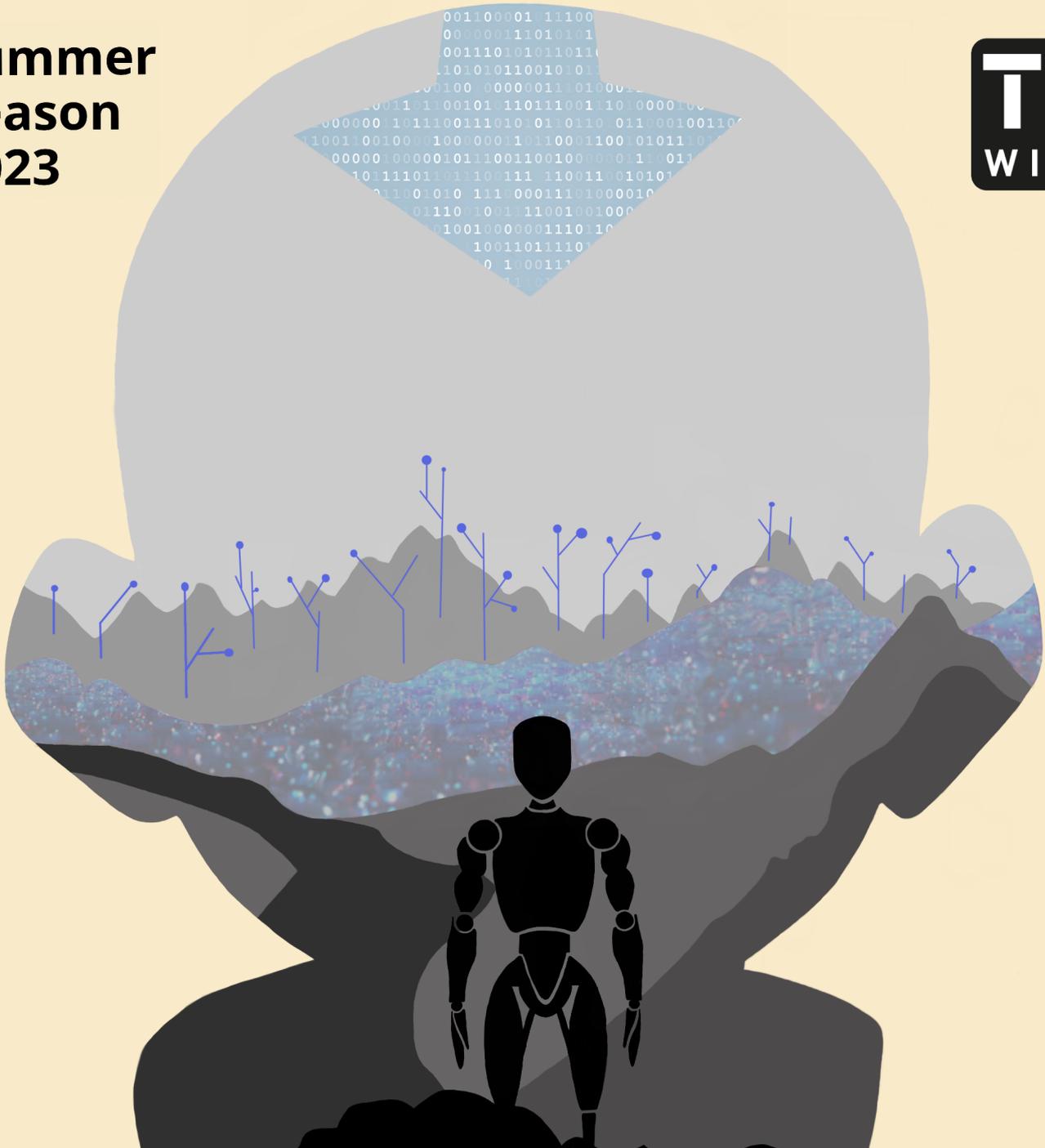


**Summer
Season
2023**



BEST

THE LAST AI-RBENDER

WELCOME TO VIENNA! / WILLKOMMEN IN WIEN!



