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# **MUSEUMS IN VIENNA**

**THE COMPLETE GUIDE**



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## Your Secret Vienna museum guide

**Welcome** to our beautiful city, Vienna! This city stands as a beacon of history, artistry, and innovation, boasting a diverse array of museums catering to many different interests. History buffs, admirers of fine art, or simply curious explorers will equally enjoy the depths of Vienna's cultural world, where there's something for just about everyone.

**This** comprehensive guide will enable you to unlock the treasures within Vienna's famous museums. It includes iconic and world renowned museums like the **Kunsthistorisches Museum** and the **Belvedere Palace** as well as many lesser-known gems awaiting to be discovered,

**Get** ready to be amazed by the masterpieces of the Renaissance, marvel at the splendor of imperial collections, delve into the interesting stories of Vienna's past, and embrace the cutting-edge innovations shaping the future. Whether you're drawn to classical art, modernist movements, or scientific discoveries, Vienna's museums offer a diverse and enriching experience for all. Forget the old stereotypes – these museums are anything but boring!

**Join** us as we embark on a journey of discovery through Vienna's museums. You can explore on your own or with our licensed tour guides on one of our **Secret Vienna walking tours**.

**As** Vienna has so much to offer, it is recommended to plan in advance and to carefully choose the sites, museums 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 theatre productions and standup comedy.

**Museums** and galleries regularly produce incredible exhibitions which you don't want to miss. 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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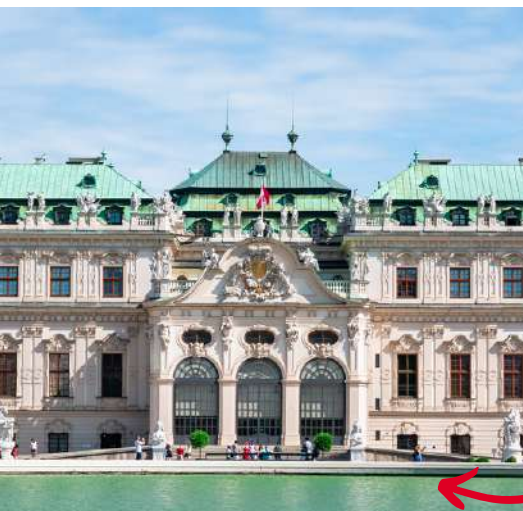
# Vienna's magnificent palaces

## Schönbrunn Palace

A jewel of imperial architecture and landscape design, Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens serve as a reminder to the grandeur of the once powerful Habsburg dynasty. Located on the outskirts of Vienna, this UNESCO World Heritage Site welcomes visitors to explore its magnificent palace, lavish interiors, and stunning gardens.

Once the summer residence of the Habsburg rulers, Schönbrunn Palace offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of royalty through its beautifully preserved rooms, including the breathtaking great gallery and the legendary Hall of Mirrors. The palace's Baroque architecture, adorned with frescoes, gilded ornaments, and intricate details, reflects the wealth and might of the Habsburg monarchy.

Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets to the Schönbrunn! Click [HERE](#) to book a Private Tour to this beautiful palace!



## Hofburg Palace

The **Hofburg Palace**, one of the largest palace complexes in Europe, is located in the heart of Vienna. In the past, it was the empire's administrative center and even hosted the Vienna congress after the fall of Napoleon.

Today, it serves as a cultural hub, housing several significant museums that invite visitors to explore the realms of history, art and royalty. Among its most notable attractions are the **Sisi Museum**, which offers a personal look into the life and legacy of empress Elisabeth, showcasing her personality and narrating her legacy.

Other noteworthy museums within the complex are the **Imperial Apartments** (which are part of the Sisi museum), the **Imperial Silver Collection**, the **Imperial Treasury** (see page 4) and several small museums in the newer part of the complex known as the **Neue Burg**.



## The Belvedere Palace

The Belvedere Palace is not only an architectural masterpiece but also home to one of the most impressive art collections in Vienna. It used to be the home of one of Austria's legendary generals, prince Eugene of Savoy.

The palace split into two palaces - the **Upper Belvedere** and the **Lower Belvedere**.

At the Upper Belvedere you will find "the kiss", one of Gustav Klimt's most iconic paintings. You will also find there art by other famous Austria artists such as Egon Schiele.

The palace itself is a marvel of Baroque architecture, surrounded by gardens that offer a tranquil escape from the bustling city.

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



## The Kunsthistorisches Museum (KHM)

Situated on Vienna's famous Ringstraße, the KHM is a treasure housing an extensive collection of artworks from around the world. Step into its grand halls and enjoy the masterpieces by Old Masters such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Titian. The museum's Egyptian and Near Eastern collection is equally impressive, featuring ancient artifacts that span millennia of human history.

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



### Fun Fact!

These two museums were commissioned by emperor Franz Joseph after taking down the city walls!

## The Naturhistorisches Museum (NHM)

Right in front of the Kunsthistorisches museum stands its twin, the Natural History museum. This impressive museum houses an extensive collection of artefacts, specimens, and fossils that trace the history of life on Earth.

You will find there the largest collection in the world of meteorites as well as towering dinosaur skeletons, preserved animals and beautiful gemstones.

Its exhibits offer a journey through biology, geology, and palaeontology. With its unparalleled collection and engaging exhibits, the NHM invites visitors of all ages to embark on a voyage of discovery.

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



## The Albertina

The Albertina is one of Vienna's most renowned museums and a favourite of art lovers. It is named after its founders - Duke Albert of Saxony-Teschen and his wife Maria Christina who started the museum's impressive art collection. It is located right by Hofburg Palace's complex and boasts a wonderful array of works spanning from the Renaissance to contemporary periods.

