on almost every corner...

Another cool street artist is Scott Malcolm Wigglesworth: check out <http://spatialsculpture.com>

Street art exhibition coming to town Oct 1st -check out www.escape2010.at

Street art

Anywhere across town
Old city/center
Art & culture
Free
24 hours daily

Süssi - More than just a parlor

Last updated: Jun 10th, 2010 | Article By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak | Picture By: Katrin-Sophie Dworczak



Süssi derives from two words- the German expression for sweet and the name “Sissi”. Why would you combine these two? Only if you wanted to open up a bakery in the old Empress Sissi’s way.

When you enter, a whole new world opens up. The greatest scents combined with a wonderful décor – a tiny little parlor that offers a great variety of delicious sweets and in summer even ice-cream. Two tables, four seats – as I pointed out – tiny- but really cosy because of the red plush. A portrait of Sissi hanging above the counter, painted by one of the owners himself in his teenage years.

Actually the young painter’s grand grandmother used to be the Empress’ lady’s companion. An original tissue of Sissi provided the logo for this wonderful parlor – a reminiscence to when Austrian was a great and important world player – a place and a time to remember.

Süssi expanded their parlor - so it is not a tiny little tearoom anymore but that doesn't mean that it lost its charm but it actually means that it is even more worth it to visit since you will have more room to enjoy this beautiful Viennese cafe.

Süssi

Operngasse 30

Inner districts | +4369911294199

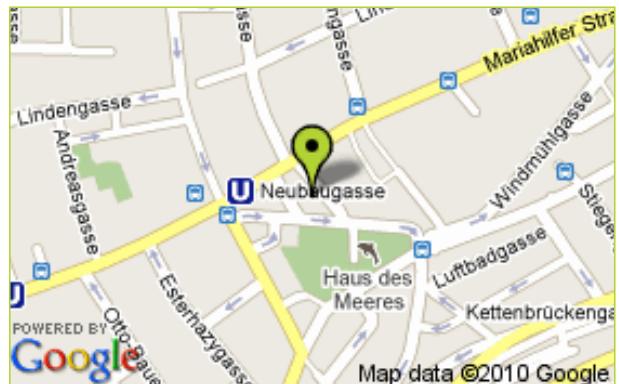
Coffee & tea

Ice-cream € 1.00

Tue - Sat 11:00 - 21:00, Sun 12:00 - 21:00

Tanzcafé Jenseits - Want to get to know Vienna?

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A hooker saloon in former times, Tanzcafé Jenseits with worn-out red Brocade and Plush everywhere, cosy booths, dimmed light, golden lusters, cannot deny its past. And it does not want to hide it.

Jenseits means "Afterlife" or "on the other side": Entering the Tanzcafé really is transferring you to another side - of Vienna, as it was but also as it is nowadays. First, you will be shocked by the air filled with cigarette smoke and all the people in the relatively small club. But within some minutes, you are going to be infected by the relaxed atmosphere and talk to one of the other guests having the time of your life.

It is not surprising that Tanzcafé Jenseits is known as one of those spots you can go to whenever you want: If you feel like going out after midnight, like joining a party till the sun rises and meeting lots of different people - you are going to find it there for sure. For further information about the DJ line-up and special events look at their website, which unfortunately is not updated regularly but at least gives you a broad overview of the place.

Tanzcafé Jenseits

Nelkengasse 3
Inner districts | +4315871233
Bars, Music, Relaxing
Mon - Sat 21:00 - 04:00

Taverna Lefteris - Maybe the best Greek in town

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****closed from Mon. 30.8. to Sun. 19.9.2010 ****

A small street, somewhere in the 3rd district in a quiet residential area... who would expect such an authentic Cretan cuisine here. The Taverna Lefteris might look like the typical Greek from around the corner, but the quality of the food is outstanding.

Native extra virgin olive oil is the base of most dishes. Fish specialties are always worth trying here, and the best choices are usually the current seasonal offers (which are usually not written anywhere, so ask the waiter!).

