

# Austria

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**A**ustria stands at the crossroads of Europe, as it did in the heyday of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Its capital, Vienna, stranded during the postwar years on the edge of western Europe, is taking its place again as an important international city. Salzburg, “The City

of Mozart,” is a world-class cultural destination and a magnet for music lovers.

The country offers plenty to do, from exploring historic castles and palaces to skiing on some of the world’s finest alpine slopes.

## 1 Vienna ★★

Vienna still retains much of the glory and grandeur of the empire’s heady days. Museum treasures from all over Europe, baroque palaces through which Maria Theresa and her brood wandered, Johann Strauss’s lively music, Gustav Klimt’s paintings, the concert halls, the unparalleled opera—it’s all still here, as if the empire were still flourishing.

Tourism is growing as thousands arrive every year to view Vienna’s great art and architecture, to feast on lavish Viennese pastries, to explore the Vienna Woods, to sail down the Danube, to attend Vienna’s balls, operas, and festivals, and to listen to the “music that never stops.”

Visitors today face a newer and brighter Vienna, a city with more *joie de vivre* and punch than it’s had since before the war. There’s also a downside: Prices are on the rise—they haven’t reached the height of the Ferris wheel at the Prater, but they’re climbing there.

## ESSENTIALS

**GETTING THERE** **By Plane** **Vienna International Airport** (VIE; ☎ 01/70070; <http://english.viennaairport.com>) is about 19km (12 miles) southeast of the city center. There’s regular bus service between the airport and the **City Air Terminal**, adjacent to the Vienna Hilton and directly across from the **Wien Mitte/Landstrasse** rail station, where you can easily connect with subway and tram lines. Buses run every 20 minutes from 4:30am to 12:30pm, and hourly from midnight to 5am. The trip takes about 20 minutes and costs 6€ (\$6.90) per person. Tickets are sold on the bus and must be purchased with Austrian money. There’s also bus service between the airport and two railroad stations, the Westbahnhof and the Südbahnhof, leaving every 30 minutes to an hour. Fares are also 6€ (\$6.90).

There’s also local train service, Schnellbahn (S-Bahn), between the airport and the Wien Nord and Wien Mitte rail stations. Trains run hourly from 4:30am to 9:30pm and leave from the basement of the airport. Trip time is 40 to 45 minutes, and the fare is 3€ (\$3.45).

The official **Vienna Tourist Information Office** in the arrival hall of the airport is open daily from 8:30am to 9pm.



**By Train** Vienna has four principal rail stations, with frequent connections from all Austrian cities and towns and from all major European cities. For train information for all stations, call ☎ 05/1717.

**Westbahnhof (West Railway Station)**, on Europaplatz, is for trains arriving from western Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, and some eastern European countries. It has frequent links to major Austrian cities such as Salzburg, which is a 3-hour train ride from Vienna. The Westbahnhof connects with local trains, the U3 and U6 underground lines, and several tram and bus routes.

**Südbahnhof (South Railway Station)**, on Südtirolerplatz, has train service to southern and eastern Austria, Italy, Hungary, Slovenia, and Croatia. It is linked with local rail service and tram and bus routes.

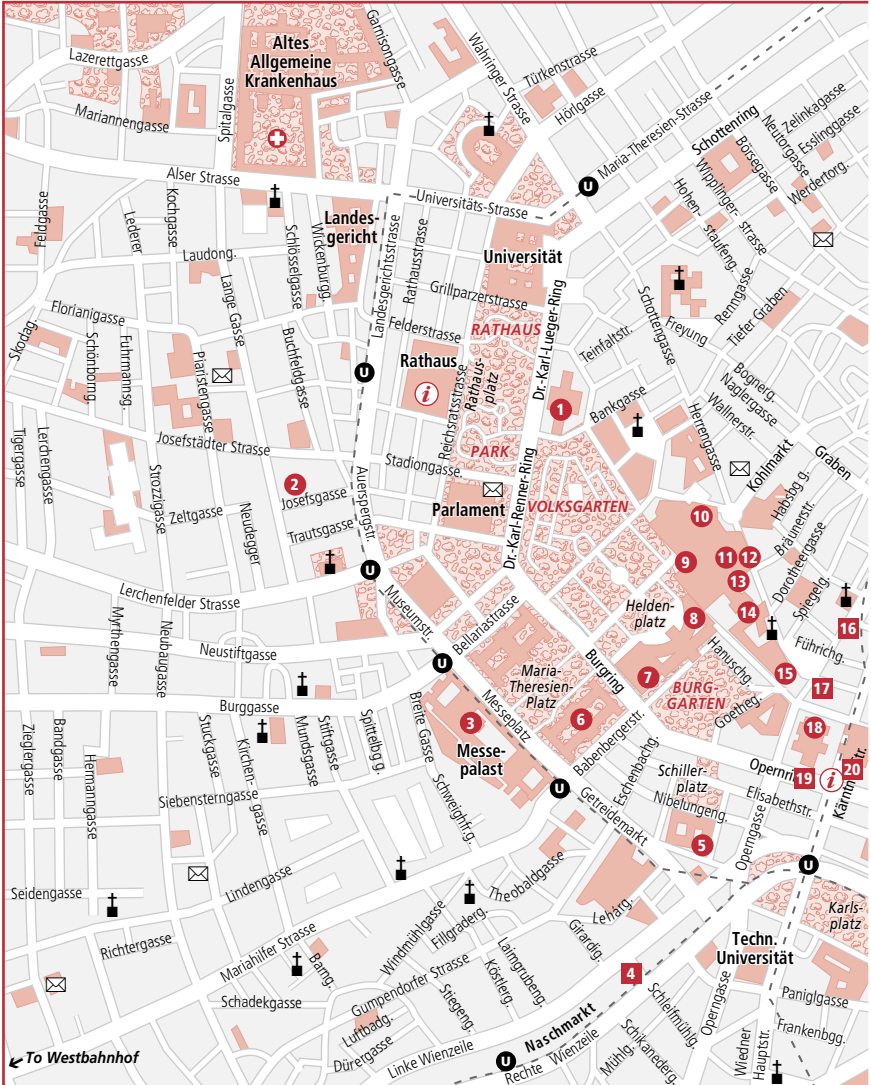
Both of these stations house useful travel agencies (**Österreichisches Verkehrsbüro**) that provide tourist information and help with hotel reservations. In the Westbahnhof the agency is in the upper hall and at the Südbahnhof, in the lower hall.

Other stations in Vienna include **Franz-Josef Bahnhof**, on Franz-Josef-Platz, used mainly by local trains, although connections are made here to Prague and Berlin. You can take the D-tram line to the city's Ringstrasse from here. **Wien Mitte**, at Landstrasser Hauptstrasse 1, is also a terminus for local trains, plus a depot for trains to the Czech Republic and to Vienna International Airport.

**By Bus** The **City Bus Terminal** is at the Wien Mitte rail station, Landstrasser Hauptstrasse 1. This is the arrival depot for Post buses and Bundesbuses from points all over the country, and also the arrival point for private buses from various European cities. The terminal has lockers, currency-exchange kiosks, and a ticket counter open daily from 6:15am to 6pm. For bus information, call ☎ 05/1717 daily from 6:15am to 6pm.

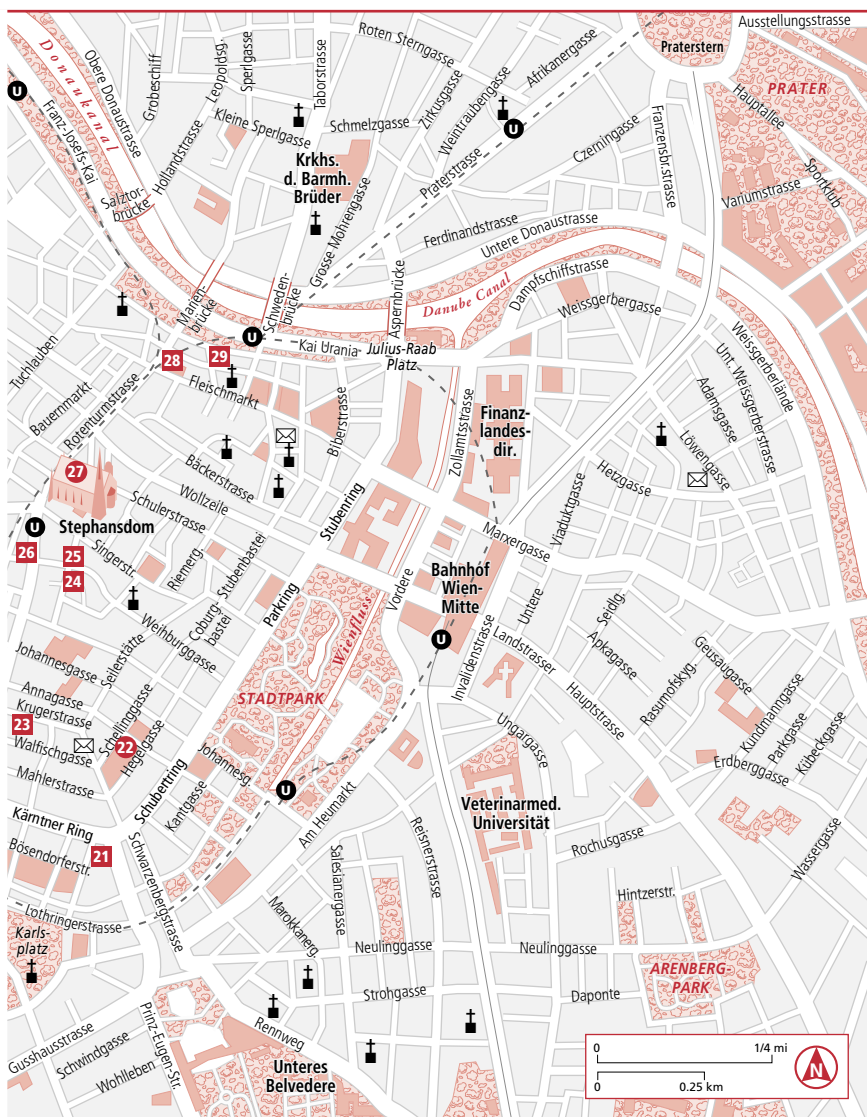
**By Car** You can reach Vienna from all directions via major highways (*Autobahnen*) or by secondary highways. The main artery from the west is Autobahn A1, coming in from Munich 468km (291 miles), Salzburg 336km (209 miles), and Linz 187km (116 miles). Autobahn A2 arrives from the south, from Graz 200km (124 miles) and Klagenfurt 309km (192 miles). Autobahn A4 comes in from the east, connecting with Route E58, which runs to Bratislava and Prague.

# Vienna



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(Museum of Art History) **6**
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## Native Behavior

Get accustomed to hearing *Grüss Gott* (God bless you) when Austrians greet you and *Auf Wiedersehen* when they leave. These greetings are practiced by everybody from your hotel manager to the shoeshine man.

Although no one will kick you off the premises, it is a local custom to dress up for a night at the opera or ballet. You can show up in a jogging suit or jeans but you might feel out of place.

Austria is perhaps the most formal of the countries reviewed in this guide. Yes, some gents nostalgic for the old Austro-Hungarian Empire still bow and click their heels when introduced to a lady. Prepare to shake hands on both meeting and parting. The Austrians are great sticklers for titles, however minor or honorific, including *Doktor* or *Professor*.

If you've never hung out in coffeehouses before, making it your second living room, Austria is a wonderful introduction to this custom. The Viennese especially can sit for hour after hour over a single cup of coffee reading magazines and newspapers or else watching the world parade by.

Autobahn A22 takes traffic from the northwest, and Route E10 connects to the cities and towns of southeastern Austria and Hungary.

**VISITOR INFORMATION** **Tourist Office** The official **Wien Tourist-Information**, Albertinaplatz 7 (☎ 01/211-14-481; [www.info.wien.at](http://www.info.wien.at)), is open daily from 9am to 7pm. You can make room reservations here.

**Websites** Besides **Wien Tourist-Information** ([www.info.wien.at](http://www.info.wien.at)), go to the **Austrian National Tourist Office** ([www.austria-tourism.at/us](http://www.austria-tourism.at/us)) for current information on culture and events.

**CITY LAYOUT** Vienna has evolved into one of the largest metropolises of central Europe, with a surface area covering 415 sq. km (160 sq. miles). It's divided into 23 districts (*Bezirke*), each identified by a Roman numeral.

The size and shape of the **First District**, known as the **Innere Stadt (Inner City)**, roughly corresponds to the original borders of the medieval city. Other than the Cathedral of St. Stephan, very few Gothic or medieval buildings remain—many were reconstructed in the baroque or neoclassical style, whereas others are modern replacements of buildings bombed during World War II. As Austria's commercial and cultural nerve center, the central district contains dozens of streets devoted exclusively to pedestrian traffic. The most famous of these is **Kärntnerstrasse**, which bypasses the Vienna State Opera House during its southward trajectory toward the province of Carinthia (Kärnten).

**Ringstrasse** is a circular boulevard about 4km (2½ miles) long whose construction between 1859 and 1888 was one of the most ambitious (and controversial) examples of urban restoration in the history of central Europe. The boulevard surrounds the Inner City. Confusingly, the name of this boulevard changes many times during its encirclement of the Inner City. Names that apply to it carry the suffix *-ring*: for example, Opernring, Schottenring, Burgerring, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring, Stubenring, Parkring, Schuberting, and Kärntner Ring.

Surrounding Ringstrasse and the Inner City, in a more or less clockwise direction, are the inner suburban districts (2–9), which contain many hotels and restaurants popular for their close proximity to the city center. The outer districts (10–23) form another concentric ring of suburbs, comprising a variety of neighborhoods from industrial parks to rural villages.

Northeast of the Inner City, beyond the Danube Canal, is the **2nd District**, home to the famous amusement park, the Prater. East of the center, in the **3rd District**, you'll find the art treasures and baroque setting of the Belvedere Palace. West of the center is Schönbrunn Palace.

**GETTING AROUND By Public Transportation Wiener Verkehrsbetriebe (Vienna Transport)**, with its network of facilities covering hundreds of miles, can take you where you want to go—by U-Bahn (subway), tram (streetcar), or bus. **Informationdienst der Wiener Verkehrsbetriebe (Vienna Public Transport Information Center)** has five locations: Opernpassage (an underground passageway adjacent to the Wiener Staatsoper), Karlsplatz, Stephansplatz (near Vienna's cathedral), Westbahnhof, and Praterstern. For information about any of these outlets, call ☎ **01/790-9105**.

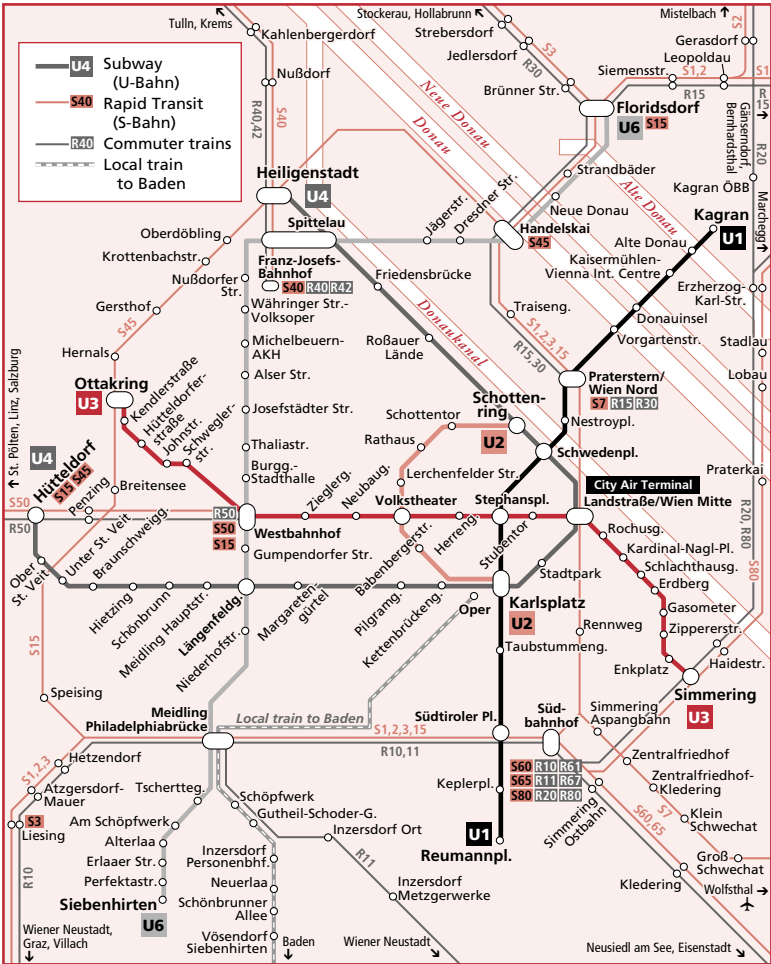
Vienna maintains a uniform fare that applies to all forms of public transport. A ticket for the bus, subway, or tram will cost 1.50€ (\$1.75) if you buy it in advance at a Tabac-Trafiks (a store or kiosk selling tobacco products and newspapers) or 2€ (\$2.30) if you buy it on board. Smart Viennese buy their tickets in advance, usually in blocks of at least five at a time, from any of the city's thousands of Tabac-Trafiks or at any of the public transport centers noted above. No matter what vehicle you decide to ride within Vienna, remember that once a ticket has been stamped (validated) by either a machine or a railway attendant, it's valid for one trip in one direction, anywhere in the city, including transfers.

**By U-Bahn (Subway)** The U-Bahn consists of five lines labeled as U1, U2, U3, U4, and U6 (there is no U5). Karlsplatz, in the heart of the Inner City, is the most important underground station for visitors, as the U1, U2, and U4 converge here. The U2 traces part of the Ring, the U4 goes to Schönbrunn, and the U1 stops in Stephansplatz. The U3 also stops in Stephansplatz and connects with the Westbahnhof. The U-Bahn runs daily from 6am to midnight.

### **Value The Vienna Card**

The **Vienna Card** gives you access to all public modes of transportation (subway, bus, and tram) within Vienna—as well as discounts in city museums, shops, and restaurants—for a single discounted price. A 24-hour network pass costs 5€ and is good for a full day of public transport. A 72-hour network pass sells for 17€ (\$19). There's also a green ticket, priced at 24€ (\$28), that contains eight individual partitions. Each of these, when stamped, is good for 1 day of unlimited travel. An individual can opt to reserve all eight of the partitions for his or her own use, thereby gaining 8 days of cost-effective travel on the city's transport system. Or the partitions can be subdivided among a group of several riders, allowing—for example—two persons 4 days each of unlimited rides. Vienna Cards are easy to find throughout the capital, or you can buy one outside Vienna by calling ☎ **01/7984-40028** with a credit card.

# Vienna Public Transport



**By Bus** Buses traverse Vienna in all directions and operate Monday through Saturday from 6am to 10pm and Sunday from 6am to 8pm. Bus nos. 1A, 2A, and 3A will get you around the Inner City. Convenient night buses are available on weekends and holidays starting at 12:15am. They go from Schwedensplatz to the outer suburbs (including Grinzing). Normal tickets are not valid on these late “N” buses. Instead, you pay a special fare of 1.50€ (\$1.75) on board.

**By Tram** Riding the red-and-white trams (*Strassenbahn*) is not only a practical way to get around, it’s a great way to see the city. Tram stops are well marked and lines are labeled as numbers or letters. Lines 1 and 2 will bring you to all the major sights on the Ringstrasse. Line D skirts the outer Ring and goes to the Südbahnhof, whereas line 18 goes between the Westbahnhof and the Südbahnhof.

**By Taxi** Taxi stands are marked by signs, or you can call for a radio cab by phoning ☎ 31300, 60160, or 40100. Fares are indicated on an officially calibrated

taximeter. The basic fare is 2.50€ (\$2.90), plus 1.10€ (\$1.25) per kilometer. There's an extra charge of 1€ (\$1.15) for luggage carried in the trunk. For rides after 11pm, and for trips on Sunday and holidays, there's a surcharge of 1€ (\$1.15). There is an additional charge of 2€ (\$2.30) if the taxi is ordered by phone.

**By Car** Major car-rental companies operating in Vienna include **Avis**, Opernring 3–5 (☎ **800/654-3001** in the U.S., 01/700-732-700 at the Vienna airport, or 01/587-6241 in downtown Vienna; U-Bahn: Karlsplatz); **Budget Rent-a-Car**, Hilton Air Terminal (☎ **800/472-3325** in the U.S., or 01/714-6565 in Vienna; U-Bahn: Landstrasse/Wien Mitte); and **Hertz**, in the Marriott Hotel, Parkring 12A (☎ **01/512-8677**).

**By Bicycle** Vienna has more than 250km (155 miles) of marked bicycle paths within the city limits. In the summer, many Viennese leave their cars in the garage and ride bikes. You can take bicycles on specially marked U-Bahn cars for free, but only Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm and 6:30pm to midnight. On weekends in July and August bicycles are carried free from 9am to midnight.

Rental stores abound at the Prater and along the banks of the Danube Canal, which is the favorite bike route for most Viennese. One of the best of the many sites specializing in bike rentals is **Pedalpower**, Ausstellungsstrasse 3 (☎ **01/729-7234**; www.pedalpower.at), which is open March to October from 9am to 7pm. The Vienna Tourist Board can also supply a list of rental shops and more information about bike paths. Bike rentals begin at about 28€ (\$32) per day. You are supplied with a map for a self-guided tour.

### **FAST FACTS: Vienna**

**American Express** The office at Kärntnerstrasse 21–23 (☎ **01/51540-770**), near Stock-im-Eisenplatz, is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5:30pm and Saturday from 9am to noon.

**Business Hours** Most shops are open Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm and Saturday from 9am to noon, 12:30pm, or 1pm, depending on the store. On the first Saturday of every month, shops customarily remain open until 4:30 or 5pm. The tradition is called *langer Samstag*.

**City Code** The telephone city code for Vienna is **01**. It is only used when you're calling from outside Vienna.

**Currency Exchange** During off-hours you can exchange money at *bureaux de change* (exchange bureaus) throughout the Inner City (there's one at the intersection of Kohlmarkt and the Graben), as well as at travel agencies, train stations, and the airport. There's also a 24-hour exchange service at the post office (Hauptpostamt) at Fleischmarkt 19.

**Dentists/Doctors** For dental problems, call ☎ **01/512-2078**. A list of physicians can be found in the telephone directory under *Arzte*. If you have a medical emergency at night, call ☎ **141** daily from 7pm to 7am.

**Drugstores** Called *Apotheke*, they're open Monday through Friday from 8am to noon and 2 to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to noon. Each *Apotheke* posts in its window a list of shops that take turns staying open at night and on Sunday.



