



# Travel *Journal*

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# Vienna itinerary

**HOTEL ADDRESS:** Adalbert-Stifter-Straße 73, 1200 Vienna

**ARRIVAL:** February 2, 2026

**DEPARTURE:** February 6, 2026



**Monday:** Belvedere Palace, Gallery

**Tuesday:** bus tour, Parliament, Vienna City Hall

**Wednesday:** St. Stephen's Cathedral, treasury, national library, "The Phantom of the Opera" musical



**Thursday:** Museum of Technology, Schönbrunn zoo

**Friday:** Schönbrunn Palace



# VIENNA TRAVEL BLOG

## Day 1

Our meeting point was at 7:30 AM at the district sports hall. We waited for about 10 minutes until the two buses arrived. The drive took approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes. Our first impression of the hotel was not very positive, but it improved over the days. The rooms were satisfactory. After checking in, we visited Belvedere Palace, where we took a tour and learned many new things. Following that, we went to Schwedenplatz, and the professors gave us a little free time to explore. Later, we returned to the hotel for dinner. After dinner, we were allowed to go to our rooms, but we had to hand in our phones. However, one of us was caught with his second phone. Finally, we went to bed and fell asleep.



## Day 2

It was the second day of our week in Vienna. We were woken up at around 7 a.m. Breakfast was served at half past seven, and we enjoyed a buffet with a variety of options, including raspberry juice and sparkling water. After breakfast, we had a little free time to relax and get ready.



At half past eight, we had to leave the youth hostel for a bus tour around the ring road. We arrived at Schwedenplatz by tram at 8:45 a.m. There, we met the tour guide and boarded a large bus along with another class from our grade. During the ride, the tour guide shared many historical facts about various sights in Vienna. After about 40 minutes, we stopped near the Hundertwasser House. We were able to take a look from the outside, as we couldn't go inside since people live in the flats there. It's located on a small street, making it quite peaceful. There was also a shop themed around the house, where we could walk around and explore. It's a small shopping center with a collection of small gift shops.



In the afternoon, after lunch, we traveled to the town hall of Vienna by subway. The journey was long, and we had to change trains often, but it was worth it. The building was very impressive. It was quite tall and breathtakingly decorated. When we arrived, we met our guide. I couldn't decide if I liked him or not. The first question he asked us was whether we knew which animals lived on the roof of the town hall. None of us could guess. One of my classmates even asked if it was a parrot! Unfortunately, that was incorrect; there were just bees, which was definitely more boring. Later, we explored the building. The rooms were enormous, and there was gold leaf everywhere, up to a height of approximately two and a half meters. You might wonder why it was only up to that height. The reason is that visitors had tried to scrape the gold leaf off, so they had to repaint it with gold paint. At the end of our tour, our guide showed us our personal highlight: the Paternoster, an old lift that doesn't stop. This means you have to jump in and out very quickly!

After visiting the town hall, we went to the parliament. We were really looking forward to exploring that huge building, although I was a little concerned that it might be boring. However, my fears were unfounded, as our tour guide made the experience memorable for all of us. He also asked us many questions, such as how long the longest speech in parliament has been. Nobody guessed correctly; the answer was 16 hours! While the comfy chairs in the conference hall were a highlight of the tour, I couldn't imagine sitting there for 16 hours! So, if you ever visit Vienna, I highly recommend visiting the parliament to learn about its history.

In the evening, we went ice skating at the town hall square. It was so beautiful! At first, we had to borrow our skates, which was a bit complicated, and I had to give them my bus pass. Luckily, I got it back. When we were finally allowed to step onto the ice, it was breathtaking. Everywhere, there were lights and blue arrow lights on the ground guided our way. Sadly, after just 50 minutes, we had to get off the ice. After returning our skates, some people bought snacks like fries or doughnuts. Finally, we took the tram back to the youth hostel.



