

Travel advisory for the **122nd IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting** 01-03 March 2024 <u>Hotel Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere</u>, Vienna, Austria

1 The hotel



2 How to get from the Vienna airport in Schwechat to the hotel

Information for passengers arriving at the airport: <u>https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers</u>. Several transport options are available between the airport and Vienna and are <u>listed here</u>. Some of these options are:

■ RECOMMENDED: Direct train connection: There best option are the direct <u>OBB trains</u> that run every 20-30 min, €4,40 one way, from the airport to the station Hauptbahnhof only one stop, 15 minutes ride, and continues to other major cities (with the S7 or Railjet connections). To office to buy OBB tickets is located just few meters on the right form airport arrivals exit. The OBB is the red color office just next to the green City Express one (see the picture). The trains departure one level below.







Hotel Andaz is located right next (about 600 m) from the Vienna main train station (Hauptbahnhof). You can walk there in around 7 to 8 minutes. Use the train station exit "Gertrude-Fröhlich-Sandner-Straße" (close to the platform 9, not platform 1), and then turn right into "Canettistraße". Follow this street along a left turn until you reach the Belvedere park. Turn right again at the crossroads. Hotel Andaz is directly opposite the museum "Belvedere 21", and next to the "Adina Apartment Hotel Vienna Belvedere ". Taxis are also available at the main train station.



The <u>City Airport Train (CAT)</u> is an alternative (single ticket €14.90, return ticket € 24.90), but takes you from the airport to the station Landstraße/Bhf. Wien Mitte which is not close to the hotel. It runs in 30 min intervals. From there you can take the regional commuter line (S-Bahn) directly to the station Hauptbahnhof. Alternatively you can use the subway line U3 to the station Stephansplatz and change there to the subway line U1 to the station Hauptbahnhof. Be aware that you need to buy a ticket for the <u>public transport system</u> in order to use the subway or the regional commuter line.

3 Getting around in Vienna

Hotel Andaz Vienna is situated next to the Vienna main train station (station "**Hauptbahnhof"**) which is also connected to the subway line U1. The easiest and most comfortable way to get around in Vienna is to use the <u>public transport system</u>. Either of these two tickets might be suited for your stay in Vienna:

- 48-hour Vienna ticket: EUR 14.10
- 72-hour Vienna ticket: EUR 17.10

The tickets are valid in all trams, buses and subways of the Vienna Transport Authority. <u>Click here</u> for details about the public transport system.

For sightseeing options please visit the Vienna Tourist web site <u>https://www.wien.info/en</u>. Other useful links: <u>https://www.wien.gv.at/english/culture-history/tourism/</u> https://www.visitingvienna.com/visitorinfo/introduction-to-vienna/



Basic information about Vienna/Austria

General information:

- Language: German
- Currency: Euro
- **Time zone:** Vienna is in the Central European time zone (CET = GMT / UCT + 1). Daylight saving time applies from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October (CEST).
- Electricity: The typical mains voltage for households (as well as hotels) in Vienna is 230 volts (alternating current). Type C plugs (Europlug) and type F plugs are standard in Austria.







Type C/F socket

• Telephone: The telephone prefix for calling Vienna from other countries is: + 43

Type F plug

- Language: German is spoken in Austria, and the most commonly spoken foreign language is English.
- Units of measure: The metric system is used in Austria.
- <u>Covid-19 information</u>: Currently there are no coronavirus restrictions in Austria

If you plan to extend your stay in Vienna you can find information about events and sight-seeing tips at <u>www.wien.info/en</u> and on the <u>hotel homepage</u>.

4 Climate in Vienna

The weather in Vienna is typical continental - there are characteristic, clearly defined seasons. Hot summers with an occasional day of rain and the cold winters mean that the "right" clothing is essential. The temperature is pleasant in the spring and autumn, but there can be a cool wind to chill the air.

4.1 Temperature

March marks the beginning of spring in Vienna and is characterised by rapidly improving weather conditions. The nights in March are still fairly cold with an average low temperature of no more than 0°C. This average low increases swiftly in the course of the month, from -1°C in the beginning to 4°C at the end of the month. In the afternoons, the temperature reaches an average high of 9°C, which is also a temperature that rises gradually throughout March. It climbs from 7°C to a pleasant 13°C. The overall average temperature in March is 5°C.

4.2 Daylight Hours

March 1 has 11.03 hours of daylight, while March 31 has 12.49 daylight hours. In March, each day enjoys 7 hours of sunshine on average.

4.3 Weather

The chance that some form of precipitation occurs is 54%. On average there are 13 days with precipitation. The most common type of precipitation is moderate rain, which is observed on 47% of the days with precipitation.

Weather forecast



5 Preliminary R8 meeting agenda

Please check the latest version of the agenda at the meeting homepage: <u>2024-March – Vienna</u>

All agenda items take place at the Hotel Andaz, except for the sight-seeing tour.

- Friday, March 1st, 2024
 - o 08:00-18:00 Committees of R8 in-person meetings
 - o 18:00–19:30 Welcome reception: Austria Section presentation & cocktail (Foyer)
 - o 19:30–23:00 Welcome Dinner (room Lower Belvedere 1-2)
- Saturday, March 2nd, 2024
 - \circ $\$ 09:00–17:30 $\$ The R8C meeting, Day 1 $\$
 - o 18:00–19:30 Sight-seeing Vienna City
 - \circ 20:00–23:00 Gala Dinner
- Sunday, March 3^{rd,} 2024
 - o 09:00–13:30 The R8C meeting, Day 2
 - o 13:30–14:30 Adjourn and lunch
- Monday, March 4th, 2024
 - Departure or optional self-paid sightseeing