

Queer Guide

The Vienna City Guide for
Gay and Lesbian Visitors

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Gay Vienna. Now or Never!

Vienna is one of the most diverse cities in Europe. Thanks to stunning imperial architecture, unparalleled musical and cultural attractions, unique cuisine, and pockets of green space right in the heart of the city, the Austrian capital never fails to put visitors under its spell. Over 100 museums, and about 180 palaces and stately homes give Vienna a special appeal. And somewhere in the middle of all of this there is still plenty of room for modern architecture and design.

Vienna has a thriving gay and lesbian scene (p. 21). The city has something for everyone – from café hotspots, cocktail bars and lesbian restaurants, to gay leather hangouts, discos, clubs and saunas. There are also numerous large-scale events such as the Life Ball, Rainbow Parade, Rainbow Ball, Rosenball (p. 30), and Wien in Schwarz (p. 26)

The city is far more gay-oriented than you might think. For centuries art and politics in Austria have had a strong homosexual influence. And same-sex couples in Vienna have been able to officially register their partnerships (p. 33) in ceremonies at some of the city's best-loved locations since January 1, 2010.

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Gay and Lesbian



Vienna never fails to cast its spell on visitors. And gay and lesbian travelers always feel welcome in the former imperial city.



As is normally the way in a small country, the capital city – population 1.7 million, rising to 2.3 million once the greater metropolitan area is included – forms the center of gay and lesbian life in Austria. Many gays and lesbians move from the provinces to the capital to enjoy the freedoms it offers. Vienna is home to countless international organizations including OPEC, OSCE and

UNIDO which bring gays and lesbians from all over the world to the city, making the community even more diverse. Vienna's role as a hub for innovative design and contemporary art in Central Europe enhances the city's attractiveness still further. The gay and lesbian scene has something for everyone – a host of cafés, bars and restaurants, clubs and regular party nights mean that there is always something going on. While the city's gay and lesbian scene is growing rapidly, it certainly hasn't lost any of its characteristic intimacy and friendliness. Many gays and lesbians prefer spending time among the mixed crowd at venues that – while they are undeniably gay and lesbian-friendly – are not actively part of the scene. As you would expect in a cosmopolitan city like Vienna, same-sex couples walk freely hand-in-hand, enjoying the same freedoms as heterosexual couples.

Life



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The gay and lesbian community is shaped by the countless political and social organizations based in the capital. They include human rights organizations, gay and lesbian subgroups affiliated to political parties, as well as community organizations such as sports clubs and student groups. It took some time for gays and lesbians to be granted equal rights in Austria, but civil partnerships finally entered the statute books on January 1, 2010. When it comes to equal rights in Austria, the capital leads the way. Vienna is the first (and so far only) Austrian province where same-sex couples can tie the knot at all the same venues that host civil ceremonies for heterosexual couples, putting settings such as Schönbrunn Palace and the Albertina on the list of potential locations. The state's role goes far beyond mere tolerance, with money from the public purse earmarked exclusively for the gay and lesbian community. Vienna City Council provides financial and moral support for lesbian and gay projects, and backs various festivals, cinema projects, and public events such as the Rainbow Parade (CSD). The government set aside an entire building for Aids Hilfe Wien. The municipal anti-discrimination agency at City Hall has a direct influence on politics and society at large, and the Vienna Tourist Board is committed to ensuring that gay and lesbian life in the city is represented on the international stage.



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Gay and Lesbian



Discover Vienna on foot! Explore the city from a different angle on a historic walking tour.

The tour starts at the **Belvedere Palace (1)** which was built by Prince Eugene of Savoy (1663-1736). One of the greatest Habsburg generals of all time, it is widely agreed that Prince Eugene was in fact gay. While there are no contemporary written accounts, the biggest society gossip of the day and sister-in-law of Louis XIV, Liselotte von der Pfalz (1652-1722), is reported as saying: "He doesn't trouble himself with ladies, a nice couple of page boys would be more his thing." In 1683 Prince Eugene successfully repelled the Turks who were laying siege to Vienna at the time. One of the city's finest surviving baroque buildings, the Belvedere Palace, was built as a monument to his power and wealth. Today it houses the world's largest Klimt collection, including the world famous "Kiss".

On the far side of **Schwarzenbergplatz (2)** is the baroque **Karlskirche (3)**, which was commissioned by Emperor Karl VI, father of Maria Theresa. Karl was rumored to be in a homosexual relationship with Count Michael Johann III Althan – when the Count died the Kaiser was inconsolable with grief over the loss of his companion who "he loved in true friendship for 19 years."

From the Karlskirche it is just a few minutes' walk to the **Vienna State Opera House (4)**, which was created by gay architects Eduard van der Nüll (1812-1868) and August Sicard von Sicardsburg (1813-1868). They both perished in tragic circumstances – van der Nüll took his own life on April 3, 1868 following criticism from the city's population and the Emperor himself that the Opera House was "slightly squat" and the access ramps were "a little on the short side".



City Tours



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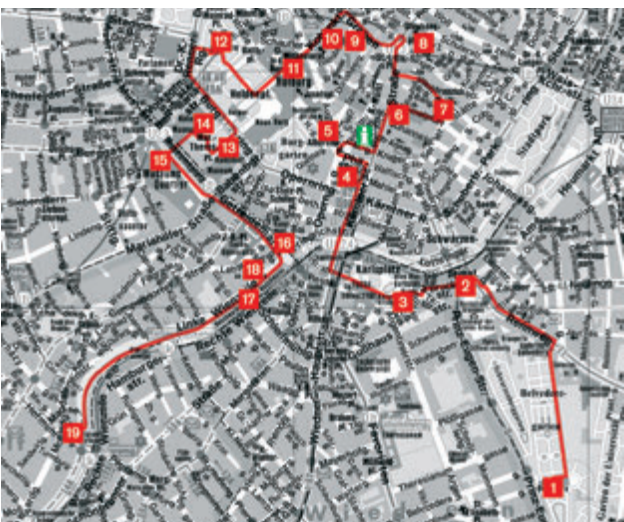
Rumored to have died from a broken heart, Sicardsborg followed him to the grave just ten weeks later.

Across the road from the Opera House is the **Albertina (5)**, which houses the world's largest collection of graphic art. The foundation was laid by Duke Albert von Sachsen-Teschen (1738-1822), whose wife Archduchess Marie Christine (1742-1798) is reputed to have been in a lesbian relationship with her sister-in-law, Isabella of Parma (1741-1763). Isabella was the first wife of Emperor Joseph II (1741-1790).

Kärntner Strasse (6) is just a stone's throw from the Albertina. Here, it is definitely worth taking a short detour to the **Kaiserbründlsauna (7)** (Weihburggasse 18-20), one of Vienna's best known and most spectacular gay saunas. Back in the days when the venue was still known as the Centralbad, one of Emperor Franz Joseph's brothers, Archduke "Luziwuzi", was boxed on the ear after an incident involving the inappropriate touching of an officer.



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Return to Kärntner Strasse and head towards **St. Stephen's Cathedral (8)**, before browsing the luxury boutiques that line the **Graben (9)** and **Kohlmarkt (10)** shopping streets, and continue to the **Hofburg (11)**. The former seat of power and residence of the Habsburgs is home to countless museums, including the **Sisi Museum** and the **Schatzkammer (Treasures)**, where priceless imperial artifacts such as a 10th-century imperial crown of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation are on display. The Hofburg complex also features a **huge statue** of Prince Eugene on horseback (on Heldenplatz). In the stunning **Volksgarten (12)** a monument to Empress Elisabeth, who was assassinated in 1898, won't fail to impress Sisi fans.

Cross **Maria-Theresien-Platz** which features a larger-than-life statue of Empress Maria Theresa, the prolific mother of the nation, continue past the **Kunsthistorisches Museum (13)** (left; contains the world's largest Bruegel collection), and the **Natural History Museum (14)**, and the **Museums-Quartier (15)** is right in front of you. It is one of the world's largest cultural complexes and home to the **Leopold Museum**, the **mumok** and the **Kunsthalle**. **Die Halle** is one of the undisputed culinary highlights, drawing a mixed crowd.