**Embassies/Consulates** The embassy of the **United States** is at Boltzmanngasse 16, A-1090 Vienna (☎ **01/31339**; U-Bahn: Stadtpark). The consular section, Gartenbaupromenade 2–4, A-1010 Vienna (☎ **01/31339**), handles lost passports, tourist emergencies, and other matters. Both are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to noon and 1 to 2pm.

The embassy of **Canada**, Laurenzerberg 2 (☎ **01/531-380**), is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30 to 3:30pm. The embassy of the **United Kingdom**, Jauresgasse 12 (☎ **01/71613-0**), is open Monday through Friday from 10am to noon and 2 to 4pm. The embassy of **Australia**, Mattiellstrasse (☎ **01/50674**), is open Monday through Friday from 9am to noon and 2 to 4pm. The embassy of **New Zealand**, Springsiedelgasse 28 (☎ **01/318-8505**), is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm, but it's best to call to see if it's actually open. The embassy of **Ireland**, Rotenturn Strasse 16–18 (☎ **01/715-4246**), is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30am and 1:30 to 4pm.

**Emergencies** Call ☎ **122** to report a fire, ☎ **133** for the police, or ☎ **144** for an ambulance.

**Internet Access** **Café Stein**, Währingerstrasse 6 (☎ **01/319-72-41**), offers Internet access at the rate of 3€ every half-hour and is open daily from 7am to 2am.

**Police** The emergency number is ☎ **133**.

**Post Office** Post offices in Vienna can be found in the heart of every district. Addresses for these can be found in the telephone directory under "Post." Post offices are generally open for mail services Monday through Friday from 7am to noon and 2 to 6pm. The central post office (Hauptpostamt), Barbaragasse 2 (☎ **01/51570**), and most general post offices are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Safety** In recent years, Vienna has been plagued by purse-snatchers. Small foreign children often approach sympathetic adults and ask for money. As the adult goes for his wallet or her purse, full-grown thieves rush in and grab the money, fleeing with it. Unaccompanied women should hold onto their purses tightly, and never open them in public.

**Telephone** The **country code** for Austria is **43**. The **city code** for Vienna is **1**; use this code when you're calling from outside Austria. If you're within Austria, use **01** before the local number (**01** is included in all telephone numbers in this chapter, so it is not necessary to add any other numbers when calling these telephone numbers within Austria).

Hotels add huge surcharges to long-distance calls; go to the post office instead. Consider purchasing a **phone card** at any post office. **International direct dial** numbers include **AT&T** (☎ **0800-200-280**); **MCI** (☎ **0800-200-235**); and **Sprint** (☎ **0800-20-02-36**).

**Tippling** A service charge of 10% to 15% is included on hotel and restaurant bills, but it's a good policy to leave something extra for waiters and 1.85€ (\$2.15) per day for your hotel maid. Railroad station, airport, and hotel porters get 1.45€ (\$1.65) per piece of luggage, plus a .75€ (85¢) tip. Tip your hairdresser 10% of the bill, and give the shampoo person a 1.45€ (\$1.65) gratuity. Toilet attendants are usually given .35€ (40¢), and coat-check attendants expect .50€ to 1.10€ (60¢–\$1.25).

## WHERE TO STAY

### INNERE STADT (INNER CITY)

#### Very Expensive

**Grand Hotel Wien** ★★☆☆ Some of the most discerning hotel guests in Europe, often music lovers, prefer this seven-story deluxe hotel to the more traditional and famous Imperial or Bristol. Only a block from the Staatsoper, it's a honey, and has been at the hub of Viennese social life since the turn of the 20th century. You enter a world of beveled mirrors, crystal chandeliers, and a grand staircase. The spacious accommodations are posh, with all the modern extras such as heated floors, phones in the marble bathrooms, and even “antifog” mirrors. The more expensive units have more elaborate furnishings and decoration, including delicate stucco work.

Kärntner Ring 9, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/515-800. Fax 01/515-13-13. www.anagrand.com. 205 units. 370€–450€ (\$426–\$518) double; from 660€ (\$759) suite. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. **Amenities:** 3 restaurants; 2 bars; health club; business center; boutiques; salon; 24-hr. room service; massage; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning service; nonsmoking rooms; rooms for those with limited ability. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, coffeemaker, hair dryer, safe, trouser press.

**Hotel Bristol** ★★☆☆ This six-story landmark is a superb choice—only the Imperial is grander. When it was constructed in 1894 across the street from the State Opera, it was the ultimate in luxury style, but it's been updated to give guests the benefit of black-tiled bathrooms equipped with tub/shower combos and modern conveniences. Rooms are sumptuously appointed. The club floor offers luxurious comfort, enhanced by period furnishings. Corkscrew columns of rare marble grace the **Korso**, Bristol's restaurant, which is one of the best in Vienna.

Kärntner Ring 1, A-1015 Vienna. ☎ 888/625-5144 in the U.S., or 01/515-160. Fax 01/515-16-550. www.westin.com/bristol. 140 units. 225€–445€ (\$259–\$512) double; from 858€ (\$987) suite. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 28€ (\$32). U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. Tram: 1 or 2. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; business center; fitness center; Jacuzzi; solarium; sauna; 24-hr. room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Imperial** ★★☆☆ This hotel is Vienna's grandest and the most “imperial” looking in Austria, 2 blocks from the State Opera and 1 block from the Musikverein. The hotel was built in 1869 as a private residence and was converted into a private hotel in 1873. Everything is outlined against a background of polished marble, crystal chandeliers, Gobelin tapestries, and fine rugs. Some of the royal suites are palatial, but all rooms are soundproof and generally spacious, with deluxe full bathrooms. The **Hotel Imperial Restaurant** is a fabled turn-of-the-20th-century restaurant.

Kärntner Ring 16, A-1015 Vienna. ☎ 800/325-3589 in the U.S., or 01/5011-0410. www.luxurycollection.com/imperial. 138 units. 535€–950€ (\$615–\$1,093) double; from 1,300€ (\$1,495) suite. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 30€. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; health club; sauna; 24-hr. room service; massage; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Sacher Wien** ★★☆☆ Much of the glory of the Hapsburgs is still evoked by the public rooms here, although the hotel, founded in 1876, is no longer the grandest in Vienna, having lost out to the Bristol or Imperial. The red velvet, crystal chandeliers, and brocaded curtains are reminiscent of Old Vienna. The hotel is popular with groups, however, and the heavy traffic is taking a toll. The reception desk is fairly flexible about making arrangements for salons or apartments, or joining two rooms together. Rooms near the top are small with cramped bathrooms, but most accommodations are generous in size and often have sitting areas and midsize marble bathrooms with shower-tub combinations.

Philharmonikerstrasse 4, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/514560. Fax 01/512-56-810. www.sacher.com. 108 units. 350€–575€ (\$403–\$661) double; 682€–1,058€ (\$784–\$1,217) junior suite; from 1,544€ (\$1,776) suite. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 29€ (\$33). U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. Tram: 1, 2, 62, 65, D, or J. Bus: 4A. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; nearby fitness center; 24-hr. room service; massage; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## Expensive

**Hotel Astoria** ★ This landmark is for nostalgia buffs who want to recall the grand life of the closing days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A first-class hotel, the Astoria has a desirable location on the shopping mall close to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the State Opera. Decorated in a slightly frayed late-19th-century style, the hotel offers well-appointed and traditionally decorated rooms. The interior rooms tend to be too dark, and singles are just too cramped. It was most recently renovated in 1996, but the old style has been respected. Bathrooms are luxurious with dual basins, shower-tub combos, and heated towel racks.

Kärntnerstrasse 32–34, A-1015 Vienna. ☎ 01/515770. Fax 01/515-7782. www.austria-trend.at. 118 units. 203€–254€ (\$233–\$292) double; 239€–299€ (\$275–\$344) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 22€ (\$25). U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Das Triest** ★★  *Finds* Sir Terence Conran, the famous English architect and designer, has created the interior decoration for this contemporary hotel in the center of Vienna, a 5-minute walk from St. Stephen's Cathedral. Conran has done for Das Triest what Philippe Starck did for New York's Paramount Hotel—created a stylish address in the heart of one of the world's most important cities. An emerging favorite with artists and musicians, this hip hotel has such grace notes as a courtyard garden. Its old cross-vaulted rooms, which give the structure a distinctive flair, have been transformed into lounges and suites. Guest rooms are midsize to spacious, tastefully furnished, and comfortable. The white-tiled bathrooms have heated towel racks, shower-tub combinations, deluxe toiletries, and vanity mirrors. In the afternoon, guests gather for tea in front of the cozy fireplace.

Wiedner Hauptstrasse 12, A-1040 Vienna. ☎ 01/589-18. Fax 01/589-18-18. www.dastriest.at. 72 units. 245€ (\$282) double; from 299€ (\$344) suite. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 21€ (\$24). U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; fitness center; sauna; salon; 24-hr. room service; business center; massage; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel König Von Ungarn** ★ In a choice site on a narrow street near the cathedral, this hotel has been in the business for more than 4 centuries and is Vienna's oldest continuously operated accommodation. It's an evocative, intimate, and cozy retreat in an early-17th-century building, once a pied-à-terre for Hungarian noble families visiting the Austrian capital. Everywhere you look you'll find low-key luxury, tradition, and modern convenience. Mozart reportedly lived here in 1791. Guest rooms have been remodeled with Biedermeier accents and traditional furnishings. Most bathrooms are generous in size and have dual basins, shower-tub combinations, and tiled walls. The professional staff is highly efficient, keeping the hotel spotless. The hotel restaurant is one of Vienna's finest.

Schulerstrasse 10, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/515840. Fax 01/515848. www.kvu.at. 33 units. 185€ (\$213) double; 216€–296€ (\$248–\$340) apt. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning. *In room:* A/C, TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## Moderate

**Hotel Kaiserin Elisabeth** ★ This yellow-stoned hotel is conveniently located near the cathedral. The interior is decorated with Oriental rugs on well-maintained marble and wood floors. The small, quiet rooms have been considerably updated since Wolfgang Mozart, Richard Wagner, Franz Liszt, and Edvard Grieg stayed here, and their musical descendants continue to patronize the place. Polished wood, clean linen, and perhaps another Oriental rug grace each guest room. Bathrooms are a bit cramped, but they are tiled and equipped with shower-tub combinations and vanity mirrors.

Weihburggasse 3, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/515260. Fax 01/515267. www.kaiserinelisabeth.at. 63 units. 200€ (\$230) double; 220€ (\$253) suite. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 28€ (\$32). U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. **Amenities:** Restaurant; breakfast room; bar; limited room service; laundry service/dry cleaning. *In room:* A/C (in some), TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Royal** ★★ The lobby of this hotel less than a block from St. Stephan's contains the piano where Wagner composed *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Each good-size room is furnished differently, in a style influenced by 19th-century Italy, with some good reproductions of antiques and an occasional original. The entire facility was built in 1960 and reconstructed in 1982. Try for a room with a balcony and a view of the cathedral. Corner rooms with spacious foyers are also desirable, although those facing the street tend to be noisy. Most bathrooms have both tub and shower.

Singerstrasse 3, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/515680. Fax 01/513-9698. 81 units. 140€–170€ (\$161–\$196) double; 230€ (\$265) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; limited room service; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer.

