# YOUR GUIDE TO

### ~ VIENNA







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### 1,0 - WELCOME

#### Your audio guide:

Thanks very much for choosing this mp3cityguides guide to Vienna. If you've already done any of our other walks, you'll know how it works but if not, I'll tell you now.

As you've probably already noticed, each of these sections of the walk that you've downloaded on to your machine has a name - this first one is 'Kärtnerstrasse' in our tour of the medieval city and 'Karlskirche' in our Imperial tour. Just consider each of these walks as individual tracks on an 'album' which is the complete tour of Vienna. You'll hear directions about where to go next at the end of each section but the route and the stopping points are also marked on your maps which are on pages four and five of this Printed Guide.

When you get to a stopping point find somewhere to stand or sit which is out of the way of people and traffic and then play the relevant section of the walk.

The map has been especially produced to help you find your way while you're listening to the audio guide which means that it's not drawn exactly to scale.

Top tip: when you print out this Printed Guide or, at least, the map, set your printer to high quality or fine print so that the map is as clear as possible and easy to read.

Please take care when you're using the audio guide: Vienna is a relatively safe city but do keep an eye out for pick pockets and watch out when you're crossing the road.

When we arrive at a monument, church or a museum, after I've described it you might want to go in or you might want to buy a ticket for later if it looks crowded. Or you might just want to carry on and come back and visit it afterwards now that you know where it is.

Top tip: Play a few sections of the tour on your mp3 player or iPod before you go just to check that they've downloaded OK.

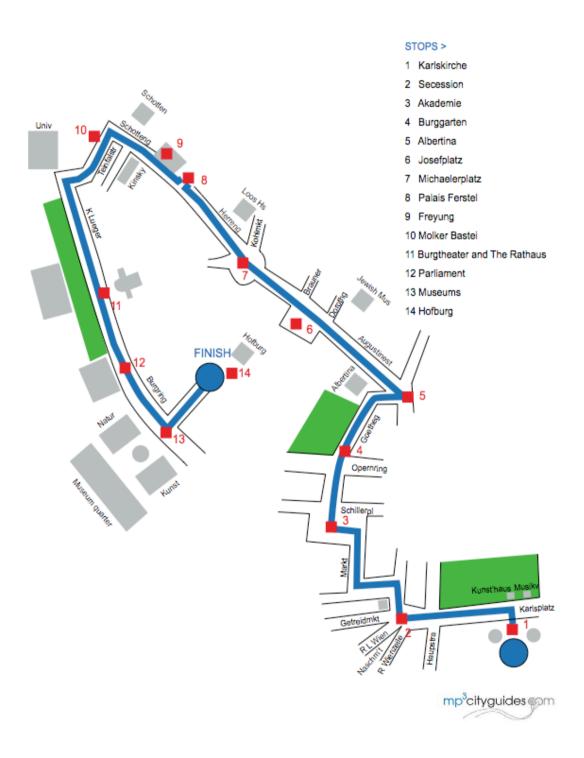
#### Your printed guide:

This printed guide complements your audio guide. We know that exploring a city can take more than one visit - and possibly even a life time so we've pared our guide down to what we think are the essential things to see and do. They're included in section four, the Hit List.

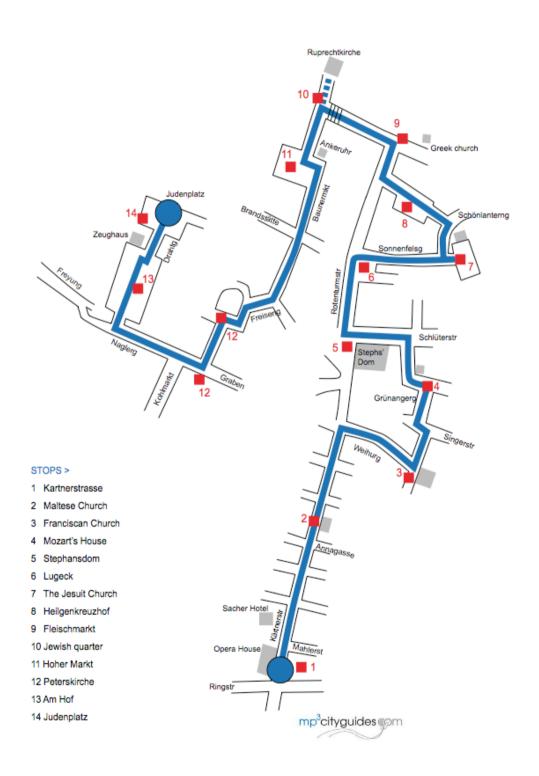
We've done our best to get it right and, because we're an Internet based guide rather than a conventional guidebook, we can update our information very quickly.