Food is served with a smile by the Greek staff and if you are curious enough to spy, you will see women ruling the kitchen. Open your stomach with a plate of Mesédes (cold or warm entrees) accompanied with homemade bread (incredible good!) and a glass of wine.

Go there for one of their regular live music events for the Greek experience in Vienna :-)

upcoming event:

"TRIO MYTHOS" Tue., 5th of Oct. 2010

Taverna Lefteris

Hörnsgasse 17

Inner districts | +43 1 7137451

Music, Restaurants (Greek)

Main from € 8.00

Mon - Sat 18:00 - 23:00

Topkino - Visual, aural & flavourful pieces of art

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All movie cinemas offer popcorn, chips, soft-drinks, chocolate while watching the newest Hollywood blockbuster? All?! No, not all! One rebellious fighter against mainstream cinema remains: Topkino.

Located close to Mariahilferstraße, Topkino - together with the affiliated Schikander one of the repertory art-house cinemas in Vienna - is known for showing independent movies and focusing on small-budget-pieces-of-art. Another speciality is the Sunday film brunch where you can watch a movie (starting at 12.30) and indulge yourself with a great brunch buffet before or after the film. And if you want to enjoy a movie together with all your loved ones, you can also rent the movie for private occasions.

As I said though, showing movies is not enough: Topkino is also known as a great hang-out location, restaurant and bar (kitchen till 23.30!). The menu is quite something and the bar promotes itself on the website as offering everything from "real Italian cappuccino from a venetian coffee roastery to flavourful Single Malt Whiskey from the Scottish Highlands". All this you can enjoy while surfing on the internet (WLAN is for free if you consume something) or - if you happen to be in Vienna around summertime - in the outdoor area.

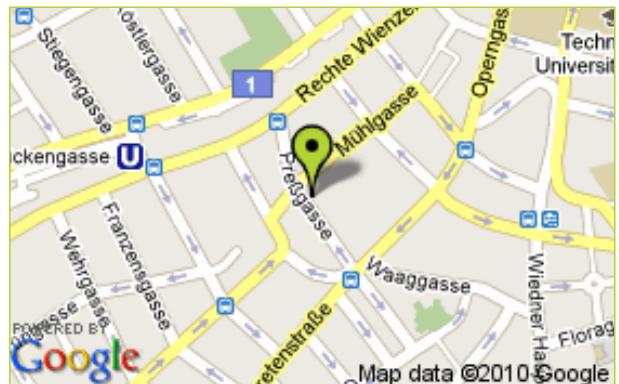
Topkino

Rahlgasse 1
Inner districts | +432083000
Bars, Cinemas, Coffee & tea, Restaurants, Snacks (Intern.)
Snacks

Mon - Wed 15:00 - 02:00, Thu - Sat 15:00 - 04:00, Sun 10:30 - 00:00 (Jul - Sep Sun from 15:00)

Ubl - Original and Traditional

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Within the more or less stylish, modern restaurants in the area of the Naschmarkt (check the Naschmarkt article) and surrounded by Asian places, there is one haven of tradition: "Ubl", named after the owners (read the history inside the restaurant), a very old and unique Beisl serving Viennese cuisine. But not only is the menu exceptional, "Ubls" furniture reminds you of former days and gives you a nostalgic feeling as well.

What can you get there? It is traditional Austrian dishes like Schinkenfleckerl (noodles mixed with chopped ham), Eiernockerl (egg dumplings) or also meat dishes like Tafelspitz (boiled beef) and Zwiebelrostbraten (roastbeef with onions).

Of course you can also get the Viennese Schnitzel there, but I would rather say to try one of the other more special dishes. This goes along with wine from the close by region and little slow but friendly waiters who try to impress you with quite an Austrian English.

After a while you do not feel like sitting in a restaurant but more like you are visiting your aunt and uncle on the countryside, where everything is more picturesque, calm and laid-back. Just enjoy and inhale this.