# Day 3



On Wednesday, we woke up at six o'clock. We brushed our teeth and went to the breakfast room. Once we were there, we put some food on our trays and went to our table, where we met the other girls from the other rooms. After finishing breakfast, we took our phones from the teacher's desk and returned to our rooms.

After breakfast, we went to St. Stephen's Cathedral (Stephansdom). We had a tour guide who shared some history about the church. When we went inside, we were struck by the elegance of the old building. The tour guide also explained that the architectural style was Gothic. I especially liked all the little details in the walls; they made it seem quite fancy. We walked through the church once, and then we were allowed to go shopping. We had about half an hour, so we had to rush a bit. A few girls from my class and I went to Douglas and bought a lip oil. Time passed quickly, and we made our way back to the cathedral, where our teachers were already waiting for us. Then we took the tram back to our hotel.

In the afternoon, we visited a treasury museum. We had a guide who showed us all the treasures and explained where they came from. To be honest, it was pretty boring. We saw a lot of precious items, including a red coat with fur, a crown, and various other artifacts. Right next to the treasure chamber was the Austrian National Library. It is huge and truly impressive. The walls are lined with thousands of books that are hundreds of years old. We wanted to read every single one of them. It was even permitted to leaf through them, but most of the books are written in Latin, making it almost impossible to read. It was a memorable experience, and we want to go back there.

After dinner, we took a ride on the subway to get to the Raimund Theatre. Once we got off the subway, we walked up a long flight of stairs to return to the upper world. The teacher counted the pupils to make sure nobody got lost along the way. After we arrived, we hung our jackets in the wardrobe and took our seats in the auditorium. The walls were decorated with angels and embellished with gold. The performance was absolutely stunning! The chandelier started to smoke and then fell down. There were so many lights, and the actors sang beautifully. Sometimes we felt a little scared, but it was simply wonderful. After the performance, we took the subway back. When we got back, we went to bed.



# Day 4

Thursday was an impressive day during our week in Vienna. We were woken up by Prof. Schögl at 6:45 a.m. At around 8:00 a.m., we left our hotel to go to the Museum of Science and Technology. Like every day in Vienna, we first took tram line number two in the direction of Dornbach. We got off the tram at Schwedenplatz and transferred to the underground line number six. At Westbahnhof, we began our walk to the museum, and after a challenging journey, we finally arrived and started our visit. Inside, we saw many old trains that were fully disassembled.

After all the astonishing experiences we had at the Technical Museum, we went back to the youth hostel to have some lunch. The next thing we did was visit the zoological garden, known as "Schönbrunn." We saw many beautiful animals, including pandas, sea lions, various reptiles, and many others. Not only the animals but also the stunning surroundings attract many tourists to the park every year. Our favorite part of the visit was the sea lion feeding, which was narrated by a sea lion expert. Soon after we left the park, we returned to the youth hostel for dinner. Then we had a pub quiz, which was very fun and served as the cherry on top of the cake.



# Day 5

On Friday, we woke up really early in the morning because we had to pack our luggage. After that, we went to breakfast and had berry muesli. Then we had to bring our suitcases to a luggage room.

Each class had its own program, so we went to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. We took the U4 subway line to the palace. Our tour guide, Wolfgang Grassl, showed us the apartments of the Habsburg family, including those of Maria Theresa, Franz Joseph, and Elisabeth. Wolfgang gave us earphones, and then we walked through the palace.

Following this, we took the U4 to Schwedenplatz and had one hour to go shopping. A few girls ran to the Zara and H&M stores at Stephansplatz. We bought some really amazing things for ourselves and for our moms. Then we took the tram back to the hostel because it was lunchtime. For lunch, there was fish with rice and octopus rings. We had to wait for almost 2 hours, so we played billiards with our friends.

Two hours later, we took the bus back home to Gmunden. We drove for almost three hours, which felt like a long time, so I had plenty of time to sleep. At 5 p.m., we finally arrived in Gmunden. Everyone said goodbye to the teachers and thanked them for the wonderful week.

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