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Welcome to our beautiful city, Vienna! You probably chose to download this FREE PDF guide because you are searching for the perfect concert in Vienna. Well, you came to the right place! Europe's music capital has much to offer and in this guide we will help you make the right choice according to your musical taste!

This comprehensive guide will introduce you to various concert halls and opera houses throughout the city. It includes iconic and world renowned places like the **Vienna State Opera** and the **Musikverein** as well as many lesser-known gems awaiting to be discovered,

Get ready to witness some incredible performances of timeless pieces, composed and played by some of humanity's greatest musicians, many of whom worked and lived in Vienna. Whether you're drawn to Baroque melodies, Church music, Romantic compositions or contemporary interpretations, Vienna's concert houses offer a diverse and enriching experience for all.

Join us as we embark on a journey of discovery through Vienna's concert houses. If you want to continue exploring even further, you can either do so on your own, by reading our informative blog or by booking a **Secret Vienna Walking Tour** with one of our licensed tour guides on one of our.

As Vienna has so much to offer, it is recommended to plan in advance and to carefully choose the sites, museums, concert houses and landmarks you want to visit. To help you with your plan, we've created our Secret Vienna **blog**. There, we share many tips and recommendations that will help you plan a complete and balanced program for your stay in Vienna.

Our blog includes not only recommendations but also many history articles that can enrich your visit and equip you with useful background knowledge. You will also find there event recommendations for anything from current exhibitions to new concerts and theatre productions.

We have also created more FREE PDF guides to help you choose which **Museums** to visit. Head over to our **website** and get all the information you need for a fun and rich vacation.

Lastly, if you want to receive updates about our unique tours and experiences or get local tips before your stay, we recommend subscribing to our **newsletter**. We send it once a month and it will give you a lot of useful info for the perfect vacation in Vienna.

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Choosing the right concert

Vienna, often called the "City of Music," has so many great spots that it can be overwhelming to decide what to choose. Each concert hall looks beautiful, is full of history and provides the state for highly talented musicians. But don't worry, we have some useful tips for you to help you choose:

Start by narrowing it down to a few options based on your preferences. If you look for a fancy evening in a more traditional and old-fashioned hall, the **Wiener Musikverein** is most likely the perfect fit. It's a favourite of both locals and tourists, it's conveniently located, the pieces played aren't too niche and the acoustics are absolutely excellent.

If you like small, cozy places, check out the concerts of **Mozarthaus Vienna**. It's located in the center of old Vienna and feels warm and friendly. The Sala Terrena hall you will be sitting in is the same one that Mozart performed at when he lived in Vienna, which is mind-blowing!

Or maybe you prefer something new and somewhat different. If that's the case, the **Wiener Konzerthaus** might be the best option for you. It's a favourite among the locals and offers all kinds of music, from classical to modern.

No matter what kind of music you like, Vienna has a concert hall that's just right for you. So take your time, look around, and get ready to have a great time listening to some amazing tunes! Remember, you can't really go wrong here!