Ubl

Preßgasse 26
Inner districts | +43 1 5876437
Restaurants (Austrian)
Dishes from € 9.00
12:00 - 14:00 & 18:00 - 00:00 daily

University of Vienna - Studying may be contagious!

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The University of Vienna is a place where you may feel that just by wandering the hallways your brain gets soaked up with wisdom (unfortunately it does not work that way). This building may deceive you by looking old and very historical but it's only a bit more than a 100 years old. Well, I don't care, I just love it.

In the centre of the University there is a tiny little park with some benches, canvas chairs and a little café. This is a really nice place to relax, especially during the summer break when most of the students are at home and it becomes a lot quieter then.

The best time to take some pictures of the university is Saturday morning- it gets uncannily empty then.

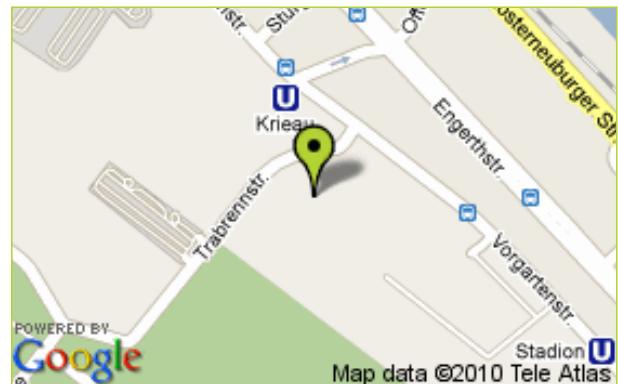
Try to walk around in the University and you definitely get lost. And if you manage to find the library (I couldn't find it until the 2nd semester of my studies) take a look at the old reading room. It still has old tables and shelves and seeing all those busy students at work may evoke a desire to study as well. But don't worry, get out of the University, take a deep breath and it will go away.

University of Vienna

Dr.- Karl-Lueger- Ring 1
Old city/center | +43 1 42770
Art & culture, Relaxing
07:00 - 22:30 daily

Viertel Zwei - Modern architecture

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Well Vienna has to offer a lot of architecture and usually people think of all the Imperial Palaces. It's nice, it's beautiful, but believe me if you live in an imperial city it gets boring.

Instead it's very interesting what's going on with Vienna's modern architecture. They are currently constructing and extending the underground line U2. Around it they are creating completely new neighborhoods.

Such as the VIERTE ZWEI: a completely new area, full of interesting modern architecture. It's mainly an office area, with the seats of some big multinationals. The buildings are designed by different architects, and even though matching perfect. A large lake builds the center and holds together the different buildings. And yes, it's allowed to put your feet into the water after a long walk, or in their case a long working day.

Everything is so new, that it actually seems fake. The green hills seem like pillows, and the grass is really soft (try it, even if though it's not allowed!).

A beautiful fake world of modern architecture worth exploring!

How to arrive: U2: KRIEAU

Viertel Zwei

Stella-Klein-Löw-Weg

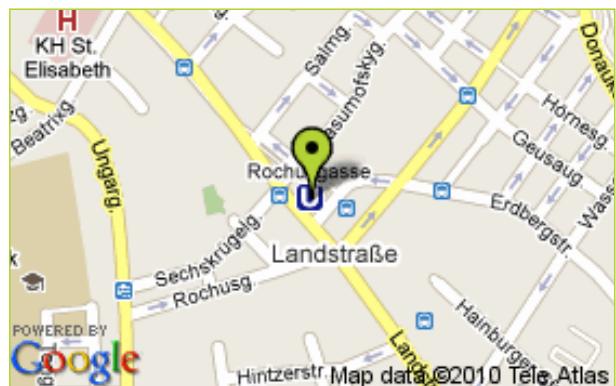
Danube Canal Area

Art & culture

24 hours daily

Vinothek ROCHUS - Aperitivo!

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This little wine bar at the corner of the Rochus market in the 3rd district is a perfect place for an aperitivo.

As we don't really have the tradition to take a pre-dinner drink in Austria, it's difficult to find a place like the Vinothek ROCHUS.