## Inexpensive

**Drei Kronen** ★ The celebrated architect Ignaz Drapala designed this splendid Art Nouveau building in a charming section of Vienna close to the famous Naschmarkt. The hotel enjoys one of Vienna's best locations, close to such monuments as the Vienna State Opera and St. Stephan's Cathedral. The midsize to spacious guest rooms are fresh and bright, with comfortable furnishings along with immaculate bathrooms with shower. Some of the rooms are large enough to contain three beds.

Schleifmuehlgasse 25, A-1040 Vienna. ☎ 01/587-3289. Fax 01/710-1920. www.hotel3kronen.at. 41 units. 72€–101€ (\$83–\$116) double; 91€–114€ (\$105–\$131) triple. Rates include breakfast buffet. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 13€ (\$15). U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, safe in some.

**Hotel Kärntnerhof** ★ *Kids* A 4-minute walk from the cathedral, the Kärntnerhof advertises itself as a family-oriented hotel. The decor of the public areas is tastefully arranged around Oriental rugs, well-upholstered chairs and couches with cabriole legs, and an occasional 19th-century portrait. The midsize rooms are more up-to-date, usually with the original parquet floors and striped or patterned wallpaper set off by curtains. The small private bathrooms glisten with tile walls and floors; about half of them contain shower-tub combinations.

Grashofgasse 4, A-1011 Vienna. ☎ 01/512-1923. Fax 01/5132-22833. www.karntnerhof.com. 44 units. 100€–146€ (\$115–\$168) double; 180€–230€ (\$207–\$265) suite. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 16€ (\$18). U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge; limited room service; laundry service/dry cleaning. *In room:* TV.

**Hotel Pension Suzanne** ★ *Kids* Only a 45-second walk from the opera house, this is a real discovery. Once you get past its postwar facade, the interior

warms considerably, brightly decorated in a comfortable, traditional style, with antique beds, plush chairs, and the original molded ceilings. Rooms are midsize and exceedingly well maintained, facing either the busy street or else a courtyard. Families often stay here because some accommodations contain three beds. A number of guest rooms are like small apartments with kitchenettes. Each unit comes with a private bathroom with a shower-tub combination.

Walfischgasse 4, A-1010 Vienna. ☎ 01/513-25-07. Fax 01/513-25-00. www.pension-suzanne.at. 25 units. 90€–102€ (\$104–\$117) double; 111€ (\$128) double with kitchenette; 119€–139€ (\$137–\$160) triple. Rates include continental breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge; babysitting; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, dataport, hair dryer.

## WHERE TO DINE INNERE STADT (INNER CITY)

### Very Expensive

**Drei Husaren** ★★☆☆ VIENNESE/INTERNATIONAL Just off Kärntnerstrasse, this enduring favorite—a Viennese landmark since 1935—serves an inventive and classic Viennese cuisine. To the music of Gypsy melodies, you'll dine on such stellar dishes as freshwater salmon with pike soufflé, mussel soup, breast of guinea fowl, an array of sole dishes, and longtime favorites like *Tafelspitz* (boiled beef). The chef specializes in veal, including his deliciously flavored Kalbsbrücken Metternich. The place is justifiably celebrated for its repertoire of more than 35 hors d'oeuvres, which are on four separate carts rolled around the dining room.

Weihburggasse 4. ☎ 01/512-1092. Reservations required. Main courses 21€–33€ (\$24–\$38); *menu dégustation* (6 courses) 68€ (\$78); 4-course fixed-price business lunch 34€ (\$39). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily noon–3pm and 6pm–1am. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**König von Ungarn (King of Hungary)** ★ VIENNESE/INTERNATIONAL This beautifully decorated restaurant is inside the famous hotel of the same name. Food is well prepared but traditional—not at all experimental. You dine under a vaulted ceiling in an atmosphere of crystal, chandeliers, antiques, and marble columns. If you're in doubt about what to order, try the *Tafelspitz*, a savory boiled-beef specialty elegantly dispensed from a cart. Other seasonal choices include a ragout of seafood with fresh mushrooms, tournedos of beef with a mustard-and-horseradish sauce, and appetizers like scampi in caviar sauce. The service is superb.

Schulerstrasse 10. ☎ 01/515-840. Reservations required. Main courses 15€–18€ (\$17–\$21); fixed-price menu 39€ (\$4) dinner. AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 6–10:30pm. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz. Bus: 1A.

**Korso bei der Oper** ★★☆☆ VIENNESE/INTERNATIONAL This chic and glittering choice is decorated with tasteful paneling, sparkling chandeliers, and, flanking either side of a baronial fireplace, two of the most breathtaking baroque columns in Vienna. The kitchen concocts an alluring mixture of traditional and modern cuisine for discriminating palates. Your meal may feature filet of char with a sorrel sauce, saddle of veal with cèpe mushrooms and homemade noodles, or the inevitable *Tafelspitz* (boiled beef). The rack of lamb is excellent, as are the medallions of beef with a shallot-infused butter sauce and Roquefort-flavored noodles. The wine list is extensive.

In the Hotel Bristol, Kärntnering 1. ☎ 01/5151-6546. Reservations required. Main courses 16€–36€ (\$18–\$41); fixed-price menu 32€–38€ (\$37–\$44) lunch, 57€–87€ (\$66–\$100) dinner. AE, DC, MC, V. Sun–Fri noon–2pm; daily 7–11pm. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz. Tram: 1 or 2.

**Mörwald** ★★☆☆ VIENNESE/INTERNATIONAL In the Hotel Ambassador, this is the most stylish and one of the best restaurants in Vienna. Bankers,

diplomats, and what one local food critic called “Helmut Lang-clad hipsters” show up here to see and be seen, but also to enjoy the delectable modern Viennese cuisine of Christian Domschitz. He’s shown a genius for giving classic Viennese dishes a modern twist. Prepared with élan and precision, some of his best dishes include saddle of suckling pig with white cabbage dumplings, veal meatloaf with puréed spring onions, and a spicy brook char, one of the better fish offerings. You might start with his velvety-smooth foie gras in Kirschwasser. For dessert, we recommend the diced semolina pancakes.

In the Hotel Ambassador, Kärntner Strasse 22. ☎ 01/961-61-0. www.ambassador.at. Reservations required. Main courses 23€–32€ (\$26–\$37). Mon–Sat 11am–3pm and 6:30–11pm. AE, DC, MC, V. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Sacher Hotel Restaurant** ★ AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL This is a long-enduring favorite for pre- or postopera dining. It seems as if all celebrities who come to Vienna eventually are seen either in the **Red Bar**, with its adjacent dining room, where live piano music is presented every evening from 7pm to midnight, or in the brown-and-white **Anna Sacher Room**, the site of many a high-powered meal. There’s no better place in Vienna to sample the restaurant’s most famous dish, Tafelspitz, that’s fit for an emperor. The chef serves it with a savory, herb-flavored sauce. Other delectable dishes include fish terrine and veal steak with morels. For dessert, the Sacher torte enjoys world renown. It’s primarily a chocolate sponge cake that’s sliced in half and filled with apricot jam. This most famous of pastries in Vienna was supposedly created in 1832 by Franz Sacher when he served as Prince Metternich’s apprentice.

Philharmonikerstrasse 4. ☎ 01/514560. Reservations required. Main courses 28€–32€ (\$32–\$37). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily noon–3pm and 6–11:30pm. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz.

## Expensive

**Dö & Co** ★ CONTINENTAL/INTERNATIONAL Stylish, upscale, and rather expensive, this restaurant is owned by one of Austria’s most esoteric food stores. Its location is on the seventh floor of the aggressively ultramodern Haas Haus, which stands in jarring proximity to Vienna’s cathedral. Menu items change with the season, but considering the rarefied nature of the organization presenting it, each is appropriately rare, and unusual. Examples include Uruguayan beef; Austrian venison; grilled baby turbot from the coast of Norway; deep-fried monkfish; and carpaccio “Parmigiana,” as well as traditional Austrian specialties. There’s also a repertoire of Thai dishes, including crispy pork salad, red curried chicken, and sweet-and-sour red snapper. And there’s a “wok buffet,” wherein you assemble the ingredients for your meal on a plate, then deliver it to a uniformed chef who will quick-sear it for you with whatever sauces you want.

In the Haas Haus, Stephansplatz 12 ☎ 01/535-3969. Reservations recommended. Main courses 16€–23€ (\$18–\$26); set menus 45€–52€ (\$52–\$60). V. Daily noon–3pm and 6pm–midnight. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Plachutta** ★ VIENNESE Few restaurants have built such a culinary shrine around one dish: Tafelspitz, the boiled beef dish that was the favorite of Emperor Franz Josef throughout his prolonged reign. Whichever of the 10 versions you order, it will invariably come with sauces and garnishes that perk up what sounds like a dull dish into a delectable culinary traipse through the tastes of yesteryear. The differences between the versions are a function of the cut of beef you request as part of your meal. Regardless of the cut you specify, your meal will be accompanied with hash brown potatoes, chives, and an appealing mixture of horseradish and chopped apples.

Wollzeile 38. ☎ 01/512-1577. Reservations recommended. Main courses 12€–28€ (\$14–\$32). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–midnight. U-Bahn: Stubentor.

**Wiener Rathauskeller** 🍷🍷 VIENNESE/INTERNATIONAL City halls throughout the Teutonic world have traditionally maintained restaurants in their basements, and Vienna is no exception. In half a dozen richly atmospheric dining rooms, with high vaulted ceilings and stained-glass windows, you can enjoy good and reasonably priced food. The chef's specialty is a Rathauskellerplatte for two, consisting of various cuts of meat, including a veal schnitzel, lamb cutlets, and pork medallions. Beginning at 8pm, live musicians ramble through the world of operetta, waltz, and *Schrammel* (traditional Viennese music), as you dine.

Rathausplatz 1. ☎ 01/4051-2190. Reservations required. Main courses 11€–19€ (\$12–\$22). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11:30am–3pm and 6–11pm. U-Bahn: Rathaus.

### Moderate

**Griechenbeisl** AUSTRIAN This local favorite opened in 1450 and is still one of Vienna's leading restaurants. It has a labyrinthine collection of dining areas on three floors, all with low vaulted ceilings, smoky paneling, and wrought-iron chandeliers. As you go in, be sure to see the so-called inner sanctum, with signatures of such former patrons as Mozart, Beethoven, and Mark Twain. The food is hearty, ample, and solidly bourgeois. Menu items include deer stew, both Hungarian and Viennese goulash, sauerkraut garni, Wiener schnitzel, and venison steak—in other words, all those favorite recipes from Grandmother's kitchen. As an added treat, the restaurant features nighttime accordion and zither music.

Fleischmarkt 11. ☎ 01/533-1941. Reservations required. Main courses 15€–20€ (\$17–\$23); fixed-price menu 25€–38€ (\$29–\$44). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–1am (last orders at 11:30pm). Tram: N, 1, 2, or 21.

### Inexpensive

**Augustinerkeller** AUSTRIAN The beer and wine flow at this Viennese legend. Augustinerkeller, in the basement of the part of the Hofburg complex that shelters the Albertina Collection, has served wine, beer, and food since 1857, although the vaulted ceilings and sense of timelessness evoke an establishment even older than that. It attracts a lively group of patrons from all walks of life, and sometimes they get boisterous, especially when the *Schrammel* music goes late into the night. It's one of the best values for wine tasting in Vienna. Aside from the wine and beer, the establishment serves simple food, including roast chicken on a spit, schnitzel, and Tafelspitz.