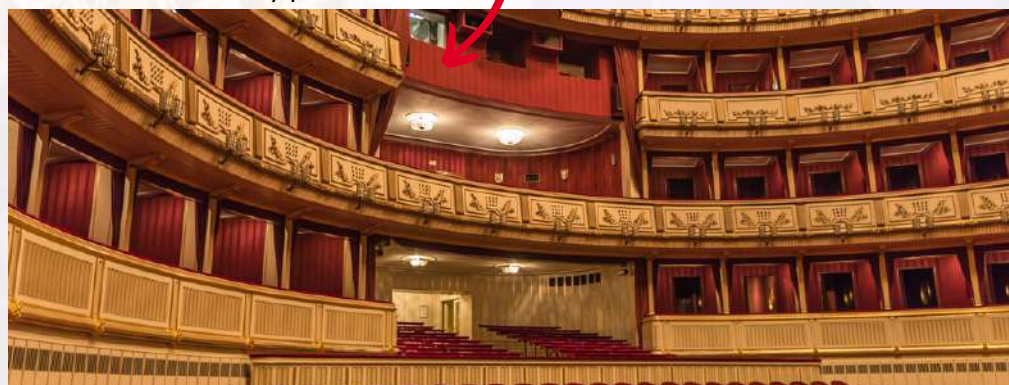
The Opera House Experiences

Opera lovers and classical music enthusiasts alike visit Vienna every year to be able to attend a performance at the Vienna State Opera. It's an experience like no other and has been appreciated here already since the days of emperor Franz Joseph. Despite not being that loved back then, the building is now considered as one of Vienna's most recognizable landmarks.

Naturally, the Vienna State Opera experience isn't cheap, but it's a once in a life time experience you must try! It's a place where you can dress up, drink a glass of champagne and enjoy some of the world's greatest singers and musicians as they perform.

If your budget is limited and you still want to enjoy a glorious evening at the famous opera house, we recommend coming 1.5 hours before the show to line up for the **standing tickets**. These tickets cost about 10 euros and enable you to watch the performance while standing at designated areas. It's not as luxurious as having a seat but it's still a great, budget friendly option.

Regardless of your choice, make sure you include a concert in your travel itinerary for the ultimate Viennese experience and for a night you will most likely never forget!



Concerts in Palaces

Imagine stepping into a palace adorned with intricate architecture and rich cultural heritage. As if you enter the house of an aristocratic family from the 18th century. Well, that's exactly what you can do in Vienna!

The grand halls of various palais, once reserved for royalty and nobility, now resonate with the melodies of classical music with their doors open for you!

Each Palais has impressive historical significance and tells the tale of the families that once lived there. The well preserved halls are perfect for an authentic concert experience. The musicians who perform there are just as good as the ones who play at the larger stages of Vienna, so you have nothing to worry about.

This option is a great alternative, especially if you want to enjoy the music of specific composers.

Vienna State Opera

The Vienna State Opera is like the grand stage where music comes to life in Austria's capital city. Imagine a huge, beautiful building filled with amazing singers, dancers, and musicians putting on fantastic shows.

With top-notch performances of the highest quality and a daily program featuring about 50 operas and ballet pieces performed by the Vienna State Ballet, the Vienna State Opera is one of the best opera venues in the world. There is no other opera program like this one in the entire globe.

At the Vienna State Opera, you can experience the magic of opera, ballet, and classical concerts. But it's not just about watching the shows. The Vienna State Opera offers services to make your visit special. You can buy tickets to see performances, of course, and they often have **guided tours** where you can explore the stunning theater and its rich history.

We definitely recommend these guided tours as you will get to see the behind the scenes part of the State Opera. As the first building to be built along the Ringstraße, where the city walls once stood, knowing its history will further enhance your experience.

As we mentioned earlier, you don't have to break your wallet to enter and enjoy a show. The standing tickets are a great, affordable solution. You will simply have to stand in line before the show but it's definitely worth it. And if you can afford the tickets, make sure you check the hall's plan to find the best seats for a clear view. Different seats often mean different viewing experience so keep that in mind.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Opera and to book your tickets to the shows and concerts happening this season.



Mozart Orchestra at the Golden Hall

If you're asking us, the Musikverein is our favourite place for classical concerts in Vienna. In it, there are two main concert halls, with the larger one being the famous **Golden Hall**. After the State Opera, it's arguably the most famous concert hall in Vienna.

The building located not far from Karlsplatz or Schwarzenbergplatz, right by Vienna's renowned boulevard, the Ringstraße. This location makes it highly accessible and easy to reach from the inner city as well as from other districts.

The Musikverein offers a rich musical program that fits locals and tourists alike. The locals get to hear some of Vienna's most talented musicians and various guest artists while tourists get to enjoy well known classics by Mozart, Strauss and others.