Their selection includes mainly Austrian and Italian Wines. They usually serve you a few little snacks to try for free, such as small plates of pasta and crostini. If you want to enjoy a good glass of wine with some antipasti you can order from the menu typical Italian snacks such as cheese, prosciutto, dried tomatoes...

In tepid summer-nights it's very pleasant to sit outside while enjoying a refreshing Spritz-Aperol (which you get here usually at the best price compared to all the bars around the market!). In winter the interior of the small bar offers a warm atmosphere.

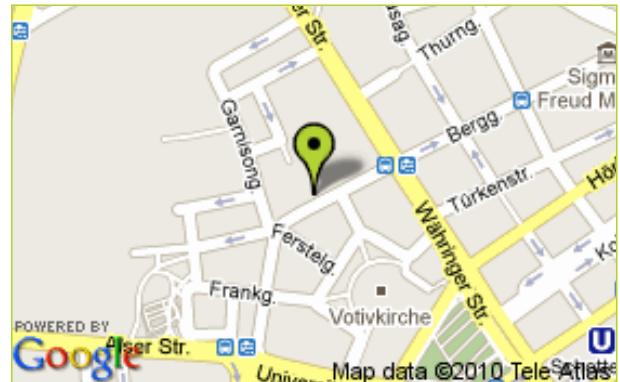
You can buy of course all the wines by bottle and bring home.

Vinothek ROCHUS

Rochusmarkt 16-17
Inner districts | +436643401789
Bars, Shopping
Mon - Sat 10:00 - 23:00

Weltcafé - 100% fair trade and organic

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Only fair traded and organic products are offered in Weltcafé, which is an important part of the student and alternative scene in Vienna. Located in the university district, it was the first coffee-shop mostly offering products from developing countries with focus on coffee, chocolate and tea in 2005.

But Weltcafé is not only a spot for getting extraordinary good coffee compositions or all kind of tea varieties, it is also known for international kitchen and exotic dishes for a fair price. Every day you get lunch menus including soup and main plate for €5,80 - and if you stay longer, you can enjoy the daily cocktail happy hour from 20:00 till 23:00, which is definitely worth a try as well. Moreover, there is a Sunday brunch starting at 10:00 and offering international breakfast from all over the world.

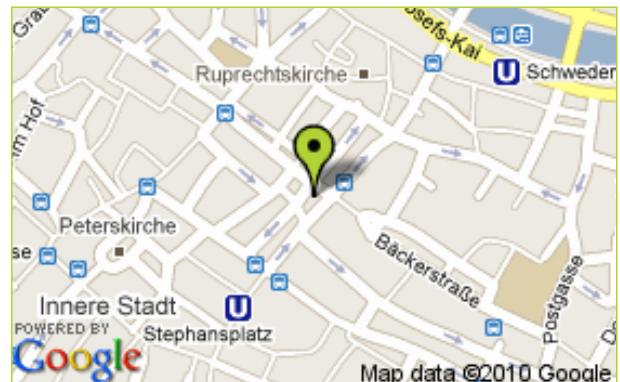
The relaxed and “living-room”-atmosphere of the place provides a good spot for music events, exhibitions, readings, discussions and much more. As part of the fair-trade scene Weltcafé’s intention is clear: They want to inform and teach people about fair trade, about developing countries, about political issues – it is about being aware. But it is also about entertaining, feeling good and having a great time!

Weltcafé

Blackspanierstraße 15
Inner districts | +43 1 4053741
Art & culture, Bars, Relaxing, Restaurants (Intern.)
Snacks from € 1.70
09:00 - 02:00 daily

Weltladen - The door to a colourful, fair world

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Only some years ago, fair trade and organic products were only available for interested insiders, hidden in small and modest corner shops in some side roads or outside of the inner city. This has changed now! In the center of Wien, surrounded by fashion brands, jewelery and posh restaurants, you can find the modern fair trade shop.

