

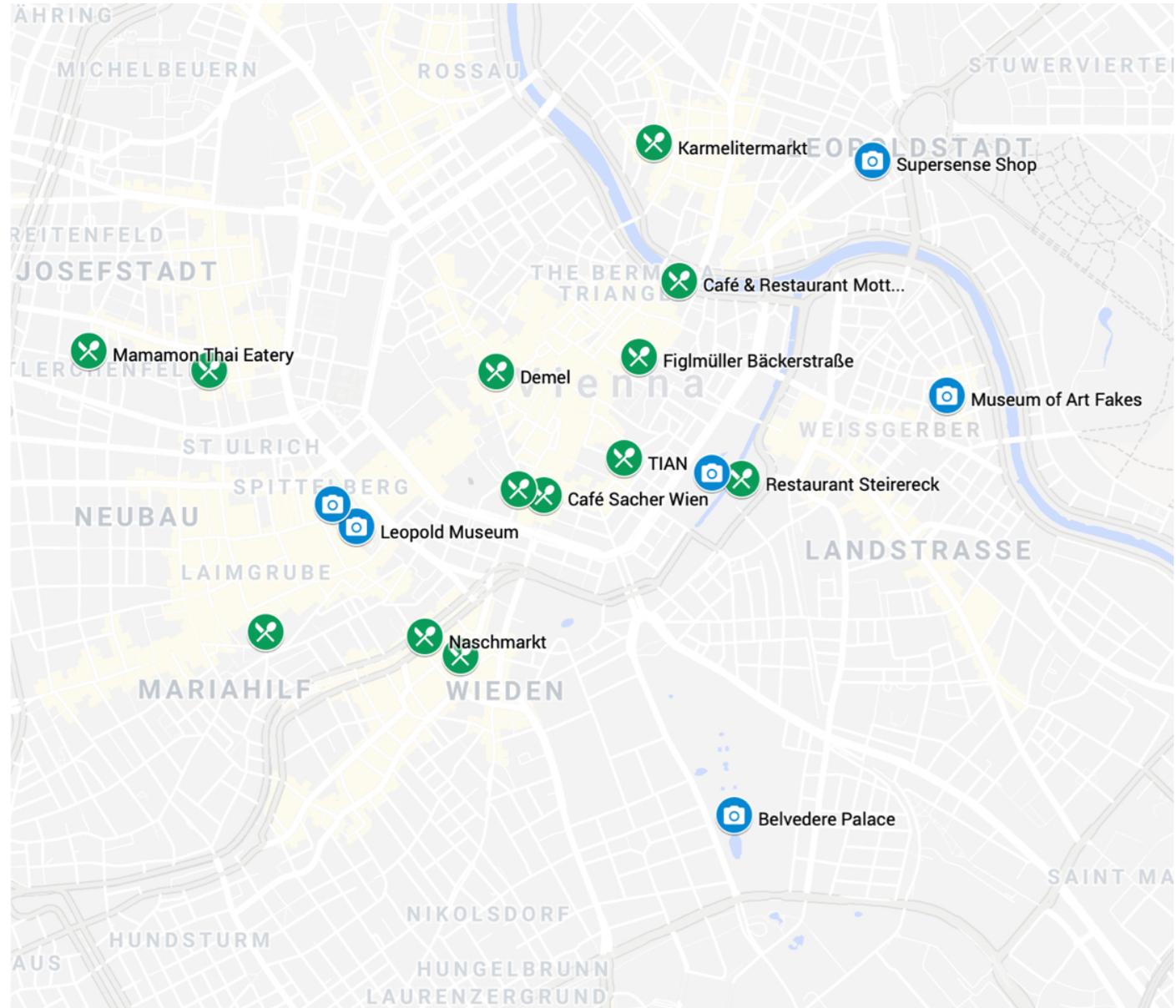
Coco's Vienna Guide

Vienna

Austria

[New York Times says:](#)

"Not quite a century ago, Vienna was downgraded from being the glorious capital of a sprawling empire to the capital of just one country, Austria. What remains undiminished is the city's reputation as a capital of high living. Virtually any activity you might undertake in the city — strolling through a museum, sipping coffee or shopping for shoes — will leave you feeling pampered and a little envious of the indulgent style to which the Viennese seem so accustomed. This is, after all, the city where chocolate cake and sparkling wine are an appropriate snack at any hour, where the Wiener schnitzel is typically bigger than the plate on which it's served, and where residents all know how to waltz. But the place once famous as the crossroads of Central Europe is now getting traffic from farther afield, with influences pouring in from Turkey, the Middle East and the rest of Asia."



