



VIENNA MAP for young city explorers made by locals



ACT LIKE A LOCAL

BE GRUMPY Although we are living in a city where everything works perfectly, we like to paint everything black and complain. A lot! As an original Viennese it is mandatory to be all grumpy because the bus is one minute late or because it is unbearably hot/cold/rainy/sunny. Don't take our bad mood personally – it is part of our mentality that dates back to the monarchy, when civil servants treated up half of the population.

SPEND HOURS IN A CAFÉ Being a civil servant not only makes you grumpy but also very laid-back and indifferent. So your personality is split between 'olles casch' (everything's crap) and 'is ma wasch' (I don't care). Viennese celebrate that mood by spending hours in a café drinking kleiner Brauner (espresso with milk), eating pastries like Apfelstrudel and reading the newspaper.

THE WAITER IS KING Don't be surprised if the waiters are unfriendly – not the guest is king, he is. Address him with Herr Ober and treat him like your superior, and he'll reward you with a smile. Just kidding, waiters never smile! For his courteous service, a tip of 10% is what the king expects of his subjects.

DRINK G'SPRITZER We have a special relationship to wine. In the past, people drank wine instead of water because of the bad quality of Viennese water. Even though tap water is now too quality as it comes straight from the mountains, we still drink G'spritzer (wine with soda) to quench our thirst in the summertime. The Heuriger, which is a tavern where winegrowers sell their own seasonal wine, is a holy institution in Vienna!

ORDER A KRÜGERL We are also a nation of beer drinkers. When you go for a beer with your new local friends, order a Krügerl for a large beer of the local draft, or a Seidel for a small beer. In the summertime before sunset a Radler (beer with lemonade) is the real thing.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Same tickets for underground, bus and tram. You can change from one to the other, but you must not take a break or change directions. Single ticket: € 2,40 if you buy it in advance / € 2,60 if you buy it on the tram or bus (prices subject to change) Day-, 24h-, 48h-, 72h- and weekly tickets are also available.
Night busses operate all week long in 30 min intervals. On Fri, Sat and nights before public holidays the underground operates all night long.
To the airport, you can take the S-train from Landstraße/Wien Mitte for only € 4,30
App: WienMobil: Find connections and buy tickets on your phone

BIKE RENTAL
WienMobil Rad
The Wiener Linien provides 3.000 rental bikes. Billing is every half hour. The standard tariff is €0.60 per 30 minutes. Regular Wiener Linien customers such as annual ticket holders only pay €0.30 per 30 minutes. The bike locations can be found in the "WienMobil" app. App: WienMobil: Find bike locations and check availability.

FREE WIFI
Free WiFi access points are available in many public spaces, restaurants etc.
App: WiFi Map: Find WiFi hotspots in Vienna
App: Wien.at: Find free WiFi in public places provided by the local government

TAXI
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Order a taxi to the airport by phone in advance for € 36.



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1 OPEN-AIR MUSEUM
(every day) Vienna is quite rightly considered a large open-air museum. You can experience this first-hand when walking along Ringstraße. The city's grand boulevard was laid out around the historical city centre and features prestigious public buildings such as the City Hall and the State Opera, private palaces, squares and parks, monuments and elegant cafés. A cheap and comfortable way to explore Ringstraße is by tram. Take Tram 1 from Karlsplatz to Schwedenplatz and change to Tram 2 to complete the tour around the Ring (anti-clockwise).

2 PICTURE-PERFECT READING ROOM
(Mon - Sat) You're a Harry Potter fan? If so, you will love the reading room of the main Library of the University of Vienna which is reminiscent of the Great Hall and its enchanted ceiling. With its long wooden tables and brass bankers lamps exuding a dim light, it is a very popular place for studying, reading or dozing off in between lectures. So: Shhhh! Free entry!

3 ROMANTIC VILLAGE FLAIR
(every day) Spittelberg is a charming neighbourhood with narrow cobblestone lanes and cute Biedermeier buildings. Some call it the Montmartre of Vienna. Previously, this part of the city was a red-light district, but today it is dominated by arts and craft shops, restaurants and bars such as Amerling Beisl, Horvath Weinstüberl or the dive bar Bukowski. Visit picturesque Sankt Ulrich's Square off Burggasse and explore the nearby alleys. Experience the square's charm during a drink at Café Morgenstern. Spittelberg is the location of one of Vienna's most lovely Christmas markets.

4 MUSEUMS AND MORE
(every day) Originally built as a royal stable, the MuseumsQuartier (MQ) today is a small city within the city featuring numerous museums, cultural institutions, cafés and bars. On warm days, the square fills up with a lively crowd of youngsters, hipsters, tourists and art fanatics. In the warmer months, regular art and music events take place in the courtyards, all free of charge and worth a visit. Keep your eyes and ears open for exhibition openings or free entries to the museums. Literally on top, the panoramic terrace MQ Libelle is an architectural highlight offering a spectacular view of the city (free access). If you want to act like a real local, bring your own drinks, hang out at MQ and never set foot into any of the cultural facilities!