Augustinerstrasse 1. ☎ 01/533-1026. Main courses 8€–20€ (\$9–\$23). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11am–midnight. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Buffet Trzsniewski** 🍷 SANDWICHES Everyone in Vienna knows about this place, from the most hurried office workers to the city's elite hostesses. Its current incarnation is unlike any buffet you may have seen, with six or seven cramped tables and a rapidly moving queue of clients who jostle for space next to the glass countertops. You'll indicate to the waitress the kind of sandwich you want, and if you can't read German signs, just point. Most people come here for the delicious finger sandwiches, which include 18 combinations of cream cheese, egg, onion, salami, mushrooms, herring, green and red peppers, tomatoes, lobster, and many more items. If you order a drink, the cashier will give you a rubber token, which you'll present to the person at the far end of the counter.

Dorotheergasse 1. ☎ 01/512-3291. Reservations not accepted. Sandwiches .90€ (\$1.05). No credit cards. Mon–Fri 9:30am–7:30pm; Sat 9am–5pm. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Café Leopold** 🍷 INTERNATIONAL Critics have defined this restaurant as a postmodern version, in architectural form, of the Viennese Expressionist paintings (including many by Egon Schiele) that are exhibited within the museum that

## Coffeeshouses & Cafes

One of the best-known cafes in Vienna also pays more attention to its window displays than any of its competitors. The windows of the **Café Demel**, Kohlmarkt 14 (☎ 01/533-5516; U-Bahn: Stephansplatz or Herrengasse), are filled with fanciful tributes to a changing array of themes, some of which have made, in a small-scale way, local history. Depending on the season, you might see spun-sugar and marzipan depictions of Christmas or *Midsummer Night's Dream* characters; depictions of famous Austrian emperors or composers; autumn or spring foliage in the city's parks, even effigies of famous visitors to the city. Inside is a splendidly baroque Viennese landmark with black marble tables, cream-colored embellished plaster walls, and crystal chandeliers covered with white milk-glass globes. Dozens of pastries are offered every day, including cream-filled horns (*Gugelhupfs*). It's open daily 10am to 7pm.

**Café Dommayer**, Dommayergasse 1 (☎ 01/877-5465; U-Bahn: Schönbrunn), boasts a reputation for courtliness that goes back to 1787. In 1844, Johann Strauss Jr. made his musical debut here, and beginning in 1924, the site became known as *the* place in Vienna for tea dancing. During clement weather, a garden with seats for 300 opens in back. The rest of the year, the venue is restricted to a high-ceilinged black-and-white old-world room. Every Saturday from 2 to 4pm, a pianist and violinist perform; and on the first Saturday of every month, an all-woman orchestra plays mostly Strauss from 2 to 4pm. It's open daily from 7am to midnight.

One of the Ring's great cafes, **Café Landtmann**, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 4 (☎ 01/241-00-111; tram: 1, 2, or D), dates from the 1880s. Overlooking the Burgtheater and the Rathaus, it has traditionally drawn a mix of politicians, journalists, and actors, and was Freud's favorite. The original chandeliers and the prewar chairs have been refurbished. We highly suggest spending an hour or so here, whether perusing the newspapers, sipping on coffee, or planning the day's itinerary. The cafe is open daily from 7:30am to midnight (meals are served 11:30am–11pm).

contains it. During the day, the place functions as a conventional cafe and restaurant, serving a postmodern blend of *Mitteleuropäische* (central European) and Asian food. Three nights a week, however, from around 10pm till at least 2am, any hints of kitsch and coziness are banished as soon as a DJ begins cranking out dance tunes for a hard-drinking denizens-of-the-night crowd.

In the Leopold Museum, Museumsplatz 1. ☎ 01/523-67-32. Reservations not necessary. Main courses 6.50€–11€ (\$7.50–\$13) 2-course set-price menu 8.70€ (\$10). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 10am–2am. U-Bahn: Volkstheater or Babenbergrasse/MuseumsQuartier.

**Café Restaurant Halle INTERNATIONAL** Set within the Kunsthalle, this is the direct competitor of the also-recommended Café Leopold. Larger, and with a more sophisticated menu than the Café Leopold's, it's a postmodern, airy, big-windowed quartet of wood-trimmed, cream-colored rooms. The menu will



always contain a half-dozen meal-size salads, many garnished with strips of steak, chicken, or shrimp; two daily homemade soups; and a rotating series of platters.

In the Kunststhal Wien, Museumsplatz 1, in the MuseumsQuartier. ☎ 01/523-7001. Reservations not necessary. Main courses 7€–14€ (\$8.05–\$16). MC, V. Daily 10am–2am. U-Bahn: MuseumsQuartier.

**Gulaschmuseum** ★ AUSTRIAN/HUNGARIAN If you thought that *Gulasch* (goulash) was available in only one form, think again. This restaurant celebrates at least 15 varieties of it, each of them an authentic survivor of the culinary traditions of Hungary, and each redolent with the taste of that country's most distinctive spice, paprika. You can order versions of goulash based on roast beef, veal, pork, and fried chicken livers. Vegetarians rejoice: Versions made with potatoes, beans, or mushrooms are also available. Boiled potatoes and rough-textured brown or black bread will usually accompany your choice. An excellent beginning is a dish so firmly associated with Hungary that it's been referred to as the Magyar national crepe, *Hortobágyi Palatschinken*, stuffed with minced beef and paprika-flavored cream sauce.

Schulerstrasse 20. ☎ 01/512-1017. Reservations recommended. Main courses 6€–12€ (\$6.90–\$14). MC, V. Mon–Fri 11:30am–11pm; Sat–Sun 10am–11pm. U-Bahn: Wollzeile or Stephansplatz.

**Hansen** ✨ MEDITERRANEAN/INTERNATIONAL Part of the charm of this intriguing and stylish restaurant involves trekking through masses of plants and elaborate garden ornaments on your way to your dining table. Choose from a small but savory menu that changes every week. Excellent examples include a spicy bean salad with strips of chicken breast served in a summer broth; risotto with cheese and sour cherries; and poached *Saibling* (something akin to trout from the cold-water streams of the Austrian Alps) with a potato-and-celery purée and watercress.

In the cellar of the Börsegebäude (Vienna Stock Exchange), Wipplingerstrasse 34 at the Schottenring. ☎ 01/532-05-42. Reservations recommended. Main courses 9.50€–18€ (\$11–\$21). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Fri 9am–8pm (last order); Sat 9am–3pm (last order). U-Bahn: Schottenring.

**Palmenhaus** AUSTRIAN Architectural grace and marvelous food combine for a happy marriage here. Many architectural critics consider the Jugendstil glass canopy of this greenhouse the most beautiful in Austria. A sophisticated menu changes monthly, and might include perfectly prepared fresh Austrian goat cheese with stewed peppers and zucchini salad; young herring with sour cream, horseradish, and deep-fried beignets stuffed with apples and cabbage; or breast of chicken layered with gooseliver. If you've already eaten, no one will mind if you drop in just for a drink and one of the voluptuous pastries.

In the Burggarten. ☎ 01/533-1033. Reservations recommended for dinner. Main courses 17€–25€ (\$20–\$29); pastries 3.20€–4.20€ (\$3.70–\$4.85). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 10am–2am. U-Bahn: Opera.

**Restaurant Salzamt** ✨ AUSTRIAN This is the best restaurant in the neighborhood. It evokes a turn-of-the-20th-century Viennese bistro, replete with Weiner Werkstätte-inspired chairs and lighting fixtures, cream-colored walls, and dark tables and banquettes. Sit within its vaulted interior or—if weather permits—move out to any of the tables on the square, overlooking Vienna's oldest church, St. Ruprecht. Well-prepared items include a terrine of broccoli and artichoke hearts; light-textured pastas; filets of pork with a Gorgonzola-enriched cream sauce; roast beef with wild lettuce salad; several kinds of goulash; and fresh fish. One of the most noteworthy of these is fried filets of *Saibling*, a fish native to the cold-water streams of western Austria, served with lemon or tartar sauce.

Ruprechtsplatz 1. ☎ 01/533-5332. Reservations recommended. Main courses 8€–14€ (\$9.20–\$16). V. Daily 6pm–midnight. U-Bahn: Schwedenplatz.

**Zwölf-Apostelkeller** VIENNESE For those seeking a taste of old Vienna, this is the place. Sections of this old wine tavern's walls predate 1561. Rows of wooden tables stand under vaulted ceilings, with lighting provided partially by streetlights set into the masonry floor. This place is popular with students, partly because of its low prices and because of its proximity to St. Stephan's. In addition to beer and wine, the establishment serves hearty Austrian fare. Specialties include roast pork with dumplings, Hungarian goulash soup, a limited number of vegetarian dishes, and a *Schlachtplatte* (hot black pudding, liverwurst, pork, and pork sausage with a hot bacon-and-cabbage salad).

Sonnenfelsgasse 3. ☎ 01/512-6777. Main courses 8€–15€ (\$9.20–\$17). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 4:30pm–midnight. Tram: 1, 2, 21, D, or N. Bus: 1A. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

## IN LANDSTRASSE

**Steirereck** ★★ ★ VIENNESE/AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL *Steirereck* means “corner of Styria,” which is exactly what Heinz and Margarethe Reitbauer have created in the rustic decor of this intimate restaurant. On the Danube Canal, between Central Station and the Prater, it has been acclaimed by some Viennese as the best restaurant in the city. The Reitbauers offer both traditional Viennese dishes and “New Austrian” selections. You might begin with a caviar-semolina dumpling, roasted turbot with fennel (served as an appetizer), or the most elegant and expensive item of all, gooseliver Steirereck. The menu is wisely limited and well prepared, changing daily depending on the fresh produce available at the market. The restaurant is popular with after-theater diners. The large wine cellar holds some 35,000 bottles.

Rasumofskygasse 2. ☎ 01/713-3168. Reservations required. Main courses 25€–30€ (\$29–\$35). 3-course fixed-price lunch 35€ (\$40); 5-course fixed-price dinner 70€ (\$81). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Fri 10:30am–2pm and 7pm–midnight. Closed holidays. Tram: N. Bus: 4.

## SEEING THE SIGHTS OF VIENNA

The Inner City (Innere Stadt) is the tangle of streets from which Vienna grew in the Middle Ages. Much of your exploration will be confined to this area, encircled by the boulevards of “The Ring” and the Danube Canal. The main street of the Inner City is **Kärntnerstrasse**, most of which is a pedestrian mall. The heart of Vienna is **Stephansplatz**, the square on which St. Stephan's Cathedral sits.

## SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

**If You Have 1 Day** Begin at **St. Stephan's Cathedral**, and from there branch out for a tour of the enveloping Inner City. But first, climb the tower of the cathedral for a panoramic view of the city (you can also take an elevator to the top). Stroll down **Kärntnerstrasse**, the main shopping artery, and enjoy the 11am ritual of coffee in a grand cafe, such as the **Café Imperial**. In the afternoon, visit **Schönbrunn**, seat of the Hapsburg dynasty. Have dinner in a typical Viennese wine tavern.

**If You Have 2 Days** On the second day, explore other major attractions of Vienna, including the **Hofburg**, the **Imperial Crypts**, and the **Kunsthistorisches Museum**. In the evening, attend an opera performance or some other musical event.

**If You Have 3 Days** On your third day, try to attend a performance of either the **Spanish Riding School** (Tues–Sat) or the **Vienna Boys' Choir** (singing at Sun Mass). Explore the **Belvedere Palace** and its art galleries; visit the art complex at

MuseumsQuartier; stroll through the **Naschmarkt**, the city's major open-air market; and cap the day with a

visit to one or more of Vienna's cabarets, wine bars, or beer cellars.

