



IES Abroad Alumni Engagement is pleased to bring you a few tips and pointers for returning to Vienna. The IES Abroad Chicago office number is 800-995-2300. For any questions or more information about our alumni weekends in Vienna please email alumni@IESabroad.org or go to www.IESabroad.org/alumni.

Health and Safety Numbers:

General Emergency EU wide: 112

US Embassy in Vienna:

U.S. Citizens with emergencies, please call
(+43 1) 313 39 7535

Outside of Office Hours, contact: (+43 1) 31339-0

Outside of Austria: (+43 1) 31339-0

International Travel for US Citizens

- Be sure that your passport expiration date extends at least six months beyond your travel dates.
- Visit the State Department's Germany Information page here for detailed information about safety abroad: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Austria.html>

How to Get from the Flughafen Vienna Airport to the Center of Vienna:

The City Airport Train (CAT) is the fastest way (16 minutes) to travel to and from the city center. Taxis are also available. If you returning the airport using the CAT, there is a luggage check in for Star Alliance passengers at the Wien Mitte train station in downtown Vienna that eliminates the need to take your checked luggage on the train. The lowest price for CAT tickets is in advance on their website.

Hotels in Vienna

The following lodging options have been used by past IES Abroad reunion groups or are suggested by the IES Vienna Center:

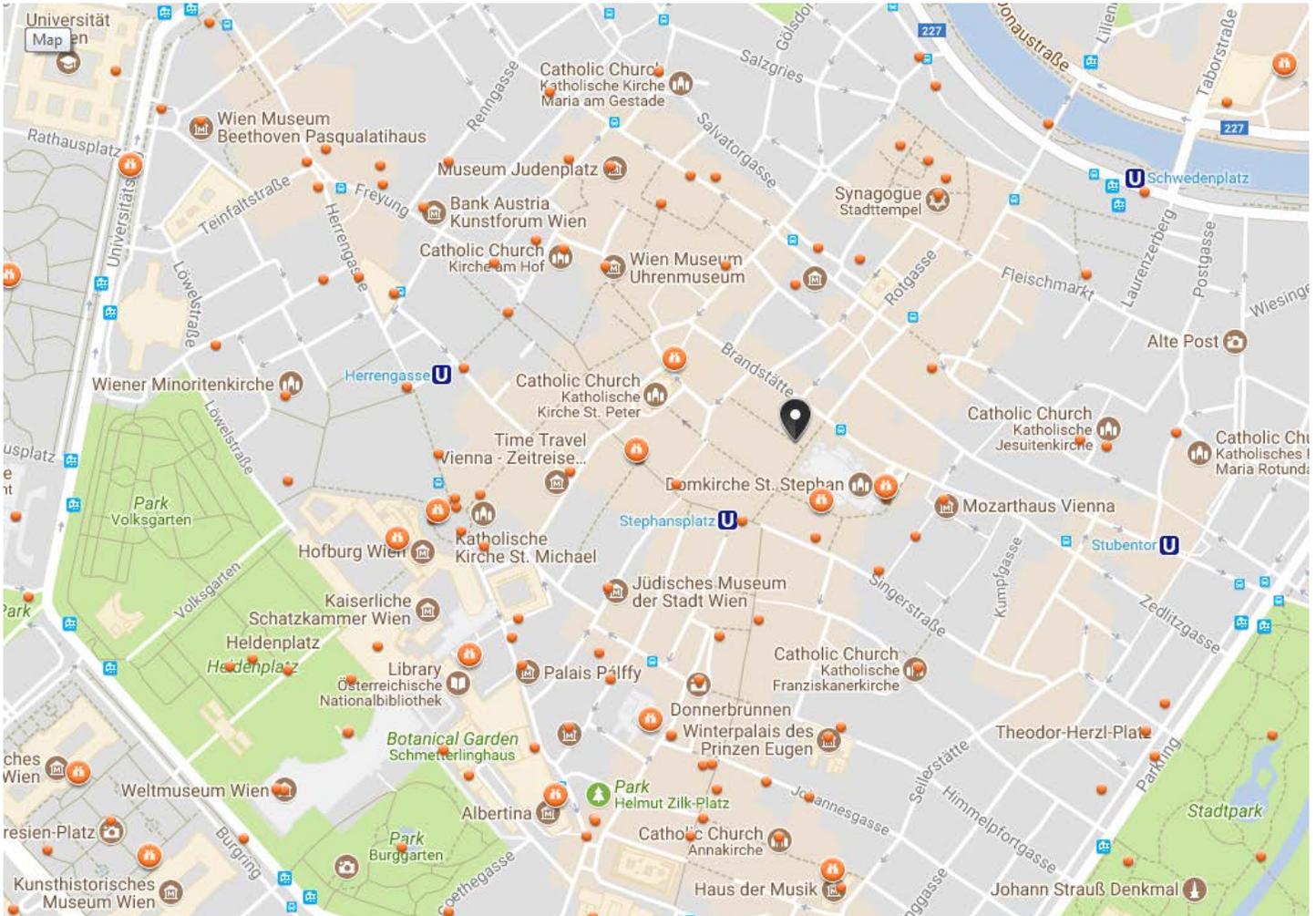
- **Austria Trend Europa**: Kärntnerstraße 18, 1010
- **Hotel König von Ungarn**: Schulerstraße 10, 1010
- **Hotel Mercure Wien Zentrum**: Fleischmarkt 1, 1010
- **Hotel Römischer Kaiser**: Annagasse 16, 1010
- **Hotel Wandl**: Petersplatz 9, 1010
- **Pension Neuer Markt**: Seilergasse 9, 1010
- **Hotel am Konzerthaus**: Am Heuermarkt 35-37, 1030
- **Renaissance Wien Hotel**: Linke Wienzeile/Ullmannstraße 71, 1150
- **Benediktushaus**: Freyung 6a, A – 1010
- **Hotel Vienna Motel One**: Elisabethstrasse 5
- **Hotel Kairserin Elisabeth**, Weihburggasse 3, 1010
- www.AirBnb.com
- www.vrbo.com