5 60S CINEMA
(every day) Once the biggest cinema in town, Gartenbaukino now feels like travelling back to the 60s – the good old times when there was only one big screen and the chairs were velvety and fluffy. The movies are shown in original language with subtitles. Gartenbaukino is the main venue of Vienna's international film festival 'Viennale' which takes place at the end of October. If you are not up for a movie, you can zip cocktails at the bar Groovy!

6 A CASTLE FOR HORSES
(every day) Usually, seeing the famous white Lipizzan horses of the Spanish Riding School involves queuing and paying a high ticket price. However, if you're lucky, you can catch a glimpse of the beautiful creatures from the sidewalk! Right behind the Imperial Palace their historical stables are located off an arcade courtyard, the Stallburg – 'stable castle'.

7 PEEING IN STYLE
(every day) If you need to go to the loo during a walk through Vienna's historic city centre, do so in style at the public Art Nouveau toilet beneath Graben (N° 22). For 50 cents, this impeccably clean "public convenience" offers elaborate details and exquisite materials such as oak and teak wood, polished glass and brass fittings. Worth a visit, even if your bladder isn't full!

8 BIG SPENDERS' PARADISE
(Mon - Sat) Kohlmarkt, Graben and Kärntner Straße are pedestrian areas in the city centre ideal for strolling and window-shopping. Kohlmarkt, in particular, with its luxury fashion and jewellery stores, is a playground for big spenders. Make sure to glimpse into the windows of Demel, a pastry shop which still proudly bears the title "Purveyor to the Imperial and Royal Court". Check out the glassware store Lobmeyr on Kärntner Straße if you want to get a feel of more unique old-fashioned shops in the area. To see where rich people shop for food, step into Julius Meinl, a super posh, super expensive and super exclusive supermarket at the corner of Kohlmarkt and Graben.

9 BEAUTIFUL VIEW
(every day) Belvedere means beautiful view and indeed the view is magnificent. The grounds of the Baroque palace – actually there's two of them, the Upper and the Lower Belvedere – include pretty gardens containing carefully pruned hedges, fountains and geometrically laid out flower beds. During the times of its original owner, Prince Eugene of Savoy, a tame lion was part of the menagerie located in the palace gardens. The Upper Belvedere is guarded by two impressive sphinxes and bears the world's largest collection of paintings by Gustav Klimt, including 'The Kiss'. Don't miss the big pond south of the Upper palace for a great photo of the palace's reflection in the water. It's also the picture-perfect backdrop for a Christmas market.

10 EXOTIC FOOD MARKET
(Mon - Sat) Naschmarkt is a kaleidoscope of exotic food, scents and people. Although the market has become quite touristy, it's still a great place for a stroll through the stalls, breathing in the market air and having a meal and drink at one of the many bars and restaurants. Next to the authentic Israeli cuisine, try Kojira Sushi Bar, the first sushi bar in Vienna for great sushi + free tea and Deli or Tewa for drinks, salads, snacks and that unique relaxed market atmosphere. Most restaurants and bars are open every day. On Saturdays, you can find everything from antiques to junk – and a mixture of both – at the all-day flea market behind the Naschmarkt (U4 station Kettenbrückengasse). Don't miss the grandiose architecture along Linke Wienzeile, especially Otto Wagner's flower and gold facades!

11 MATCHA & MORE
(every day) Matcha Komachi is not the fanciest Japanese restaurant in town, but definitely authentic, serving up traditional and high quality Japanese food at moderate prices. Try their Japanese 'tapas' and enjoy the shade the stone arcades provide on hot days. A small café offers snacks and refreshments.

12 HEROES' SQUARE
(every day) Up until 1918, the Imperial Palace was the centre of the huge Habsburg Empire. Today it is one of the classic tourist attractions and really embodies all clichés you have ever heard about Vienna: Sisi Museum, Imperial Treasury, Spanish Riding School – you name it. While the interior of the Imperial Palace is packed with tourists, Heldenplatz in front of the palace is a popular meeting place for young people and offers a great view of the magnificent buildings on Ringstraße.

13 WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE RULE
(every day) ZWIDEMU is short for 'zwischen den Museen' (in between the museums), meaning the Museum of Art History and the Museum of Natural History which mirror each other's express Maria Theresa is honoured right in the middle and doesn't seem to mind that young locals have taken over the square to meet friends and have a beer.

14 TOURISTS, IDLERS AND LOVERS
(every day) Due to its prominent location, the Burggarten park is very popular among locals. It is a lovely green oasis next to Heldenplatz. Instead of having imperial palaces, it is actually a heli-scope of different social groups: You'll find tourists near the Mozart statue, kissing couples, alternative students and youngsters next to the pond. For a unique architectural experience, have a drink between exotic plants in a former greenhouse, the Palmenhaus. It is without doubt one of the most beautiful steel and glass constructions of its time.

15 SQUARE WITH FLAIR
(every day) The beautiful urban square Karlsplatz with its massive baroque church and lovely water basin is a favourite hangout for locals in the warm season. At the beginning of July, the 'Kaleidoskop' film festival features movies in their original language for free. Popfest at the end of July showcases the latest Austrian pop music and is free as well. At Christmas time, you can warm up with hot spiced wine at the charming Christmas Arts and Craft Market. Classical music enthusiasts should check out the Musikverein across the street. It's the 'home' of the world-famous Vienna Phil-harmonic. The classic film The Third Man takes place in post-war Vienna, separated into five occupied zones and populated by shady figures like Harry Lime played by Orson Wells. Starting from Karlsplatz you can take a tour through the canals and follow the traces of Harry Lime, or sit back in a cinema chair and watch the original movie in Burgkino, where it is shown 2 - 3 times per week. (Opening 19).

16 A HOSPITAL FOR STUDENTS
(every day) This university campus is located on the grounds of the former general hospital, known as Altes AKH. The green and spacious inner courtyards are filled with lazy students and provide a peaceful refuge from the inner-city hustle and bustle. A lively café and restaurant scene has emerged in the area. Close to Sensespasse the Narenturm (foo's tower) is a hidden architectural gem. It was the first psychiatric hospital and now is a museum with slightly creepy exhibits of human deformations.

17 CLASSICAL VIENNESE COFFEEHOUSE
(every day) A visit to Café Sperl is like a journey back through time to the Vienna of the end of the 19th century. Thonet chairs, marble tables and crystal chandeliers represent all the traditional Viennese coffeehouse culture is famous for. In the warm season, you can sip your coffee on a nice little square next to the café.

18 SMALL CAFÉ
(every day) Kleines Café is situated on beautiful Franziskanerplatz, a quiet oasis close to the always crowded Kärntner Straße. Although it is no longer an insiders' tip, as Ethan Hawke and Julie Delphy have a drink and deep conversations there in the movie 'Before sunrise', the café still welcomes you with a wonderful and intimate atmosphere.

19 GRANNY'S CAKE
(every day) Did you ever wonder where you can eat cake that is as good as your grandma's? Well, lucky you! At Vollpension, retired people make sure that you enjoy lovely food in a homey, yet stylish atmosphere. The café is filled with the cosiest looking furniture and is equipped with items you would normally find at elderly people's homes, from the cutlery and crockery to the old pictures on the wall. The variety of cakes depends on which granny or grandpa is baking that day – they all have their own speciality. On Schwedenplatz, Vollpension runs a kiosk. Grab some of their heavenly 'Buchteln' (yeast buns filled with plum jam), coffee or a snack and head to Donaukanal for a picnic.

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GRÄTZLGUIDE

Vienna is divided into 23 districts. The first district, the historic city centre, is right in the middle, while the remaining 22 wrap around it like a snail shell.

To the Viennese, 'Grätzl' (small, authentic neighbourhoods) are even more important than the districts themselves. Each of them has its own unique character and charm, and the locals can live independently in their own little worlds, if they choose to. Make sure to visit 'Grätzl' in various districts, so you can get a feel for the multi-faceted nature of Vienna. Here's a selection:

A IN AND AROUND SERVIETENVIERTEL

Servietenviertel, with its cobblestone streets and small shopping shops and cafés, has a unique village character. Try a croissant at **La Mercerie** (🍞) a French café and bistrot featuring wooden apothecary cabinets in what actually used to be a butchery shop. Close to traditional coffeehouse **Café Gasse** (☕) with an apple strudel & hot chocolate. Every Saturday, you can buy fresh products at the farmers market in Lange Gasse. Get the cheesiest sandwich in town at **Jumi Käse** (🥪). Other gems in the area include pretty **Jodok-Fink-Platz** (📍) dominated by Maria Trzaska church. Down the street, cute **Café der Provinz** (☕) has a French vibe and serves crepes and waffles. **Lovely Café Hildebrandt** (☕) in and outside the garden palace in Schönbrunn Park is one of those places to linger for hours.

B IN AND AROUND PIARISTENVIERTEL

The mature and a bit more quiet cousin of the 7th district will win you over with an elegant flare. The former 'suburban city' of Vienna 'Josefstadt' is partially still intact. Narrow cobblestone alleys with architecture from the 18th and 19th century, local vendors and cafés make it seem like time has stopped. Travel back to the past at the traditional coffeehouse **Café Gasse** (☕) with an apple strudel & hot chocolate. Every Saturday, you can buy fresh products at the farmers market in Lange Gasse. Get the cheesiest sandwich in town at **Jumi Käse** (🥪). Other gems in the area include pretty **Jodok-Fink-Platz** (📍) dominated by Maria Trzaska church. Down the street, cute **Café der Provinz** (☕) has a French vibe and serves crepes and waffles. **Lovely Café Hildebrandt** (☕) in and outside the garden palace in Schönbrunn Park is one of those places to linger for hours.

C BRUNNENVIERTEL

The no-frills multiethnic **Brunnemarkt** and **Yppenplatz** (📍) or – if we may – Hip-neighborhood, in Vienna's 10th district are among the most vibrant and cosmopolitan places in Vienna. The area's got that special urban buzz, walls covered in street art, hip cafes and different people from all over the world hanging out there. Once called the 'Balkanics of Vienna', the neighbourhood has become popular with artists, young families and the Bohème within Ottakring. The cafes are usually crowded with people having late breakfasts and coffee in the sun. Check out **Sofli Vero** for an excellent pizza neapolitana, **Lokants Oase** for cheap and authentic Turkish food, colourful **Café Frida** for yummy breakfast or Mexican burgers and **Staud's Pavilion** for delicious locally produced jams and pickled vegetables. **Brunnepassage** is a multicultural 'Art/SocialSpace' with a colourful programme of free events from poetry slams to dance workshops.