We hope to see you here in Vienna soon for our amazing course: The Last Alrbender!! This guide contains all of the information you need. Surely you have some questions and if these are not answered after reading this document: Don't hesitate to contact us! (You can find the contact information at the end of this guide.)



Vienna – the capital of Austria with almost 2 million inhabitants :

- the old town with lots of fancy buildings and cozy cafés
- a modern and open minded city
- lots of cultures living next to each other
- 100+ museums
- swimming (or even windsurfing) in the Danube
- famous giant Ferris wheel in the Prater fun park
- the 360° panorama of Vienna from the top of a 155-meter-high tower (Donauturm)

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! :)

MUST-HAVES

TOP PRIORITIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport (and visa - if required) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> The course fee ⁴ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Identity Card ¹ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen, sunglasses, a cap _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance ² and travel insurance ³ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> A big smile with a lot of BEST spirit! _____ |

- Some pocket money, you might want to buy souvenirs or a drink etc.
- Some special food, drink and a song/dance of your country for the International Evening
- Clothes for hot and rainy weather and for hiking (sturdy shoes)
- Fancy/special clothes for our parties (we will send you more info about that)
- Swimsuit (for swimming in the Danube)
- A backpack, a laptop
- Towels, hygiene product
- Medicine (if you need something special or in case of catching a cold)
- This survival guide

NOTES:

- 1) if you have an international one like ISIC, please also bring this one
- 2) especially for non-EU-citizens
- 3) for EU citizens European Health Insurance Card is minimum
- 4) depending on your country of origin

ARRIVAL

Date: Saturday, 8th of July 2023

Location: We're meeting at our BEST office. It's located in the TU Wien main building (*address: Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna*)



HOW TO GET THERE

- From the airport:

At the airport, follow the signs to the train platforms. There you will find ticket machines where you should buy a ticket to “Wien Karlsplatz” which will cost 4,30€. Don't use the “City Airport Train (CAT)” (the green train) instead, since it goes the exact same way but costs a fortune.

- From the Vienna International Busterminal (VIB):

You'll arrive at the Erdberg subway station, where you can buy a subway ticket at the ticket machine and then ride with U3 (orange line) subway, direction “Ottakring”, to Stephansplatz and there change to U1 (red line) and go to Karlsplatz (direction “Oberlaa”).

- From the main train station:

At the main train station there is also a subway station, you can buy there a subway ticket at the ticket machine, and then take the U1 (red line), which takes you directly to Karlsplatz.

From Karlsplatz to the university:

You should take the exit “Resselpark” and go straight and look for a huge white building on the left - that's the main building of the university, where you should go.

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 2,40€. ATTENTION: You have to validate the tickets first (directly at the ticket machine or put it inside the blue or orange validating machines before you enter the subway or inside the bus/tram).

If you are not sure how to go to the university, don’t hesitate to contact us and ask. We can also pick you up if you have problems! :)



TRANSPORTATION IN VIENNA

If you want to use an app for public transport we’d recommend „ÖBB Scotty”, "Wien Mobile" or “moovit”. 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.)

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.

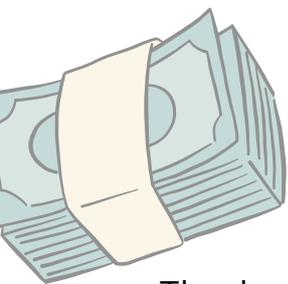
You can find the map of subways etc. on the next page or here:

https://www.wienerlinien.at/media/files/2017/svp-2017_217934.pdf



ADDITIONAL INFO

- 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.
- The Weekend trip will start on Friday, 14th of July, and will end on Monday, 17th of July. During the weekend we won't have any lectures, just parties ;)
- Departure will be on Monday, 17th 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.



