



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Austria - The Alps

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Vienna
- ✓ **Language:** German
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 4,049 (*Central Alps*)
- ✓ **Currency:** Euro (€)
- ✓ **Country code:** +43
- ✓ **Visa:** Schengen Visa, [info here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 112 (*general*), 144 (*ambulance*), 122 (*fire*), 133 (*police*)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** None



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

16BC Roman. 1217-1918: German control, Habsburg Dynasty (*some Spanish/Roman influence*). 1914-'18: WWI. End Hapsburg empire. '19: Treaty St. German → Austria's boundaries. '20: Republic, new constitution. '34: Social uprising crushed, all political parties abolished, parliament dismissed. Attempted Nazi coup. '36: Anschluss: Austria 'German State'. '38: Austria called 'Ostmark', under Hitler. WWII: Austria supports Nazi Germany on Eastern Front. '45: Soviet troops liberate Vienna, occupied by Soviet/UK/US/Fr. Elections: People's Party & Socialist Party coalition. '46-'47: De-nazification law → Reconstruction. '49: Former Nazis allowed to participate in elections. '55: Treaty: Neutral Austria, buffer between West and Soviet. Joins UN. '86: Waldheim president (*he served for Nazis*). '95: Joins EU. Coalition collapses. '99: Extreme right wins power → enters government in 2000: Freedom Party. International outcry. State-owned companies pay \$65mln to compensate Holocaust survivors / \$360mln to Jews whose belongings were seized. '02: Danube floods. Coalition collapses. Restrictive asylum laws. '08: Josef Fritzl (*imprisoned/impregnated daughter for 24yrs*). Leader of extreme-right party 'killed in car crash'. '13: Austrians vote to keep compulsory military service. '15: Islam an official religion. Migrant crisis. '17: Burqa ban.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Ski Season	best	crowded										crowded

Climate: Continental Subarctic Climate (Dfc) / Humid Continental Climate (Dfb)

### Austrian Ski Resorts A-Z

Abtenau, Alpbach, Altenmarkt (-Zauchensee), Amadé, Angertal, Arlberg, Auffach, Axamer Lizum, Bad Gastein, Bad Hofgastein, Dachstein West / Taurern, Damüls – Mellau, Ehrwald, Ellmau, Fieberbrunn – Pillersee Tal, Filzmoos, Finkenberg, Flachau, Flattach, Gastein, Going am Wilden Kaiser, Grän, Hintertux, Hochfügen, Hochkönig, Hochzillertal, Hopfgarten am Brixental, Igls, Innsbruck, Ischgl, Itter, Kaltenbach, Kaprun, Kirchberg, Kirchdorf, Kitzbühel, Kühtai – Sellraintal, Lavanttal, Lech, Lungau, Mayrhofen, Mölltal, Montafon, Neustift im Stubaital, Niederau, Oberau, Obergurgl – Hochgurgl,

Obertauern, Olympia Region Seefeld, Pitztal, Ramsau, Rauris, Reit im Winkl, Riffelsee, Rofan, Saalbach-Hinterglemm (*Ski Circus*), Salzburger Sportwelt, Scheffau am Wilden Kaiser, Schladming, Seefeld, Sefaus, Serfaus - Fiss – Ladis, Serles, Silvretta, Ski Juwel (*Alpbachtal – Wildschönau*), Skiwelt Wilder Kaiser – Brixental, Sonnenkopf, Sölden, Söll, Spieljoch, St. Anton am Arlberg, St. Cristoph am Arlberg, St. Jakob, St. Johann in Tirol, Steinplatte, Stuben, Tux – Finkenberg, Vent, Wagrain, Waidring, Warth, Westendorf, Wildschonau, Winklmoosalm, Zell am See, Zillertal (Arena), Zurs, Zugspitz Arena & more.

**Main regions:** Salzburg, Tirol, Vorarlberg, Kärnten, Steiermark, Oberösterreich / Niederösterreich.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Billa, Spar, PennyMarkt.
- ⌘ **Local food:** Wiener Schnitzel (*veal*), Sauerkraut, Pretzels (*bread*), Knödel (dumplings), Tafelspitz (*boiled beef in broth*), Goulash (*meat stew*), Wiener Würstel (*sausage*), Spargel (*asparagus*), Erdäpfelsalat (*potato salad*), Käsespätzle (*Austrian mac 'n cheese*), Schweinsbraten (*roast pork*), Beuschel (*lungs & heart ragout*), Apfelstrudel (*pastry*), Kaiserschmarrn (*dessert*), Brettljause (*plate of snacks*).
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe and also in Austria. However, Austria is generally expensive and so is vegan food. Every bigger supermarket has a big supply of vegan products and there are many vegan/vegetarian restaurants. Check them here: [Happy Cow](#).

## Mama Said

- ☠ Europe in general, and also Austria is very safe... but use your common sense like everywhere.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable.
- ☠ Make sure your travel insurance covers skiing and outdoor sports, as it's usually separate.

## Next?

- ➔ **In Austria:** Graz, Linz, Vienna.
- ➔ **International destinations close by:** Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovenia.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very expensive in Austria, even more so during skiing season. Book accommodation with €15 discount via this [Booking.com link](#) or [get €25 off Air BnB via this link](#).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [Housesitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#) or [HelpX](#) for work-exchanges.

## Festivals

- ⚙ Hahnenkamm World Cup Races (*Kitzbühel*): Jan
- ⚙ Nordic World Ski Championships (*Seefeld*): Feb-Mar
- ⚙ Snowbombing (*Mayrhofen*): Apr.

## Nights Best Spent

Austria is famous for its lively nightlife scene after the slopes close... welcome to the world of 'après-ski': Bad hoempa-hoempa music and liters of beer and glühwein.

## Free-Riding?

- Wintersport villages are generally small and walking is the best option.
- Budget **bus** lines are [Eurolines](#) and [Flixbus](#).
- Austria is served by a good working **train** system, operated by the [OBB](#).
- **Main Airports:** Vienna Airport (VIE), Salzburg Airport (SZG), Innsbruck Airport (INN), Graz Airport (GRZ), Linz Airport (LNZ), Klagenfurt Airport (KLU)
- **Hitchhiking** is relatively safe, although not very common... but possible. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.

The Earth Becomes My Throne