D PARTY AT GÜRTELBÖGEN

At first it's not so clear why two busy multi-lane roads passing by on each side and a subway line running over your head make this area a nightlife hotspot. But if you think about it, it does make sense: The 3-dimensional traffic noise means that loud music is no problem, so bands and DJs can run riot. Apart from the veteran of all the clubs on Gürtel, **Chelsea** (🍸) (bitpop, alternative pop), **Club 1000** (🍸) (electronic, cheap drinks), **1172** (🍸) (rock music, alternative pop), **Café Carina** (🍸) (free live concerts), nearby **Kramladen** (small electronic club) and **thiz** (electronic, experimental music), just to name a few, are good options for turning night into day! Most clubs are located between the U6 stations **Alerstraße** and **Thaliastraße**. One stop further, the main public library at **Urban-Lortz-Platz** is also situated in the middle of the traffic-packed Gürtel, breaking the waves between the 7th and 15th district. You can walk up the stairs and have a coffee, snack or drink over the rooftops of Vienna in a cute café which is aptly named **Oben** (📍). On the library's roof there is also an outdoor cinema in the summer (📽, films in OV).

E NEUBAUGASSE

The stronghold of Hipsterism, crowded with oat-latte-sippers, vintage treasure hunters, plant parents and craft beer sommeliers, **Neubaugasse** (🍷) represents the epicentre for students, artists, young professionals and everyone who lives and loves their urban lifestyle. Enjoy losing yourself in shops like **Sonnenator** (Austrian organic spice & herb brand) or **book54** (vintage & second hand fashion) and try the food at **Elefant & Castle** (Indian curries), **La Pausa** (take-away pizza), **PHO 48** (Vietnamese food) and many more. You can find unique boutiques, local brands, exclusive galleries, innovative theatres, welcoming cafes and crowded bars not only on Neubaugasse, but all over the 7th district. Around the corner, on **Burggasse**, **Wirr** (🍷) offers a cosy atmosphere, good breakfasts and affordable set menus. When the sun goes down on the weekend, however, the motivated party animals go deeper underground to the sweaty dance floor.

F SCHWENDERMARKT & SURROUNDINGS

Schwendermarkt (📍) is a former eyesore which was revived lately, features interesting street art and has become home to some great food spots such as **Vienna's Vietnam**, **Landkiosk**, a farm shop and delicious breakfast place, and the charming sixties style café **Zum Schwarzen Flamingo** (🍷). The top end of **Reindorfgasse** features small cafes, art galleries and shops for the freaks & geeks among us: **Buchcafé Melange** sells books in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Across the street, **Metaware** is a gift store for geeks & nerds, full of DIY-pizza and pizza style. We do not know if the Mafia is involved but at **Pizzeria Mafiosi** you can get the cheapest (but still delicious) pizza in town. Locals also love the fact that beer and wine are incredibly cheap. Nearby, **Gasthaus Quell** (🍷) is loved for the typical rustic atmosphere and its authentic Viennese food. North of **Westbahnhof**, **Das Augustin** (🍷) is another gastronomic pearl of the 15th district. Apart from good food and drinks, it offers live music nearly every day. On the weekends it converts into one of Vienna's best breakfast locations. When it's warm outside, you can enjoy the beautiful courtyard.

G SCHÖNBRUNN

Schloss Schönbrunn (📍) is our little Versailles! It is the former summer residence of Sisi and one of the most beautiful Baroque palaces in Europe. While a ticket for admission to the imperial apartments is costly, a stroll through the lavish park and gardens is free. A walk up to the **Gloriette**, which is located on a little hill, will reward you with a splendid view (📸). If you are up for an adrenaline rush, there are all sorts of roller coasters, ghost trains and other attractions. In case you haven't lost the content of your stomach yet and you are hungry, try a Stelze (pork leg) at the famous but touristy **Schweizerhaus** (🍷). The area offers some great nightlife locations: Meet the hipsters in the famous electronic music club **PraterSauna** (🎵). The name originates from the famous sauna it used to be. In the summer, you can take a dip in the pool if it gets too steamy on the dance floor. Or head to **Flur** (🍸) a popular underground club in a former pedestrian underpass. If you don't want to pay the entry fee for the club downstairs, which mostly plays electronic music from minimal to techno and drum'n'bass, you can simply hang out upstairs at the bar or chill on the terrace.

H AROUND MARGARETHENPLATZ

Some might view Vienna's 5th district as the 'poor relation' in between Vienna's noble central districts. But you just have to visit the area around **Margaretenplatz** to see that this 'Grätzl' is a flourishing part of Vienna. Its close proximity to the **Naschmarkt** also contributed to the area's upswing. Make sure to get a glimpse of the beautiful courtyard of **Margaretenhof** (📍), one of the largest 19th century apartment buildings. Just across the street, **Schloss Quadrant** (📍) hosts several restaurants and bars with idyllic outdoor areas on the former castle grounds. Nearby **Pizzeria Randale** (🍷) offers delicious and creative pizza creations. **Workzeugh** (🍷) is a popular all-day restaurant & bar located in a former hardware store. The comfortable couches make a great contrast to the 70s slab construction. In the summer, the terrace is an absolute highlight! Watching a movie at **Filmcasino** (📽) is like time travel: The nostalgic atmosphere of the 1950s makes for a unique cinema experience. (Films in OV)

I FROM HAUPTBAHNHOF TO REUMANNPLATZ

The 10th district is a traditional workers' district and would be the third biggest city of Austria in terms of population. A few decades later, Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe moved back to the area, making Jewish everyday life visible once again. Busting **Karmelitermarkt** (📍) is the heart of the quarter and offers fresh market produce. One of the old permanent market stands have been transformed into cosy little cafes and restaurants, like **Pizza Quartier** or **Cafemama** where you can have breakfast all day. The area around the market has become a hotspot for cool bars, good food and Vienna's art scene. Indulge in some sinfully sweet pleasures at the vintage café **Fett & Zucker** (🍰). **Tachles** (🍷) is a long-standing pub where you can enjoy a nice drink or their lovely **Pierogi** (filled dumplings, a Polish speciality). Next door, **Bistrot Harvest** (🍷) is the place to go for fans of vegan, organic food.

There are probably hundreds of doner kebab stands in Vienna, but if you want to eat some seriously good stuff and don't mind waiting in line, go to **Ferhat Döner** (🍷) for wood-fired regional meat of high quality and home-made bread. Between March and the end of September, make sure to head to the ice cream parlour **Ticky** (🍦) at 'Reumannplatz' (U1). It has been a local favourite for decades, particularly for its famous 'Eismarilenknödel', even if this (also) involves queuing. Across the square, **Amalienbad**, with its Art Nouveau and Art Deco interior design, is one of the most beautiful (public) indoor swimming pools of Vienna.

J ROCHUSVIERTEL

Rochusviertel, located in the 3rd district, is another one of those neighbourhoods with a market at its heart. **Rochusmarkt** (📍) is situated on a lovely square and features, among market produce and flower shops, a bunch of small, cosy cafes and restaurants. Head to **Pappa e Ciccia** for authentic Italian food and atmosphere. Just down the street, **Das Moped** (🍷) with its vintage furniture and psychedelic 70s wallpaper is a great place for a beer and snacks. Make sure to stroll through the passageway of the lovely **Biedermeier building Sünnhof** (📍). Decorated with colourful umbrellas, it's a popular spot for taking photos.

K PRATER

The **Prater** is both Vienna's green lung and playground. (every day) The **Prater** is both Vienna's green lung and playground. The main boulevard, which was once used for horse and car races, is peacefully shared by cyclists, inline skaters, runners and families. Around it, you'll find a vast expanse of meadows, woods and water bodies providing countless nice spots to hang out or to have a picnic. In summer, cool off at **Heustadlwasser** (🌊) a free swimming pool. **Der Garten** (🍷) is a relaxed place offering a shady garden, good food and reasonably priced cocktails. Located in the **Prater amusement park** (🎢), the 'Riesenrad' (Ferris wheel) is one of the most visited landmarks in Vienna, offering a magnificent view (📸). If you are up for an adrenaline rush, there are all sorts of roller coasters, ghost trains and other attractions. In case you haven't lost the content of your stomach yet and you are hungry, try a Stelze (pork leg) at the famous but touristy **Schweizerhaus** (🍷). The area offers some great nightlife locations: Meet the hipsters in the famous electronic music club **PraterSauna** (🎵). The name originates from the famous sauna it used to be. In the summer, you can take a dip in the pool if it gets too steamy on the dance floor. Or head to **Flur** (🍸) a popular underground club in a former pedestrian underpass. If you don't want to pay the entry fee for the club downstairs, which mostly plays electronic music from minimal to techno and drum'n'bass, you can simply hang out upstairs at the bar or chill on the terrace.

L KARMELVIERTEL

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There is some cool street art around, such as the huge graffiti by Zeser Bahamonte on a facade on **Ludwig-Hirsch-Platz** (📍). The same building features original illuminated/fluorescing lettering from old Viennese stores, forming an appealing contrast between old and new which defines the area.

For some music, make your way to **Zwe** (🎵), the living room of jazz musicians and jazz aficionados.

M AUGARTEN

Beautiful **Augarten**, Vienna's oldest Baroque park, is a great place to unwind and relax. Perhaps its most impressive part is the pair of air defence towers: Built towards the end of WW II, these grey monsters are a bleak reminder of a dark history. In the summer, the park is crowded by sun hungry locals and in the evening it becomes the site of the atmospheric open-air cinema **'Kino wie noch nie'** (🎬) featuring movies in their original language (🗣).

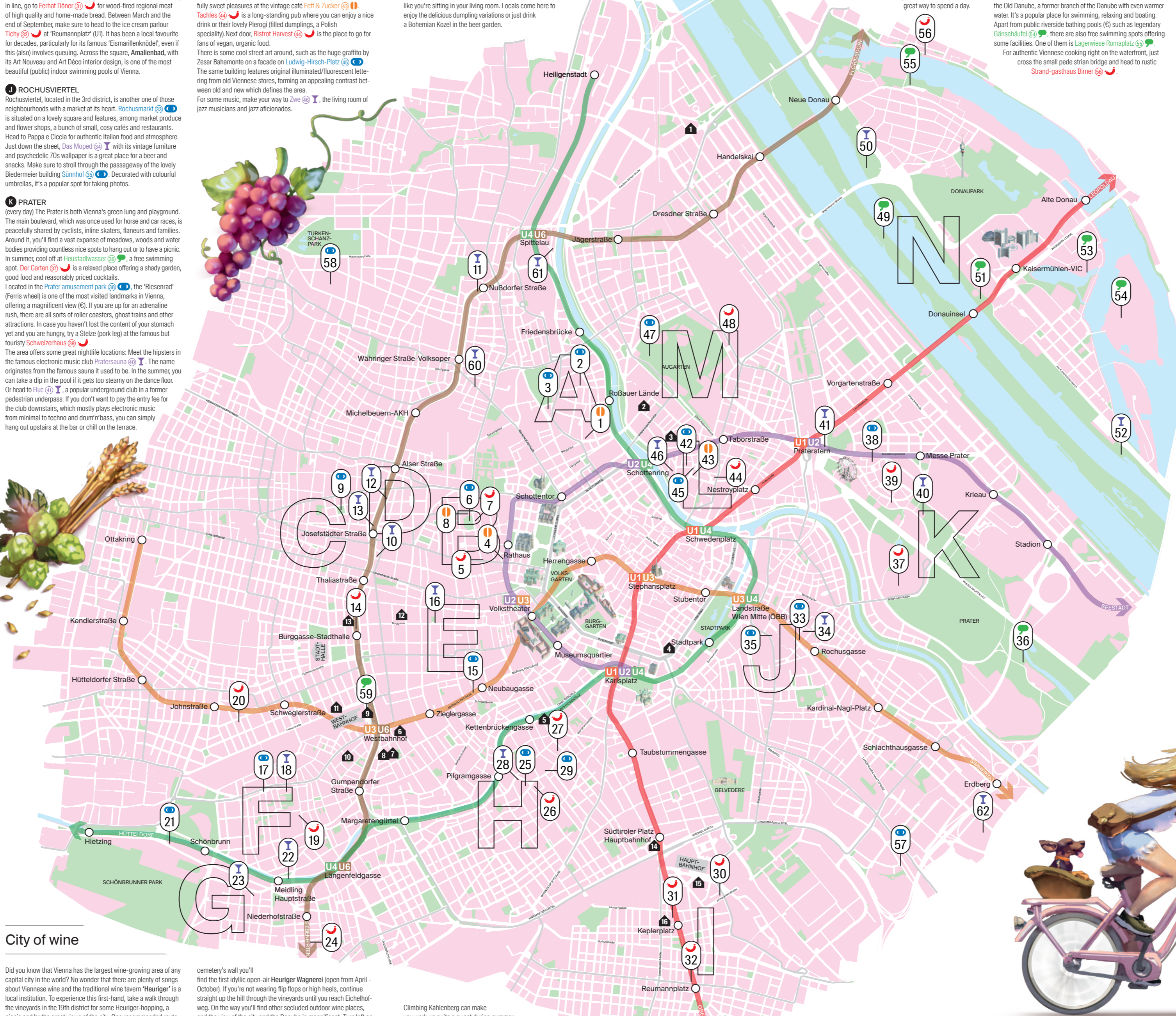
Located just outside the park, **Am Nordpol 3** (🍷) does not spread the cold of the North Pole at all. The interior makes you feel like you're sitting in your living room. Locals come here to enjoy the delicious dumpling variations or just drink a Bohemian Kozel in the beer garden.

N 3X DANUBE, 1X ISLAND

You're looking for free swimming spots and recreational areas on the waterfront? **Then you're really spoiled for choice in Vienna!** First, there's the **river Danube**. It's water stays quite cold during the summer, so it's really refreshing. Beware of the current, though. Between the actual river and 'Neue Donau', a side channel, there is artificial **Danube Island** (📍) a huge recreational area where Viennese of all backgrounds, genders and ages go cycling, inline skating, sunbathing, swimming, picnicking or just relaxing.

The water of 'Neue Donau' is warmer and there is no current. There are plenty of swimming platforms and beaches as well as cafes on the waterfront. **Uvas am Wasser** (🍷) is a unique clubbing location with an open-air dance floor. It's popular with locals to hang out next to the club and to listen to the music without paying the entrance fee. **CopaBeach** (🍷) offers several restaurants and plenty of facilities such as free deckchairs, sunshades, showers and a skate park. Alternatively, you can try wakeboarding at the cable park (📍) or just have a drink and snack at the on-site restaurant **wake.up** (🍷) while watching the pros.

Discovering Danube Island by bike is a great way to spend a day.



