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Venerable VIENNA

Interior designer Andrea Huainigg and her family reside in Palm Beach's North End, but Vienna, Austria—where she studied, met her husband, and frequents—is the place she calls home. Her European heritage and bicontinental life bolster her role as creative director and co-owner of COMO Home & Design, a firm specializing in European decor and furniture. In Vienna, which regularly tops the list of cities offering the best quality of life in the world, Huainigg starts her day with a run through the historic gardens of Belvedere Palace or biking through the vineyards of Grinzing. She'll then meet friends for coffee in Innere Stadt, Vienna's old town, and round out her day by visiting art galleries or attending an opera, ballet, or concert. She also enjoys summering at Wörthersee, considered the Hamptons of Austria, and visiting her chalet in the Austrian Alps. —Skye Sherman



ERIC STELLER

WHEN TO GO Spring and summer to enjoy the countless outdoor cafés and castle parks of Schönbrunn (schoenbrunn.at).

HOW TO START THE DAY

With a workout followed by breakfast at the rooftop terrace of the Hotel Grand Ferdinand (grandferdinand.com) or Hotel Sacher (sacher.com), which is famous for its Sacher torte.

WHERE TO EAT

Request a booth at Plachuttas Gasthaus zur Oper at the opera house (plachutta-oper.at), which has the best *tafelspitz* in town. Meissl & Schadn serves the best Wiener schnitzel.

LOCAL DISH TO DREAM

ABOUT *Kaiserschmarrn*, a fluffy shredded pancake with apple puree, powdered sugar, and raisins.

WHERE TO SHOP

Amicis (amicis.at) carries a selection of the most stylish and elegant high-end European brands.

BEST SEAT IN TOWN

Have a sandowner at Das Loft (dasloftwien.at) on the rooftop of the SO/VIENNA to enjoy the marvelous view.



A CULTURAL OUTING Attend a concert at the Musikverein (musikverein.at), a concert hall famous for the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra.

SOUNDTRACK Anna Netrebko's "Madama Butterfly." She performs often in Vienna and at the music festival in Salzburg during the summer.

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LOCALS LIVE BY Enjoy a typical *kaffeehaus* (Viennese coffee house) at least once a day.

MUST-VISIT MUSEUM The Albertina Museum Vienna (albertina.at) to see wonderful paintings and the Habsburg State Rooms, the former residence of the daughter of empress Maria Theresa and her husband.

A SOLO ACTIVITY Take a horse and carriage tour through the historic inner city.

FOR A TASTE OF ROYALTY

Tour the Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburg family located in the Hietzing district. Back in town, visit the Hofburg castle, the city residence of the Habsburgs.