Despite being truly awe striking, the concert hall doesn't require a strict dress code, which is also great for visitors from abroad who aren't used to the classical music culture. As this specific English PDF guide is more for tourists, we recommend checking out the concerts offered by the Mozart Orchestra (offered nearly every evening).

For an even more unique experience, you can buy a concert + dinner combo **ticket**.

Get your classic concert tickets [HERE!](#)



Fun Fact!

The Musikverein's main concert hall, known as the Golden Hall, is considered acoustically perfect!

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choice!**





Did you know?

Mozart returned to this place again and again and the unique rivalry between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri took place at the Orangery of the palace.

Schönbrunn Palace

Imagine stepping back in time to the grandeur of Austria's imperial era while enjoying world-class music in one of Vienna's most iconic settings. The Schönbrunn Palace Concerts have become an integral part of Vienna's musical and cultural life since 1997. The Schönbrunn Palace Orchestra and the Schönbrunn Palace Ensemble perform the most exquisite pieces by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at the historic and absolutely beautiful Orangery.

If you plan to visit **Schönbrunn Palace** during the day, we recommend to come in the afternoon, stay in the area for late lunch or early dinner and then enjoy the concert for a complete and unforgettable experience.

There are various tickets you can choose from:

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Mozart and Strauss Concert in Schönbrunn!

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the 3-Course Dinner and Concert at Schönbrunn Palace!

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the After-Hours Schönbrunn Palace Entry & Concert Ticket!

Click [HERE](#) to book your Schönbrunn Palace Evening Tour, Dinner and Concert!

Hofburg Palace Concerts

Despite not being as visually impressive as Schönbrunn from the outside, the imperial palace in the heart of Vienna will surprise you. The palace's facade is quite deceiving, as once you step inside you will be greeted by truly elegant ambiance and timeless beauty.

Both concerts and fancy balls take place regularly in the ceremonial halls of the palace, which are well equipped for a royal experience.

Beside booking your regular concert tickets, the Hofburg Palace concerts offer add-on services to make your evening truly special. You can opt for VIP seating to enjoy the best views of the performance, or indulge in a pre-concert dinner. Before the show begins, make sure to treat yourself to a glass of champagne or explore the palace grounds on a **secret guided tour**.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Concert by the Hofburg Orchestra! For specific Mozart and Strauss concerts click [HERE](#).



Konzerthaus Wien

The Vienna Konzerthaus is a true Viennese venue where music enthusiasts can enjoy an eclectic mix of musical styles. The unique Art Nouveau ambience welcomes top performers from various genres.

In addition to classical music, the Vienna Konzerthaus's repertory includes the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, jazz, and progressive tones of the modern era.

In addition to over 800 concerts a season, the Konzerthaus offers **1-hour guided tours** of the venue in German (or other languages upon request). These tours provide a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the classic and cutting-edge concert industry with access to backstage areas, a brief visit to rehearsal spaces, and insights into the building's architecture and chaotic history lasting over a century.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Konzerthaus, to book your concert tickets or to join a guided tour!

Kursalon

The Kursalon Wien is a beautiful historic building famous for its stunning architecture and its role as a hub for cultural events and entertainment. It's located in Stadtpark, a park beloved by music lovers due to the statues of famous musicians (most notably Strauss).

Inside the Kursalon, you can experience wonderful classical music concerts performed by great musicians. The concerts often feature the works of famous composers like Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss played in an elegant setting which will take you back to the golden age of Vienna.

Additionally, the Kursalon offers dining experiences too! You can enjoy delicious Austrian cuisine in their elegant restaurant, where you can eat traditional dishes made with fresh, local ingredients.

You can also join guided tours to learn about the history and significance of the building!

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Mozart and Strauss Concert at the Kursalon. To book tickets + a delicious dinner click [HERE](#).



