

# Waltz through Vienna

Some recommendations for your stay

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## 1. Das Kunsthistorische Museum (Art History Museum):



The *Kunsthistorisches Museum* was built in 1891 to house the extensive collections of the imperial family. With a vast array of renowned works, including the largest Bruegel collection in the world, it is considered one of the most eminent museums in the world. Famous works including Raphael's "Madonna in the Meadow," Vermeer's "The Allegory of Painting," and the "Infanta" paintings by Velazquez are housed in the paintings gallery. The museum is located across the street from the *Museumsquartier* and *Leopoldmuseum* (see below).

Opening hours: 10:00 am-6:00 pm Tue-Sun, to 9:00 pm Thu

Getting there: metro U3 (the orange line) *stop:* Volkstheater, metro U2 (violet line) *stop:* Museumsquartier

Address: Maria-Theresien-Platz, 1010 Vienna

## 2. Das Schloss Schoenbrunn (The Schoenbrunn Palace):



This baroque palace and accompanying gardens, the former summer residence of the Austrian imperial family, includes an enchanting park, greenhouses, and zoo. The imperial rooms of the residence can be toured with audioguides. The palace itself is one of Europe's most impressive Baroque buildings. For a complete visit to *Schoenbrunn*, one should allow three hours at minimum.

Opening hours: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Getting there: metro U4 (green line), tram 10 or 58, bus 10A *stop:* Schoenbrunn or Hietzing

Address: Street Schloss Schönbrunn, 1130 Vienna

## 3. Die Schatzkammer (Imperial Treasury):



The *Schatzkammer* contains secular and ecclesiastical treasures. The sheer wealth of the crown jewel collection is staggering. The *Schatzkammer's* collection includes magnificent treasures such as a golden rose, diamond studded Turkish sabres, a 2680-carat Colombian emerald and, the highlight of the treasury, the imperial crown. The Sacred Treasury has a collection of strange and rather gruesome religious relics: fragments of the cross, nails from the crucifixion, a thorn from Christ's crown, and a piece of tablecloth from the last supper.

Opening hours: 9:00 am-5:30 pm Wed-Mon

Getting there: metro U3 (orange line) *stop:* Herrengasse

Address: Hofburg, Schweizerhof, 1010 Vienna

## 4. Der Botanische Garten (the Botanical Garden):



In 1753, Maria Theresa's husband, Emperor Franz I Stephan, bought a neglected hedged field from the neighboring village of Hietzing. The Emperor's "Dutch Garden" currently houses an impressive palm house. The botanical garden is located near the Belvedere castle.

Opening hours: 10:00 am-1hr before dusk

Getting there: tram 71 or O, *stop:* Rennweg (follow the Jacquingasse) or Kolblgasse

Address: Landstrasse, 1030 Vienna

**5. Schloss Belvedere (The Belvedere Palace):** The Belvedere is a historic building consisting of two Baroque palaces



(the Upper and Lower Belvedere), the Orangery, and the Palace Stables. It houses the Belvedere museum and the world's most extensive Klimt collection. The gardens separating the Upper and Lower Belvedere include decorative tiered fountains and cascades, Baroque sculptures, and majestic wrought iron gates. The Baroque palace complex, built as a summer residence for Prince Eugene of Savoy, offers wonderful views of the city.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Getting there: metro U1 (red line) *stop:* Taubstummengasse (follow the Taubstummengasse, right turn into the Argentinierstrasse, first left into the Theresianumgasse, then straight to the Prinz-Eugen Strasse)

Or tram D or 71 *stop:* Schloss Belvedere (D) or Rennweg (71, follow the Jacquingasse)

Address: Prinz Eugen-Straße 27, 1030 Vienna

**6. Café Diglas:** Vienna is known for its coffeehouse culture. *Café Diglas*, located on the Wollzeile, is one of Vienna's



best. Red velveteen-upholstered booths, strong coffee, diet-destroying cakes, harried waiters and little old ladies with their Dachshunds make the café a touristic highlight.

Other Cafés you might want to try include the Landtmann, the Café Central, the Kleine Café, and Café Prückl.

Opening hours: 8.00am-10:00pm

Getting there: metro U3 (orange line) or tram 2 *stop:* Stubentor, walk around 500 meters up the Wollzeile

Address: Wollzeile 10, 1010 Vienna

**7. Leopold Museum:** This museum is named after Rudolf Leopold, a Viennese ophthalmologist who, on buying his



first Egon Schiele (1890–1918) for a song as a young student in 1950, started to amass a large private collection of 19th-century and modernist Austrian artworks. In 1994 he sold the lot (5,266 paintings) to the Austrian government for €160 million. The Leopold Museum houses the largest collection of Schiele paintings in the world: 41 paintings and 188 drawings and graphics. Most noteworthy are "Ghostly Self Seer II, Death, and Man" (1911), "The Mournful Mother with Two Children" (1915) and "Caught-in-the-Act Cardinal and Nun" (1912).

Opening hours: 10:00 am-6:00 pm Wed-Mon, to 9pm Thu, German guided tours 3pm Sun

Getting there: metro U3 (orange line) *stop:* Volkstheater, metro U2 (violet line) *stop:* Museumsquartier

(After exiting you can see a building complex vis-à-vis the Kunsthistorisches Museum, enter this complex and the Leopold Museum is in the main yard)

Address: Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna