



Opening Pandora's Box of Artificial Intelligence



 **BEST**
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WELCOME TO VIENNA! / WILLKOMMEN IN WIEN!

We are happy to have you here in Vienna soon!

This document shall help you to find your way to our super awesome course *Opening Pandora's Box of Artificial Intelligence!* It tries to give you all the information you need but if you still have any questions: Don't hesitate to contact us! (You can find the contact information at the end of this guide.)



Vienna – the capital of Austria - is really a city of contrasts: on the one hand the old town with its cozy cafés and fancy buildings – on the other hand a modern, open minded city where lots of cultures live next to each other. Vienna offers its visitors unique possibilities: visit one of the 100+ museums, swim (or even windsurf) in the Danube, get a ride on the famous giant Ferris wheel in the Prater fun park or just enjoy the 360° panorama of Vienna from the top of a 155-meter-high tower (called Donauturm), with a sight distance of up to 80 kilometers.

Interesting facts:

Vienna is the capital of Austria

Inhabitants: about 1.90 million

Area: 415 km², Altitude: 171 m

Latitude: 48° 12' North, Longitude: 16° 22' East

If you want to get around in Vienna's 23 districts, there are 5 subway lines (U1 to U6, U5 still in construction) and a lot of trams and busses (we have a map for you in this document). In the centre of Vienna there are a lot of famous buildings like Karlskirche, Stephansdom or Staatsoper – you'll see them latest during the city rally! Another nice place with a very imposing building and a beautiful park is Schönbrunn, princess Sissi's palace; just one metro station away you can visit the oldest zoo in Europe — Schönbrunn Tiergarten, founded in 1752. All together - as you'll see - Vienna is a beautiful city where you will spend your BEST course - and we're sure you'll never forget it! :)

WHAT TO BRING?

IMPORTANT: Passport (and visa - if required)

IMPORTANT: Student Identity Card (if you have an international one like ISIC, please also bring this one)

- > Health insurance (especially for non-EU-citizens) and travel insurance (for EU citizens European Health Insurance Card is minimum)
- > Medicine (particularly if you need something special) or something that you can take in case of catching a cold
- > Some pocket money. You might want to take souvenirs home, have a drink in a bar etc.
- > The course fee (depending on your country of origin)
- > Alarm clock - You're supposed to go to the lectures as well... Not bringing an alarm clock won't save you from that either... :P
- > Some special food, some drink (or any other specialty) and a song or dance of your country for the International Evening. Bear in mind that kitchen space is limited!
- > Clothes for both hot and rainy weather (e.g. rain coat) and for hiking (sturdy shoes)
- > fancy / special clothes for our parties (we will send you more info about that)
- > Sleeping Bag
- > Towel (maybe a second one for swimming), hygiene stuff like shampoos, shower gel, etc.
- > Swimsuit (for swimming in the Danube)
- > Sunscreen, a cap (or something to protect you from the sun)
- > This document
- > Postcards (we collect them in Vienna, you can get one postcard from your home country, write max. 3 sentences on the back about what you expect of the BEST course and bring it to the welcome party with you! We have an exchange game. You can exchange the postcard for Austrian shots.)
- > A flashlight
- > A backpack (for trips, city rally, ...)
- > Optional: GoPro Camera, Bluetooth speaker, ...
- > A laptop
- > A big smile with a lot of BEST spirit! :)

ARRIVAL

Day of Arrival: 10th of July, Sunday.

Meeting point is at our BEST office.

It's in the "Freihaus" building of our university, 1st floor, redarea, then follow the "HTU" signs to "HTU Großraum".
Address: Wiedner Hauptstraße 8-10, 1040 Wien



How to get to the university if you arrive...

... by plane:

At the airport, follow the signs to the train platforms. There you will find ticket machines where you should buy a ticket to "Karlsplatz" which will cost 4,20€. Don't use the "City Airport Train (CAT)" (the green train) instead, since it goes the exact same way but costs a fortune.

... by bus:

You will probably arrive at a bus station that is right at a subway station. You will have to buy a ticket at the ticket machines there. You have to go to the station "Karlsplatz" at the U1 (red line) or U4 (green line) subway. Don't forget to buy a ticket for the subway!

... in another way:

Try to find the next subway station and proceed like described above. If you are not sure, don't hesitate to contact us and ask. We can also pick you up if you have problems! :)

From "Karlsplatz" to the university:

"Karlsplatz" is a big subway station. Take the exit "Resselpark" and go to the right, or the exit "Wiedner Hauptstraße". (If you are at the exit "Oper" you are on the completely other side of the station and you will have to walk for a while underground). You will see a building with a big owl on it. The building you are looking for (the one on the photo) is right next to it.

Subway tickets:

If you want to buy a day-ticket (you can use all the public transport in Vienna until 24:00) it will cost you 5,80€. For a single trip (you can also change lines, but you have to go to a specific destination, like "Karlsplatz", and can't go back again with the same ticket) it will cost 2,30€.

ATTENTION: You have to validate the tickets first (directly at the ticket machine or put it inside the blue or orange thingies before you enter the subway or inside the bus/tram).

STAY IN VIENNA

During our exciting days in Vienna full of pure excitement, we will sleep at the Hostel Myrthengasse 7 1070 Wien. It has a sunny courtyard and a chill room with a TV and table football.

WEEKENDTRIP

The Weekend trip will start on Friday, 15th of July, and will end on Sunday, 17th of July. During the weekend we won't have any lectures, just parties ;)

DEPARTURE :(

Departure will be on Monday, 18th of July.

The whole day is planned for saying goodbye and hugging all the people who took part in the BEST Course of this summer.

UNIVERSITY

Our university consists not only of one building, but of a few different buildings spread across Vienna. Most of them are located near the subway station "Karlsplatz" (U1, U4) and are in walking distance of each other.

We will have most of our parties and breakfast, lunch and dinner in a room called "HTU Großraum", which is right next to our BEST office. It's located in the "Freihaus" building, 1st floor, red area.

Address: Wiedner Hauptstraße 8-10, 1040 Wien

Our lectures will be in other buildings. Our orgaNICeRs will guide you there.

If you want to see the main building: It's in the middle of the park ("Resselpark") next to the church.

Address: Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Wien



TRANSPORTATION IN VIENNA

Here you can find a PDF with Vienna's lines:

https://www.wienerlinien.at/documents/843721/4763236/SVP_30042021.pdf/53e94007-9119-7b31-10e8-9611f164ffb7?t=1622446417529

If you want to use an app for public transport we'd recommend „ÖBB Scotty“ or “qando Wien”.

Public transport is also included in Google Maps (but the other apps are more reliable/accurate). You can also use the "ÖBB" app, where you can buy tickets by credit card (in case you can't find a ticket machine or are too lazy to look for one.)

Day-ticket for public transport: You can use all the public transport in Vienna until 24:00. It costs 8,00€.

Single-way ticket for public transport: You can use it only once. You can also change lines. It will cost 2,30€.

ATTENTION: You have to validate the tickets first (directly at the ticket machine or put it inside the blue/orange thingies before you enter the subway or inside bus/tram).

Also, when buying tickets, make sure it is for the current time period (i.e.: that the weekly ticket is for this week on not for the next one!)

There are 5 subway lines (U1 to U6, no U5 – still in construction) and trains that can be used with the public transport ticket too (as long as you stay inside Vienna) marked with the symbol on the map. There are also trams and buses. If you are completely lost, you can also use taxis and Uber, but they are rather expensive, so we don't really recommend them.



MONEY

The local currency is Euro (€) consisting of 100 cents. You can change money in banks and exchange offices and there are also ATMs available. Electronic Banking is widely available, credit cards are often accepted. For details please contact your local bank.

