

AUSTRIA



FACTS & FIGURES

Capital	Vienna
Largest City	
Official Languages	Austrian German
Official Script	Latin
Currency	Euro (EUR)
Geography (estimates)	
Population	8.77 million
Pop. Density	104/km ²
Area	83,879 km ²
Time Zone	EST + 6
Government	
President	Alexander Van der Bellen
Legislature	National Council
Independence or Founding Date	1804

HISTORY OF AUSTRIA

- From 1273 to 1918, Austria was dominated by the Houses of Hasburg and Hasburg-Lorraine
- After WWI, the Hasburg empire collapsed and the Austrian Republic was created by the *Treaty of St. Germain*
- Austria was annexed to Germany in 1938 as a part of WWII
 - Most of the Jewish population was killed or forced to leave during the Holocaust
- After the WWII, Austria was not an independent country again until a treaty was signed in 1955
- In 1995, Austria joined the European Union
- Three major Ranges of the Alps run West through East Austria
- Famous Austrians: Wolfgang A. Mozart, Marie Antoinette, Sigmund Freud (Psychologist), Fred Astaire (Actor)





- Austrian cuisine is derived from the Austro-Hungarian Empire
- They are famous for their well-balanced variations of beef and pork
- Most well-known Austrian dishes are derived from Vienna
 - Other regions have their own variations on meals
- The cuisine is one of the most multicultural in Europe and has been influenced by various cultures including, Hungarian, Czech, and French
- *Traditional dishes include: Sachertorte, Weiner Schnitzel, Millirahmstrudel, Kaiserschmarrn*



Austrian Public Holidays in 2019

- New Year's Day (Jan 1)
- Epiphany (Jan 6)
- Easter Monday (April 22)
- Labour Day (May 1)
- Ascension Day (May 30)
- Whit Monday (June 10)
- Corpus Christi (June 20)
- Assumption Day (Aug 15)
- National Day (Oct 26)
- All Saint's Day (Nov 1)
- Immaculate Conception Day (Dec 8)
- Christmas Day (Dec 25)
- St. Stephen's Day (Dec 26)

Language & Religion

- There are two official languages in Austria: Austrian and German
 - *Hungarian, Slovenian and Croatian* are also widely recognized languages
- Historically, Christianity is the most practiced religion in Austria, specifically Roman Catholicism
 - Other denominations practiced include, Protestantism, Islam, and Buddhism

Cuisine



Music & Art

- Austria was the birthplace of many famous composers, such as Joseph Haydn and Wolfgang Mozart
- Austria was known as a center for musical innovation due to its patronage with the Hasburgs
 - Vienna was often deemed the music capital of Europe
- The Musikverein in Vienna is considered to be one of the three finest concert halls in the world
 - Regularly features performances by the Vienna Philharmonic

Important Dates & Holidays