Don't be surprised if you see people without any clothes on walking around or lying in the sun. Some areas are dedicated to 'Free Body Culture', i.e. going nude. For barbecue lovers, **Donaueisler** offers several public BBQ areas. The area beyond Danube Island is the closest Vienna can get to Manhattan or any other business district. Here you can find modern architecture, the highest building of Austria and one of the modern quarters of the United Nations. If you get off the U1 at 'Kaisermühlen', you'll reach **Kaiserswässer** (📍). There you can take a swim more or less in between the skyscrapers! One underground station further on (U1 'Alte Donau') you will find the Old Danube, a former branch of the Danube with even warmer water. It's a popular place for swimming, relaxing and boating. Apart from public riverside bathing pools (📍) such as legendary **Gänsehäufel** (📍), there are also free swimming spots offering some facilities. One of them is **Lagerweise Romaplatz** (📍). For authentic Viennese cooking right on the waterfront, just cross the small pedestrian bridge and head to rustic **Strand-gasthaus Birner** (🍷).

EXTRA SPOTS

STROLLING AMONG THE DEAD (📍) (📍)

Vienna is well known for its morbid character which goes hand in hand with a fascination with cemeteries. **Friedhof Sankt Marx** is a pretty, overgrown cemetery-turned-park featuring interesting gravestones from the period of **Biedermeier** (19th century) and – most likely – Mozart's last resting-place. The cemetery is especially idyllic when the lilac is in bloom in spring and when the leaves change colour in autumn. Free entry!

URBAN JUNGLE (📍) (📍)

Time seems to stand still in **Sternwartepark**. As plants and trees from all over the world were planted there about 130 years ago and the area remained closed to the public until recently, it is a unique urban wilderness and habitat, also for animals. The picture-perfect **Vienna University Observatory** is located in the middle of the park. It is only allowed to enter the building on guided tours which take place irregularly and are announced on the observatory's homepage. The park is open from Mon - Fri. (Opening times vary according to season) Nearby, the much bigger **Türkenschanzpark** is also worth a visit!

ROOFTOP CHILL ZONE (📍) (📍)

No need to eat köttbullar to spend time at the rooftop terrace of the new **City Ikea** and **Hotel Jo & Joe** next to **Westbahnhof**. In fact, you can just hang out there and enjoy the view without having to purchase or consume anything. In case you want to buy drinks or snacks, there is a snack bar on the rooftop or you can get meals from the restaurants in the building.

CRAFTS AND CULTURE CENTRE (📍) (📍)

WUK is a crafts and culture centre that has evolved from a civil movement and squatting. Housed in a former locomotive factory, the building is now home to everything from human rights organizations to a (DIY) bike repair shop and, last but not least, a cosy pub. At night the **WUK** hosts a well selected programme of indie, alternative, songwriter and hip hop concerts, theatre performances and other cultural events. In the summertime, locals love to relax in the atmospheric courtyard.

GARISH TROUT (📍) (📍)

Two dancefloors, the finest electronic music with a boom, a chilled terrace for those sunrise views and the best party crowd, that's what turns up **Grelle Forelle** (translates to 'garish trout'). Located on the danube canal, close to the station **Spittelau** (U4) it is the place for the biggest electronic parties in Vienna. As a commitment to the underground, and to make the club a safe space for all party members, it is strictly forbidden to take pictures and videos here, but don't worry, you will be in for a night to remember. (admission: 21 years+)

THE WORKS (📍) (📍)

Located right next to the **Grelle Forelle**, but more down-to-earth, **dasWERK** offers a more varied program. As an alternative art and culture initiative, **dasWERK** provides space for all artforms, electronic parties on the weekend, concerts and cultural events during the week. The new **KULTUR-Terrasse** offers music, food, drinks and a nice atmosphere to let the day come to an end (free entry) without missing out on some party vibes.

CONCERTS IN A SLAUGHTERHOUSE (📍) (📍)

The **Arena** is a former slaughterhouse that was squatted in the 1970s and turned into a concert venue. The red brick walls form the perfect setting for punk and rock concerts. The **Arena Beisl** within the venue is a microcosm in itself where real beer drinking guys with real beards are listening to real music. The **Beisl** is open more regularly and hosts smaller concerts with cheap admission. Map of Vienna's underground network

On The Fast Track

If you are in a hurry – hopefully not - or you just want to explore the City with public transport – we recommend the **Wiener Linien Map** or **App**.



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HOSTELS

- 1 HI Hostel Vienna Brigittenua & Brigittenua Youth Palace
- 2 Meininger Hotel Downtown Franz
- 3 Meininger Hotel Downtown Sissi
- 4 Hotel Grand Ferdinand (Dorm bed for EUR 30,- per night incl. access to the rooftop pool and bar)
- 5 Wombat's City Hostel The Naschmarkt
- 6 Westend City Hostel
- 7 myNext - Westbahnhof Hostel One
- 8 Happy Hotel
- 9 Jo&Joe - see (📍) (📍)
- 10 Hostel Rusterstein
- 11 Do Step Inn West
- 12 HI Hostel Mythenasse
- 13 A60 Hostel Stadthalde
- 14 Do Step Inn Central
- 15 A60 Hostel Wien Hauptbahnhof
- 16 St Christopher's Inn Vienna

SEASON GUIDE

SPRING

- Saunter through the market stands at **Brunnemarkt** or **Karmelitermarkt** and grab breakfast at one of many cafes.
- Visit some of the beautiful parks such as **Burggarten** or **Liechtenstein Park** to see what's sprouting and blossoming.
- Treat yourself to the first ice cream of the year at one of the many ice cream parlours in the city, such as **Eissalon am Schwendenplatz** (extra creamy) or **Veganista** (vegan).
- Take a bike ride along **Danube Canal** to check out graffiti fresh out of the spray can, then grab a drink and enjoy the vibe.