The last stage of our gay and lesbian walk takes us past the **Secession (16)**, which features Klimt's world-famous Beethoven Frieze, and on to the **Naschmarkt (17)**. The countless food stands and stalls laden with kitsch are great for whiling away the hours, likewise the numerous gay bars that line the market (such as the stunning **Café Savoy**). Put simply, the Naschmarkt is a multicultural paradise. Insider tip: although busy, Saturday mornings are probably the best time to visit. On your way to the Naschmarkt you pass a former musical venue, the **Theater an der Wien (18)**. Today it is a popular opera house. At this point in the tour you really should consider taking a short detour to Kettenbrückengasse 6. This is the address of the apartment where **reputedly gay composer Franz Schubert (1797-1828)** died of syphilis after what is believed to be his sole sexual encounter with a woman.

And to conclude the gay and lesbian walking tour we recommend dropping in at **Café Willendorf (19)** for refreshments. The café is located in the **Rosa Lila Villa – Vienna's First Lesbian and Gay House** (Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district), a Viennese institution for the LGBT community.

More walking tours:
www.qwien.at



Music and music festivals



VIENNA STATE OPERA
Opernring 2, 1st district
Tel. +43-1-514 44-2250
www.staatsoper.at

MUSIKVEREIN
Bösendorferstrasse 12,
1st district
Tel. +43-1-505 81 90
www.musikverein.at

THEATER AN DER WIEN
Linke Wienzeile 6, 6th district
Tel. +43-1-588 30-200
www.theater-wien.at

VOLKSOPER
Währinger Strasse 78, 9th district
Tel. +43-1-514 44-3670
www.volksoper.at

RAIMUND THEATER
Wallgasse 18-20, 6th district
Tel. +43-1-588 85 (Tickets)
www.musicalvienna.at

RONACHER
Seilerstätte 9, 1st district
Tel. +43-1-588 85 (Tickets)
www.musicalvienna.at

As a gay or lesbian traveler visiting Vienna for the first time you should make a beeline for the **Vienna State Opera House**. In addition to the big name opera divas, gay ballet stars such as Rudolf Nureyev and Vladimir Malakhov celebrated some of their greatest successes here. The blueprints for the Opera House were drawn up by a gay couple (→ City Tours). No self-respecting classical music fan would want to miss out on the **Musikverein** where the legendary New Year's Concerts are held in the Golden Hall on January 1.

The **Theater an der Wien** put operas back on the billing in 2006. There are premieres once a month and no summer break. The **Volksoper** is given over to operas and operettas but also hosts ballets and musicals, while the **Raimund Theater** and the **Ronacher** are exclusively dedicated to musicals. All the big shows from "Cats" to "Elisabeth" have stopped off in Vienna.

The annual **Vienna Festival** (May–June) features pioneering productions from all over the world. In January the **Resonanzen** ancient music festival plays out at the Konzerthaus. In late fall the **Wien Modern** festival gives fans of contemporary music something to shout about. Still in late fall, it is time for **Voice Mania**, a highly popular event that holds audiences spellbound with a festival of vocal acrobatics. At Easter **OsterKlang** awaits with a specially selected classical music program featuring everything from baroque to contemporary works.



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Each year the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra stages the **Summer Night's Concert** in the Schlosspark Schönbrunn – a red letter day for classical music buffs. From the start of June to the start of September Austria's largest open air cinema takes up residence on the square in front of the magnificent City Hall. The **Music Film Festival** dazzles audiences with screenings of operas, concerts and ballets on a giant outdoor screen. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the chilled out al fresco atmosphere – entry is free of charge.

There is also something for jazz fans: In late June/early July jazz greats from all over the world converge on the capital for the **Vienna Jazz Festival**. Participating venues include the Vienna State Opera House, where big names such as Diana Ross, Patti Labelle and Chaka Khan have given sell-out performances in the past. Alternatives from pop to electronic music are on the setlist at **Popfest Wien** during summer and the **Waves Vienna** club festival in fall.

And if you love jockeying for position in a lively crowd then the **Danube Island Festival** is just the place for you. International megastars perform to the crowds from stages up and down this popular recreation zone where a thronging carnival atmosphere reigns supreme for three whole days at the end of June.

DANUBE ISLAND FESTIVAL
www.donauinselfest.at

VIENNA FESTIVAL
www.festwochen.at

RESONANZEN
www.konzerthaus.at

WIEN MODERN
www.wienmodern.at

VOICE MANIA
www.voicemania.at

OSTERKLANG
www.osterklang.at

SUMMER NIGHT'S CONCERT
www.sommernachtskonzert.at

**MUSIK FILM FESTIVAL
ON RATHAUSPLATZ**
www.wien-event.at

VIENNA JAZZ FESTIVAL
www.viennajazz.org

POPFEST WIEN
www.popfest.at

WAVES VIENNA
www.wavesvienna.com



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Art and Design



KUNSTHISTORISCHES MUSEUM

Maria-Theresien-Platz, 1st district
Tue-Sun 10am-6pm,
Thu 10am-9pm
www.khm.at

WELTLICHE & GEISTLICHE SCHATZKAMMER (SECULAR & ECCLESIASTICAL TREASURIES)

Hofburg (Schweizerhof),
1st district
Wed-Mon 9am-5.30pm
www.khm.at

ALBERTINA

Albertinaplatz 1, 1st district
Daily 10am-6pm,
Wed 10am-9pm
www.albertina.at

BELVEDERE PALACE

Prinz Eugen-Strasse 27
(Upper Belvedere)
Daily 10am-6pm
Rennweg 6 (Lower B.),
3rd district
Daily 10am-6pm,
Wed 10am-9pm
www.belvedere.at

SECESSION

Friedrichstrasse 12, 1st district
Tue-Sun 10am-6pm
www.secession.at

21ER HAUS

Arsenalstrasse 1, 3rd district
Wed-Sun 10am-6pm
www.21erhaus.at

MUSEUMQUARTIER

Museumsplatz 1, 7th district
www.mqw.at

Vienna has over 100 art museums packed with works from ancient times to the present day. The **Kunsthistorisches Museum** (KHM) is home to a leading international collection of masterpieces, including priceless 16th and 17th-century Italian and Dutch works, including the world's largest collection of paintings by Pieter Bruegel. The **Kunstammer** (Chamber of Art and Wonders) will reopen at the KHM in 2013.

The permanent exhibits are complemented by frequent special exhibitions. Imperial insignia, regalia and other mementoes of the Habsburg dynasty can be seen at the KHM-operated **Schatzkammer** (Imperial Treasury) in the Hofburg. The 10th century Imperial Crown of the Holy Roman Emperor of the German Nation is among the highlights.

A series of alternating exhibitions at the **Albertina** presents works by Old Masters and contemporary artists. Pieces from its own holdings – comprising the world's largest collection of graphic art – are supplemented by loan exhibits from collections all over the world. Works by Monet, Renoir and Chagall are on display in a permanent exhibition entitled “Monet to Picasso. The Batliner Collection”.

Fans of Gustav Klimt are well advised to visit the baroque **Belvedere Palace**. The former summer residence of prominent homosexual Prince Eugene includes Egon Schiele's expressive nudes and the world's largest collection of Klimts, including the “Kiss”. Klimt's hand is very much in evidence at the art nouveau **Secession** Building, which features his stunning Beethoven Frieze. By the way, the Secession is located in the vicinity of the city's biggest gay and lesbian district. A stone's throw from the Belvedere, the **21er Haus** is the place to take in contemporary Austrian art from 1945 to the present day.



The **MuseumsQuartier** – one of the world’s largest cultural complexes – is tailor-made for lovers of modern art. Formerly home to the imperial stables, this monumental Habsburg construction today houses the **Leopold Museum** (with works by Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka), the **Museum Moderner Kunst**, aka the mumok (with works by Lichtenstein, Picasso, Warhol and Baselitz), and the **Kunsthalle**, where the exhibitions focus on current artistic trends.