Haus der Musik

The Haus der Musik in Vienna isn't just a museum where you can learn about music and its history; it's also a special place where you can experience live classical music concerts. Imagine sitting in a room surrounded by the history of music, and then getting to listen to beautiful music played right in front of you. It's like a double treat for music lovers!

Besides the concerts, they offer several services to make your visit enjoyable. There are **guided tours** in which a guide will walk you through the museum and enrich your visit with interesting facts and stories about the exhibits and the history of music. It's a great experience for the entire family!

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Haus der Musik!

House of Strauss

The House of Strauss is Vienna's newest museums and offers an interactive and modern museum, a gourmet restaurant and a concert hall, all in one venue. Naturally it's the perfect place for fans of the famous composer Johann Strauss, but not only. It's also a special place where you can experience some of the city's best live classical music concerts. True, it's located in the 19th district which isn't the most central of locations, but it's still easily accessible with the metro or tram.

The House of Strauss offers a rich program, with various concerts offered throughout the year. You might find yourself enjoying a solo piano performance one evening, a string quartet the next, or even a full chamber orchestra playing Strauss's greatest hits. Each concert is a unique experience, making it a perfect spot for both music lovers and those just looking to try something new.

Besides the concerts, the House of Strauss makes sure everyone has a great time: during intermission or after the concert, you can explore the museum. You'll see Strauss's personal items, learn about his life, and even see some of the original scores he composed!

Click [HERE](#) to book your Concert Show including Museum (VIP) tickets. Book your concert tickets and museum entry in two categories - for **category A** click [HERE](#) and for **category B** click [HERE](#)!

Mozart House (Sala Terrena)

The Sala Terrena (from Italian: hall of the ground floor) in Mozarthaus Vienna is located in Vienna's historical city center, right behind the city's most recognised landmarks, St. Stephan's Cathedral.

It was built as part of the monastery of the German Teutonic Order in the second half of the 12th century. In 1781 Mozart lived in the monastery and played several concerts there on behalf of Salzburg's Archbishop Colloredo.

It's truly a hidden gem that many still haven't discovered. The music played there by the Mozart Quartet is moving and inspiring. This venue receives the Secret Vienna's choice stamp as well!

Click [HERE](#) to book your Classic concert by the Mozart Quartet at the Sala Terrena.



Vienna, often called the City of Music, was home to many famous musicians like Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert. Today, you can actually visit their houses, turned into museums, and step into their world!

Stephansdom

Stephansdom, also known in English as St. Stephen's Cathedral, is an iconic, beautiful and historic church located in the very heart of Vienna. It's one of the most symbols of the city and dates back to medieval times.

At the cathedral you can enjoy a wide diverse range of concerts throughout the year. Surrounded by the cathedral walls which have seen so much, it definitely adds another layer to the musical experience.

Click **HERE** to book your tickets to a Classic concert at Stephansdom!

Karlskirche

Karlskirche, or St. Charles's Church, is another magnificent architectural gem in Vienna. This church hosts a variety of concerts and cultural events throughout the year, providing visitors with an enriching and memorable experience.

Today, you can experience authentic concerts at Karlskirche featuring orchestras performing on original instruments alongside its soloists.

Click **HERE** to book your tickets to the Vivaldi 4 Seasons Concert at Karlskirche!



Peterskirche

The Peterskirche, or St. Peter's Church, is a beautiful and historic place located near the Graben and Hofburg palace, in the heart of the inner city. This church has been an important part of Vienna's cultural and religious landscape for centuries. Some believe that it was built by none other than Karl the Great (Charlemagne)

The Peterskirche regularly hosts a variety of concerts featuring classical music, choral performances, and organ recitals. These concerts showcase the talent of local and international musicians, filling the church with beautiful melodies and harmonies.

The church is worth visiting regardless of any concert but a musical performance surely enhances the experience.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to a Classical concert at Peterskirche!