## EXPLORING THE HOFBURG PALACE COMPLEX ★★★

The winter palace of the Hapsburgs, known for its vast, impressive courtyards, the Hofburg sits in the heart of Vienna. To reach it (you can hardly miss it), head up Kohlmarkt to Michaelerplatz 1, Burgring (☎ 01/587-3666). You can take the U-Bahn to Stephansplatz, Herrengasse, or Mariahilferstrasse, or else tram 1, 2, D, or J to Burgring.

This complex of imperial edifices, the first of which was constructed in 1279, grew and grew as the empire did, so that today the Hofburg Palace is virtually a city within a city. The palace, which has withstood three major sieges and a great fire, is called simply *die Burg*, or “the palace,” by Viennese. Of its more than 2,600 rooms, fewer than two dozen are open to the public.

**Schatzkammer (Imperial Treasury) ★★★** This is the greatest treasury in the world. It's divided into two sections: the Imperial Profane and the Sacerdotal Treasuries. One part displays the crown jewels and an assortment of imperial riches; the other exhibits ecclesiastical treasures. The most outstanding exhibit is the imperial crown, dating from 962. It's so big that even though padded, it probably slipped down over the ears of many a Hapsburg at his coronation. Studded with emeralds, sapphires, diamonds, and rubies, this 1,000-year-old symbol of sovereignty is a priceless treasure. Also on display is the imperial crown worn by the Hapsburg rulers from 1804 to the end of the empire. You'll see the saber of Charlemagne and the holy lance. Among great Schatzkammer prizes is the Burgundian Treasure seized in the 15th century, rich in vestments, oil paintings, gems, and robes.

Hofburg, Schweizerhof. ☎ 01/525-24486. Admission 7.50€ (\$8.65) adults; 5.50€ (\$6.35) children, seniors, and students; free for children under 6. Wed–Mon 10am–6pm.

**Kaiserappartements (Imperial Apartments) ★★** The Hofburg complex includes the Kaiserappartements, where the emperors and their wives and children lived, on the first floor. To reach these apartments, enter via the rotunda of Michaelerplatz. The apartments are richly decorated with tapestries, many from Aubusson. The Imperial Silver and Porcelain Collection provides an insight into Hapsburg court etiquette. Most of these pieces are from the 18th and 19th centuries. Leopoldinischer Trakt (Leopold's Apartments) dates from the 17th century. These Imperial Apartments are more closely associated with Franz Josef than with any other emperor.

Michaeler Platz 1 (inside the Ring, about a 4-min. walk from Hervengasse; entrance via the Kasertor in the Inneren Burghof). ☎ 01/533-7570. Admission 7.50€ (\$8.65) adults, 5.90€ (\$6.80) students under 25, 3.90€ (\$4.50) children 6–15, free for children 5 and under. Daily 9am–4:30pm. U-Bahn: U-1 or U-3 to Hervengasse. Tram: 1, 2, or J to Burgring.

**Die Burgkapelle (Home of the Vienna Boys' Choir)** Construction of this Gothic chapel began in 1447 during the reign of Emperor Frederick III, but the building was subsequently massively renovated. From 1449, it was the private chapel of the royal family. Today the Burgkapelle is the home of the **Hofmusikkapelle (Court Musicians) ★★**, an ensemble consisting of the Vienna Boys' Choir and members of the Vienna State Opera chorus and orchestra, which performs works by classical and modern composers. Written applications

for reserved seats should be sent at least 8 weeks in advance. Use a credit card; do not send cash or checks. For reservations, write to Verwaltung der Hofmusikkapelle, Hofburg, A-1010 Vienna. If you fail to reserve in advance, you may be lucky enough to secure tickets from a block sold at the Burgkapelle box office every Friday from 11am to 1pm or 3 to 5pm, plus Sunday from 8:15 to 9:15am. The line starts forming at least half an hour before that. If you're willing to settle for standing room, it's free.

Hofburg (entrance on Schweizerhof). ☎ 01/533-9927. Mass: Seats 5€–29€ (\$5.75–\$33); standing room free. Masses (performances) held only Jan–June and mid-Sept to Dec, Sun and holidays 9:15am.

**Neue Hofburg** The last addition to the Hofburg complex was the Neue Hofburg (New Château). Construction started in 1881 and continued until work was halted in 1913. The palace was the residence of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the nephew and heir apparent of Franz Josef, whose assassination at Sarajevo set off the chain of events that led to World War I. The **arms and armor collection** ★★ is second only to that of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. It's in the **Hofjagd and Rüstkammer**, on the second floor of the New Château. On display are crossbows, swords, helmets, pistols, and armor. Another section, the **Musikinstrumentensammlung** ★ (☎ 01/52524), is devoted to musical instruments, mainly from the 17th and 18th centuries. In the **Ephesos-Museum (Museum of Ephesian Sculpture)**, with an entrance behind the Prince Eugene monument, you'll see high-quality finds from Ephesus in Turkey and the Greek island of Samothrace. Here the prize exhibit is the Parthian monument, the most important relief frieze from Roman times ever found in Asia Minor. It was erected to celebrate Rome's victory in the Parthian wars (A.D. 161–65).

Heldenplatz. ☎ 01/525-24-484. Admission for each museum 7.50€ (\$8.65) adults, 5.50€ (\$6.35) children. Wed–Mon 10am–6pm.

**Albertina** ★★ Housing one of the greatest graphics collections in the world, and closed for a decade, the Albertina reopened in 2003. It offers more exhibition space than before, a new restaurant, and a four-story graphic-arts collection ranging from the late Gothic era through the present day. It's housed in the neo-classical Albertina Palace, the largest residential palace in Vienna, and it's named for Albert, duke of Saxony-Teschen (1738–1822), who launched the collection. Today it comprises some 65,000 drawings and a million prints that include such old masters Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Manet, and Rubens. Its most

### **Moments** The Vienna Boys' Choir

In 1498, the emperor Maximilian I decreed that 12 boys should be included among the official court musicians. Over the next 500 years, this group evolved into the world-renowned Vienna Boys' Choir (*Wiener Sängerknaben*). They perform in Vienna at various venues, including the Staatsoper, the Volksoper, and Schönbrunn Palace. The choir also performs at Sunday and Christmas Masses with the Hofmusikkapelle (Court Musicians) at the Burgkapelle (see review for details). The choir's boarding school is at Augartenpalais, Obere Augartenstrasse. For more information on where they are performing and how to get tickets, go to the choir's website ([www.wsk.at](http://www.wsk.at)).

important collection is the Dürer exhibition; unfortunately, much of the art you see from that master is a copy; the originals, such as *Praying Hands*, are shown only during special exhibitions.

For the first time, visitors can walk through the historic state rooms designed for Archduke Charles (1771–1847), who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Aspern in 1809. Unknown to many of the Viennese themselves, the Albertina contains a wealth of 20th-century art from Jackson Pollock to Robert Rauschenberg.

The graphics arts on parade here go back to the 14th century. Yes, Poussin; yes, Fragonard; yes, Rembrandt—the list of artists on exhibit seem limitless. Allow at least 3 hours just to skim the surface.

Albertinaplatz 1. ☎ **01/53483**. www.albertina.at. Admission 9€ (\$10) adults, 7.50€ (\$8.65) seniors, 6.50€ (\$7.50) students, free for children under 6. Tues–Sun 10am–6pm.

**Augustinerkirche** This church was constructed in the 14th century as part of the Hofburg complex to serve as the parish church of the imperial court. In the latter part of the 18th century it was stripped of its baroque embellishments and returned to the original Gothic features. The Chapel of St. George, dating from 1337, is entered from the right aisle. The **Tomb of Maria Christina** ★, the favorite daughter of Maria Theresa, is housed in the main nave near the rear entrance, but there's no body in it. (The princess was actually buried in the Imperial Crypt.) This richly ornamented empty tomb is one of Canova's masterpieces. The royal weddings of Maria Theresa and François of Lorraine (1736), Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI of France (1770), Marie-Louise of Austria to Napoleon (1810, but by proxy—he didn't show up), and Franz Josef and Elizabeth of Bavaria (1854) were all held in the church. The most convenient, and dramatic, time to visit is Sunday at 11am, when a High Mass is celebrated with choir, soloists, and orchestra.

Augustinerstrasse 3. ☎ **01/533-70-99**. Daily 8am–6pm. Free admission. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Spanische Reitschule (Spanish Riding School)** ★ The Spanish Riding School is in the crystal-chandeliered white ballroom in an 18th-century building of the Hofburg complex. We always marvel at the skill and beauty of the sleek Lipizzaner stallions as their adept trainers put them through their paces in a show that hasn't changed in 4 centuries. These are the world's most famous, classically styled equine performers. Reservations for performances must be made in advance, as early as possible. Order your tickets for the Sunday and Wednesday shows by writing to **Spanische Reitschule**, Hofburg, A-1010 Vienna (fax 01/533-903-240), or through a travel agency in Vienna (tickets for Sat shows can be ordered only through a travel agency). Tickets for training sessions with no advance reservations can be purchased at the entrance.

Michaelerplatz 1, Hofburg. ☎ **01/533-9032**. www.srs.at. Regular performances 35€–160€ (\$40–\$184) seats, 24€–27€ (\$28–\$31) standing room. Morning exercise with music 12€ (\$13) adults, 5€ (\$5.75) for children 3–6 with an adult; children under age 3 not admitted. Training session 12€ (\$14) adults, 5€ (\$5.75) children. Regular shows Mar–June and Sept to mid-Dec, most Sun at 11am and some Fri at 6pm. Classical dressage with music performances Apr–June and Sept, most Sun at 11am. Training sessions Mar–June, first 2 weeks in Sept, Oct, and Dec, Tues–Sat 10am–noon.

**Lipizzaner Museum** The latest attraction at the Hofburg is this museum near the stables of the famous white stallions. The exhibition begins with the historic inception of the Spanish Riding School in the 16th century and extends to the stallions' near destruction in the closing weeks of World War II. Exhibits such as paintings, historic engravings, drawings, photographs, uniforms, and bridles, plus video and film presentations, bring to life the history of the Spanish Riding

School, offering an insight into the breeding and training of these champion horses. Visitors to the museum are able to see through a window into the stallions' stables while they are being fed and saddled.

Reitschulgasse 2. ☎ 01/525-24-583. www.lipizzaner.at. Admission 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 3.60€ (\$4.15) seniors and children, 10€ (\$12) family card (2 adults, 3 children). Daily 9am–6pm. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

### EXPLORING THE MUSEUMSQUARTIER COMPLEX ★★

With the opening of this long-awaited giant modern-art complex, critics claim that the assemblage of art installed in 18th-century royal stables has tipped the city's cultural center of gravity from Hapsburgian pomp into the new millennium. This massive structure, one of the 10-largest cultural complexes in the world, has been likened to a combination of the Guggenheim Museum and New York's Museum of Modern Art, with the Brooklyn Academy of Music, a children's museum, an architecture and design center, theaters, art galleries, video workshops, and much more thrown in for good measure. There's even an ecology center, architecture museum, and a tobacco museum. For more information, go the MuseumsQuartier website at [www.mqw.at](http://www.mqw.at).