Visitors come from far and wide to see masterpieces by artists such as Albrecht Dürer, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, and Picasso. In addition, there are changing exhibitions available regularly, which showcase diverse artistic movements and themes. It's truly the perfect place for art lovers to spend a few quality hours and witness artistic greatness.

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



## The Leopold Museum

Founded by the passionate art collector Rudolf Leopold, this museum is dedicated to the works of Austrian artists such as Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Oskar Kokoschka and others from the early 20th century. It's a great place for those who want to learn more about Vienna's modernist movement.

We recommend checking the museum's website as they often have great and worthwhile exhibitions. As the museum is located within Museums Quartier, it is a great opportunity to enjoy its surrounding area as well.

Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets to the Leopold Museum!





### Did you know?

The Imperial Crown was used in the coronation of the last emperor of Austria, Charles I. The crown is made of gold and is adorned with precious gems, including diamonds, sapphires, and emeralds.



### The Schatzkammer (Imperial Treasury)

Located within the walls of the Hofburg Palace, the Schatzkammer offers a great insight into the rich past and prestige of the Habsburg Empire. As one of the most important treasuries in the world, the Schatzkammer houses an impressive collection of precious objects, jewels, and regalia that once adorned the rulers of the Holy Roman Empire and the Austrian monarchy. From ornate crowns and sceptres to priceless gemstones and ceremonial regalia, the treasury's exhibition offers a glimpse into the life and symbolic power of the Habsburg rulers.

Among the highlights of the Schatzkammer are the Imperial Crown of the Holy Roman Empire, the Austrian Imperial Crown, and the Crown Jewels of the Austrian Empire. Beyond the crowns, visitors can marvel at intricately crafted ceremonial objects, religious relics, and historic artefacts that trace the complex history of the Habsburg dynasty.

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

### Nationalbibliothek

The Austrian National Library, located by Josefsplatz and within the Hofburg Palace complex, has arguably one of the most beautiful interiors in Vienna. Beside the architectural beauty, it displays a rich collection of literary treasures, manuscripts, and historical documents. The library offers visitors a glimpse into Austria's intellectual legacy and literary heritage.

Our tip is to check the website before your visit to see if there's temporary exhibition available to visit. Some of the most fascinating exhibitions we have been to in Vienna were presented at the National Library. This will add tremendous value to your anyway enjoyable visit to this wonderful museum.

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



## The Museum of Military History

One of Vienna's most underrated museums (at least in our opinion), the Heeresgeschichtliches Museum (HGM) is one of the best places to learn about Vienna's military past. It's located outside the city center, not far from Hauptbahnhof, within the grand walls of the Arsenal complex. Within it, you will find a comprehensive collection of weapons, artefacts and other priceless pieces from Austria's military history.

The museum lets you explore the history of warfare in a somewhat chronological order. It begins upstairs with medieval knights and imperial armies and ends at the entrance floor with the dark days of the World Wars and beyond. There, you will learn about military equipment and its evolution and about iconic battles such as the historically significant battle of Vienna against the Ottomans. The museum displays some incredible objects such as the car of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, in which he was assassinated. It's truly a fascinating museum you should include in your travel itinerary.

**We offer two different tours in the HGM which you can book [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)!**



## Hidden Gems

### Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum Vienna)

The history of Jews in Vienna is both impressive and dark. The Jewish community served an integral part of the empire's growth but was devastated during the catastrophic holocaust. The history of the Jewish community is presented in two different museums, one of which is the oldest Jewish museum in the world located in Judenplatz. There you will find the remains of an ancient synagogue that was the community's center during the middle ages. The museum displays various Jewish objects and while it's quite small it's still worth a visit.

The second Jewish museum at Dorotheergasse is larger and houses a fascinating collection of Jewish artefacts as well as changing exhibitions about Jewish life throughout the centuries.

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



## Welt Museum

The Weltmuseum is a vibrant museum that showcases the diverse cultures and histories of the world through its extensive collection of artifacts.

From ancient Egyptian treasures to intriguing items from the Pacific and Americas, it offers visitors a glimpse into the art, traditions, and ways of life of different peoples across the globe.

They also offer an audio guide in the footsteps of the Habsburgs which tells the story of the dynasty through the museum's permanent exhibition of armors, musical instruments and other artefacts.

**Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Welt Museum!**





## The Clock Museum (Uhrenmuseum)

Located in the heart of Vienna, right by Judenplatz and the Graben, the Clock Museum offers an insight into the evolution of timekeeping. Housed in the Palais Obizzi, the museum's collection spans centuries of horological innovation, featuring sundials, and astronomical clocks.

Explore the cultural significance of time and learn about the intricate mechanisms that have measured its passage throughout history.

Click [HERE](#) for more details about Vienna's Clock Museum!



## Roman Museum

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Vienna's story began with Vindobona, a Roman military camp in the empire's northern border. The Römermuseum brings this part of Vienna's history to life, showcasing various significant Roman excavations.

Through a mix of archaeological treasures, reconstructions, animated films, and interactive exhibits, the museum offers a tangible journey into Vindobona's past and is perfect for ancient Rome lovers.

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



## Wien Museum Karlsplatz

The Wien Museum, which has recently undergone a major renovation, houses a vast collection of art and historical treasures.

Its centerpiece, the "Vienna. My History" exhibition, tells the city's story across three floors, featuring everything from a detailed model of St. Stephen's Cathedral and Gustav Klimt's artwork to the beloved Prater Whale mascot, Poldi.

Beyond the main exhibition, the museum offers various temporary exhibitions, creative programs for all ages, as well as a restaurant and café with a breathtaking terrace view of the city's heart.