Jesuitenkirche

Vienna's Jesuitenkirche, also known as the Jesuit Church, is a stunning baroque-style church located in the city center. Some consider it to be the most beautiful church in Vienna, yet its slightly hidden location makes it a true hidden gem. In our eyes, it's one of the most significant religious and architectural landmarks in Vienna

The church hosts classical music performances, choral recitals, and organ concerts throughout the year. The rich acoustics and beautiful surroundings create a captivating atmosphere for attendees to enjoy along with the moving music.

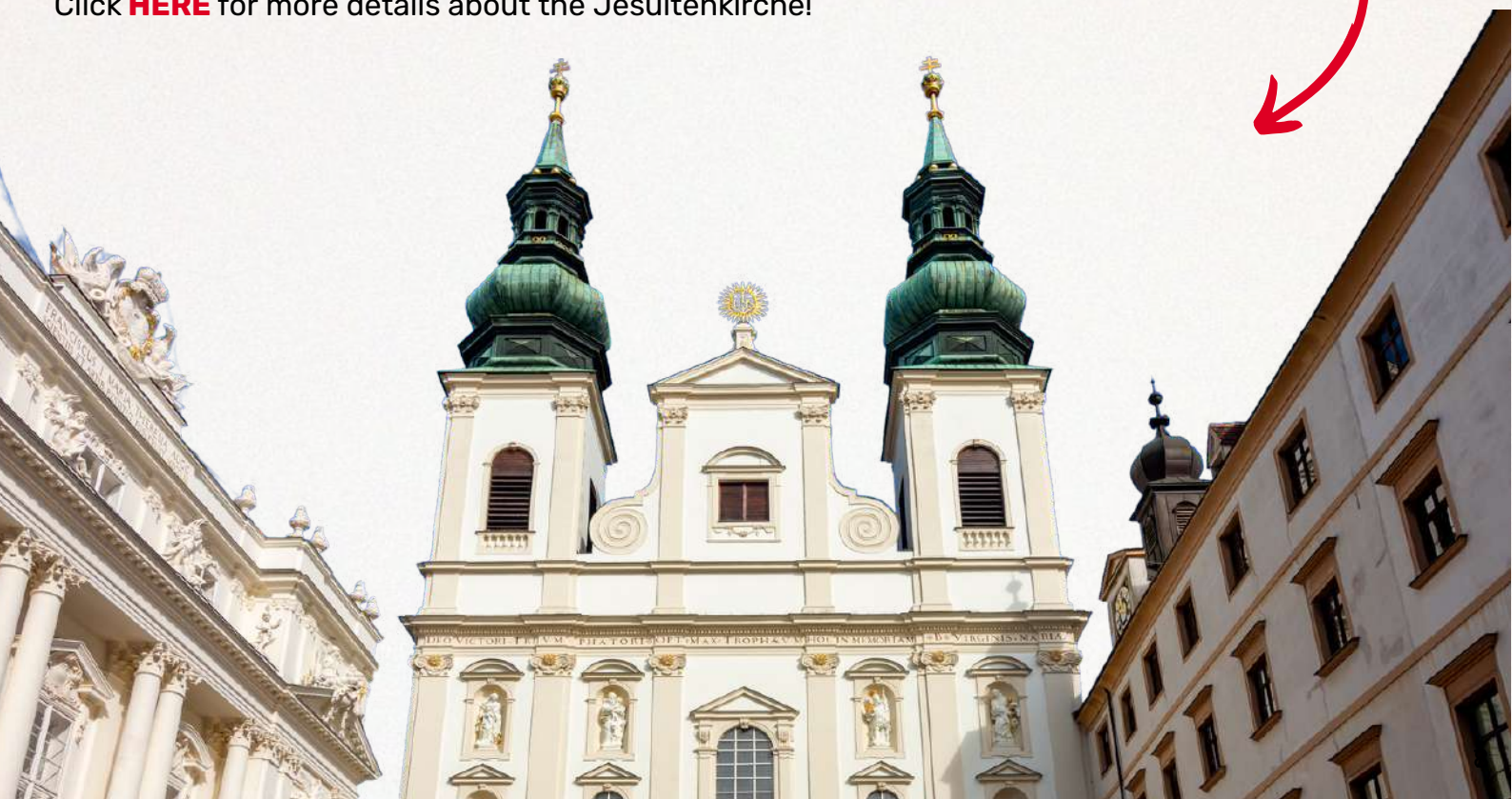
Click [HERE](#) for more details about the Jesuitenkirche!