**Kunsthalle Wien** ★ Cutting-edge contemporary and classic modern art are showcased here. Exhibits focus on specific subjects and seek to establish a link between modern art and current trends. You'll find works by everyone from Picasso and Juan Miró to Jackson Pollock and Paul Klee, from Wassily Kandinsky to Andy Warhol and, surprise, Yoko Ono. From expressionism to cubism to abstractionism, exhibits reveal the major movements in contemporary art since the mid-20th century. The five floors can be explored in 1 to 2 hours, depending on what interests you.

Museumsplatz 1. ☎ 01/521-89-0. Admission 8€ (\$9.20) adults; 6.50€ (\$7.50) seniors, students, and children. Daily 10am–7pm (Thurs to 10pm).

**Leopold Museum** ★★ This extensive collection of Austrian art includes the world's largest treasure trove of the works of Egon Schiele (1890–1918), who was once forgotten in art history but now takes his place alongside van Gogh and Modigliani in the ranks of great doomed artists. Dying before he was 28, his collection of art at the Leopold includes more than 2,500 drawings and watercolors and 330 oil canvases. Other Austrian modernist masterpieces include paintings by Oskar Kokoschka, the great Gustav Klimt, Anton Romaki, and Richard Gerstl. Major statements in Arts and Crafts from the late 19th and 20th centuries include works by Josef Hoffmann, Kolo Moser, Adolf Loos, and Franz Hagenauer.

Museumsplatz 1. ☎ 01/525-70. Admission 9€ (\$10) adults, 5.50€ (\$6.35) students and children over 7. Mon, Wed–Thurs, and Sat–Sun 10am–7pm; Fri 10am–9pm. Closed Tues.

**MUMOK (Museum of Modern Art Ludwig Foundation)** ★ This gallery presents one of the most outstanding collections of contemporary art in Central Europe. It comprises mainly works from American Pop Art mixed with concurrent Continental movements such as the Hyperrealism of the 1960s and 1970s. The museum features five exhibition levels (three of them aboveground and two underground). So that it will be easier to cross and compare a single art movement such as cubism or surrealism, paintings “in the same family” are grouped together. Expect to encounter works by all the fabled names such as Robert Indiana, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Rauschenberg, George Segal, and, of course, Andy Warhol.

Museumsplatz 1. ☎ 01/525-00. Admission 8€ (\$9.20) adults, 2€ (\$2.30) children. Daily 9am–6pm.

**OTHER TOP ATTRACTIONS IN THE INNER CITY**

**Domkirche St. Stephan (St. Stephan's Cathedral)** ★★ The cathedral was founded in the 12th century in what was the town's center. Stephansdom was virtually destroyed in a 1258 fire, and in the early 14th century the ruins of the Romanesque basilica gave way to a Gothic building. It suffered terribly in the Turkish siege of 1683 and from the Russian bombardments of 1945. Reopened in 1948, the cathedral is today one of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe, rich in wood-carvings, altars, sculptures, and paintings. The chief treasure of the cathedral is the carved, wooden **Wiener Neustadt altarpiece** ★★ that dates from 1447. Richly painted and gilded, the altar was discovered in the Virgin's Choir. In the Apostles' Choir look for the curious **Tomb of Emperor Frederick III** ★★. Made of a pinkish Salzburg marble, the carved 17th-century tomb depicts hideous little hobgoblins trying to enter and wake the emperor from his eternal sleep. The steeple, rising some 135m (450 ft.), has come to symbolize the very spirit of Vienna. You can climb the 343-step South Tower, which dominates the Viennese skyline and offers a view of the Vienna Woods. Called Alter Steffl (Old Steve), the tower with its needlelike spire was built between 1350 and 1433. The North Tower (Nordturm), reached by elevator, was never finished, but was crowned in the Renaissance style in 1579. From here you get a panoramic sweep of the city and the Danube.

Stephansplatz 1. ☎ 01/515-52563. Cathedral, free admission; tour of catacombs 4€ (\$4.60) adults, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children under 15. Guided tour of cathedral 4€ (\$4.60) adults, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children under 15; South Tower 3€ (\$3.45) adults, 1€ (\$1.15) students, 1€ (\$1.15) children under 15. Evening tours, June-Sept, including tour of the roof, 10€ (\$12) adults, 4€ (\$4.60) children under 15. Cathedral daily 6am-10pm except times of service. Tour of catacombs Mon-Sat 10, 11, and 11:30am, 12:30, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3:30, 4, and 4:30pm; Sun 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, and 4:30pm. Guided tour of cathedral Mon-Sat 10:30am and 3pm; Sun 3pm. Special evening tour Sat 7pm (June-Sept). North Tower Oct-Mar daily 8:30am-5pm; Apr-Sept daily 8:30am-6pm. South Tower daily 9am-5:30pm. Bus: 1A, 2A, or 3A. U-Bahn: Stephansplatz.

**Gemäldegalerie der Akademie der Bildenden Künste (Gallery of Painting and Fine Arts)** ★ Visit this painting gallery to see the *Last Judgment* by the incomparable Hieronymus Bosch. In this work, the artist conjured up all the demons of the nether regions for a terrifying view of the suffering and sins of humankind. There are many 15th-century Dutch and Flemish paintings and several works by Lucas Cranach the Elder. The academy is noted for its 17th-century art by Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Botticelli, and a host of others. Rubens is represented here by more than a dozen oil sketches. You can see Rembrandt's *Portrait of a Woman* and scrutinize Guardi's scenes of 18th-century Venice.

Schillerplatz 3. ☎ 01/58816. Admission 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 3€ (\$3.45) students and children. Tues-Sun 10am-4pm. U-Bahn: Karlsplatz.

**Haus der Musik** ★ Mozart is long gone, but Vienna finally got around to opening a full-scale museum devoted to music. This hands-on museum is high-tech. You can take to the podium and conduct the Vienna Philharmonic. Wandering the halls and niches of this museum, you can encounter nostalgic reminders of the great composers who have lived in Vienna, not only Mozart but Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, and others. In the rooms you can listen to your favorite renditions of their works and explore their memorabilia. A memorial, *Exodus*, pays tribute to the Viennese musicians driven into exile or murdered by the Nazis. At the **Musicantino Restaurant** on the top floor you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city and some good food. On the ground floor is a coffeehouse.

Seilerstätte 30. ☎ 01/516-48-51. Admission 10€ (\$12) adults, 8.50€ (\$9.80) students and seniors, 5.50€ (\$6.35) children. Daily 10am-10pm.

**Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Art History)** ★★☆☆ Across from the Hofburg, this huge building houses the fabulous art collections gathered by the Hapsburgs. A highlight is the fine collection of ancient Egyptian and Greek art. The museum also has works by many of the greatest European masters, such as Velázquez, Titian, Brueghel the Elder, Van Dyck, Ruben, Rembrandt, and Dürer.

Maria-Theresien-Platz, Burgring 5. ☎ 01/525-24-405. Admission 10€ (\$12) adults, 7.50€ (\$8.65) students and seniors, free for children under 6. Tues–Sun 10am–6pm (Thurs until 9pm). U-Bahn: Mariahilferstrasse. Tram: 1 or 2.

## ATTRACTIONS OUTSIDE THE INNER CITY

**Schönbrunn Palace** ★★☆☆ A Hapsburg palace of 1,441 rooms, Schönbrunn was designed and built between 1696 and 1712 in a grand baroque style meant to surpass that of Versailles. When Maria Theresa became empress in 1740, she changed the original plans, and the Schönbrunn we see today, with its delicate rococo touches, is her conception. It was the imperial summer palace during Maria Theresa's 40-year reign, the scene of great ceremonial balls, lavish banquets, and the fabulous receptions during the Congress of Vienna in 1815. The State Apartments are the most stunning. Much of the interior ornamentation is in 23½-karat gold, and many porcelain tile stoves are in evidence. Of the 40 rooms that you can visit, particularly fascinating is the "Room of Millions" decorated with Indian and Persian miniatures, the grandest rococo salon in the world. On the grounds of the palace, the orangerie or, less frequently, the Schlosstheater, are the sites for occasional presentations of live chamber music, although hours and venues are widely divergent. For information, call ☎ 01/81113239.

Schönbrunner Schlosstrasse. ☎ 01/811130. www.schoenbrunn.at. Admission 11€ (\$12) adults, 5.40€ (\$6.20) children 6–15, free for children under 6. Apr–Oct daily 8:30am–5pm (till 6pm during July and Aug); Nov–Mar daily 8:30am–4pm. U-Bahn: Schönbrunn.

**Österreichische Galerie Belvedere** ★★☆☆ The Belvedere Palace was built as a summer home for Prince Eugene of Savoy and consists of two palatial buildings. The pond reflects the sky and palace buildings, which are made up of a series of interlocking cubes, and the interior is dominated by two great, flowing staircases. The Unteres Belvedere (Lower Belvedere), with its entrance at Rennweg 6A, was constructed from 1714 to 1716 and contains the Gold Salon, one of the palace's most beautiful rooms. It also houses the Barockmuseum (Museum of Baroque Art). The original sculptures from the Neuermarkt fountain, the work of Georg Raphael Donner, are displayed here. The Oberes Belvedere (Upper Belvedere) was started in 1721 and completed in 1723. It contains the Gallery of 19th- and 20th-Century Art, with an outstanding collection of the works of Gustav Klimt, including his extraordinary *Judith*. The Museum of Medieval Austrian Art is in the Orangery.

Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 27. ☎ 01/79557. www.belvedere.at. Admission 7.50€ (\$8.65) adults, free for children 10 and under. Tues–Sun 10am–6pm (last entrance 5:30pm). Tram: D to Schloss Belvedere.

## ORGANIZED TOURS

**Wiener Rundfahrten (Vienna Sightseeing Tours)**, Graf Starhembergsgasse 25 (☎ 01/7124-6830; www.viennasightseeingtours.com; U-Bahn: Landstrasse Wien Mitte), offers some of the best-organized tours of Vienna and its surroundings. Tours depart from a signposted area in front of the State Opera (U-Bahn: Karlsplatz) and include running commentary in both German and English.

**CITY TOURS** A "Historical City Tour," which includes visits to Schönbrunn and Belvedere palaces, leaves the Staatsoper daily at 9:45am and 2pm (in summer also at 10:30am) (U-Bahn: Karlsplatz). It lasts about 3 hours and costs



33€ (\$38) adults and 15€ (\$17) children. It's ideal for visitors who are pressed for time and yet want to be shown the major (and most frequently photographed) monuments of Vienna. It takes you past the historic buildings of Ringstrasse—the State Opera, Hofburg Palace, museums, Parliament, City Hall, the Burgtheater, the University, and the Votive Church—into the heart of Vienna.

Another tour, “**Following Sisi's Footsteps,**” is the same as the “Historical City Tour” except that you also watch the Lipizzaner horses being trained at the Spanish Riding School. These tours leave at 9:45am Tuesday through Saturday. They cost 33€ (\$38) adults and 15€ (\$17) children, with the entrance fee to the Spanish Riding School (13€/\$14) to be paid separately.

**TOURS OUTSIDE THE CITY** “**Vienna Woods—Mayerling,**” another popular excursion, lasting about 4 hours, leaves from the Staatsoper and takes you to the towns of Perchtoldsdorf and Modling, and also to the Abbey of Heiligenkreuz, a center of Christian culture since medieval times. The tour also takes you for a short walk through Baden, the spa that was once a favorite summer resort of the aristocracy. Tours cost 39€ (\$45) adults and 15€ (\$17) children.