Click [HERE](#) for more details about the Wien Museum Karlsplatz!



### Fun Fact!

The Wien Museum was founded in 1887. Known then as the Historical Museum of the City of Vienna, it was located at Vienna's recently completed City Hall.



## The Technisches Museum

Located not far from Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna's Technisches Museum offers an exploration of scientific innovation, technological progress, and industrial history. It's quite a massive museum so make sure to plan in advance in order to have enough time to see all the permanent and changing exhibitions.

This museum truly feels like a journey through time, from the dawn of mechanization to the digital age. With its extensive collection of exhibits, interactive displays, and hands-on activities, the museum provides a dynamic experience for visitors of all ages.

Our favourite exhibit is the world's first diesel car which was invented by Siegfried Marcus, nearly 10 years before Benz and Daimler. But you will surely find there many other technological treasures, hidden gems and thought-provoking exhibits.

**Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets and learn more about current and upcoming exhibitions!**



## The Wagenburg

If you found yourself with some extra time on your hands after visiting Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens, there's more you can do within the palace's grounds.

One great idea is to visit the Wagenburg, which offers a journey through the history of royal transportation, in particular - royal carriages. It's a unique museum with an extensive collection of historic carriages, sleighs, and automobiles that once transported royalty and nobility across the Habsburg Empire. From ceremonial coaches to imperial carriages, the Wagenburg provides a window into the world of courtly splendor.

In our opinion, this museum is a great way to complete your visit in Schönbrunn and get a full picture of life as an emperor or royalty during the days of the empire.

**Click [HERE](#) to discover the Wagenburg museum!**

## Imperial Furniture Museum

If you pass by Vienna's 7th district, make sure to stop at The Möbelmuseum, especially if you love furniture and interior design. This lovely museum Showcases a diverse collection of historical furniture and decorative arts and provides visitors with an overview of furniture-making techniques, materials, and evolution across different periods.

From Baroque furnishings to modernist designs, the Möbelmuseum's exhibits highlight the cultural and technological influences that have shaped furniture design throughout history. Whether you're a design enthusiast or simply intrigued by the history, the Möbelmuseum offers an exploration of the aesthetics and craftsmanship behind everyday objects.

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





## The Museum of Applied Arts (MAK)

The Museum of Applied Arts (MAK) is a must-visit destination in Vienna. Located in a striking Art Nouveau building, the MAK houses a diverse collection that spans decorative arts, design, architecture, and contemporary art.

The museum also features temporary exhibitions that highlight cutting-edge design concepts and explore contemporary issues in art and society. The Museum of Applied Arts stands ready to ignite curiosity and spark imagination!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more and book your tickets to the MAK!**

## Schottenstift Museum

Located in the peaceful Freyung neighborhood and right next to the Schottenstift Monastery, the Schottenstift Museum showcases Vienna's religious and artistic heritage.

Its collection includes sacred art, ancient manuscripts, and items used in religious ceremonies, offering visitors a glimpse into the city's spiritual life over the centuries.

We especially recommend taking the audio guide which is very well done and which will definitely elevate your visit!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Schottenstift Museum!**

## Secession

The Secession Building, striking in its architectural defiance, stands as a vivid declaration of Art Nouveau's break from tradition, right in Vienna's artistic scene and not far from the Naschmarkt. Within it, you will find impressive contemporary exhibitions and art pieces.

One particular Highlight is Gustav Klimt's "Beethoven Frieze," a masterpiece that bridges eras, making the Secession a great destination for visitors keen on experiencing Vienna's dynamic fusion of history and modern creativity.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Secession Building!**

## Dom Museum

Located in the heart of Vienna, close to the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Dom Museum Wien combines art, religion, and history in its fascinating exhibits. Here, visitors can admire a mix of contemporary art alongside historic treasures, including precious liturgical objects and medieval manuscripts.

The museum's most renowned treasure is the portrait of Duke Rudolf IV "the Founder" from the House of Habsburg. The portrait was probably created around 1360, which makes it the oldest, most realistic portrait in the Western world.

**Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets to the Möbelmuseum Private Tour!**





## Belvedere 21

Belvedere 21, located in the heart of Vienna, is a museum dedicated to contemporary art and cultural innovation. Situated within the Belvedere Palace complex, this exhibition space offers visitors a vibrant platform to engage with artworks, installations, and performances by local and international artists.

At Belvedere 21, visitors can explore a diverse range of contemporary artistic expressions, from painting and sculpture to multimedia installations and interactive exhibits.

**Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets to the Belvedere 21!**

## Heidi Horten Collection

The Heidi Horten Collection represents an extraordinary display of modern and contemporary art which was collected by the renowned Austrian philanthropist Heidi Goëss-Horten.

This wonderful collection showcases a diverse array of artworks from various genres, styles, and movements.

From iconic pieces by Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol to provocative installations by contemporary artists, the Heidi Horten Collection offers a comprehensive overview of 20th and 21st-century artistic innovation.

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

## Albertina Modern

The focus of the Albertina Modern is on current, postmodern, and modern art. Formative Austrian artists Friedensreich Hundertwasser, Christian Ludwig Attersee, Gottfried Helnwein, and Maria Lassnig and Valie Export are all represented in the museum's collections.

The Essl Collection is the focal point of the museum's exhibits and, every year, the Albertina Modern also presents brand-new shows featuring contemporary artwork from Austrian and worldwide artists.

**Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to the Albertina Modern!**

## MuMOK (Museum of Modern Art)

Located in Vienna's MuseumQuartier, the Museum of Modern Art (MuMok) is a destination for contemporary art enthusiasts, boasting a diverse collection of paintings, sculptures, and multimedia installations.