Anna Kirche

The Anna Kirche, also known as St. Anne's Church, is a charming church located in the heart of Vienna, not far from the State Opera or Stephansplatz. While it actively serves as a place of worship, it also offers beautiful concerts for visitors to enjoy. It's quite an underrated church that we particularly love!

The concert series "Classic Exclusive" enhances Vienna's cultural schedule by featuring compositions from esteemed classical composers, many of whom were based in Vienna. A string ensemble, consisting of graduates from prestigious European music schools who also perform in renowned Viennese orchestras, treats the audience to their passionate renditions. In any case, make sure you include this church in your itinerary.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to a Classical concert at Anna Kirche!



Minoritenkirche

Located right near Hofburg palace and Heldenplatz, the Minoritenkirche, also known as the Church of the Friars Minor, stands as a testament to centuries of history and architectural beauty. Both its facade and interior are quite different than other churches in Vienna and we definitely recommend visiting it.

You can visit the church on some of our tours or for its reoccurring concerts. It might not be our top recommendation, but we suggest to check the program as they often have great performances.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to a Classic concert at Minoritenkirche!

Kapuzinerkirche

The Capuchin church, which belongs to the Capuchin order, is one of Vienna's most important churches, yet most don't even know it. It's significance is due to what lies beneath the church - the graves of many of the Habsburg emperors who ruled the empire through the centuries.

It might not be the fanciest church but it's a great place for concerts which are often attended by locals. It's particularly attractive for lovers of organ or religious music.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the "A Little Night Music" - Concert at the Capuchin Church (Kapuzinerkirche)!

Michaelerkirche

While exploring the old town you will surely pass by this magnificent church. It's located right in front of Hofburg Palace at Michaelerplatz (named after the church). In this church, Mozart's Requiem was played for the first time, which goes to show its significance in Vienna's musical history.

The concerts at this church are truly great and highly recommended. These concerts range from orchestral symphonies to solo recitals featuring renowned virtuosos. With such a central location, there aren't many places more convenient than this church!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Michaelerkirche !



Palais Auersberg

The Palais Auersberg is a magnificent building known for its elegant architecture and rich history. This baroque palace is located in the 8th district of Vienna, which is a great district for you to explore!

The Palais hosts a wide range of concerts, showcasing classical music, jazz, and other genres, providing entertainment for music lovers of all tastes.

Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets to the Palais Auersberg!

Palais Ehrbar

Located in Vienna's 4th district, this grand building stands out with its elegant facade and promises of musical delight.

The Palais Ehrbar was built in the 2nd half of the 19th century by Josef Weninger in the strict historicist style for the piano manufacturer Friedrich Ehrbar.

Architecturally, the hall is a true gem and a great place to enjoy classical concerts outside the old town.

Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets!

Palais Schönborn-Batthyány

Not to be confused with the famous Schönbrunn Palace, the Palais Schönborn-Batthyány is a beautiful late 17th century historic building located in the heart of Vienna.

Concerts are the heart and soul of this Palais. From symphonies to solo performances, it hosts a variety of musical events that cater to every taste. Whether you're a fan of Beethoven's timeless compositions or prefer the lively rhythms of Mozart, there's something for everyone here.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Baroque Orchestra Concert and Dinner.