The **Kunst Haus Wien** and the **Hundertwasser Museum** also host rotating exhibitions, often with a gay or lesbian connection (e.g. Keith Haring). The six floors of the **Haus der Musik** are brimming with music and sound exhibits, some of them interactive. Stand-out attraction, the Virtual Conductor, gives visitors a chance to try their hand at conducting the New Year’s Concert.

Design fans should set aside some time for a trip to the **MAK**: this museum is bursting with examples of furniture, glassware, porcelain, silverware and textiles from the Middle Ages to the present day. The MAK hosts the international **Blickfang** design fair each October. The **Vienna Design Week** also takes place in October. A must for design enthusiasts, this unique event is hosted by various venues throughout the city.

LEOPOLD MUSEUM
Wed-Mon 10am-6pm,
Thu 10am-9pm
www.leopoldmuseum.org

MUMOK
Mon 2pm-7pm,
Tue-Sun 10am-7pm,
Thu 10am-9pm
www.mumok.at

KUNSTHALLE
Daily 10am-7pm, Thu 10am-9pm
www.kunsthallewien.at

KUNST HAUS WIEN
Untere Weissgerberstrasse 13,
3rd district
Daily. 10am-7pm
www.kunsthausewien.com

HAUS DER MUSIK
Seilerstätte 30, 1st district
Daily 10am-10pm
www.hdm.at

MAK
Stubenring 5, 1st district
Wed-Sun 10am-6pm,
Tue 10am-10pm
www.mak.at

BLICKFANG
www.blickfang.com

VIENNA DESIGN WEEK
www.viennadesignweek.at



Theater, Dance and Film



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BURGTHEATER

Dr. Karl Lueger Ring 2, 1st district
Tel. +43-1-514 44-4140

www.burgtheater.at

THEATER IN DER JOSEFSTADT

Josefstädter Strasse 26,
8th district
Tel. +43-1-427 00-300

www.josefstadt.org

VOLKSTHEATER

Neustiftgasse 1, 7th district
Tel. +43-1-521 11-0

www.volkstheater.at

SCHAUSPIELHAUS

Porzellangasse 19, 9th district
Tel. +43-1-317 01 01-18

www.schauspielhaus.at

AKADEMIETHEATER

Lisztstrasse 1, 3rd district
Tel. +43-1-514 44-4740

www.burgtheater.at

VIENNA'S ENGLISH THEATRE

Josefsgasse 12, 8th district
Tel. +43-1-402 12 60-0

www.englishtheatre.at

INTERNATIONAL THEATRE VIENNA

Porzellangasse 8, 9th district
Tel. +43-1-319 62 72

www.internationaltheatre.at

VIENNA THEATRE PROJECT

www.viennatheatreproject.at

The Viennese love to make a song and dance about things, as the saying goes. Vienna's **Burgtheater** has a deserved reputation as one of the greatest German-speaking stages of all. The pieces represent a broad spectrum, ranging from classical plays to modern dramas. The performers are the very best that Austria, Germany and Switzerland have to offer. The **Theater in der Josefstadt** can safely lay claim to the title of Vienna's oldest working theater. This modern venue has long since shaken off its slightly down-at-heel image, and is the location of choice for countless premieres. Another of the German-speaking world's greatest theaters can be found right next to the MuseumsQuartier – the **Volkstheater** largely focuses on works by Austrian playwrights, but it is not unusual to find the odd musical on the billing.

Contemporary pieces are the preserve of the **Schauspielhaus** and the **Akademietheater**. The Akademietheater, the Burgtheater's "second stage", has made a name for itself with an excellent ensemble and outstanding performances.

There are three theaters in the city to choose between for English-language productions: **Vienna's English Theatre** in the 8th district, which often features works by gay playwrights, the International Theatre Vienna in the 9th district and the **Vienna Theatre Project** (various locations).

The **Vienna Festival** offers a world-class program of music and theater under artistic director Luc Bondy and a raft of internationally-acclaimed producers and directors. From time to time you may even find an Oscar winner treading the boards at one of the performances – in 2009 Philip Seymour-Hoffman was among the cast of "Othello".



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Dance doyens flock to **ImPulsTanz** each July and August when world-class performers put on a spectacle at this festival of all things dance. ImPulsTanz doubles up as a research and training academy for the dance industry.

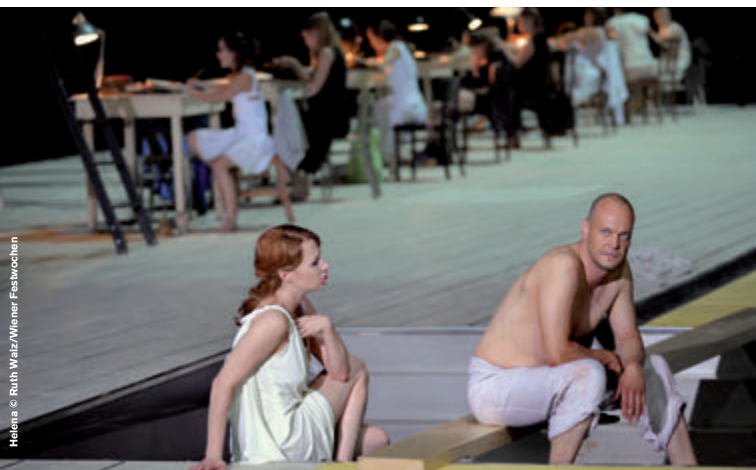
VIENNA FESTIVAL
www.festwochen.at

IMPULSTANZ
www.impulstanz.com

VIENNALE
www.viennale.at

IDENTITIES
www.identities.at

Vienna is also out in front when it comes to film. The audiences at Austria's largest film festival, the **Viennale**, have grown and grown ever since its inception in the 60s. Held each fall, this extravaganza of film has brought Oscar winners such as Tilda Swinton to the former imperial capital. Biennial gay and lesbian festival, **identities**, takes place in Vienna in spring. This celebration of international queer cinema has a huge and highly enthusiastic following. The screenings are at the Filmcasino, a special venue from the golden age of cinema that oozes 1950s charm.



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Shopping



SPARTACUS XXL-STORE
Mariahilfer Strasse 49,
6th district
www.spartacus.at

TIBERIUS
Lindengasse 2, 7th district
www.tiberius.at

LÖWENHERZ
Berggasse 8, 9th district
www.loewenherz.at

Vienna is a Mecca for shoppers. The capital's biggest shopping street, Mariahilfer Strasse, should be your first port of call. Running through the heart of some of the city's trendiest areas, this street has all the **major international chains** such as H&M, Peek&Cloppenburg and Zara. At number 49 you will find the **Spartacus XXL-Store** sex shop. The store stocks a wide range of accessories (leather, latex, etc.) for a gay and lesbian clientele. In one of the side streets adjoining Mariahilfer Strasse, **Tiberius** offers an interesting alternative to Spartacus.

But if you prefer your leather on book bindings, then you should head for the **Löwenherz** bookstore. It carries all the big-name international magazine titles, the latest gay and lesbian novels and a selection of DVDs.

Anyone with money to spare should definitely include **Kärntner Strasse, Graben and Kohlmarkt** on their itinerary: Armani, Boss, Cartier, Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Prada are among the flagship stores that await a well-heeled clientele.

Fans of bric-a-brac should head for the **flea market** at the **Naschmarkt** on Saturday mornings. And if you are looking to add to your art collection you would be well advised to take a stroll through the old town or mosey down Schleifmühlgasse (4th district): the numerous **galleries** that have set up shop here in recent years tend to focus on contemporary art.