MuMok showcases the evolution of contemporary artistic movements from the 20th century to the present day. Its exhibitions feature works by renowned artists alongside emerging talents, offering visitors an experience in the dynamic world of contemporary art.

MuMok serves as a hub for artistic exploration and cultural discourse, providing visitors with opportunities to engage with thought-provoking pieces and participate in educational programs.

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





## Kunsthalle

Located in Vienna's vibrant MuseumsQuartier, the Kunsthalle Wien is a perfect place for contemporary art lovers. It offers great exhibitions that spark discussions on social issues, making it an engaging space for those interested in the intersection of art and society.

Right after your visit you can stay in the area and enjoy the other museums, restaurants and cafes of the MuseumsQuartier.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Kunsthalle!



## Academy of Fine Arts

Vienna's Academy of Fine Arts is an art school as well as a museum. Here, emerging artists from all around the world share a campus with historic masterpieces. Housed in a Schillerplatz castle with lecture rooms and studios, the paintings gallery boasts a superb collection of German, Dutch, and Flemish masterpieces.

The Picture Gallery (Gemälde galerie) is one of the important collections of Old Masters in Vienna and houses masterpieces by the likes of Tizian, Pieter de Houch, Rubens and Cranach. On display is also the extraordinary triptych "The Last Judgment" by Hieronymus Bosch.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Academy Of Fine Arts!



## Kunstforum

Located in the area of Freyung, not far from Am Hof, the Bank Austria Kunstforum is yet another ideal spot for those passionate about contemporary art.

It's renowned for its exhibitions of both national and international art, spanning Classical Modernism to the post-war avant-garde period.

With exhibitions that include works from artists like Schiele, Kokoschka, and Warhol, the Kunstforum offers visitors a diverse exploration of art through carefully curated shows and contemporary pieces.

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



## Designforum Wien

The Designforum Wien offers space for exhibitions and events in one of the city's most popular areas, MuseumsQuartier. Since its opening in 2006, the Designforum has held its own exhibitions and brought international guest exhibitions to Vienna.

The designforum Wien offers the opportunity to prepare design-relevant topics for the public and to address them in different forms - exhibitions, discussions, lectures, conferences and events.

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



## Haus der Musik

The Haus der Musik in Vienna merges the charm of musical history with modern interactive experiences. It's a place where visitors can explore the lives of Vienna's great composers through engaging displays and dive into the broader concept of sound.

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

## House of Strauss

The House of Strauss is Vienna's new cultural hotspot, blending museum exhibits, interactive shows, and fine dining. It provides a deep dive into Strauss's life and music, featuring regular concerts and a multisensory exhibition.

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

## Beethoven Museum at Pasqualati House

At the House of Beethoven visitors can dive into the inspiring yet very complex world of Beethoven through a rich collection of manuscripts, musical instruments, and personal belongings. From the composer's portraits to his original scores and letters.

Click [HERE](#) for more details about the House of Beethoven!

## Arnold Schönberg Center

Founded in 1998, the Arnold Schönberg Center in Vienna preserves Arnold Schönberg's extensive archives and offers insights into his revolutionary contributions to music, including his twelve-tone composition method.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the House of Beethoven!

## Mozart House

At Mozart's House, visitors can explore the composer's former living quarters. From the living spaces to the grand music salon, the residence offers insights into Mozart's daily life, family dynamics, and creative process.

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

## Schubert's Birth House

The Schubert birth house in Vienna is dedicated to Franz Schubert, a composer deeply connected to the city. This small museum, showcases his life, training, and musical works through documents, paintings, and audio examples.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the House of Schubert!

## The Apartment of Haydn

The Haydnhaus in Vienna's 6th district is a museum dedicated to the composer Joseph Haydn, showcasing his last residence.

It highlights his major works, like "The Creation," and tells more about his interesting life story.

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



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!







### The Dorotheum (Vienna's auction house)

The Dorotheum, founded in 1707, is more than an auction house; it's a captivating place for art lovers to visit. Inside, you can enjoy a variety of art displays and collections, presenting a window into different artistic styles and periods.

This venue offers a unique, museum-like setting where guests can admire art and historical items, enriching their cultural experience without the pressure to buy.

Click **HERE** to book a Dorotheum Private Tour!

### Theatre Museum

For those intrigued by the theatrical arts, Vienna's Theatre Museum in Palais Lobkowitz is a great destination.

This museum serves as a bridge between past and present performances, offering a rich overview of stage designs, costumes, and photographic archives that span the spectrum of performing arts.

Among its treasures, Gustav Klimt's "Nuda Veritas" stands out, symbolizing the museum's commitment to blending historical depth with artistic innovation.

Click **HERE** for more details!



### Vienna's Film Museum

After visiting the Albertina museum, when going down the stone stairs, you will find yourself in front of the Film museum. This lovely museum offers visitors a comprehensive exploration of filmmaking, from its earliest origins to contemporary cinematic expressions.

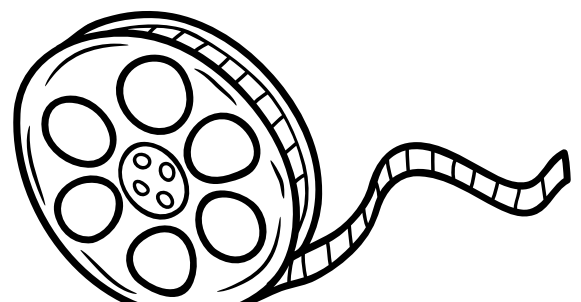
Visitors to the Film museum can explore the world of movies through screenings of classic films, retrospectives and special exhibitions that celebrate the contributions of filmmakers from around the globe.