As one of the 88 "Weltläden" within Austria, the flag ship store in the first district is a colourful, bright and beautiful symbol of the change of society. The products range from handmade cloths to delicious coffee, from selected spices from Africa, Asia and Southern America to unique earrings or bracelets, from little boxes for precious things to delightful chocolate.

All of them come from the so called third world, but – as the fair trade concept is – producers get fair prices for them and can make their living in good circumstances. So, the prices of fair trade products might be a little more expensive than usual, but the good conscience you get with it is priceless.

Moreover you get really special and unique gifts for yourself and/ or others in "Weltladen", especially the organic coffee and chocolate are worth a try.

And if you love to dress up differently: You can also find beautiful clothes such as creations of the Austrian brand "Göttin des Glücks" in "Weltladen". More

than enough reasons to take a look yourself, right?

Weltladen

Lichtensteg 1

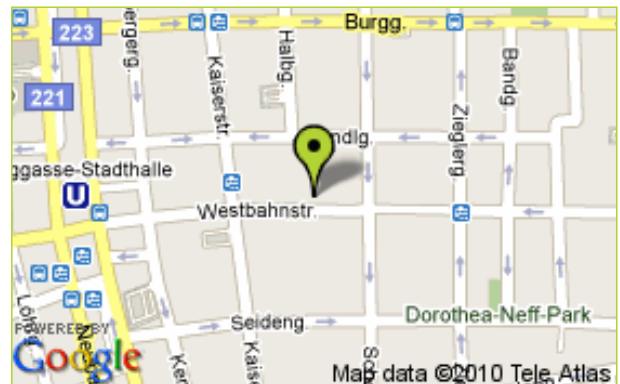
Old city/center | +4315352886

Shopping

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 18:30, Sat 10:00 - 17:00

Westlicht - Photography reloaded

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Established only in 2001, this little exhibition center in the 7th district is home of some of the best photo expositions in Vienna. This is just something a photographer, an amateur or just a curious visitor can't really miss.

Every 20 days or so a new thrilling event is there to be admired. In the past they've hosted the very cream of photography from Araki to Burri and Salgado. Every year the World Press Photo winning photos are showcased here.

Located in a minimalist former loft it is perfectly arranged to focus the visitor on photographs without distractions. The only one being the permanent collection of more than 800 historical cameras which won't pass unnoticed.

From time to time they organize auctions of old-timer equipment and an old glorious Graflex could be yours for a little more than 300 Euro. The adjacent Westlicht all-Leica shop is worth visiting even if you can't afford buying one!

Current exhibition:

3- 26 September 2010 | JOCHEN RINDT.

upcoming:

7 October - 4 November 2010 | WORLD PRESS PHOTO 10

Westlicht

Westbahnstraße 40

Inner districts | +43 1 5226636

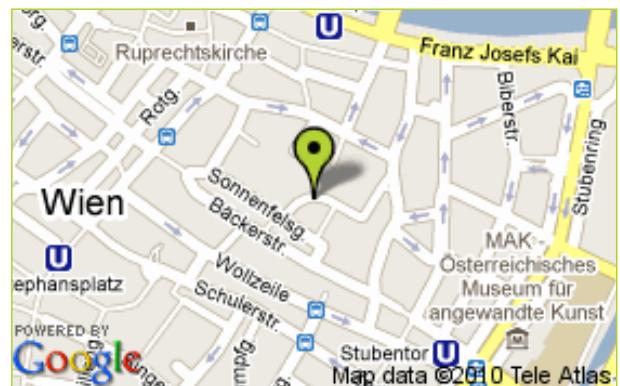
Art & culture

Entry fee € 6.50

Tue - Wed & Fri 14:00 - 19:00, Sat - Sun 11:00 - 19:00

Wunder-Bar - Homely drinking out

Last updated: Oct 15th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Glambattista Pace



It's Saturday night, you're wandering around in town looking for a place to sit, have a drink or two and maybe a pleasant chat with your friends but everything you can find is loudly packed bars with people who definitely drunk too much.