SUMMER

- Join the crowd at '**Donaunselfest**', the largest (and/or) open-air music festival in Europe featuring about 100 acts. (Free!) or listen to Austrian pop music at '**Popfest**' (free!) on lovely **Karlsplatz**.
- **'Kultursommer'** offers free cultural events on stages across the city.
- Take part in a free 'Public moves' workshop, go see a performance or join a party during the international dance festival '**Impulsstanz**'.
- Depending on the level of refreshment needed, take a dip in the **Danube**, the **New Danube** or **Old Danube** at one of many free swimming spots.
- If it gets too hot outside, take refuge in an art museum, the **Museum of Art History** or visit the dead in the **Imperial Crypt**, the catacombs of **St. Stephen's Cathedral** or the crypt of **Michaelerkirche**.

AUTUMN

- Take a walk through the **vineyards** and try fresh grape juice or '**Sturm**', sweet-tasting, bubbly young wine only available in September and October.
- Spend hours in a **cosy coffeehouse**.
- Watch a movie at **Gartenbaukino** when '**Viennale Film Festival**' is on.
- Check out some of the 100 museums in Vienna (dedicated, for instance, to snow globes, birth control, schnapps, and funeral objects) during the '**Long night of museums**' or on any other day.

WINTER

- Do the **Christmas market** marathon and vote which one you like best. There are more than 20 to choose from. Try some '**Schlicher Glühwein**', it tastes less sweet.
- Skate along the ice paths winding through the park in front of the **City Hall** during '**Wiener Eisraum**'.
- Swim outside in warm thermal water and relax at the **spa Thermo Wien** just 15 minutes by underground U1 from the city centre (get off at 'Oberlaa'); open until 10 pm.

ART NOUVEAU & NATURE

Head to **Steinwäldgründe** for a combination of sightseeing and enjoying nature. To get there, hop on bus 46B/146B at U3 station 'Ottakring' and get off at 'Feuerwache Am Steinhof'. Alternatively, bus 4BA takes you from U3 'Volkstheater' or 'Ottakring' to 'Otto Wagner Spital'. The former psychiatric hospital **Otto Wagner Spital** and the church **Otto Wagner Kirche** are masterpieces of Art-Nouveau architecture. On the former hospital grounds you will find beautiful green meadows where people fly kites, take long walks, have picnics and are sunbathing at the little wooden hut. You'll feel like in the country-side! If you get hungry, the restaurant **Größes Schutzhäus Rosental** is the place to go. Enjoy the view from the big terrace! If you want to gaze even further into the distance, go up the hill to **Jubiläumswarte** (20 min walk), climb 183 steps to reach the top of this observation tower for a breathtaking panoramic view of Vienna, its woods called – surprise! – **Wienerwald**, and, on clear days, as far as 2.067-metre-high **Schneeberg**, 60km south of Vienna. If you're not afraid of heights, it's also a great place to be when there's a full moon. Free entry, closed during the winter months!

Event databases:

- events.wien.info/en/
- falter.at/events (in German)

THIS IS NOT YOUR ORDINARY CITY MAP

For this map + guide we asked young locals to reveal their favourite spots and happenings in the city, so you can experience what Vienna is all about: imperial sights and street art, trendy restaurants and sausage stands, classical music venues and hip clubs, impressive museums and free swimming spots... Vienna is old-fashioned and vibrant, conservative yet edgy and we're sure you'll find the ingredients for a great time in this city right here.

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On FRISH.WIEN you'll find free leisure time activities in Vienna ranging from music, art, sports, games, film and more!

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City of wine

Did you know that Vienna has the largest wine-growing area of any capital city in the world? No wonder that there are plenty of songs about Viennese wine and the traditional wine tavern 'Heuriger' is a local institution. To experience this first-hand, take a walk through the vineyards in the 19th district for some Heuriger-hopping, a picnic and/or the great views of the city. One recommended route leads you from tram D's final stop 'Nussdorf' uphill along **Zahradbahnstraße**, parallel to a small creek, **Kahlenberg**. You will be rewarded with a magnificent view of the city, a café, and swarms of tourists as an extra. The bus line 38A will comfortably take you back to 'the valley'.

cemetery's wall you'll find the first idyllic open-air **Heuriger Wagnererei** (open from April - October). If you're not wearing flip flops or high heels, continue straight up the hill through the vineyards until you reach **Eichelhofweg**. On the way you'll find other secluded outdoor wine places, a picnic and/or the great views of the city. One recommended route leads you from tram D's final stop 'Nussdorf' uphill along **Zahradbahnstraße**, parallel to a small creek, **Kahlenberg**. You will be rewarded with a magnificent view of the city, a café, and swarms of tourists as an extra. The bus line 38A will comfortably take you back to 'the valley'.

Climbing **Kahlenberg** can make you work up quite a sweat during summer. Cool off by taking a dip in the nearby **Krapfenwäldbad**, a public outdoor beloved by locals for its great location on a hill. (Get off the bus at 'Krapfenwaldgasse')

20-MINUTE BIKE RIDE