From silent cinema to the golden age of Hollywood and beyond, the museum offers insights into the creative process, technological innovations, and social impact of cinema throughout history.

Click **HERE** to learn more about the museum!

### Did you know?

Already in the 1900s, Vienna was a hotspot for filmmakers and movie lovers. The city's stunning scenery and grand palaces made it a perfect backdrop for many films. Even nowadays it's a great option for major titles, one of which was Mission Impossible 5 which was shot at the State Opera among other spots in the city.





## Palais Lichtenstein

The Palais Liechtenstein in Vienna is a hidden gem for art lovers and history enthusiasts alike, offering a peek into the life of the Liechtenstein royal family. This baroque palace houses an impressive collection of artworks, including paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts, spanning several centuries. Visitors can marvel at the incredible architecture and the well maintained gardens, making it a perfect spot for those looking for a unique place to visit in Vienna outside the old town.

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



## Schloss Hof

The Schloss Hof is the only palace and museum that isn't located in Vienna. We included it as it's a beautiful palace and a great idea for a day trip, especially for families. The palace located in Marchfeld, Austria near the border of Slovakia. It was once the property of the famous Prince Eugene of Savoy.

It now showcases beautiful art and other historical artefacts and is surrounded by beautiful gardens and even a small petting zoo. It is definitely worth a visit and can be combined with an excursion to Bratislava.

Click [HERE](#) for more details about the beautiful Schloss Hof!





## Viktor Frankl Museum

Vienna's little but powerful Viktor Frankl Museum is the first of its kind in the world. From the end of World War II until his death in 1997, the renowned physician and philosopher himself resided in the house that is now home to the museum. In March 2015, the museum opened, coinciding with the 110th birthday of Holocaust survivor Viktor E. Frankl.

Currently, Viktor Frankl's office serves as an inspirational museum where guests are progressively introduced to his life, philosophy, and psychotherapy. While discovering the evolution of this great personality, guests also acquire understanding of their own prospects and individual capabilities.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Viktor Frankl Museum!**

## The Sigmund Freud Museum

Delve into the life and work of the father of psychoanalysis at the Sigmund Freud Museum, located in the heart of Vienna's Alsergrund district.

Housed in the former apartment and office of Sigmund Freud, this museum provides a fascinating insight into the pioneering theories and revolutionary ideas that shaped modern psychology.

Explore Freud's study, preserved in its original state, and discover the objects and furnishings that inspired his groundbreaking research.

From his famous couch to personal correspondence and manuscripts, the museum offers a glimpse into the mind of one of the 20th century's most influential thinkers.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more!**

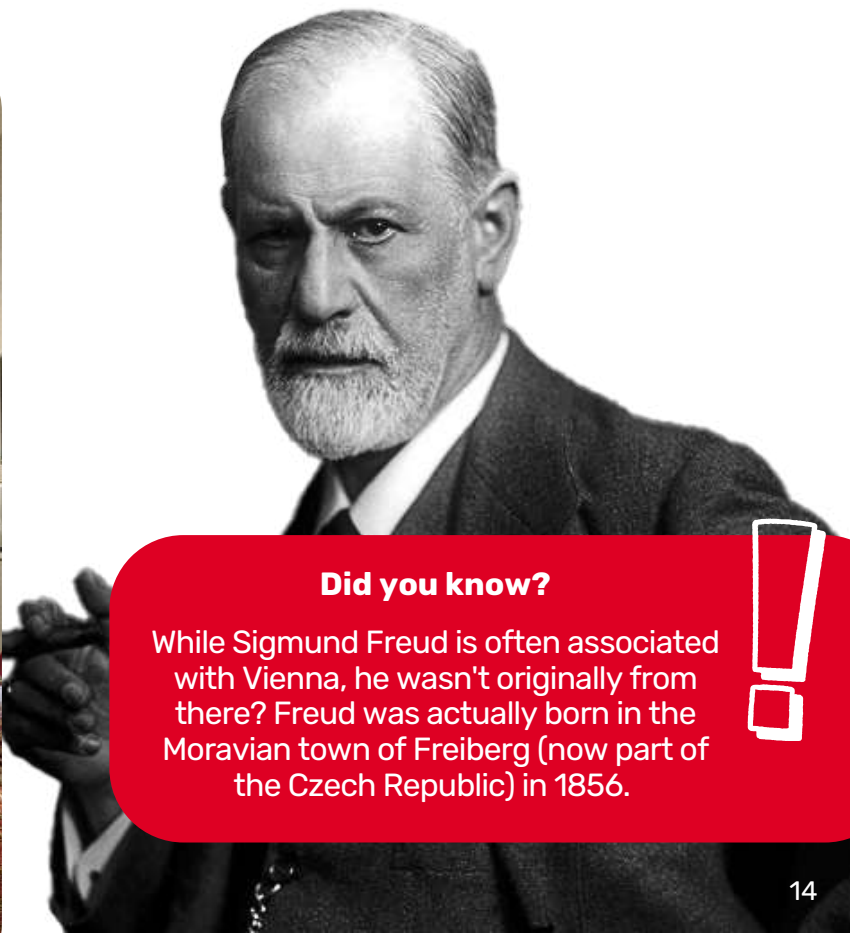


## Ernst Fuchs Museum

In the Otto Wagner Villa, the Ernst Fuchs Museum in Vienna's 14th district showcases the imaginative legacy of Ernst Fuchs, an artist celebrated for his contributions to the Phantastic Realist movement. This space combines the beauty of Fuchs' artwork with the historical elegance of its architectural surroundings.