That said, all kinds of places inevitably change their opening times at short notice so please accept our apologies if you arrive somewhere and, despite what we've said, you find it's shut. As with your Audio Guide, if you find that a museum, gallery, church, bar or restaurant is not as we've described it then please do let us know by contacting us at feedback@mp3cityguides.com

# 2.0 - IMPERIAL WALK MAP



# 2.0 - MEDIEVAL WALK MAP



### 3.0 - GETTING AROUND

#### From Vienna International airport:

**By taxi:** This is the easiest option. Taxis are available outside the terminal. The journey takes about 30 minutes to 45 and costs about €50 depending in which part of the city you're going to.

City Airport Train This costs €12 and takes about 20 minutes to get from the airport to the terminal in town. Taxis are available outside this terminal.

#### Getting around:

**Bus, tram and Underground**: Buy tickets from U-Bahn stations, tobacconists or Tabaks. Ask your hotel as they might sell them too. You can buy a ticket on any form of transport within one hour of its validation. There are validation machines at U-Bahn stations and on board trams and buses. A Wien-Card gives you 72 hours unlimited travel and is available from tourist offices and some hotels.

**Taxis:** Available at taxi ranks or you can hail them - a yellow light means they're available. There is a taxi rank by the Stephansdom amongst other places.

**The river:** A boat trip to the beautiful Wachau valley takes about three hours from Vienna. The towns of Melk and Krems are both about an hour by train. DDSG Blue Danube Boat Trips Tel: + 43 1 588 80 Office: 7 Tegetthofstrasse. Open 9am to 7pm daily, April to October. www.ddsg-blue-danube.at

#### **Renting bikes:**

Pedal Power, Ausstellungstrasse 3 offers bikes during the summer months. www.pedalpower.co.at

### 4.0 - THE HIT LIST

Getting to know Vienna – or any big city – can take a lifetime but if you've only got a weekend then here is what we recommend you see in descending order of priority.

\* = covered on our Medieval tour audio guide

† = covered on our Imperial tour audio guide

#### Palaces:

**† Hofburg** The main Imperial residence, vast and luxurious Most sections: Daily 9 am - 5 pm July, August: 9 am - 5:30 pm Some areas are closed on Tuesdays.

#### www.hofburg-wien.at/en/home.html

Belvedere Palace Two baroque palaces with ornamental gardens

Open: Tuesday to Sun 10am-6pm (last admission 5.30 pm)

Upper Belvedere: Thursday until 8 pm

www.belvedere.at

**Schoenbrun** The Hapsburgs' beautiful baroque summer residence Open: April to June, September, October: daily 8.30 am - 5pm

July and August: daily 8.30 am - 6pm November to March: daily 8.30am - 4.30pm

www.schoenbrunn.at

**Heiligenkreuz** This beautiful Abbey, about eight miles outside the city centre is calm and serene. It's Cistercian Monks are known for their top selling albums. Open: Guided tours only: Monday - Saturday at 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Sundays and Feastdays at 11am, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. (Reservations at the Klosterpforte, minimum six people, maximum 17). www.stift-heiligenkreuz.at

#### **Galleries and Museums:**

† Albertina Stunning state rooms, prints and drawings and changing exhibitions. Open: daily 10am - 6pm Wednesday 10am - 9pm 1 Albertinaplatz www.albertina.at

**BA-CA Kunstforum** Modern art collection including Picasso, Schiele and Van Gogh. Open: daily 10am -7pm and Friday 10am - 9pm 8 Freyung www.kunstforumwien.at

- \* Cathedral Museum The history of the Stephansdom. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am 5pm Stephansplatz
- † Akademie der bildenden Künste (Museum of Fine Arts) Huge collection of old masters including Rubens and Van Dyck. Open: Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays 10am 6pm 3 Schillerplatz
  www.akademiegalerie.at

**Jewish Museum** The history of the Jewish community in Vienna. Open: daily except Saturday 10am - 6pm and Thursday 10am - 8pm 11 Dorotheagasse <a href="https://www.jmw.at">www.jmw.at</a>

\* **Jewish Museum Judenplatz** As above but with a n emphasis on remembrance.

Open: Sunday to Thurday 10am - 6pm and Friday 10am - 2pm 9 Judenplatz

www.jmw.at

**† Lipizzaner Museum** History of the Spanish Riding School. Open: daily 9am - 6pm

2 Reitschulgasse

**MAK** Museum of Applied Arts furniture and architectural models, many in the art nouveau or Jugenstil style. Open: Tuesday 10am - midnight and Wednesday to Sunday 10 am - 6pm.