Addresses

Restaurants & Cafés

1. BAKUL

Margaretenstrasse 58,
5th district. 9am-2am daily



2. CAFÉ BERG

Berggasse 8, 9th district.
10am-midnight daily
Tel. +43-1-319 57 20



3. CAFÉ LEOPOLD

Museumsplatz 1, 7th district.
Thu-Sat 10am-4am, Sun-Wed
10am-2am
Tel. +43-1-523 67 32



4. CAFÉ RAIMANN

Schönbrunner Strasse 285,
12th district. Mon-Fri 8am-2am,
Sat 8am-midnight
Tel. +43-1-813 57 67



5. CAFÉ RIFUGIO

Schönbrunner Strasse 10,
5th district. 10am-10pm daily



6. CAFÉ SAVOY

Linke Wienzeile 36, 6th district.
Noon-2am daily
Tel. +43-(0)699-18 12 63 91



7. CAFÉ STANDARD

Margaretenstrasse 63, 5th district.
Mon-Fri 8am-10pm, Sat, Sun and
public hols. 11am-10pm
Tel. +43-1-581 05 86



8. CAFÉ WILLENDORF

Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district.
Thu-Sat 6pm-2am, Sun-Wed
6pm-1am
Tel. +43-1-587 17 89



9. DAS MÖBEL

Burggasse 10, 7th district.
10am-1am daily
Tel. +43-1-524 94 97



10. DELI

Naschmarktstand 421-436, 4th
district. Mon-Sat 8am-midnight
Tel. +43-1-585 08 23



11. FRAUENCAFÉ

Lange Gasse 11, 8th district. Thu &
Fri 6pm-midnight and by arrangement.
Tel. +43-1-406 37 54



12. FZ BAR FRAUENZENTRUM

Währinger Strasse 59, 9th district.
Entrance on Prechtlgasse.
Thu-Sat 7pm-midnight.
Tel. +43-1-402 87 54



13. GOLDENER SPIEGEL

Linke Wienzeile 46, 6th district.
Entrance on Stiegengasse. Sun-
Thu 5pm-1am, Fri & Sat 5pm-2am
Tel. +43-1-586 66 08



14. HALLE

Museumsplatz 1, 7th district.
10am-2am daily
Tel. +43-1-523 70 01



15. EIN WIENER SALON

Stubenbastei 10, 1st district.
Tue-Sat 5pm-midnight
Tel. +43-(0)660-654 27 85



16. MOTTO

Schönbrunner Strasse 30,
5th district. Entrance on
Rüdigergerasse. Sun-Thu
6pm-2am, Fri & Sat 6pm-4am.
Tel. +43-1-587 06 72



17. NENI

Naschmarktstand 510, 6th
district. Mon-Fri 9am-midnight,
Sat 8am-midnight
Tel. +43-1-585 20 20



18. PALMENHAUS

Burggarten, 1st district.
10am-2am daily
Tel. +43-1-533 10 33



19. PETERS OPERNCAFÉ HARTAUER

Riemergasse 9, 1st district.
Tue-Sat 6pm-2am
Tel. +43-1-512 89 81



20. SANTO SPIRITO

Kumpfg. 7, 1st district. 6pm-2am
Tel. +43-1-512 99 98



21. SCHON SCHÖN

Lindengasse 53, 7th district.
Tue-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-11pm
Tel. +43-(0)699-15 37 77 01



22. ZUM ROTEN ELEFANTEN

Gumpendorfer Strasse 3,
6th district. Mon-Fri
11.30am-2.30pm,
Thu & Fri 6pm-midnight, Sat
11.30am-midnight
Tel. +43-1-966 80 08



23. FETT + ZUCKER

Hollandstrasse 16, 2nd district.
Wed-Sun 11am-7pm



24. MOTTO AM FLUSS

Schwedenplatz 2, 1st district.
Restaurant: 11.30am-2.30 pm,
6pm-2am daily; Bar: 6pm-4am
daily, Café: 8am-2am daily
Tel. +43-1-252 55-10



Bars

25. ALTE LAMPE

Heumühlg. 13, 4th district. Tue-Thu
7pm-1am, Fri & Sat 7pm-4am



26. AQUADRAT

Margaretenstrasse 55, 5th
district. Mon-Sat 5pm-2am, Sun
5pm-2am



27. CAFÉ CHERI

Franzengasse 2, 5th district.
6pm-4am daily



28. X-BAR

Mariahilfer Strasse 45, 6th district.
Raimundhofpassage. Mon-Sat
4pm-2am, Sun 6pm-midnight



29. LABRIS

Biberstrasse 12, 1st district.
Wed & Thu 6pm-2am, Fri
6pm-4am, Sat 8pm-4am



30. CLUB-LOSCH

Fünfhausgasse 1, 5th district.
Fri & Sat from 10pm



gay



hetero-homo-mixed



café (snacks)



dark room



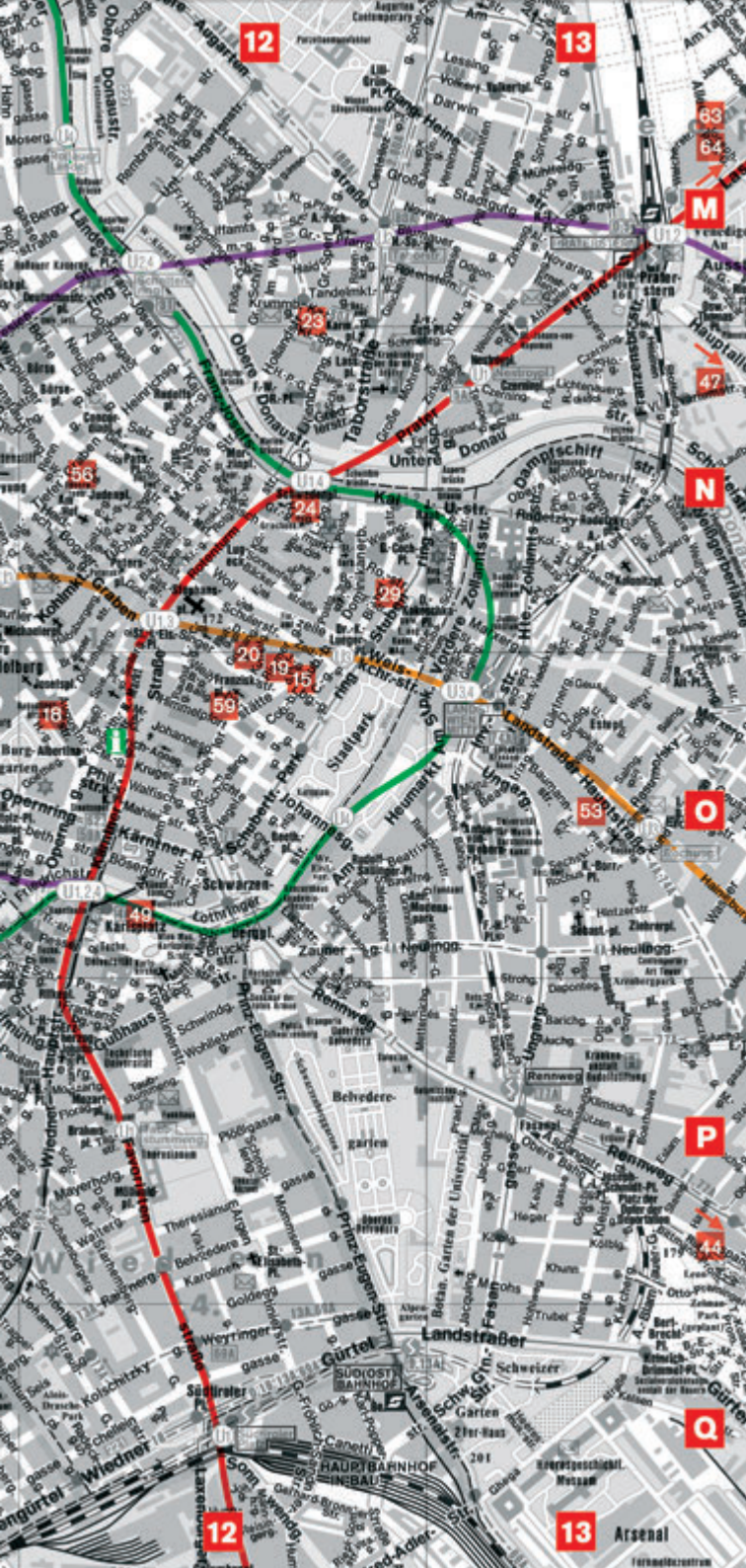
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restaurant



cocktail bar



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31. DOWNSTAIRS

Theobaldg. 15, 6th district. Tue-Sat
4pm-4am, Sun & Mon 4pm-1am

**32. EAGLE BAR VIENNA**

Blümelgasse 1, 6th district.
9pm-4am daily

**33. FELIXX**

Gumpendorfer Strasse 5,
6th district. Sun-Thu 6pm-3am,
Fri & Sat 6pm-4am

**34. HARD ON**

Hamburgerstrasse 4, 5th district.
Fri & Sat from 10pm, Sun from 7pm

**35. MANGO BAR**

Laimgrubengasse 3, 6th district.
9pm-4am daily

**36. MAREA ALTA**

Gumpendorfer Strasse 28, 6th
district. Mon-Thu 6pm-2am,
Fri, Sat and nights before public
hols. 7pm-4am

**37. RED CARPET**

Magdalenenstr. 2, 6th district.
Mon-Sat 7pm-4am, Sun 7pm-2am

**38. SCHIK**

Schikanedergasse 5, 4th district.
Sun-Thu 7pm-2am,
Fri & Sat 7pm-4am

**39. MERANDY LOUNGE CLUB**

Mollardgasse 17, 6th district.
Thu 7pm-2am, Fri & Sat 8pm-4am

**40. SLING**

Kettenbrückengasse 4,
4th district. 3pm-4am daily

**41. SMART CAFÉ**

Köstlergasse 9, 6th district.
1. Wiener SM & Fetisch-Café
Tue-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri & Sat
6pm-4am

**42. VILLAGE BAR**

Stiegengasse 8, 6th district.
8pm-3am daily



Clubs & Parties

43. BALLCANCAN

Check announcements:
www.ballcancan.com

**44. THE CIRCUS**

@ Arena.
Baumgasse 80, 3rd district
Check announcements:
www.thecircus.at

**45. FMQUEER**

Check announcements:
www.fmqueer.at

**46. G.SPOT**

@ Camera Club.
Neubaugasse 2, 7th district.
First Friday in the month, from
10pm: www.gspot.at

**47. FSK**

@ Pratersauna.
Waldsteingartenstrasse 135, 2nd
district. Check announcements:
www.pratersauna.tv

**48. HEAVEN**

Check announcements:
www.heaven.at

**49. RHINOPLASTY**

@ Club-U. Karlsplatz/
Otto-Wagner-Pavillon, 1st
district. Check announcements:
www.club-u.at

**50. LAS CHICAS FRAUEN CLUBBING**

Check announcements:
www.laschicas.org

**51. FLEISCHMARKT**

Check announcements: www.myspace.com/clubmeatmarket

**52. PITBULL BEAR & BUTCH CLUBBING**

@ Club Pi.
Zieglergasse 26, 7th district.
www.pitbull-clubbing.at

**53. QUEER:BEAT**

@ Club Pi.
Zieglergasse 26, 7th district.
www.pitbull-clubbing.at

**54. UPI CLUB**

@ lutz – der club.
Mariahilfer Strasse 3,
6th district.
www.upclub.at

**55. KINGS AND QUEENS**

Check announcements:
www.kingsandqueens.at

**56. WHY NOT**

Tiefer Graben 22, 1st district.
Fri, Sat & nights before public
hols. 10pm-4am.
www.why-not.at

**57. WIENER FREIHEIT**

Schönbrunner Strasse 25,
5th district. Fri & Sat 9pm-4am



Sauna & Cruising

58. APOLLO CITY SAUNA

Wimbergergasse 34,
7th district. 2pm-2am daily

**59. KAISERBRÜNDL**

Weihburggasse 18, 1st district.
2pm-midnight daily,
Fri, Sat and nights before public
hols. 2pm-2am

**60. SAUNA FRISCO**

Schönbrunner Strasse 28, 5th
district. 3pm-midnight, Fri & Sat
3pm-1am

**61. SPORTSAUNA**

Lange Gasse 10/11, 8th district.
Mon-Thu 3pm-midnight,
Fri 3pm – Sun midnight nonstop

**62. RATHAUSPARK**

Parliament end. year-round,
always popular

63. DONAUINSEL

Summer only. Three areas:
(a) FKK Gelände Nord,
(b) Inselteich,
(c) Toter Grund,
Steinspombücke bridge 2km
upstream from the Ruderzentrum/
Paulaner

64. LOBAU

Dechantlacke, 22nd district. Summer
only

Cafés, Bars and Restaurants



Cafés

Vienna's coffee house culture, complete with its trademark *Gemütlichkeit*, or "coziness", is legendary. A foray into this special world is always an experience to remember. The city's gay and lesbian cafés and bars deliver an inimitable blend of Viennese charm and characteristic urban chic.

Café Berg (2)

Café-Restaurant Berg, one of the heavy hitters on the Vienna scene, is located just a short hop from the historic city center and the university district. Our tip: the Sunday brunch. By the way, Café Berg was the first daytime gay and lesbian café to open in Vienna.

Café Savoy (6)

Café Savoy on the Naschmarkt is a traditional Viennese coffee house that harks back to the bygone days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The giant single-plate mirrors are a focal point – you will not find any bigger anywhere in Europe except the Palais de Versailles.

Café Rifugio (5) and Café BaKul (1)

Café Rifugio offers a host of regular events aimed at the gay party crowd, and calendar highlights include the Oktoberfest and "Frühschoppen" (late-morning drinks). Right around the corner is the ultra-cozy Café BaKul.

Fett + Zucker (23)

This popular café cum restaurant in the second district is a well kept secret. The excellent menu also features vegan and gluten-free dishes.

There's more to **Stein** (Währinger Str. 6-8, 9th district), **Diglas** (Wollzeile 10, 1st district), and **Sperl** (Gumpendorfer Str. 11, 6th district) than a high proportion of gay and lesbian customers that makes these cafés worth a visit.

You can find all the places mentioned by their numbers on the map on pages 18-19.

CAFÉ BERG

Berggasse 8, 9th district
Daily 10am-midnight
Tel. +43-1-319 57 20
www.cafe-berg.at

CAFÉ SAVOY

Linke Wienzeile 36, 6th district
Daily noon-2am
Tel. +43-(0)699-1 812 63 91
www.savoy.at

CAFÉ RIFUGIO

Schönbrunnerstrasse 10,
5th district
Daily 10am-10pm
www.cafe-rifugio.at

BAKUL

Margaretenstrasse 58, 5th district
Daily 9am-2am
www.bakul.at

FETT + ZUCKER

Hollandstrasse 16, 2nd district
Wed-Sun 11am-7pm
www.fettundzucker.at



X-BAR

Mariahilfer Strasse 45
(Raimundhofpassage), 6th district
Mon-Sat 4pm-2am,
Sun 6pm-midnight
Tel. +43-1-974 47 59
www.x-bar.at

MANGO BAR

Laimgrubengasse 3, 6th district
Daily 9pm-4am
Tel. +43-1-920 47 14
www.why-not.at

VILLAGE BAR

Stieggasse 8, 6th district
Daily 8pm-3am
Tel. +43-(0)676-384 89 77
www.village-bar.at

FELIXX

Gumpendorferstrasse 5,
6th district
Sun-Thu 6pm-3am,
Fri & Sat 6pm-4am
Tel. +43-(0)664-272 30 10
www.felixx-bar.at

ALTE LAMPE

Heumühlgasse 13, 4th district
Tue-Thu & Sun 7pm-1am,
Fri & Sat 7pm-4am
www.altelampe-wien.at

RED CARPET

Magdalenenstrasse 2,
6th district
Mon-Sat 7pm-4am,
Sun 7pm-2am
Tel. +43-(0)676-782 29 66
www.redcarpet.co.at

SCHIK

Schikanedergasse 5, 4th district
Sun-Thu 7pm-2am,
Fri & Sat 7pm-4am
Tel. +43-1-208 31 97
www.schikbar.at

CAFÉ CHERI

Franzensgasse 2, 5th district
Daily 6pm-4am
Tel. +43-(0)664-116 23 38
www.cafe-cheri.at

Bars

X Bar (28)

Bar hopping in Vienna takes you to numerous small-er but unforgettable establishments. If you fancy a quick drink while you are out shopping on Mariahilfer Strasse then X Bar is a perfect place for a pit stop (in the Raimundhofpassage arcade).

mango bar (35)

Mango in the heart of the lively Naschmarkt area is always busy at night. This bar – featuring a mirrored interior, good music, great drinks and a young clientele – is the perfect place to flirt.