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Figlmüller

Restaurant

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"This place offers a few typical Austrian main dishes, but people visit here for one reason only – the wiener schnitzel. Figlmüller is already an institution in Vienna and popular among both locals and tourists alike. It is furnished in an original Austrian pub-like decor and waiters still wear traditional smoking jackets. All of these elements lend a special antique and elegant charm to the whole experience of this restaurant."

Naschmarkt

Food market

[Drink Tea Travel says:](#)

"If you're making a list of what to do in Vienna, make sure eating is at the top! In German, the word naschen means to nibble or snack on something so as you might have guessed, the main draw of Vienna's famous market is the food. This market has everything from bars and eateries to local meat counters to organic produce to a ceramics shop selling dishes in the shape of food (my personal favourite)! Even if you don't need to buy anything (or eat anything), visiting the Naschmarkt is still one of the best things to do in Vienna. Simply stroll, browse, and enjoy the atmosphere."

Karmelitermarkt

Food market

[New York Times says:](#)

"The unpretentious Karmelitermarkt caters to the city's diverse palate. On Saturday morning, when the food market is at its liveliest, you'll find traditional Austrian sausages alongside kosher cuts; next to old-school veggie vendors thrive young entrepreneurs like Isabella Lindinger, who sells seasonal jams and chutneys. Drop by the brick-and-mortar store Kaas am Markt for a wide range of regional cheeses and hams before heading out to explore the surrounding area, which is in the process of being transformed with businesses like the homeware and fashion purveyor Der Affe und der Bräutigam, the vegan-friendly bakery Fett und Zucker, and the bring-your-own-container grocer Lunzers, which bolsters Austria's green cred."

Motto am Fluss

Restaurant

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"Located inside the Wien-City ferry terminal, with dazzling views of the Danube Canal, Motto am Fluss' restaurant serves Austro-international cuisine with quality organic meats, fish such as Donau trout and vegetarian and vegan options. Its upstairs cafe does great all-day breakfasts, cakes and pastries, and its bar is a superbly relaxed hangout for Austrian wines, beers and house-creation cocktails."



Bäckerstraße 6



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Naschmarkt



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Karmelitermarkt



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Franz-Josefs-Kai 2



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Vollpension

Restaurant

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"Set up by the local community of the 4th district, this socially savvy café offers senior citizens the chance to take a break from retirement, which can often be boring and lonesome, and showcase their baking skills to the public (a win-win situation for both parties). The café aims to unite the young and the elderly — two parts of society that ordinarily, and unfortunately, seldom collide in everyday life. The brunch dishes include the "opa pikant" – a wonderful spread containing traditionally Viennese ingredients: a Semmel roll, pepper, tomatoes, salami, Austrian cheese, and a boiled egg."

Café Sacher

Coffee Shop / Cafe

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"In a dispute referred to as a 'cake war' in the early part of the last century, Café Sacher and Café Demel (see below) entered into a lengthy legal fight over whose right it was to own the label of 'the original Sachertorte'. The decades-long tiff was eventually settled in 1963, when both parties agreed that Hotel Sacher could use the phrase "The Original Sachertorte" and Demel had the right to decorate its tortes with a triangular seal reading Eduard-Sacher-Torte. Their recipe is a closely guarded secret and Café Sacher is undoubtedly one of the best places to sample this coveted dessert. It is a sheer work of art with perfectly glossy chocolate coating and beautiful texture. Be prepared – there is usually a long queue at the door."

Café Demel

Coffee Shop / Cafe

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"Café Sacher's rival, Demel, was once the bakery favoured by the now-extinct Viennese royal family, particularly enjoyed by Empress Sissi. As mentioned above, this upmarket bakery and chocolatier later became involved in the legal battle with Café Sacher, resulting in them losing the right to claim their torte as the 'original'. However, theirs is still a truly beautiful version. Decorated with a triangular piece of chocolate that reads 'Eduard-Sacher-Torte', the creator's grandson who trained at the bakery, you can indulge in this traditional version of the torte in an elegant atmosphere."