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IES Abroad in Vienna

In September 1950, 23 American students boarded the SS Volendam to journey to Vienna, where they would spend the next year living and studying in the Austrian capital through the first IES Abroad program (formerly known as the Institute of European Studies). Paul Koutny, an Austrian student who envisioned the project while living in the US on Fulbright scholarships, met the students at the ship and escorted them to Vienna. Among those students, who believed that studying abroad would enrich their lives and give them a deeper understanding of another culture, were Clarence and Alberta Giese, young newlyweds from Chicago. They were so inspired by their time in Vienna, that upon returning home, they sold everything they owned and helped Paul Koutny bring another group of students to Vienna – and then another and another. Since that time, over 17,000 U.S. students have studied aboard on IES Abroad programs in Vienna.

Neuer Markt

The original locations of IES Abroad Vienna were spread out across the first district. The Institute offices and lounges were located at Neuer Markt 1 and 2 (now home to lawyer offices and a language school; and to an engineering business and the restaurant *Ferdinandt*, respectively); the library and study rooms were located at Neuer Markt 14 (now a French restaurant *Le Bol*); the classrooms were located at Lueger Platz 2 (now a professional office); and the dining hall was located at Krugerstraße 16 (now offices for TÜV Austria).

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Palais Kinsky

Next, the IES Abroad Vienna Center was located in the Palais Kinsky (Freyung 4) from 1968 to 1982. Today, the Palais Kinsky is a beautifully renovated multi-purpose building with offices, shopping, and restaurants. IES Abroad classes can plan group functions there. Visit their website at: <http://www.palaisevents.at/en/palaisdaunkinsky.html>

Visiting IES Abroad in Vienna

If you would like to visit the IES Abroad Vienna Center, please make arrangements by contacting the alumni office at alumni@IESabroad.org. Class reunion groups are also invited to visit the Center for a special program when arrangements are made in advance.

Archival Information from Your Time in Vienna

The Vienna Center will provide information from your class year during your prearranged Center visit. Class members are also invited to provide information by emailing digital photos from their year to alumni@IESabroad.org or archive@IESvienna.org or by bringing original or copied material which will be catalogued in the IES Abroad Vienna archives. By doing so, you grant permission for IES Abroad to share the photos online with other IES Abroad alumni and others via Internet sharing sites.

Restaurants

Many of the following restaurants have been used as gathering spots and group meals for past IES Abroad reunion groups. In most cases, reservations can be made online using the restaurant for small and larger groups.