5 Stubenring

www.mak.at

† Museum of Fine Arts Vast collection of old masters such as Ruben, Velasquez and Rambrandt. Paintings Collection and Antique Collection

Open: daily except Monday 10am – 6pm and Thursday 10am – 9pm Egyptian and Near Eastern Collection open daily except Monday 10 am – 6 pm and

Thursday 10am – 9pm

1 Maria-Theresien-Platz

www.khm.at

† Museum of Natural History Slightly musty but has an impressive collection.

Open: daily except Tuesday 9am - 6.30pm and Wednesday 9am - 9pm

1 Maria-Theresien-Platz

www.nhm-wien.ac.at

**† MuseumsQuartier** Huge and dynamic contemporary arts complex

Most areas open daily

1 Museumsplatz

www.mgw.at

**Vienna Museum** Comprehensive history of the city. Open: Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays 9am - 6pm.

Karlsplatz

### 5.0 - EATING, DRINKING & SHOPPING

#### Cafés:

Café Braunerhof Rather Bohemian with good selection of foreign papers.

#### 2 Stallburgasse

Café Diglas - charming and traditional with plenty of locals.

10 Wollzeile

Café Central An institution and pretty touristy but still good quality coffee and wonderful cakes.

14 Herrengasse

Café de l'Europe This is known as a smart retreat for smart shoppers.

31 Graben

Café Griensteindl This classic café is luxurious but understated.

2 Michaelaplatz

**Café Hawelka** This well known café could perhaps be smartened up but it certainly has authentic charm.

6 Dorotheergasse

**Café Landtmann** This Vienna landmark is luxurious but cosy and welcoming and has a great outdoor space.

4 Dr. Karl-Lueger-Ring

**Gerstner** This well established café has its charm despite the tourist hoards.

21-23 Kärntner Strasse

#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Demel Perhaps the most famous of all Vienna's cafes and justifiably so.

14 Kohlmarkt

#### **Restaurants:**

**Prices:** Guide is for one person for three courses plus half a bottle of wine.

Expensive: €40 and above. Moderate: €35. Budget: up to €15.

Old Town/First District:

#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

**Cantinetta Antinori** Hearty Tuscan cooking in bustling brasserie. Open: daily 10.30am -2pm and 6pm to midnight. Price: Moderate.

3-5 Jasomirgottstrasse T: + 43 1 533 722

#### Do&Co Aioli

12 Stephansplatz - There are two restaurants in the Haas Haus:

**Do&Co** - + 43 1 535 3969 Imaginative international cooking in a buzzing venue. Open: daily noon - 3pm and 6pm - midnight. Price: Moderate.

**Aioli** + 43 1532 0373 - Mediterranean food, often with a Spanish accent and great views of the cathedral. Open: daily 10am to 1am. Price: Moderate. www.doco.com

**Griechenbeisel** Since the sixteenth century almost every important visitor to Vienna has eaten here from Beethoven to Mark Twain so tourists abound but it's still fun. Traditional Viennese cooking. Open: daily 11.30am to 11.30pm. Price: budget 11 Fleischmarkt T: + 43 1 533 1941

**Hansen** Under the Stock Exchange this unusual restaurant offers light modern European cooking. Really a brunch or lunch venue as it closes early. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. Price: budget. 34 Wipplingerstrasse T: + 43 1 532 0542 www.hansen.co.at

**Oswald & Kalb** With its low ceilings, metal lampshades this restaurant has a simple, anti-style feel and the eclectic mix of clientele ranges from Viennese businessmen to students but the food is imaginative and unpretentious. Open: Daily 6pm – 2am. Price: Moderate.

14 Backenstrasse. Tel: + 43 (0)1 512 1371

**Plachutta** These well established restaurants offer traditional Viennese specialities with a modern twist – and a generous helping of theatrical bustle. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

38 Wollzeile. Tel: + 43 (0)1 512 1577. Open: Daily 11.30am – 12midnight. 1 Auhofstrasse. Tel: + 43 (0)1 877 7087. Open: Monday to Friday 11.30am – 3pm and 6pm – 11.30pm. Saturday and Sunday 11.30am – 11.30pm 189 Heiligenstädterstrasse. Tel: + 43 (0)1 370 4125. Open: Daily 11.30am – 11.30pm.

Ottakringerstrasse. Tel: + 43 (0)1 480 5730. Open: Daily 9.30am – 12.30am. www.plachutta.at

**Wrenkh** Smart restaurant serving subtle, imaginative vegetarian cooking to equally smart crowd. Open: daily 11.30 am - 2.30pm. Price: Moderate. Bar 11.30am to midnight daily.

10 Bauermarkt T: + 43 1 533 1526 www.wrenkh.at

#### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

**Zum Schwarzen Kameel** Founded in 1618, this is something of a Vienna institution. You'll find a buzzing bar with an extensive wine list and a wonderful selection of snacks and Austrian style tapas. Open: Monday to Saturday 8.30am – midnight. Next to it as a traditional restaurant (open Monday to Saturday 12noon – 3.30pm and 6pm – 10.30pm) and a smart konditorei (Monday to Saturday 9.3am – 7pm). Price: Restaurant: Moderate/Expensive.