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 those interested in the prices in Vienna:

beer in the pub	3-6€
fruit juice (1l)	1-2€
pizza	7-11€
chocolate	1€
Big Mac	4,20€
roll/bun	0,50€
bread	2-3€
kebab	5-7€



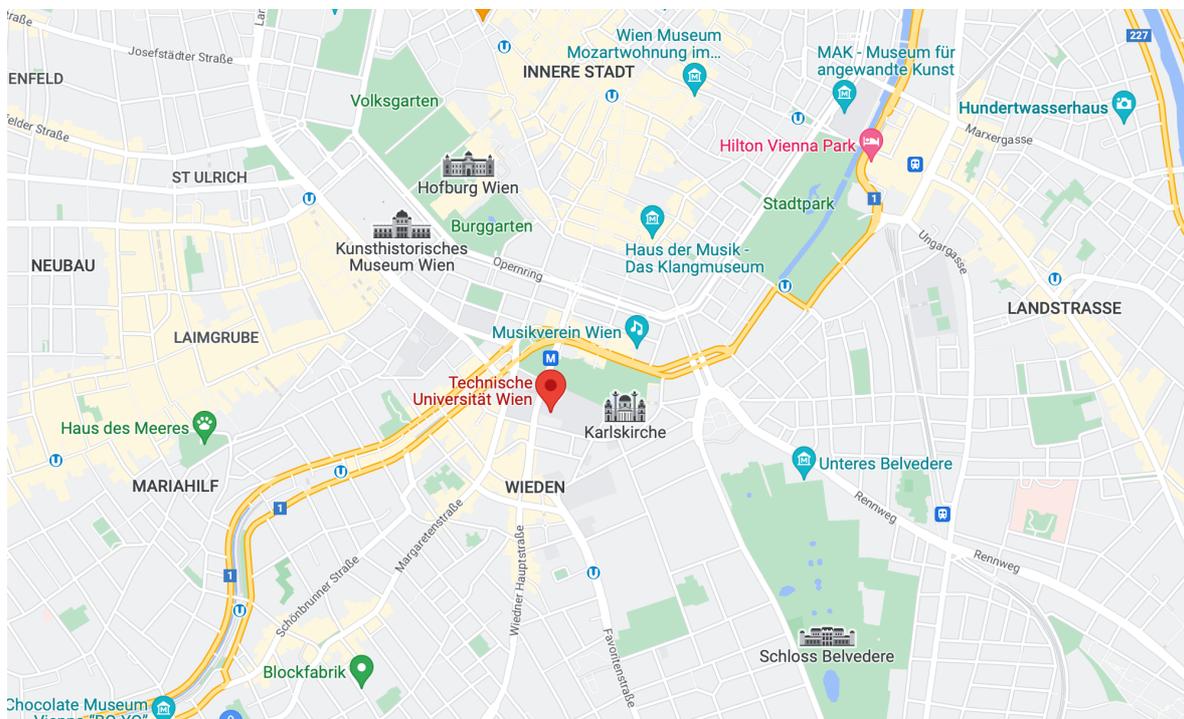
UNIVERSITY

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, lunch and dinner in a room called “HTU Großraum”, which is right next to our BEST office. It’s located in the main building of the university.

Address: Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Wien

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



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.



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) 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	Eitrigel
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!	Ich möchte dein Liebhaber/deine Liebhaberin sein!	I wü dei Schatzi sei!
Do you want to see my butterfly (stamps, etc.) collection?	Willst du meine Schmetterlings (Briefmarken etc.) Sammlung sehen?	Gemma schnacksln!
I don't speak German.	Ich spreche kein Deutsch.	Ich nix Deutsch.

Bag	Tüte	Sackerl
Eat me, I'm a strawberry!	Iss mich, ich bin eine Erdbeere!	Iss mi, i bims ein Erdbeer' oida!

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). 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.

Feel free to send us an email to vienna@best-eu.org or contact our lovely main organizers or participant responsible:

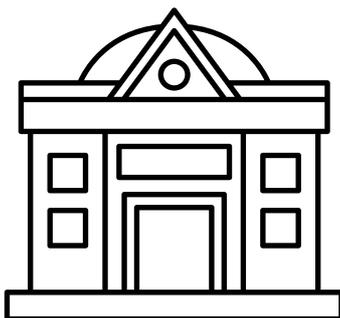
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