Village Bar (42)

For years Village (also in a Naschmarkt sidestreet) has been one of Vienna's most popular gay bars. It attracts all sorts, and the atmosphere is always relaxed and open. Friendly staff and delicious drinks ensure that the bar is always full, and everyone here is refreshingly approachable.

Felixx (33)

Felixx is an integral part of the scene. The bar is easy to get to – its dapper and slightly ostentatious interior always strikes the right chord with visitors. Each evening has a different theme, e.g. Cocktail Monday.

Alte Lampe (25)

Alte Lampe's history stretches back over half a century. This bar stands out from the crowd thanks to its friendly atmosphere and cheerful patrons. The bar of choice for Vienna's bear community.

Red Carpet (37)

Red Carpet near the Naschmarkt is a relative newcomer that has secured a loyal following with theme evenings, delicious cocktails, fine wines and good music.

Other recommendations include [schik \(38\)](#) and [Café Cheri \(27\)](#) (both near Naschmarkt).



Restaurants

Viennese cuisine is highly rated by gourmets all over the world thanks to its unique blend of Austrian, Czech, Hungarian and other Central European influences.

Café Willendorf (8)

The Rosa Lila Villa on Linke Wienzeile is at the heart of the Vienna gay and lesbian scene. Café Willendorf on the ground floor is a modern café-cum-restaurant with excellent food, generous portions, affordable prices and a highly attractive and intimate outdoor seating area in the courtyard.

Café Standard (7)

This wheelchair-friendly, lesbian-run eatery shot to popularity thanks to its excellent food and cool tunes. Dance enthusiasts from FrauenTanzClub Resis.dance are among the many regulars.

Motto (16)

Motto is one of Vienna's coolest restaurants. The bold and beautiful flock here to enjoy a drink in the stylish but relaxed bar, or catch up on all the latest society gossip over a leisurely evening meal. The food and wine menus are outstanding, and the prices represent good value considering the quality on offer. Sister outfit **Halle (14)** is in the Museums-Quartier. **Motto am Fluss (24)** on the Danube canal greets its patrons with a contemporary fusion of café, restaurant and shop.

Santo Spirito (20)

Culinary delicacies served to calming classical music are the order of the day at Santo Spirito. This centrally-located restaurant is located in a stunning 19th century Gründerzeit building.

More tips: **Palmenhaus in the Burggarten (18)**, hip **Deli (10)** and cozy **Neni (17)** on the Naschmarkt: **Ein Wiener Salon (15)** is on Stubenbastei, and the quirky **schon schön (21)** awaits with a single table for all diners to share.

CAFÉ WILLENDORF
Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district
Thu, Fri & Sat 6pm-2am (kitchen closes at midnight)
Sun-Wed 6pm-1am (kitchen closes at 11pm)
Tel. +43-1-587 17 89
www.cafe-willendorf.at

CAFÉ STANDARD
Margaretenstrasse 63, 5th district
Mon-Fri 8am-10pm, Sat, Sun, public hols. 11am-10pm
Tel. +43-1-581 05 86
www.cafe-standard.at

MOTTO
Schönbrunnerstrasse 30, 5th district
Sun-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri & Sat 6pm-4am
Tel. +43-1-587 06 72
www.motto.at

SANTO SPIRITO
Kumpfgasse 7, 1st district
Daily 6pm-2am (kitchen closes at 11pm)
Tel. +43-1-512 99 98
www.santospirito.at



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Parties and Clubs

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HEAVEN VIENNA
Check announcements:
www.heaven.at

WHY NOT
Tiefer Graben 22, 1st district
Fri & Sat, nights before public
hols. 10pm-4am
www.why-not.at

UP! CLUB
@ lutz – der club
Mariahilfer Strasse 3, 6th district
Check announcements:
www.upclub.at

THE CIRCUS
@ Arena
Baumgasse 80, 3rd district
Check announcements:
www.thecircus.at

FSK
@ Pratersauna
Waldsteingartenstrasse 135,
2nd district
Check announcements:
www.pratersauna.tv

QUEER:BEAT
@ Viper Room
Landstrasser Hauptstrasse 38,
3rd district
Check announcements:
www.queerbeat.at

PITBULL
@ Club Pi
Zieglergasse 26, 7th district
Check announcements:
www.pitbull-clubbing.at

Long live **Heaven Vienna (48)** Miss Candy – Austria's best-known drag queen and the brains behind countless party institutions – and her team never fail to get bodies on the dancefloor wherever she is with a mix of house, disco and garage tunes for the in-crowd.

Every Friday and Saturday (and on nights before public holidays) the DJs at **Why Not (56)** belt out classic disco anthems. This small city centre disco has been around for more than three decades, and is always popular among party goers of all ages. The dancefloor is always bursting at the seams.

Up! Club (54) is one of the hottest club nights in town and each event plays out to a different theme. Whatever the motto for the night, top quality house music keeps dancers on the floor until the early hours.

The Circus (44) sets up camp at Arena in the third district two or three times a year. An ever-changing line up of international DJs get behind the decks at this industrial-chic haunt.

One of the Austrian capital's most popular locations, Pratersauna, opens its doors for **FSK (47)** at irregular intervals throughout the year. Even though house and techno set the overall tone, there's still a separate trash floor where the DJs belt out Schlager pop and golden oldies.

queer:beat (53). At queer:beat gays, lesbians and friends can dance away to indie rock, electronic and chart hits. Four DJs on two dance floors pump up the sound for young dance addicts. Projections and installations from visual artists put the icing on the cake.



Pitbull (52) is Vienna's first ever bear & butch club night. Hosted by Club Pi, Pitbull's popularity extends way beyond bear fans – top-DJs and hot acts never fail to set partygoers' pulses racing.

G.SPOT
@ Camera Club
Neubaugasse 2, 7th district
First Friday in the month, from 10pm
www.gspot.at

G.Spot (46). Held on the first Friday of the month at the Camera Club, this party night is geared towards a primarily lesbian clientele. Also popular among the gay crowd, G.Spot likes to mix it up musically with different genres such as electronic, house, tribal and techno taking centerstage each month.

FLEISCHMARKT
Check announcements:
www.myspace.com/clubmeatmarket

Fleischmarkt (51) is Vienna's leading queer event with a focus on celebrating alternative indie labels and the independent lifestyle. **BallCanCan (43)** is the place for Balkan pop and turbo folk.

BALLCANCAN
Check announcements:
www.ballcancan.com

Rhinoplasty (49) at Club-U serves up its own brand of techno. **Kings and Queens (55)** is a popular alternative for pop fans.

RHINOPLASTY
@ Club-U
Karlsplatz/Otto-Wagner-Pavillon,
1st district
Check announcements:
www.club-u.at

KINGS AND QUEENS
Check announcements:
www.kingsandqueens.at



Wild Side



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HARD ON
Hamburgerstrasse 4, 5th district
Fri & Sat from 10pm,
Sun from 7pm
www.lmc-vienna.at

EAGLE BAR VIENNA
Blümelgasse 1, 6th district
Daily 9pm-4am
www.eagle-vienna.com

SMART CAFÉ
Köstlergasse 9, 6th district
Tue-Thu 6pm-2am,
Fri & Sat 6pm-4am
www.smartcafe.at

SLING
Kettenbrückengasse 4,
4th district
Daily 3pm-4am
www.sling.at

CLUB LOSCH
Fünfhausgasse 1, 15th district
Fri & Sat from 10pm,
Sun from 3pm
Dresscode!
www.club-losch.at

SEPP OF VIENNA
Gay Male Erotic Art
Open on request
www.sepp-of-vienna.at

There are a number of places in Vienna where men can give their “dark” side free rein.

HARD ON (34), **CLUB-LOSCH (30)**, **Eagle (32)** and **Sling (40)** are the main venues where male fetishists can let their imagination run free. And then there is **SMart Café (41)**, an SM bar which is sometimes mixed. **CLUB-LOSCH** is a little bit outside the city’s gay district. And while **Eagle** and **Sling** are pretty mainstream, they both have darkrooms.

Leather&Motorbike Community (LMC Vienna) is an independent association that recently opened its very own venue, **Hard On**, for leather boys and fetishists. A series of different themed nights on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays are always popular, just like the various specials. The highlight of the Vienna fetish calendar is **Wien in Schwarz**. This LMC Vienna-organized event traditionally takes place around the time of the Austrian National Holiday (October 26). Leather-lovers from near and far head to the capital for a series of parties and fetish events.

Countless designs for fetish events all over Europe bear the creative signature of **SEPP of VIENNA**. And since Sepp calls Vienna home, and is an old stager on the capital’s leather scene, you will find examples of his work all over town.

See page 30 for a list of regular events in the capital.

Sports and Saunas



Sports fans will be pleased to discover that there are no end of workout options in Vienna. Austria's largest gay and lesbian sports society, **Aufschlag Wien**, is the perfect place to start. Then there is **Vienna's Queer Melange**, a lesbian volleyball club that gets together twice a week. **Männer auf Touren** regularly organizes expeditions to the hills and mountains around Vienna. The international **Vienna Dance Contest** takes place once a year.

Outdoor sportsmen and women won't want to miss out on the **Danube Island (Donauinsel) (63)**, an open-air paradise which is hugely popular among cyclists, inline skaters and joggers. The **Toter Grund** nudist zone near the Steinspornbrücke bridge is another favorite destination. The **Alte Donau** is the perfect place to cool off as this arm of the Danube is lined with public lidos. The **Schönbrunnerbad** (open until 10pm during summer) and the **Krapfenwaldbad** slightly farther afield in the 19th district are the places to see and be seen. And it's not just the toned bodies at the Krapfenwaldbad that will take your breath away – the views of the city from the pool are stunning too!

Vienna's gay saunas are the perfect place to unwind after a hard day's sport: If you had to pick just one, then the historic **Kaiserbründl (59)** sauna should be top of your list. Physical contact is more or less guaranteed at the **Apollo City Sauna (58)**, **Sauna Frisco (60)** and **Sportsauna (61)**, which usually appeals to a younger demographic.

AUFSCHLAG WIEN
www.aufschlag.org

VIENNA'S QUEER MELANGE
www.viennasqueermelange.at

MÄNNER AUF TOUREN
maennerauftouren.rainbow.or.at

VIENNA DANCE CONTEST
www.viennadancecontest.at

SCHÖNBRUNNERBAD
Schlosspark 1, 13th district
www.schoenbrunnerbad.at

KRAPFENWALDBAD
Krapfenwaldgasse 65-73,
19th district

KAISERBRÜNDL
Weihburggasse 18, 1st district
Sun-Thu 2pm-midnight,
Fri & Sat 2pm-2am
www.kaiserbruendl.at

APOLLO CITY SAUNA
Wimberggasse 34, 7th district
Daily 2pm-2am
www.apollosauna.at

SAUNA FRISCO
Schönbrunner Strasse 28,
5th district
Wed-Mon 3pm-midnight
www.sauna-frisco.at

SPORTSAUNA
Lange Gasse 10/11, 8th district
Mon-Thu 3pm-1am,
nonstop Fri 3pm – Mon 1am
www.why-not.at

Women Only



FRAUENCAFÉ

Lange Gasse 11, 8th district
Thu & Fri 6pm-midnight, check
announcements
Tel. +43-1-406 37 54
www.frauencafe.com

FZ FRAUENZENTRUM BAR

Währingerstrasse 59/6
(Prechtlgasse entrance),
9th district
Tel. +43-1-402 87 54
Thu-Sat 7pm-midnight
www.fz-bar.wolfsmutter.com

FRAUENCLUBBING LAS CHICAS

Info and dates:
www.laschicas.at

CAFÉ WILLENDORF

Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district
Thu-Sat 6pm-2am and
Sun-Wed 6pm-1am
www.cafe-willendorf.at

MAREA ALTA

Gumpendorferstrasse 28,
6th district
Mon-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri & Sat,
nights before public hols.
7pm-4am
Tel. +43-(0)699-11 59 71 31
<http://mareaaltawien.blogspot.com/>

The immensely popular **Frauencafé (11)** has stood the test of time. Founded by a feminist collective in 1977, today the women only (transgender welcome) Frauencafé is run by a group of lesbians who bring extensive experience of the restaurant trade and cultural know-how to the party. The **Frauenzentrum Bar (12)**, aka the FZ, is an important aspect of the city's lesbian bar culture and regularly hosts festivals and events. The **Las Chicas (50)** women's club nights have built up a large and loyal fan community over recent years.

Café Willendorf (8) is one of the oldest locations on the scene, and in recent years it has enjoyed something of a renaissance as a popular lesbian hangout. The café's excellent food and cozy bar keeps people coming back for more. The outdoor seating in the courtyard is a sight for sore eyes in the summer. Starting at 8pm on the first Friday of the month, The "Lila Abende" (Eng: purple evenings) provide a chance for lesbians to get to know each other in a chilled-out atmosphere once a month (Friday 8pm).



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The female – and male – customers quickly feel right at home at **Marea Alta (36)**, a friendly bar on Gumpendorfer Strasse. The **G.Spot (46)** parties that take place at the Camera Club on the first Friday in the month are recommended for all women.

Labr!s (29) hit the scene in 2010: this popular bar run by women for women (and their friends) in the first district draws in a loyal following with special events including karaoke nights and weekend party sessions.

Merandy Lounge Club (39) in the sixth district is another relative newcomer. Usually the party starts at the bar area while the lounge area is a more downbeat affair. Patrons can also hit the dancefloor at the in-house Aquarium club. Themed nights are a regular feature at weekends.

ega: frauen im zentrum hosts a constantly changing line up of events.

G.SPOT

@ Camera Club
Neubaugasse 2, 7th district
1st Friday in the month from 10pm
www.gspot.at

LABRIS BAR

Biberstrasse 12, 1st district
Wed & Thu 6pm-2am,
Fri 6pm-4am, Sat 8pm-4am
Tel. +43-1-945 69 21
www.labris.at

MERANDY LOUNGE CLUB

Mollardgasse 17, 6th district
Thu 7pm-2am,
Fri & Sat 8pm-4am

EGA: FRAUEN IM ZENTRUM

Windmühlgasse 26, 6th district
www.ega.or.at



Balls, Parades and Events



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Gay and lesbian Vienna knows how to party. The fun is not confined to the numerous clubs in the capital, there are also plenty of formal events with dress codes to match. In January or February each year HOSI Vienna organizes the **Regenbogenball**. Even though ball gowns and tuxedos are mandatory, the atmosphere is always relaxed. After a temporary switch to the Hofburg the Regenbogenball has now returned to its regular venue, the Parkhotel Schönbrunn where revelers can waltz the night away until the early hours.

Two evenings in February are given over to the **Kreativball**, the alternative ball for gay and lesbian scenesters and their friends. And if you're not lucky enough to pick up tickets for the world-famous Opera Ball then you have a couple of options. While the waltzing is underway at the Vienna State Opera House, drag queen Miss Candy and her friends will be dancing the night away to house and disco sounds at the **Rosenball**. And if you shy away from the pomp of the Opera Ball but still think the Rosenball might be slightly too outlandish for your tastes, then the annual **Mauerblümchenball** is the right thing for you.



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Each April a special event is held in celebration of diversity: **Le Grand Bal de la Diversité** brings together hundreds of ballgoers from all walks of life. Everyone is welcome irrespective of their ethnic backgrounds, religion, handicaps, size and shape, gender, sexual orientation or age.