5 Bognergasse. T: + 43 (0)1 533 8125

#### www.kameel.at

#### Hofburg Quarter

**Aux Gazelles** A cross between a restaurant and a steam bath. Have a Hamman sauna and a massage, have drink in one of the bars and then enjoy excellent Moroccan food in the restaurant. Hamman Open: Monday to Saturday noon - 10pm. Restaurant Monday to Saturday 6am - midnight. Price: Moderate/expensive 5 Rahlgasse T: + 1 43 585 6645 www.auxgazelles.at

**Illona Stuberl** Cosy little restaurant serving Hungarian specialities such as goulash or bigos - hunter's stew. Open: daily noon - 11pm. Price: budget. 2 Braunerstrasse T: + 43 1 533 9029

**Meinl am Graben** Part of one of the city's most famous delicatessens. This relaxed eatery has an interesting selection of good Viennese food and some items from further afield. Open: Monday - Friday 8am to midnight and Saturday 8.30am - midnight. Price: Moderate

19 Graben T: + 43 1 532 3344

**Novelli Bacaro Con Cucina** Smart Italian restaurant with elegant, sophisticated food and varied wine list. Open: Monday - Saturday 11am - midnight. Price: Expensive.

11 Braunestrasse T: + 43 1 513 4200

**Palmenhaus** Mediterranean food served in the elegant surroundings of the Palm house in the Burggarten. Open: daily 10am - 2pm. Price: Moderate/expensive In the Burggarten T: + 43 1 533 1033

Around Karlsplatz and Naschmarkt and the southern part of town

**Maestro** Modern Viennese cooking served in elegant Art Deco dining room. Open: daily 5.30pm to midnight. Lunch on Wednesday and Sunday only. Price: Moderate/expensive.

6 Am Heumarkt T: + 43 1 714 8911

**Naschmarkt Deli** Imaginative salads and sandwiches in hippyish market stall/cafe. Open: Monday to Friday 7am - 11.30pm and Saturday 7am - midnight. Price: budget.

Stand 421-436 Naschmarkt

**Steiereck** Fine dining with an emphasis on dishes from the Styrian region such as smoked ham and sausage stuff cabbage. Open: Monday - Friday noon - 2pm and 7pm -midnight. Price: expensive.

2 Rasumofskygasse T: + 43 1 713 3168

#### **Shops:**

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Most shops are open daytime Monday to Saturday but closed on Sunday.

#### **Clothes**

**Knize** Elegant suits, jackets, ties, skirts and cashmere pullovers all displayed amid wonderful Jugenstil surroundings.

13 Graben

D G Linnerth Casual clothes for men and women

1-2 Lugeck

**Pur** Elegant clothing for men and women from up and coming designer Angela Schwarzinger.

4 Operngasse

**Turek Workshop** Hip gear and street fashion for men and women.

6 Mariahilferstrasse

**Michel Mayer** Striking and very contemporary designs from a young Austrian designer.

7 Singerstrasse

**Wilhelm Jungmann & Neffe** As this very traditional menswear shop, you can have a suit made here but you can also find a wonderful selection of cufflinks, ties, scarves and accessories from well established designers from around Europe. Open: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 7pm and Saturday 10am – 6pm. 3 Albertinaplatz

www.feinestoffe.at

#### Interiors/accessories

**J & L Lobmeyr** Stunning glassware emporium that might be more for window shopping.

26 Kartnerstrasse

**Es Brennt...Lichterloh** Collectors items such ceramics, homewares and furniture. 6 Gumpendorferstrasse www.lichterloh.com

**Robert Horn** Elegant bags and leather goods.

6 Braunerstrasse

**Tomas Lisa Interiors** Pretty little interiors and gift shop.

14 Herrengasse

**Alt-Osterreich** Eclectic, sometimes bizarre collection of Vienna memorabilia including old postcards, advertisements and nic naks. 7 Himmelpfortgasse

#### Food

**Bohle**. Very smart deli with all things Austrian including wine, cheese, patisserie and chocolate.

4 Wollzeile

**Xocolat** Exquisite chocolates and everything else related to the blessed bean. 2 Freyung (Passage des Palais Ferstel). Open: Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 12noon and 5pm. 5 Herrenstrasse. Open: Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturday 10am – 5pm.

**Wild** Good Austrian deli with regularly changing ranges of sausage, cheese and tinned goods. You can also eat in.

16 Neuer Markt

# 5.0 - USEFUL WEBSITES

www.wien.info www.wien.gv.at www.aboutvienna.org