- [Augustiner-Keller](#): Augustinerstraße 1, 1010
- [Esterhazykeller](#): Haarhof 1, 1010
- [Bastei-Beisl](#): Stubenbastei 10, 1010 (corner of Jakobergasse)
- [Café Central](#) : Herrengasse 14, 1010
- [Da Capo Ristorante](#): Schulerstraße 18, 1010 (modern Italian cuisine)
- [Gösser Bierklinik](#): Steindlgasse 4, 1010
- [Plachutta](#), Gasthaus Zur Oper: Walfischgasse 5, 1010 (and other locations in Vienna)
- [Zum Huth](#): Schellinggasse 5, 1010
- [Silberwirt](#): Schloßgasse 21, 1050
- [Strasserbräu](#): Schönbrunner Straße 253-255, 1120 (near the Renaissance Hotel Wien)
- In Grinzing: [Der Rudolfshof](#): Cobenzlgasse 8, 1190
- [Schnitzelwirt](#): Neubaugasse 52, 1070 Wien
- [Café Benno](#)- Alser Straße 67, 1080 Wien
- [Figlmüller](#)- Wollzeile 5, 1010 Wien
- Best view of Stephansdom: [Onyx Bar in the Do&Co hotel](#)
- [Mraz & Sohn](#)
- [The Bank Brasserie](#)
- In Grinzing: Heurigen [Zum Martin Sepp](#) (take the #38 tram from Schottentor U [lower level of station] to last stop “Grinzing” and walk two blocks to restaurant)
- In Grinzing: [Kierlinger](#), Kahlenbergerstrasse 20, 1190

Other Popular Activities

- Schedule and tickets for all Vienna performances: www.viennaclassic.com
- DDSG Danube Boat Cruises - Sightseeing cruise on the Danube
- Jesuitkirche (church), Dr.-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz, free concert on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (be there by 10 a.m. to get a seat)

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- Kunsthistorisches and Naturhistorisches Museums
- Museum of Military History
- Schönbrunn and Belvedere palaces
- Schubert Church – Sunday concerts
- St. Stephen’s Cathedral – Sunday concerts
- The Vienna State Opera
- The Volksoper
- Theater an der Wien
- Ferris Wheel at the Prater
- [Café Braunerhof](#), where you’ll find Viennese locals, has live classical musical on Saturdays. Cash only.
- [Hausdermusik](#) is a small museum with interactive exhibits.
- [Julius Meinl am Graben](#), famous for its coffee, has a two story, gourmet grocery store and café at the end of Graben.
- The [Josephinum](#), at the Medical University of Vienna, houses the world-renowned collection of nearly 1,200 anatomical wax models commissioned by Joseph II in Florence for the newly established academy, as well as the historical library with scripts and volumes from the 15th to the 18th century.
- Resources to check for seasonal festivals and weekly activities:
- Vienna Würstelstand: <http://www.viennawurstelstand.com/>
- Falter: <https://www.falter.at/>
- Best prices on dirtdls and leiderhosen: [Humana Second Hand](#) (several locations) or [Salzburger Trachtoulet](#)

Tour Guide

With advance notice IES Abroad alumna, Gretl Satorius (Vienna, Fall '04) conducts guided walking tours in Vienna. Gretl can be reached directly at this email address: gsatorius@gmail.com to make arrangements. At certain times of the year, Alan Mueller, Vienna 78-79, provides walking tours in Vienna. Alan can be reached at alan.mueller@chello.at

Day Trips from Vienna

Options for day trips abroad (leaving in the morning, getting back in the late afternoon/early evening) are Bratislava, Brno or Sopron. The easiest is Bratislava. Direct trains go about every hour and the trip lasts only a little over 60 minutes. These are local trains and no reservation is need. Brno is also interesting, but a bit farther away; about 1 hour and 50 minutes, and seat reservations are needed since it's on the main line from Vienna up to Czechia and Poland. Sopron is nearby - also an hour by local train - and would be recommended for a stroll through the old town, a nice lunch and back to Vienna by mid afternoon. Within Austria, Salzburg and Graz are about 2 1/2 hours each way.

Traveling Around Vienna

Locations within the 1st district (the “Ring”) are easily accessible on foot. If you would like to use [public transportation](#) within or outside of the Ring you can purchase individual tickets the station, or single or multi day passes. **The fine for riding the tram without a ticket is 105 Euros.**

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