Here, each room unfolds into a narrative of color, fantasy, and visionary art, offering a window into Fuchs' world. The museum is a great place of creativity, inviting visitors into a journey through the intertwined realms of art and history.

**Click [HERE](#) for more details!**



### Did you know?

While Sigmund Freud is often associated with Vienna, he wasn't originally from there? Freud was actually born in the Moravian town of Freiberg (now part of the Czech Republic) in 1856.





## Madame Tussauds Vienna

Madame Tussauds offers visitors an opportunity to get up close and personal with lifelike wax figures of celebrities, historical icons, and cultural legends. The museum is located inside the Prater amusement park and provides an interactive experience that brings famous personalities to life.

If you plan to visit the Prater and want to balance the exciting rollercoasters with an easy going attraction that's perfect for pictures and selfies, this option is ideal for you.

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



## Prater Museum

The Prater, Vienna's beloved amusement park for over two and a half centuries, has been a place of joy and relaxation. Next to the iconic Riesenrad ferris wheel sits the Prater Museum, which showcases the park's history through a display of historical objects, from merry-go-rounds and puppet characters to early slot machines.

You will find many treasures such as the park's plans, models, photos, and memorabilia. It's a great place to visit before heading out to try out the roller coasters and the other fun attractions.

Click [HERE](#) to know more about the Prater Museum!



## The Third Man Museum

The Third Man Museum is a true passion project and a wonderful place, both for the Third Man movie fans and for anyone interested in the post World War II period.

The museum is dedicated to the iconic film noir classic "The Third Man." It's located in the atmospheric setting of Vienna's 4th district and offers a glimpse into the cinematic world of Orson Welles' enigmatic character, Harry Lime.

Explore original props, rare memorabilia and more. Be sure to visit their website as opening times tend to change. We recommend also booking a private tour with the founders.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Third Man Museum!





## Imperial Crypt

Since 1618 the Capuchins' Crypt in Vienna has been the family burial vault of the Habsburgs - a monument and symbol of sovereign power, which clothed its own impermanence with beauty. Multiple extensions and modifications over four centuries extended the crypt to a total of ten vaults, which now hosts the sarcophagi, urns and funerary monuments of the Habsburgs.

In this way the Imperial Crypt is one of Vienna's top sightseeing attractions to discover the Habsburgs family history from a different point of view.

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

## Funeral Museum Vienna

The Funeral Museum at Vienna's Central Cemetery gives insights into the funeral and cemetery culture of past centuries.

More than 250 original objects and photographic material are on display, including an original "Fourgon" (coach for transporting bodies) from around the year 1900. A heart palpitation knife and a life-saving clock are the most bizarre exhibits: They date to a time when people worried about being buried alive!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Funeral Museum Vienna!**

## The Kriminalmuseum (Vienna Crime Museum)

The Kriminalmuseum in Vienna offers visitors a journey through the city's criminal history, forensic science, and law enforcement techniques. Located in Vienna's 2nd district, this museum provides a fascinating insight into the world of crime investigation and criminal justice, spanning centuries of intriguing cases and detective work.

Through its diverse exhibits, displays, and historical artefacts, the crime museum offers a unique perspective on the darker side of Vienna.

Visitors can explore a wide range of topics related to crime and punishment, including notorious crimes, criminal masterminds, and landmark court cases. From medieval torture devices to modern forensic tools, the museum's collection showcases the evolution of crime-solving methods and the challenges faced by law enforcement professionals throughout history.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this spooky and fantastic museum!**

## Stephansdom

Stephansdom, one of Vienna's most recognisable symbols, stands on the ruins of an earlier ancient Roman church, built and dedicated to St. Stephen in 1147.

The Cathedral Museum has in its collection paintings from the 18th century, sculptures of the Virgin and Child dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, and even some Medieval-age carvings. Stephansdom's most precious objects are now found in their own exhibition: the Treasure, found in the cathedral's west gallery.

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

## Undertaker Museum

Located near the Schloss Belvedere in an old funeral home, this museum contains more than 600 artifacts documenting Viennese funeral and burial rituals.

On display are black uniforms worn by the pallbearers (Pompfüneberer), as well as hearses, lanterns, torches, black flags, photographs of corpses seated in chairs and a "sitting coffin". Also on display is the reusable coffin, introduced in 1784 by Emperor Josef II in an effort to conserve wood and speed up decomposition.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Viennese burial rituals!**





## Museum of Art Fakes

The Museum of Art Fakes (Fälschermuseum) is a small gallery devoid of any original artwork. There are pieces in the collection that look like they belong to famous artists like Matisse, Rembrandt, and Klimt, but were actually made by an enterprising forger.

The collection also features some well-known forgers, such as Tom Keating, who faked over 2,000 pieces to protest the corruption of the art world, planting "time-bombs" in his copies so that any unsuspecting collector would be unable to recognize the fakes. A number of fake diary pages that are said to have been written by Adolf Hitler are also on show at the museum.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Museum of Fake Arts!**

## Papyrus Museum

Situated underground within the National Library of Austria, the modest Papyrus Museum's exhibits may appear insignificant when compared to other notable museums with items such as a prenuptial agreement or a recipe, with very few well-known names visible. However, because of the displays' historical significance and age—some of the papyrus sheets date back over 3,000 years—their value may even surpass that of those more well-known pieces!

There are a few non-papyrus objects in the museum as well. For instance, tiny groups of stelas, or gravestones, and mummy labels. Needless to say, the Papyrus Museum collection can now be found on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

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## Globe Museum

Located in the beautiful setting of Palais Mollard, the Globe Museum of the Austrian National Library is a world-first. Take your time to explore more than 250 exhibits, featuring celestial and terrestrial globes, moon and planet globes, and a variety of astronomy instruments.