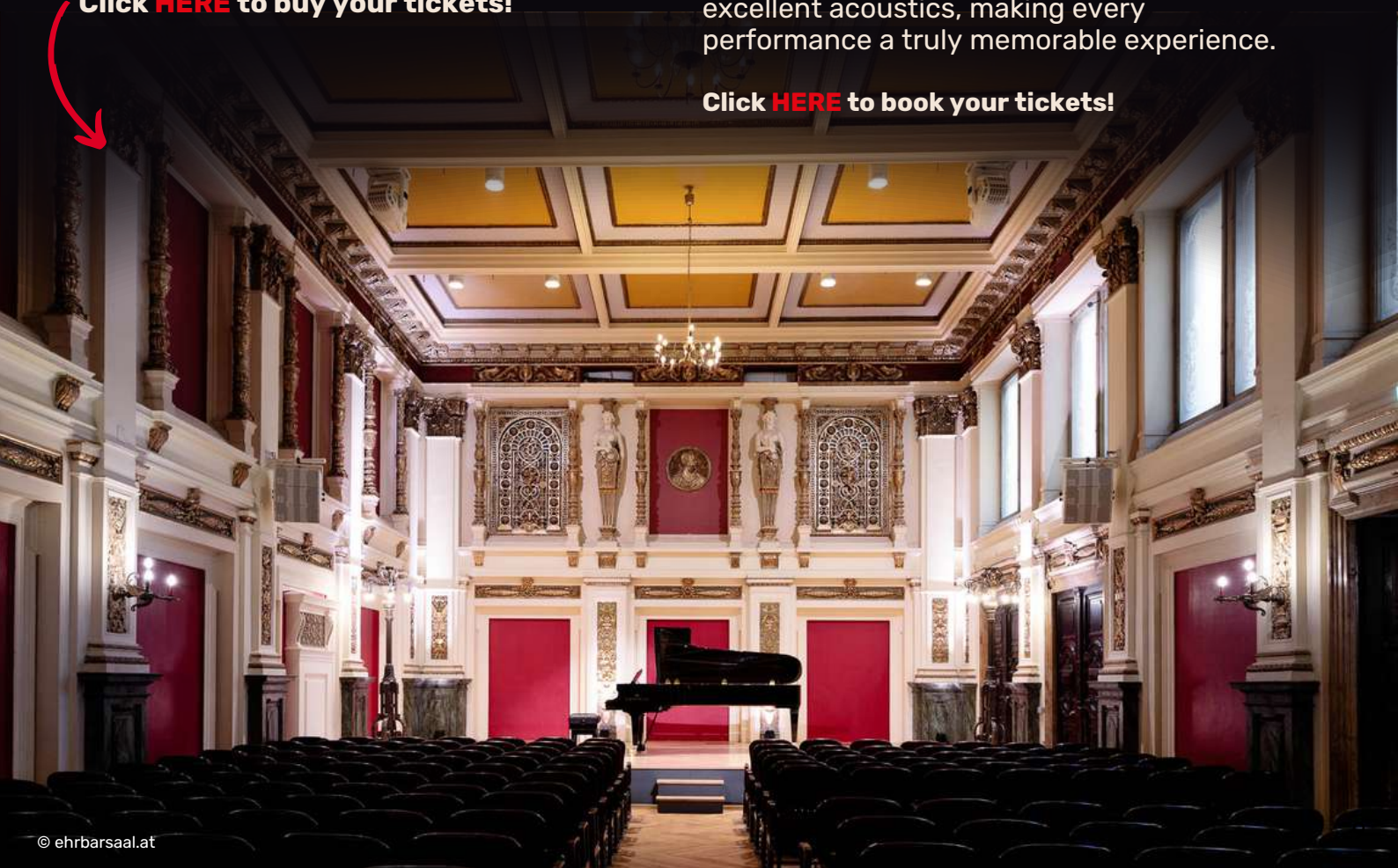
Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Concert by the Vienna Baroque Orchestra.

Palais Palffy

Discover the Palais Palffy, a charming venue located right in front of Josefsplatz, walking distance from Albertina museum and Hofburg palace. Known for its rich history and inviting atmosphere, this historic gem offers a delightful escape for music lovers.