A ball with a twist takes place in Vienna each spring: the **Life Ball**. Organizer Gery Keszler has transformed the ball at Vienna City Hall into one of Europe's biggest and most spectacular charity events. Everyone involved – from the Austrian Chancellor to Hollywood stars such as Sharon Stone, Liza Minnelli and Fran Drescher – pulls together to raise money for the fight against HIV and AIDS. Bombastic fashion shows on City Hall Square featuring massive international designers (past contributors include John Galliano, Versace, Cavalli and Vivienne Westwood) pull in thousands of spectators each year.

Each year the traffic stops on Vienna's Ringstrasse boulevard to make way for the community when the **Rainbow Parade** (Regenbogenparade) comes to town. Larger-than-life costumes, outlandish floats and headsplitting dance music get the 100,000-strong crowd lining the city's showpiece boulevard in the party mood. The grand finale includes a stage spectacular. Afterwards it's time to get on the dancefloor and stay there until the sun comes up in one of the countless bars in the city that celebrates **Pride Night**. The Rainbow Parade marks the high point of the week-long **Vienna Pride** extravaganza, The Pride Village on Naschmarkt is a temporary tent city which serves up a heady blend of informative cultural events, shows and world-class food.





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REGENBOGENBALL
(January or February)
www.regenbogenball.at

KREATIVBALL
(February)
www.clubkreativ.at

ROSENBALL
(February/March)
www.rosenball.eu

MAUERBLÜMCHENBALL
(February/March)
www.h-a-p-p-y.net/mauer

LE GRAND BAL DE LA DIVERSITÉ
(April)
www.diversityball.at

LIFE BALL
(May)
www.lifeball.org

VIENNA PRIDE
(June)
www.viennapride.at

RAINBOW PARADE
(June)
www.regenbogenparade.at

WIEN IN SCHWARZ
(October)
www.lmcvienna.at

TOGETHER
(Around 1 December)
www.aids.at

If you prefer to take a walk on the wild side then **Wien in Schwarz** is just the thing for you. There is more to the international leather and fetish meeting in Vienna than the obligatory parties; it also features a fringe program packed with related attractions. And what better weekend for it than the one closest to the Austrian National Holiday (October 26), when the Austrian army goes on parade on Heldenplatz...

Aids Hilfe Wien hosts **Together** around World AIDS Day (December 1) – the entire building at Mariahilfer Gürtel 4 is transformed into an uplifting party zone. A live music stage gets the celebrations underway in the name of a good cause.



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Civil Partnerships

On January 1, 2010 same-sex couples in Austria were granted the right to enter into civil unions. But only in Vienna do you have such a unique choice of places for a real great celebration. Some of the capital's most sought-after locations are on the list of potential venues for homosexual couples who want to tie the knot in style. Just like their heterosexual counterparts, same-sex couples can choose between museums (e.g. the Albertina) and former imperial residences such as the Hofburg and Schönbrunn Palace for their union. The state register office is the ideal option for anyone looking for something more low key.

Civil partnerships are open to all same-sex couples of the age of majority from Austria and abroad. A birth certificate and proof of citizenship must be supplied. Foreign visitors are required to provide confirmation of residence abroad and marital status. Knowledge of German is essential, otherwise an interpreter must be present at the ceremony. Applications can be submitted up to six months before the desired date of the ceremony.

We recommend staying on and celebrating your honeymoon in Vienna – soak up the romantic atmosphere, and savor the cultural attractions on offer in the former imperial capital.

For more information (German only) visit:
www.partnerschaft.wien.at



Tourist Info



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www.vienna.info/gay

The Vienna scene online – includes event database, online booking tool for hotels and much more.

General tourist information, including gay and lesbian events, gay and lesbian-friendly hotels, sightseeing, accommodation bookings, brochures, referral of tour guides and much more:

Wien-Hotels & Info

Daily 9am-7pm
Tel. +43-1-24 555
Fax: +43-1-24 555-666
E-mail: info@vienna.info

Vienna Tourist Info

Albertinaplatz / Maysedergasse, daily 9am-7pm
Vienna International Airport, arrivals hall, daily 6am-11pm

Airport transfers

CAT to Wien Mitte station (16 mins) ticket machine	€9
Bus to city center (30 mins)	from €7
S-Bahn rail link (S7) to Wien Mitte/Wien Nord (25 mins)	€3.60
Taxi (approx. 20-30 mins)	€30-40

Public transportation in Vienna (Prices from May 1, 2012)

Vienna Card – 72 hours of unlimited travel on the public transportation network and numerous discounts	€18.50 (19.90)
Adult single – advance / Purchased on board	€1.80/€ 2.20 (2/2.20)
24-hour rover ticket	€5.70 (6.70)
48-hour rover ticket	€10 (11.70)
72-hour rover ticket	€13.60 (14.50)

Emergency services:

Fire: 122
Police: 133
Ambulance: 144
European emergency number (police): 112



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Gay and Lesbian Info

General Info and Support:

Rosa Lila Villa

Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district

www.villa.at

For gay visitors

Trans*SchwulenQueer-Beratung

Türkis Rosa Tip (first floor)

Mon 5pm-8pm, Tel. +43-1-585 43 43

E-mail: traschq@villa.at

For lesbian visitors

Lila Tip (ground floor)

Mon, Wed, Fri 5pm-10, Tel. +43-1-586 81 50

E-mail: lesbenberatung@villa.at

Homosexuelle Initiative Wien

Novaragasse 40, 2nd district

Tel. +43-1-216 66 04

Café und Vereinszentrum "Gugg":

Heumühlgasse 14, 4th district

www.hosiwien.at

Aids Hilfe Wien

Mariahilfer Gürtel 4, 6th district

Mon 10am-8pm, Tue, Wed 11am-4pm,

Thu 4pm-10pm, Fri 11am-4pm

Tel. +43-1-599 37

E-mail: wien@aids.at

www.aids.at

Gay and Lesbian City Tours:

Qwien Center for gay/lesbian culture and history

Grosse Neugasse 29, 4th district

Tel. +43-1-966 01 20

www.qwien.at

Legal advice:

Rechtskomitee LAMBDA

Linke Wienzeile 102, 6th district

Tel./fax: +43-1-876 30 61

E-mail: office@RKLambda.at

www.rklambda.at

Gay and lesbian media:

Online media (German only)

www.gayboy.at

www.gaynet.at

www.rainbow.at

www.gaywien.at

www.facebook.com/GayfriendlyVienna

Magazines (German only)

XTRA (free) www.xtra-news.at

NAME IT (€4) www.name-it.at

Vanguardist (online magazine, free)

www.vanguardist.com

LAMBDA nachrichten (free)

www.lambdanachrichten.at

TV (German only)

Queer Lounge on OKTO

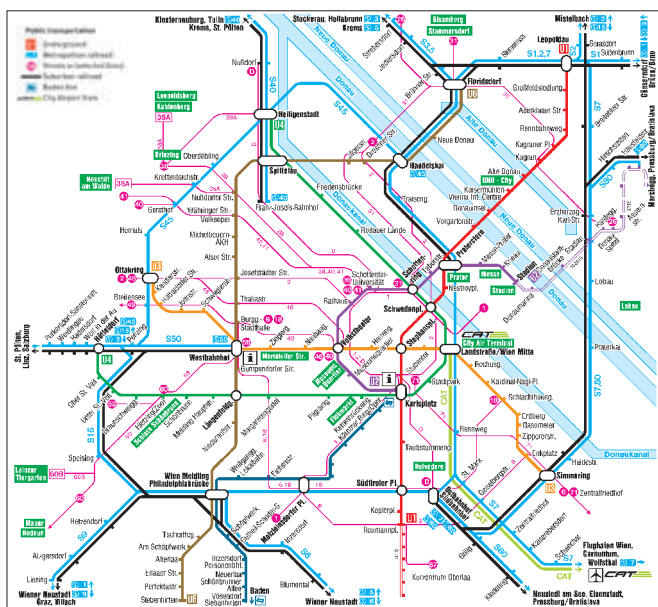
Once a month

www.queer-lounge.at

Radio (German only)

Pink Voice on Orange 94.0

Every Wed 10-11pm



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