

Vienna Packing List

A complete checklist for your trip — tick off before you leave and as you pack



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- ☐ Passport valid for trip duration
EU recommends 3+ months beyond your departure date
- ☐ ETIAS / EES status checked
US citizens: no visa for Schengen stays up to 90 days; check the official EU travel advisory
- ☐ Flights booked
- ☐ First nights' accommodation booked
- ☐ Travel insurance arranged
- ☐ Opera or concert tickets booked if planned
Staatsoper, Musikverein sell out months ahead
- ☐ Bank notified of travel dates
- ☐ Backup card from a separate bank
- ☐ Document copies saved to cloud
Passport, cards, insurance — Gmail or Dropbox
- ☐ German phrasebook downloaded or packed

LUGGAGE

- ☐ Backpack or hard-shell suitcase
Spinner wheels recommended — Innere Stadt cobblestones
- ☐ Day bag / daypack
- ☐ RFID travel wallet
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Waterproof wash bag
- ☐ TSA luggage locks

HEALTH AND GROOMING

- ☐ Toiletries
Buy on arrival — dm and Müller are everywhere
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
Vienna tap water is exceptional, piped from Alpine springs
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Antihistamines
- ☐ Ear plugs
- ☐ Quick-dry travel towel

CLOTHING

- ☐ Smart-casual evening wear
For the opera or a concert; dressing well is part of the experience
- ☐ Everyday pants and shorts
Spring/summer; warmer fabrics for fall and winter
- ☐ Breathable base layers
- ☐ Packable rain jacket
- ☐ Walking shoes
Innere Stadt is almost entirely cobblestoned
- ☐ Quick-dry underwear
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Gloves, warm hat, scarf
Nov–Mar; Christmas market evenings are cold

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Type F plug adaptor (Schuko, 230V)
Check device is dual-voltage; hair dryers often are not
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ☐ Camera + spare memory cards
- ☐ Kindle

DOCUMENTS AND ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport (+ cover with document pockets)
- ☐ Insurance documents
- ☐ Printed tickets and boarding passes
- ☐ Cash — Euros
Coffee houses and Heuriger taverns often cash only; use a Bankomat
- ☐ German phrasebook
- ☐ Vienna City Card (if useful)
Combines public transport with museum discounts
- ☐ Emergency bank contact numbers noted

ESSENTIAL VIENNA TIPS

Carry cash. Coffee houses, Heuriger taverns, and many small restaurants are cash only. Use a Bankomat at Sparkasse or Erste Bank.

Dress for the opera. Smart-casual is expected at the Staatsoper and Musikverein — pack one smarter outfit even for a short trip.

Book Schönbrunn ahead. Vienna's most popular attraction sells out — reserve skip-the-line entry before you arrive.