The concert hall of this Palais is known for its excellent acoustics, making every performance a truly memorable experience.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets!



Palais Niederösterreich

Yet another beautiful historic Palais, the Palais Niederösterreich is located on Herrengasse, the street that leads to Hofburg palace. Along the streets there are various beautiful Palais and here you can enjoy wonderful concerts in a fantastic atmosphere.

It might not stand out compared to other venues in the inner city but it's a great and highly convenient option.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Vienna Supreme Orchestra at Palais Niederösterreich!

Palais Alte Börse

With its recognisable brick-red facade and its fantastic location on the Rinstraße, this Palais is yet another attractive option for a classical concert. As the name suggests, it was once the home of the stock exchange in Vienna and is famous for being built by the father of historicism, Theophil Freiherr von Hansen.

Already since the 2nd half of the 19th century, this Palais has been impressing its visitors with the beautiful interior. The concerts there will most definitely impress you!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Palais Alte Börse!

Palais Liechtenstein

Unlike other Palais which we mentioned in this guide, Palais Liechtenstein stands out as one of the largest and most impressive Palais in Vienna. We recommend visiting it regardless but naturally a classical concert enhances the experience and adds more depth.

At the Palais, they offer various types of concerts to suit various tastes. Perhaps you can combine it with a tour of the Palais to learn more about the Liechtenstein family.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Palais Liechtenstein and book your tickets!



Concerts along the Danube

The DDSG Blue Danube is a company that organizes fantastic cruises along the beautiful Danube River.

Beside their regular cruises, they offer the possibility to enjoy classical concerts on the water. It's a unique opportunity to enjoy to highly popular activities at once.

They offer different types of musical performances, Whether you're into soothing melodies or upbeat rhythms, there's something for everyone to enjoy! We recommend checking their website or the link below to ensure that it's the right program for you.

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

Das MuTh

MuTh, an acronym for Music and Theater, is a concert and multipurpose hall opened by the Vienna Boys' Choir in the Augarten in Vienna's Leopoldstadt, the 2nd district.

From classical symphonies to contemporary beats, their diverse lineup of concerts caters to every musical taste.

Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a curious newcomer, there's surely something on their program that can fit your taste. It's a completely different option than what we have listed so far, as you can see from the picture below.

Click [HERE](#) to book a MuTh concert!

Did you know?

MuTh is the most modern concert hall in Vienna!

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Classic Tours

In Vienna, you will find beauty wherever you look. Palaces, gardens and countless monuments are abundant in our beloved city, awaiting you to explore them. Near every main street, however, there are countless secret alleyways, hidden courtyards and other ancient secrets.

In our classic Secret Vienna tours, you will get to uncover Vienna's secrets and get to know it from different perspectives.

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Dark and Mysterious Tours

When thinking about Vienna, we are used to think about classical music, Mozart, Sisi or even maybe a delicious Apfelstrudel. But darkness, mysteries and bloody tales have shaped our city just as much.

Walk in the footsteps of spies and criminals, hear eerie stories and uncover countless secrets on our dark and mysterious tours.

View our dark and mysterious tours [HERE!](#)

Museum Tours

Perfect for locals and visitors alike, our Museum Tours are your key to the secrets behind the masterpieces, the tales hidden in the corners, and the whispers of the past that echo through the halls of Vienna's museums.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a born and raised Viennese, there's always something new to discover. Let us show you the wonders of Vienna's museums in a way you've never experienced before!

Click [HERE](#) to book an exciting museum tour!



In the Footsteps of Greatness

This one-of-a-kind city walking tour through Vienna brings to life both the triumphant successes and the dramatic failures of the past. Discover unsung heroes and gain a deeper understanding of familiar icons.

Transform historical figures from mere names in a textbook to inspiring role models by literally walking in their footsteps.

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