For those interested in the prices in Vienna:

Object	Price
Beer in a pub (0.5 l)	3-6 €
dinner at a china restaurant	8-12 €
pizza	6-9 €
lunch at the Mensa (student's bar)	4-10 €
chocolate (100g Milka)	1 €
0,33 l Cola (can)	1 €
roll / bun	0.30 €
fruit juice (1 l)	1-2 €
Bread (0.5 kg)	2-4 €
Cinema ticket	10 €
Milk (1 l)	1 €
entrance fee at the disco	4 -15 €
Big Mac	4 €
condom	1 €

GERMAN? DEUTSCH? WIENERISCH!

In Austria the official language is German, however lots of people also understand English. Nevertheless, it can't harm to know some important phrases of the local language. You may have learned German in school but be warned: Austrian German (actually, there are many dialects in Austria most of them belonging to the Austrian-Bavarian group of dialects, see (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_dialects) is very different from Standard German. Of course, we'll be teaching you the Viennese dialect ... oida! :)

English	German	Wienerisch
Hello!	Hallo!	Servas!
Goodbye!	Auf Wiedersehen!	Baba!
Friend	Freund	Havara
Sausage (with cheese inside)	Käsekriener	Eitrige
What do you think of me? I'm not that kind of person!	Was denkst du von mir? Ich bin nicht so eine Person!	Wos denkst denn vo mia? I bin ned a so ana/ane!

I wanna be your lover!

Do you want to see my butterfly
(stamps, etc.)
collection?

I don't speak German.

Eat me, I'm a strawberry!

Ich möchte dein Liebhaber /
deine Liebhaberin sein!

Willst du meine
Schmetterlings- (Briefmarken
etc.) Sammlung sehen?

Ich spreche kein Deutsch.

Iss mich, ich bin eine Erdbeere!

I wü dei Schatzi sei!

Gemma schnacksln!

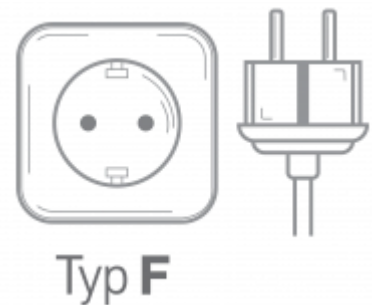
Ich nix Deutsch.

Iss mi, i bims 1 Erdbeer'
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ELECTRICITY

In Austria, we use the type F socket (230V, 50 Hz). Type C and E is also working.

Otherwise you will need an adapter.



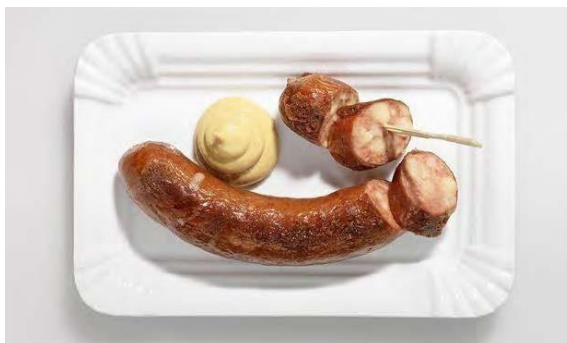
NATIONAL DISHES



Schnitzel – (mostly veal) meat coated with flour, eggs and bread crumbs, then fried



Kaiserschmarrn – fluffly shredded pancake



Käsekrainer – grilled sausage filled with cheese



Schweinsbraten – grilled / stewed pork with dumplings and Sauerkraut



Apfelstrudel – strudel from apples with vanilla sauce



Sachertorte – chocolate cake with apricot jam



Stroh 80 – a BESTVienna tradition. We will do fun stuff with this one :D

CONTACT

Do not hesitate to contact us if you're facing any problems (or simply have a question). Feel free to send us an email to vienna@best.eu.org or contact our lovely main organizers or participant responsible:

If you run into "big" troubles, you might consider calling your local embassy (see below).

If you're experiencing "really big" troubles you might consider calling 112 which is the European emergency number.

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