Mamamon

Restaurant

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"Owner Piano, who named her restaurant for her mum Mon, has spiced up Vienna's burgeoning Southeast-Asian food scene with a menu of southern Thai flavours, street-style decor and an indie soundtrack. On mild nights, a young, happy crowd spills out into the courtyard, while single diners pull up a stool at the large communal table or window seats within. Piano's plump tod mun (fish cakes; €6.50) are some of the best outside of – or in – Thailand, and her herb-strewn papaya salad (€7.50), full-frontal pork larb (€8) and the addictive sticky-rice accompaniment have a cult-like following. There's an interesting list of other snacky starters, curries and stir-fries but it's hard to go past the daily curry and rice (€7.50 to €8.50), which often uses fresh, seasonal ingredients while still keeping it totally authentic (note that it's always fish on Fridays, but it often sells out by lunch)."



Schleifmühlgasse 16



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Philharmoniker Str. 4



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Kohlmarkt 14



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Albertgasse 15



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Weinstube Josefstadt

Restaurant

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"Weinstube Josefstadt is one of Vienna's loveliest Stadtheurigen (city wine taverns). A leafy green oasis spliced between towering residential blocks, its tables of friendly, well-liquored locals are squeezed in between the trees and shrubs looking onto a pretty, painted Salettl (wooden summerhouse). Wine is local and cheap, food is typical, with a buffet-style meat and fritter selection. Cash only."

Bitzinger Würstelstan

Food Stand

[Spotted by Locals says:](#)

"Bitzinger is a series of würstelstände (a "wurst" stand) in Vienna. It has won awards for its functional yet elegant design. Indeed, it looks quite posh from a distance: tastefully... er, cubic; bright yet elegantly coloured, clad in metal and with a neon sign. You'll find two of them in the city if you're interested. One is close to the Albertina, and the other one is situated at the Prater. The food isn't bad, either. It's standard sausage fare – no frills – starting at a lowly € 3 and building up to € 10 for the top-of-the-range burger. This is no assault on the senses the way other late night sausage stands can be. This is the kind of place that you'd come to in the day, or if you're a tourist and you really need to try the odd cheesy sausage that your mates have been raving about (in the local dialect it is sometimes called Eitriger, or 'the infected one'). Which brings me onto the location of the flagship stand: it's behind the opera, in front of the Albertina and a mere hop, skip and a jump from the Burggarten, a favourite spot for many travellers in Vienna. Go on, try a sausage. You know you want to."

Tian

Restaurant

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"It is rare to find a restaurant that is exclusively vegetarian, and even rarer to find one that has been awarded Michelin stars. TIAN's menu is totally meat-free and employs a refreshingly creative take on vegetarian cuisine – a welcome change from the half-hearted veggie options that often appear on menus. The founder, Christian Halper, has a strict philosophy of using fresh, seasonal ingredients, dispelling the myth of vegetarian diets consisting of 'rabbit food.'"

Steirereck

Restaurant

[Wallpaper says:](#)

"Viennese gourmets prize Steirereck as much for chef Heinz Reitbauer's daring mod-Austrian menu (think mountain trout seasoned with lime salt, and char cooked in hot beeswax) as for the fin de siècle charm of its Art Nouveau dining room overlooking the river Wien. The restaurant's enduring popularity, however, meant that despite a renovation a few years ago, diners were beginning to feel somewhat cramped. Steirereck's recent extension by local architects PPAG looks sets to win over more converts. Occupying what used to be a terrace leading to the children's playground, the new wing comprises a series of silvery glass pavilions. Depending on the weather, entire panels rise vertically like escape pods on a mother ship to open up the dining room to the park outside. Inside, compact concertina screens – made of industrial timber and curling like lemon peel – section off clusters of tables. All the better, we think, to provide the illusion of serene isolation while tucking into the chef's tart pudding of quince served with burnt milk and lavender."