You're about to head home for quietness and maybe finish that little bit of vodka left at the bottom of the bottle sitting in the fridge. But hey, it's Saturday night! And that's how, by absolute chance, we found this little, intimate bar in the heart of the old Vienna.

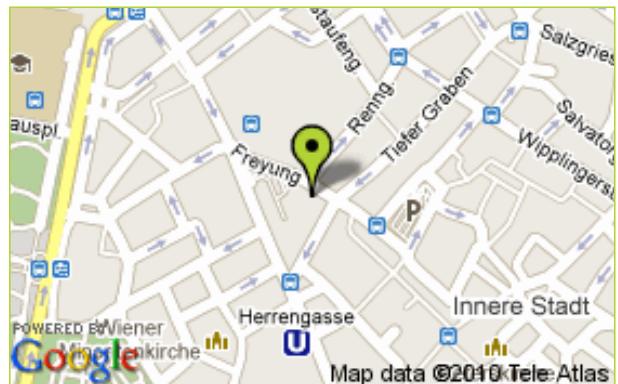
There's always a seat waiting for you in the comfortable leather couches of this small bar which is a regulars favorite (mostly artists and students). Even on busy Saturdays. Prices are more then reasonable although the choice is not too sophisticated: They serve two or three basic cocktails, beer and spirits. In the end you're at home away from home.

Wunder-Bar

Schönlaterngasse 8
Old city/center | +4315127989
Bars
Gin Tonic € 4.50
17:00 - 02:00 daily

Xocolat - Heaven for Chocolate addicts

Last updated: Mar 10th, 2010 | Article By: Alicja Swierczek | Picture By: Alicja Swierczek



Watch out chocolate addicts, you may have found your new dealer here.

You will really wonder how a small place like this can make you stay long. Here you will find chocolate in every shape, almost every aggregate state and in almost every flavor. No I am not talking about the lack of some nougat crunchy chocolate but very weird stuff like ketchup chocolate (I know it exists but I could not find it there).

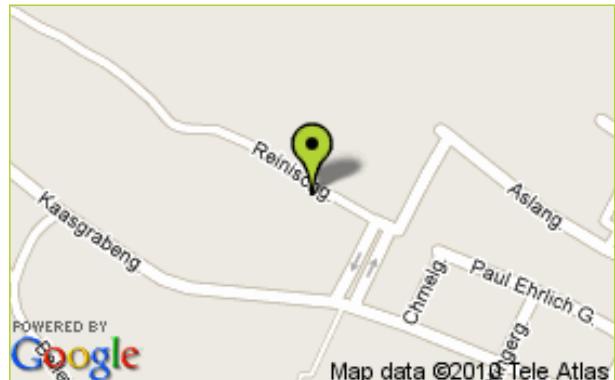
Check out the Austrian brand Zotter, which is hand made. It will make your mind blow what they allow to put in chocolate.

Xocolat

Freyung 2
Old city/center | +4315354363
Shopping
Zotter chocolate bar € 3.60
Mon - Fri 10:00- 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Sun 12:00 - 17:00

Zawodsky - Drinking under the apple trees

Last updated: Aug 12th, 2010 | Article By: Daniela Lettner Giambattista Pace | Picture By: Daniela lettner



Definitely off the beaten path and located in one of the most beautiful Viennese settings, Zawodsky is probably one of the most beautiful and romantic "Heuriger" (wine tavern) around.

Although the Grinzing area is pretty well known by tourists who arrive here to experience the "Heuriger" culture, it is very much unlike that you'll find them stomping here.

Here you drink great wine under the old trees of the huge garden while the sun sets. Tables are spread all around, next to vines, herbs and flowers. Home produced wines are served at the table, while the downstairs self-service organic buffet offers a good choice of cheese, meat and salads.

You'll have to walk around 10 min to get there, but on a sunny day you'll want to stay forever.

Zawodsky

Reinischgasse 3
Outer districts | +4313207978
Bars, Restaurants (Austrian)
Glass of wine € 2.50
Wed - Fri 17:00 - open end, Sat - Sun 14:00 - open end