

## Useful information about Vienna (conference, culture, language)

Dear ECSWE members,

Here are useful information about Vienna, the culture and Austrian language.

*Vienna, the capital of Austria, is a city of over 1.8 million inhabitants. It is one of the great cultural centres of Europe with a continuous history of more than 2000 years. During the Middle Ages, Vienna rose to importance in connecting central Europe with the East, and eventually became the capital of the vast Habsburg empire. The exceptional concentration of talent, reflected by the great achievements in music, art, and the sciences, was a consequence of Vienna's role as a meeting place of a large number of different nations and traditions. Although much reduced in importance by the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy at the end of World War I, and placed on the periphery of the western world as a consequence of World War II, Vienna has retained its role as one of the leading capitals of Europe. Since the fall of the Iron Curtain it has successfully resumed its tradition of connecting the East and the West.*

*Today Vienna is a thriving international city, integrating the rich inheritance of a glorious past with a dynamic approach to the modern world. As a seat of numerous international organizations and an important turntable for business enterprises, Vienna is at the same time a city of operas, concert halls, theatres, universities, museums, and, last but not least, of coffee houses and "Heurigen". It's maybe this combination which makes Vienna such a favored destination for **conferences** and conventions.*

Vienna as a popular city for conferences - that also means that hotels are full most of the time, especially from May till September, so is our hotel, it is meanwhile fully booked for this weekend!

Vienna as a cultural city: of course, millions of tourists come to Vienna for a cultural trip. We will explore some cultural highlights in Vienna, but not all, we will not go to the opera, we will not go to the Burgtheater, we will not go to the castle of Schönbrunn. But our hotel is within a 10 minutes walk to Schönbrunn, so you should really visit it. Schönbrunn is more than the castle. Schönbrunn is also one of the most beautiful parks you have ever seen, open from 6:00 am till 7:00 pm, admission free, take a good hour for the visit. Schönbrunn includes also the Vienna zoo, the oldest existing zoo in the world and 2009 and 2010 voted as Europe's best zoo. And of course the palace of Schönbrunn open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, entrance fee € 13,50 time about 1 hour. Schönbrunn palace together with its ancillary buildings and extensive park is by virtue of its long and colourful history one of the most important cultural monuments in Austria. Scheduled as a listed monument, the whole ensemble, including the palace, the park and the zoo was placed on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1996.  
<http://www.schoenbrunn.at/en/home.html>.

For more about Vienna go to <http://www.vienna.info/en>.

## The Austrian language

Most of the German speaking people believe that we speak the same language as the Germans but this is not the case. So if you do speak German here are the most important words you should know when you are in Austria.

Österreichisches Deutsch / Austrian	Deutsches Deutsch/English
Baba /servus	Tschüss / good by
<b>Wiener Kaffeespezialitäten /Viennese special coffees – never ever order just a coffee in Austria, chose which one!</b>	
(großer / kleiner ) Schwarzer / Mokka	schwarzer Kaffee /black coffee
(großer / kleiner ) Brauner	Kaffee mit Obers = Sahne (meist separat serviert) /coffee with whipped cream
Verlängerter Brauner / Schwarzer	kleiner Brauner / Schwarzer mit extra heißem Wasser dazu / coffee with extra hot water
Melange	Milchkaffee, ähnlich wie Cappuccino /similar to Cappuccino
Franziskaner	Melange mit Schlagobers (Schlagsahne) statt Milch / Melange with whipped cream
Einspänner	großer Schwarzer im Glas mit sehr viel Schlagobers / großer Schwarzer with whipped cream
Kapuziner	kleiner Mokka mit wenig Schlagobers /small Mokka with some whipped cream
Kaffee verkehrt / Milchkaffee	viel Milch mit wenig Kaffee / lots of milk with small coffee
<b>Essen und Trinken /eat and drink</b>	
Erdäpfel	Kartoffel / potatoes
Fisolen	Bohnen / beans
Frittate	nudelig geschnittener Pfannkuchen
Gespritzter	Schorle / wine with mineral water
Jause	Brotzeit, Vesper / snack
Kipferl	Hörnchen / Croissant
Marille	Aprikose /apricot
Millirahmstrudel	Milchrahmstrudel / just taste it!
Paradeiser	Tomate /tomatoes
Powidl	Zwetschgen /plums
Schwammerl	Pilze /mushrooms
Semmel	Brötchen / Wecken / Austrian breakfast rolls
Sturm	Neuer Wein /young wine
<b>Verschiedenes / and more</b>	
Bim	Straßenbahn, Tram
Heuriger	junger Wein; Schenke, in der junger Wein ausgeschenkt wird / place where you get young wine
Wundawuzi	Alleskönner / All-rounder

*Servus and Welcome to Vienna and to Austria!*

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