Piaristengasse 27



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Albertinaplatz 1



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23 Himmelpfortgasse



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Am Heumarkt 2A



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Ammutsøn Craft Beer Dive

Bar

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"Craft beer is finally coming of age in Vienna with a number of bars now specialising in locally made brews. Just off Mariahilferstrasse, in the heart of Vienna's shopping district, Ammutson Craft Beer Dive will blow out the candles on its first successful year in 2019. Their commitment to fresh tap beer from local microbreweries is a welcome addition to the scene. Stalwart craft beer venues Beaver Brewing Company and Brickmakers Pub & Kitchen continue to provide a hearty mix of delicious food, alongside their expansive and regularly changing craft beer menus.

Palmenhaus

Restaurant

[Atlas Obscura says:](#)

"In Vienna, plants and humans can sit side by side and enjoy the sunlight, high ceilings, and dazzling views of the royal gardens. Formerly a greenhouse built for Austrian emperors, Palmenhaus now serves as a cafe, bar, and lounge where folks can dine amidst exotic flora. Want to dine al fresco? You can venture out onto the Burggarten, a vast patio overlooking the former emperor's gardens. You'll find all sorts of delicious items to munch on, from freshly-baked pastries to fish dishes to decadent desserts. Though the lunch and dinner menus change daily, you can always expect to find the classic Viennese morning meal of handmade rolls, jam, and blossom honey on the breakfast menu. But, no matter what you order, the best part of your meal will likely be feasting your eyes on the greenery and glass fit for an emperor, or at least his plants. If you're planning on visiting Palmenhaus for lunch or dinner, consider making a reservation via phone or online. (Note: They do not take reservations for the Burggarten.) If you're dining on a Friday evening, be sure to head over to the lounge for live DJ sets, where you can dance among the plants."

Supersense

Shop

[Atlas Obscura says:](#)

"A cafe in Vienna leads to a hipster cabinet of curiosities that includes an operational letterpress, massive analog photos, hand-cut vinyl records, a recording studio, and a large collection of scents. Supersense is housed in a neo-Gothic mansion built in 1898. The ornate Art Nouveau designs offer a fitting backdrop for the analog-obsessed shop. There are typewriters with paper throughout the place, and one of the most technologically advanced things in there is a pinball machine that's rigged to take a polaroid photo once a high score is achieved. After having coffee and pastries, visitors can record a 90-second vinyl record in a modified elevator, or have their portrait taken with what Supersense says is the "world's largest historic polaroid camera." The photo department is filled with analog cameras and film, and offers tintypes as well as the large format instant photos. A scent lab was developed in cooperation with Norwegian artist Sissel Tolaas who began her smell archive of over 7,000 airtight jars of scents in the 1990s. The printing press can make postcards and business cards, and there's a full studio with a large collection of vintage guitars and synthesizers."

Donauturm Tower

Landmark

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"The newly renovated Donauturm tower offers panoramic views across the city and the Danube river, and is one of the highest perspectives from which to view the entire surrounding region of Vienna. With its updated take on original 1960's modern architecture, you can enjoy the refined rotating restaurant at a height of 170m, or grab a coffee in the more casual Turm Cafe at 160m high. The tower was recently made over by renowned Austrian architect Gregor Eichinger, and sits on the leafy side of the Danube in the 22nd district. Climbing the Donauturm spire will surely be the high point of your experience in Vienna."



Barnabitengasse 10



[Website](#)



Schlosspark



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Praterstraße 70



[Website](#)



Donauturmstraße 8



[Website](#)

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Stadtpark

Park

[Frommer's says:](#)

"This lovely park lies on the slope where the Danube used to overflow into the Inner City before the construction of the Danube Canal. Many memorial statues stand in the park; the best known depicts Johann Strauss, Jr., composer of operettas and waltzes like "The Blue Danube Waltz." Here, too, are monuments to Franz Schubert and Hans Makart, a well-known artist whose work you'll see in churches and museums throughout Vienna. Verdant squares of grass, well-manicured flower gardens, and plenty of benches surround the monuments. The park is open 24 hours daily."