Through touchscreens, you may learn about the origins, manufacture, and applications of globes as well as the hyperglobe, a digital representation of them.

In the Globe Museum you get to learn their functions as scientific instruments, artistic creations, and aids to navigation. Don't miss the 1541 Mercator globe, which you can also examine digitally to discover where 16th-century geographers got it right and wrong.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more!**



## Snow Globe Museum

Did you know that the snowglobe was invented in Vienna? In the year 1900 Erwin Perzy I created the very first snowglobe. He lived in a house not too far from Schönbrunn where the beauty of Vienna brought forth his first design, the Basilica of Maria Zell.

Today the Snow Globe Museum is a 50 square meters space where you can see special designs and learn how snowglobes are made! You can even book a 1 hour guided tour which is recommended.

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





## Museum of illusions

The Museum of illusions is a small yet lovely museum you can visit with your friends and family for an enjoyable 1-2 hours in the city center.

You will get to interact with various optical illusions and take some really funny and creative pictures. Its location, not far from the Graben and Hofburg, makes this museum very convenient if you just look for a light-hearted activity indoors.

This museum is a favourite of families with younger children who might not be ready for the larger, historical museums. It's also a great idea for your program on a rainy day.

Click **HERE** to buy entry tickets to the Museum of illusions!



### Did you know?

Artists and scientists collaborate in the development of the programmes offered by ZOOM. Visual artists and committed young architects are the ones who created a large part of ZOOM's objects and installations.

## 3D PicArt Museum

The 3D PicArt museum is a fun and small museum located not far from Karlsplatz and the State Opera. It is somewhat similar to the museum of illusions and is full of unique pictures perfect for some crazy selfies. There are about 40 different scenes for you to enjoy and take memorable pictures in a light-hearted way.

This museum is especially loved by families with younger children but it welcomes everyone. Expect to spend there no more than 1-1.5 hours, which is a nice, refreshing break after a day of exploring the inner city.

Click **HERE** to learn more about this fun museum!



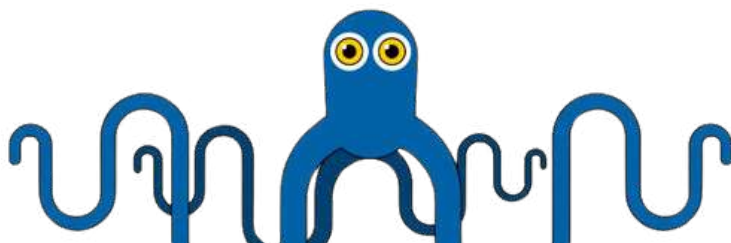
## Zoom Children's Museum

Children are welcome to explore, touch, feel, ask questions, and play as much as they like at the ZOOM Children's Museum. This fun place was established in 1994 as Austria's first museum for children. There, children can explore the environment using all of their senses, either independently or in small groups.

Children can playfully pick up sensory impressions and emotional experiences in ZOOM's exhibitions and workshops, which initiate learning processes and enable them to pick up new information.

The exhibitions and workshops available at ZOOM take children's special requirements into account, both in terms of their design and of their themes, but the adults who accompany them are welcome to join in too! ZOOM Children's Museum offers four different areas to keep the children entertained and eager to learn more!

Click **HERE** to explore this unique museum!





## The Narrenturm

The Narrenturm is definitely a unique place to visit in Vienna, especially for those curious about healthcare and medical practices of the late 18th century.

Over time, the Narrenturm has witnessed a transformative journey, evolving from its initial role as a haven for mental healthcare to housing the Pathological-Anatomical Federal Museum in 1971. This museum, later integrated into the Natural History Museum Vienna in 2012, continues to illuminate the intricate workings of pathology and anatomy.

Today, visitors can explore its corridors and exhibitions, delving into the fascinating intersection of medicine and human understanding.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about The Narrenturm!



## Pharmacy and Drugstore Museum Vienna

From the late 19th century to the present day, witness the transformation of pharmaceuticals, starting with the industrially manufactured chemical remedies like Bayer's groundbreaking Aspirin in 1900.

Get to know what a traditional drugstore was like, where herbal medicines, perfumes, household essentials and more were all within reach. Admire the tools and equipment used by apothecaries, and marvel at remedies once deemed essential, such as Theriac and Spanish Fly.

Don't miss the opportunity to explore the museum archives, where historical reference books and apothecary journals await!