Museum of Art Fakes

Museum

[Atlas Obscura says:](#)

"Sitting across from the famous work of architectural art, Hundertwasserhaus, one of the most original works in the world, is a small museum that takes a look at the other side of the art world where forgers, fakers, and charlatans thrive. The Museum of Art Fakes (Fälschermuseum) in Vienna is a little gallery that doesn't have an original work in it. The collection contains works that appear to be from such art world luminaries as Klimt, Rembrandt, and Matisse, but were in fact created by the hand of some enterprising forger. Rather than condemning the practice, the museum celebrates the artistry of the forgery, being careful to distinguish different types of fakery. The collection also highlights a few notable forgers including Tom Keating who claims to have forged over 2,000 works as a statement against the corruption of the gallery scene, planting "time-bombs" in his replicas that could be discovered later, invalidating the forgeries to any duped collector. Of course, even these forgeries are now valuable. The museum also displays a number of forged diary pages purported to have been written by Adolf Hitler."

Schloss Belvedere

Museum

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"A masterpiece of total art, Schloss Belvedere is one of the world's finest baroque palaces. Designed by Johann Lukas von Hildebrandt (1668–1745), it was built for the brilliant military strategist Prince Eugene of Savoy, conqueror of the Turks in 1718. What giddy romance is evoked in its sumptuously frescoed halls, replete with artworks by Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka; what stories are conjured in its landscaped gardens, which drop like the fall of a theatre curtain to reveal Vienna's skyline. The first of the palace's two buildings is the Oberes Belvedere (Upper Belvedere), showcasing Gustav Klimt's The Kiss (1908), the perfect embodiment of Viennese art nouveau, alongside other late-19th- to early-20th-century Austrian works. The lavish Unteres Belvedere (Lower Belvedere), with its richly frescoed Marmorsaal (Marble Hall), sits at the end of sculpture-dotted gardens."

Leopold Museum

Museum

[Trip Savvy says:](#)

"Home to the globe's most extensive and important collection of Austrian art, the Leopold Museum is brimming with masterpieces — from the likes of Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Koloman Moser, Oskar Kokoschka and many others. Part of the extensive Museumsquartier, a vast complex of museums, exhibition spaces, restaurants, cafes and theaters, the Leopold collections merit a morning or afternoon — especially if you want to understand the history of Austrian art and its radical evolution. Remarkable works to beeline to within the collections here include Klimt's moving (and chilling) "Death and Life"; stirring self-portraits by Schiele and Kokoschka, breathtaking landscapes from all three; and an underrated collection of furniture and other objects from the "Wiener Werkstatte", or Vienna workshop."



Parking 1



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Löwengasse 28



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Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 27



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Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 27



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Kunsthalle Wien

Museum

[Trip Savvy says:](#)

"Another museum nestled within the Museumsquartier complex, the Kunsthalle Wien is an essential stop for anyone interested in getting a sense of Vienna's vibrant contemporary art scene. The enormous building hosts a constant stream of temporary exhibits that showcase local and global artists, as well as artistic movements that span different media. From photography and sculpture to painting, video installations and performance art, there's something on the program for everyone, no matter your preferred medium. Opened in 1992, the Kunsthalle also includes an onsite library dedicated to contemporary art, cafes frequented by arty locals and curious tourists, and a gift shop stocked with art books, prints and other items."

Schönbrunn Palace

Museum

[AFAR says:](#)

"Schönbrunn was the summer residence of the Habsburgs and one of Europe's most stunning Baroque palaces. The family acquired the land in the 16th century and later built a palace, but it was completely rebuilt under Maria Theresa between 1744 and 1749. Emperor Franz Joseph was born and later ruled from here with his wife, the beloved Sissi. (Never mind that she was actually Bavarian.) Beautiful stucco work, frescoes, and lacquered panels adorn the interior in rooms like the Round Chinese Cabinet and Vieux-Lacque Room. In the Blue Chinese Salon, the last emperor, Karl I, signed his abdication in 1918, effectively ending more than 600 years of Habsburg rule."

Stadtwanderweg 1a

Hike

[New York Times says:](#)

"From the tree-lined Ring Road that encircles the inner city, hop on a vintage red-and-white tram to the D line terminus at Nussberg, where vineyards flourish within the Vienna borders. Join the multigenerational families on the hiking path marked "Stadtwanderweg 1a," which meanders around pretty farmhouses on rolling hills etched with grapevines. Along the way you'll come across a number of wine taverns serving products from their own grapes. The gruffly friendly bar back at Heuriger Hirt open year-round, pours grüner veltliner and gemischter satz, or a blend of local whites (around €2 per glass). Snuggle up with a blanket at an outside picnic table to admire Vienna's skyline that shimmers beyond the Danube."

Kahlenberg

Sightseeing

[Trip Savvy says:](#)

"The Vienna Woods—part of the lower foothills of the Alps—are immense, full of easy walking trails, heurige for wine tasting and casual meals, and the Kahlenberg, a small mountain popular for its panoramic views. On a clear day, the Kahlenberg viewpoint affords visitors incredible vantages over the entire city and its surroundings. Home to a centuries-old monastery and the Baroque St Joseph's Church, the mountain also features a large tower, the Stefaniewarte, that was built in the late 19th century in honor of the Crown Princess Stefanie of Belgium. From here, you can enjoy the panoramic terrace before accessing the many walking paths that wind through the Vienna Woods. If you start early enough, you can even walk the whole way back to the city (about 4.5 hours in total). For lovers of the outdoors, spending some time on these trails is highly recommended—UNESCO even named the Woods a Biosphere Reserve, owing to their outstanding natural beauty and diversity. Some 2,000 plant species and 150 bird species, including endangered ones, inhabit the sprawling forest."



Museumsplatz 1



[Website](#)



Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 47



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Nußdorfer Pl. 8



Kahlenberg



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Fritz Wieninger

Winery

[AFAR says:](#)

"Run by Fritz Wieninger, a fourth-generation winemaker (and self-proclaimed ambassador for modern Viennese wine), the winery has been around since 1905. When Wieninger took over in 1987, he started farming all of his vineyards biodynamically and opened a new, more modern heuriger on his family's land. He improved the quality of his wines while preserving the laid-back vibe that's intrinsic to heuriger culture. Case in point: As I sat on the patio drinking a glass of Fritz's lively, juicy gemischter satz—one that seltzer has no business meddling with—twin toddlers were celebrating a birthday with their grandparents at the next table. The Wieningers have two heurigen in Vienna, a newer one that's entirely outdoors, at the top of the family plot in the Nussberg vineyard, and another more traditional one in the Stammersdorf district that's been around for decades. Both feature Fritz Wieninger's exceptional wines made from biodynamically farmed grapes."



Stammersdorfer Str. 31



[Website](#)

Weingut Nikolaihof Wachau

Winery

[Culture Trip says:](#)

"Wachau is not just one of Austria's most beautiful areas, but also home to some of the finest vineyards – the home of Austria's most famous white, the Gruner Veltiner. A UNESCO world heritage site and next to the River Danube, the conditions in this region are perfect for producing wine – with an ideal climate and soil quality. This winery claims to be the oldest in Austria and therefore is well worth a visit. To this day, the grapes are harvested by hand and stored in ancient oak casks."



Nikolaigasse 3



[Website](#)

Melk Abbey

Landmark

[Plant Ware says:](#)

"Standing grandly above the Danube and looking more like an imperial palace than a monastery, the buildings of Melk Abbey are laid out around seven courtyards. The most prominent part of the complex, which has a total length of 325 meters, is the west end, with its twin-towered church rising above a semicircular terrace. The abbey's octagonal domed entrance gate, flanked by the statues of St. Koloman and St. Leopold, leads into the forecourt (Torwartlhof), with superb views of its magnificent east façade. The Abbey Church is considered the finest Baroque church north of the Alps and is famous for its twin towers surmounted by helm roofs, along with its outstanding interior with superb 18th-century ceiling paintings; ornate choir stalls and confessional chair; and the artistically carved pulpit and high altar with figures of the patron saints of the church, St. Peter and St. Paul. (English language guided tours are available.) Also of note are the abbey's superb gardens with its Baroque Garden Pavilion (separate admission required), and a regular program of organ recitals."



Abt-Berthold-Dietmayr-Straße 1



[Website](#)

Spitz

Sightseeing

[Lonely Planet says:](#)

"Sitting pretty on the north bank of the Danube, Spitz is a pleasant town that doesn't get quite as choked with day trippers as nearby Dürnstein does. It has a picturesque old-town centre, and offers some good hiking in the surrounding forests and vineyards. To reach the old town, turn left after leaving the station then head right up Marktstrasse to Kirchenplatz. Six kilometres west of Spitz, Mühldorf is home to the castle and hotel Burg Oberranna."



Spitz



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