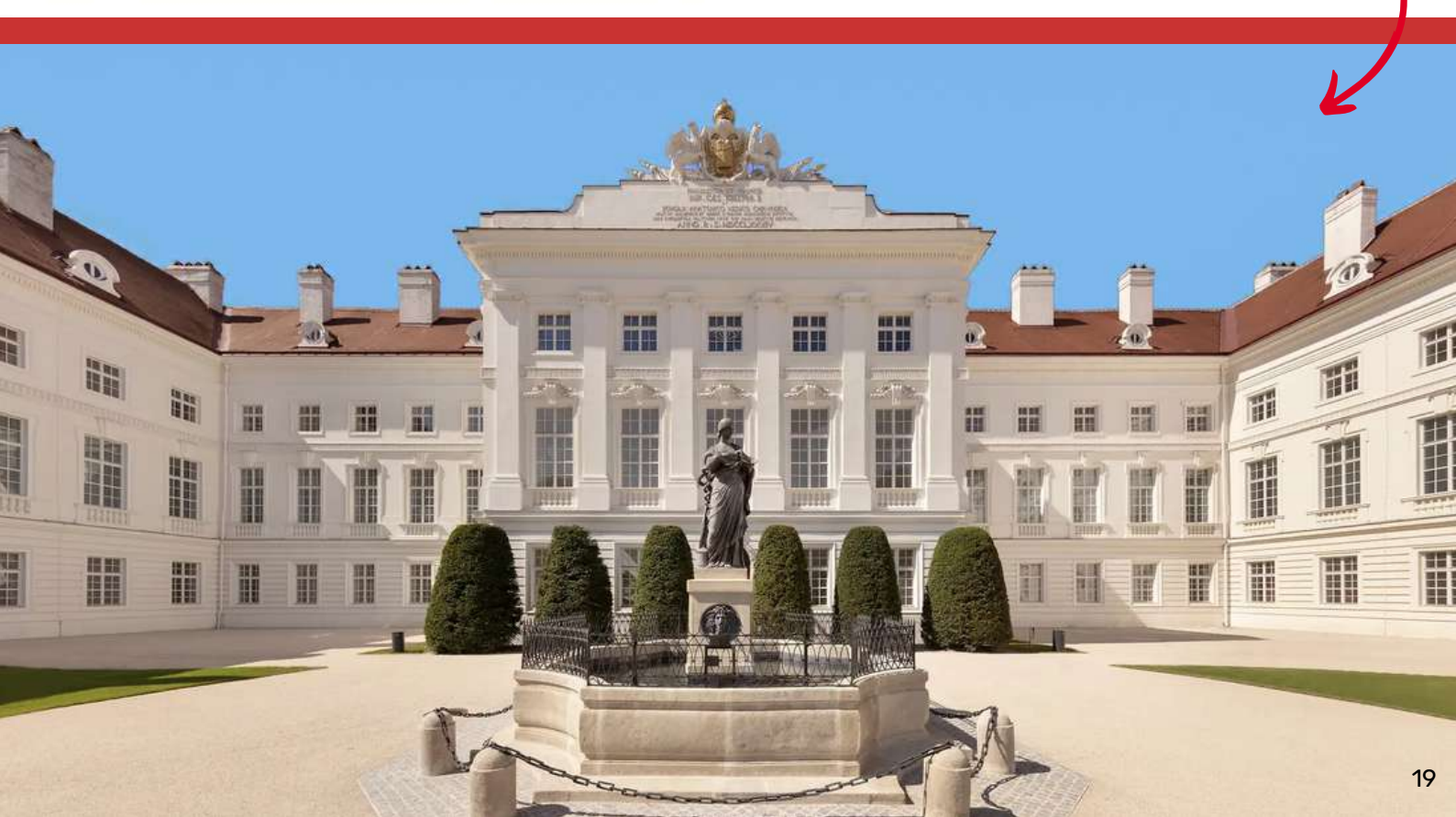
Click [HERE](#) to learn about the Pharmacy and Drugstore Museum Vienna!

## Museum of the History of Medicine

The Museum of the History of Medicine, also known as the Josephinum, is the historic gateway to medicine in Vienna. It was founded as an academy of military surgery by Emperor Joseph II in 1785. The Museum houses the internationally significant and unique historical collections of the Medical University of Vienna, presenting them over two levels.

This museum is a great idea for those curious about the medical world and Vienna's contribution to it. Its cultural history consists of numerous sources, including instructional materials, instruments, scripts, literature, records, and photographs. It is among the world's largest collections of its kind.

Click [HERE](#) to learn about the Museum of the History of Medicine!





## German Order Museum

If you are fascinated about knightly orders, you might already know that several of them are present in Vienna. One of these orders is the once mighty Teutonic Order, whose influence extended into the realms of medieval East Prussia. Facing dissolution by Napoleon during his quest for dominance over Germany, the Order strategically relocated its base to Vienna. This move not only preserved its traditions but also safeguarded its prized possessions, including a trove of artifacts and treasures.

Among the Order's treasures are many meticulously collected artifacts, a testament to the artistic discernment of the Order's Grand Masters. From priceless tableware to exquisite glassware, each artifact tells a story of a bygone era, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the captivating narrative of one of Europe's most illustrious medieval institutions.

Click [HERE](#) to learn about the Order's museum!

## Peace Museum Vienna

The Peace Museum Vienna was founded on June 21, 2014, on the anniversary of the death of Bertha Von Suttner, the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The museum presents peace heroes to the public in an effort to promote global peace, offering a physical location that functions as a gathering place for talks on peace, an exhibition hall, a hub for the screening of films and documentaries, and an amazing venue for its peace cooking activities. In addition, it serves as a venue for education and provides information to academics, instructors, students, and other guests.

Peace Museum Vienna is also known for its 'Windows for Peace' project which is the first World's Street Peace Museum. As a street museum, it is open twenty four hours a day and charges no admission fees!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Peace Museum Vienna!

## Vienna Transport Museum Remise

Explore the magnificent historic halls of the former tramway depot in Erdberg to find one of Europe's largest collections of historical vehicles. From the first horse-drawn tramway in 1868 to the post-war "American" and the Reichsbrückenbus, which fell into the Danube river in 1976, to the public transportation of the future, the Vienna Transport Museum has it all!

The museum provides a mix of contemporary, interactive displays with historical artifacts. Apart from showcasing vehicles from numerous historical periods, various themed zones also provide guests with intriguing and unfamiliar information on Vienna's public transportation network! The museum uses different multimedia information and interactive games to keep things interesting while telling the story of Vienna's public transportation system.

Click [HERE](#) for more details about the Vienna Transport Museum!

### Did you know?

The Order of Teutonic Knights subdued the territory later known as East Prussia and opened the area for German colonization.





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