## THE SHOPPING SCENE

Vienna is known for the excellent quality of its works, including petit point, hand-painted porcelain, work by goldsmiths and silversmiths, handmade dolls, ceramics, enamel jewelry, wrought-iron articles, and leather goods. Also popular is loden, a boiled and rolled wool fabric made into overcoats, suits, and hats, as well as knitted sweaters. Popular destinations can be found on **Kärntnerstrasse**, between the Staatsoper and Stock-im-Eisen-Platz; the **Graben**, between Stock-im-Eisen-Platz and Kohlmarkt; **Kohlmarkt**, between the Graben and Michaelplatz; and **Rotenurmstrasse**, between Stephansplatz and Kai. You can also shop on **Mariahilferstrasse**, between Babenbergerstrasse and Schönbrunn, one of the longest streets in Vienna; **Favoritenstrasse**, between Südtiroler Platz and Reumannplatz; and **Landstrasser Hauptstrasse**.

The **Naschmarkt** is a vegetable-and-fruit market with a lively scene every day. It's at Linke and Rechte Wienzeile, south of the opera district.

**Albin Denk**, Graben 13 (☎ **01/512-4439**; www.albindenk.24on.cc; U-Bahn: Stephansplatz), is the oldest continuously operating porcelain store in Vienna, in business since 1702. You'll see thousands of objects from Meissen, Dresden, and other regions.

Opened in 1830 by the Plankl family, **Loden Plankl**, Michaelerplatz 6 (☎ **01/533-8032**; www.loden-plankl.at; U-Bahn: Stephansplatz), is the oldest and most reputable outlet in Vienna for traditional Austrian clothing. You'll find Austrian loden coats, shoes, trousers, dirndls, jackets, lederhosen, and suits for men, women, and children. The building, opposite the Hofburg, dates from the 17th century. The three-floor **Ö. W. (Österreichische Werkstätten)**, Kärntnerstrasse 6 (☎ **01/512-2418**; U-Bahn: Stephansplatz), sells hundreds of handmade art objects from Austria. Some 200 leading artists and craftspeople throughout the country organized this cooperative to showcase their wares. It's easy to find, only half a minute's walk from St. Stephan's Cathedral.

## VIENNA AFTER DARK

The best source of information about what's happening on the cultural scene is **Wien Monatsprogramm**, distributed free at tourist information offices and at many hotel reception desks. **Die Presse**, the Viennese daily, publishes a special

magazine in its Thursday edition outlining the major cultural events for the coming week. It's in German but might still be helpful.

## THE PERFORMING ARTS

**OPERA & CLASSICAL MUSIC** Music is at the heart of cultural life in Vienna. This has been true for a couple of centuries or so, and the city continues to lure composers, musicians, and music lovers.

The **Wiener Staatsoper (State Opera)**, Opernring 2 (☎ 01/5144-42250; www.wiener-staatsoper.at; U-Bahn: Karlsplatz), is one of the three most important opera houses in the world. With the Vienna Philharmonic in the pit, some of the leading opera stars of the world perform here. In their day, Richard Strauss and Gustav Mahler worked as directors. Daily performances are given September through June. Tickets range from 10€ to 178€ (\$12–\$205). Tours are offered two to five times daily, for 4.50€ (\$5.20) per person; times are posted on a board outside the entrance.

Count yourself fortunate if you get to hear a concert at **Musikverein**, Dumbastrasse 3 (☎ 01/505-8190; www.musikverein-wien.at; U-Bahn: Karlsplatz). The Golden Hall is regarded as one of the four acoustically best concert halls in the world. Some 600 concerts per season (Sept–June) are presented here. Only 10 to 12 of these are played by the Vienna Philharmonic, and these are subscription concerts, so they're always sold out long in advance. Standing room is available at almost any performance, but you must line up hours before the show. Tickets are 4€ to 7€ (\$4.60–\$8.05) for standing room; 10€ to 80€ (\$12–\$92) for seats. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 7:30pm; Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

Vienna is the home of four major symphony orchestras, including the world-acclaimed Vienna Symphony and the Vienna Philharmonic. In addition to the ÖRF Symphony Orchestra and the Niederöster-reichische Tonkünstler, there are literally dozens of others, ranging from smaller orchestras to chamber orchestras. The orchestras sometimes perform at the **Konzerthaus**, Lothringerstrasse 20 (☎ 01/242-002; www.konzerthaus.at; U-Bahn: Stadt-Park), a major concert hall with three auditoriums, and also the venue for chamber music and other programs.

**THEATER** For performances in English, head to **Vienna's English Theatre**, Josefsgasse 12 (☎ 01/402-12600; www.englishtheatre.at; U-Bahn: Rathaus). The **Burgtheater (National Theater)**, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 2 (☎ 01/5144-4145; www.burgtheater.at; tram: 1, 2, D, or J to Burgtheater), produces classical and modern plays. Even if you don't understand German, you might want to attend a performance here, especially if a familiar Shakespeare play is being staged. This is one of Europe's premier repertory theaters. Tickets are 4€ to 178€ (\$4.60–\$205) for seats, 1.50€ to 3.50€ (\$1.75–\$4.05) for standing room.

## NIGHTCLUBS, CABARETS & BARS

The noteworthy architect Adolf Loos designed the very dark, sometimes mysterious **Loos American Bar**, Kärntnerdurchgang 10 (☎ 01/512-3283; U-Bahn: Stephansplatz), in 1908. Today it welcomes singles, couples who tend to be bilingual and very hip, and all manner of clients from the arts and media scenes of Vienna. The mixologist's specialties include six kinds of martinis, plus five kinds of Manhattans. It's open Sunday through Wednesday from noon to 4am, and Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5am.

The most famous jazz pub in Austria, **Jazzland**, Franz-Josefs-Kai 29 (☎ 01/533-2575; U-Bahn: Schwedenplatz), is noted for the quality of its U.S.- and

## Wine Tasting in the *Heurigen*

*Heurigen* are Viennese wine taverns, celebrated in operettas, films, and song. They are found on the outskirts of Vienna, principally in Grinzing (the most popular district) and in Sievering, Neustift, Nussdorf, or Heiligenstadt. **Grinzing** (tram: 38) lies at the edge of the Vienna Woods, a 15-minute drive northwest of the center.

Only 20 minutes from Vienna, **Weingut Wolff**, Rathstrasse 50, Neustift (☎ 01/440-3727; bus: 35), is one of the most durable of *Heurigen*. Although aficionados claim the best are “deep in the countryside” of Lower Austria, this one comes closest on the borderline of Vienna to offering an authentic experience. In summer, you’re welcomed to a flower-decked garden set against a backdrop of ancient vineyards. You can really fill up your platter here, with some of the best wursts (sausages) and roast meats (especially the delectable pork), as well as fresh salads. Find a table under a cluster of grapes and sample the fruity young wines, especially the chardonnay, Sylvaner, and Gruner Veltliner. The tavern is open daily from 11am to 1am with main courses ranging from 7€ to 13€ (\$8.05–\$15).

**Altes Presshaus**, Cobenzigasse 15 (☎ 01/320-0203), was established in 1527, the oldest continuously operating *Heurige* in Grinzing, with an authentic cellar you might ask to visit. The place has an authentic, smoke-stained character with wood paneling and antique furniture. The garden terrace blossoms throughout the summer. Try such *Heurigen*-inspired fare as smoked pork shoulder, roast pork shank, sauerkraut, potatoes, and dumplings. Meals cost 10€ to 15€ (\$12–\$17); 3-course menu 22€ to 28€ (\$25–\$32); drinks begin at 3€ (\$3.45). It’s open March to October daily from 4pm to midnight.

central European-based performers. It’s in a deep, 200-year-old cellar, of the type the Viennese used to store staples during the city’s many sieges. Amid exposed brick walls and dim lighting, you can order drinks or dinner. The place is open Monday to Saturday from 7pm to 1am. Music begins at 9pm, and three sets are performed.

In a surprising location in the Leopold Museum, **Café Leopold**, Museumsplatz 1 (☎ 01/523-67-32), is all the rage. It has a revolving cycle of DJs, each vying for local fame, and a wide selection of party-colored cocktails, priced from 6.80€ (\$7.80). The cafe-and-restaurant section of this place is open Sunday to Wednesday 9am to 2am, and Thursday and Friday 9am to 4am. The disco operates Thursday to Saturday from 10pm to between 2 to 4am, depending on business. There’s no cover.

One of the town’s newest clubs is **Mirage**, Johannesgasse 27 (☎ 01/512-8282; U-Bahn: Stadtpark), which plays music from the 1980s up until today, including soul and Latin salsa. There’s no cover charge. Hours are Monday to Saturday 9pm to 4am.

**Alfi’s Goldener Spiegel**, Linke Wienzeile 46 (entrance on Stiegengasse; ☎ 01/586-6608; U-Bahn: Kettenbrückengasse), is the most enduring gay restaurant in Vienna and also its most popular gay bar, attracting mostly male clients to its

position near Vienna's Naschmarkt. The place is very cruisy. The bar is open Wednesday through Monday from 7pm to 2am.

**Frauencafé**, Langegasse 11 (☎ 01/406-37-54; U-Bahn: Volkstheater), is exactly what a translation of its name would imply: a politically conscious café for lesbians and (to a lesser degree) heterosexual women who appreciate the company of other women. Established in 1977 in cramped quarters in a century-old building, it's filled with magazines, newspapers, modern paintings, and a clientele of Austrian and foreign women.

## 2 Salzburg

A baroque city on the banks of the Salzach River, set against a mountain backdrop, Salzburg is the beautiful capital of the state of Salzburg. The city and the river were named after its early residents who earned their living in the salt mines. In this “heart of the heart of Europe,” Mozart was born in 1756, and the composer's association with the city beefs up tourism.

The **Old Town** lies on the left bank of the river, where a monastery and bishopric were founded in 700. From that start, Salzburg grew in power and prestige, becoming an archbishopric in 798. In the heyday of the prince-archbishops, the city became known as the “German Rome.” Responsible for much of its architectural grandeur are those masters of the baroque, Fischer von Erlach and Lukas von Hildebrandt.

“The City of Mozart,” “Silent Night,” and *The Sound of Music*—Salzburg lives essentially off its rich past. It is a front-ranking cultural mecca for classical music year-round. The city is the setting for the Salzburg Festival, a world-renowned annual event that attracts music lovers, especially Mozart fans, from all over the globe. Salzburg's natural setting among alpine peaks on both banks of the Salzach River gives it the backdrop perpetuating its romantic image.

As one of Europe's greatest tourist capitals, most of Salzburg's day-to-day life spins around promoting its music and its other connections. Although *The Sound of Music* was filmed in 1964, this Julie Andrews blockbuster has become a cult attraction and is definitely alive and well in Salzburg. Ironically, Austria was the only country in the world where the musical failed when it first opened. It played for only a single week in Vienna, closing after audiences dwindled.

Salzburg is only a short distance from the Austrian-German frontier, so it's convenient for exploring many of the attractions of Bavaria (see chapter 7). Situated on the northern slopes of the Alps, the city lies at the intersection of traditional European trade routes and is well served by air, Autobahn, and rail.

## ESSENTIALS

**GETTING THERE** **By Plane** The **Salzburg Airport–W.A. Mozart**, Innsbrucker Bundesstrasse 95 (☎ 0662/8580; www.salzburg-airport.com), lies 3km (2 miles) southwest of the city center. It has regularly scheduled air service to all Austrian airports, as well as to Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels, Berlin, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, London, Paris, and Zurich. Major airlines serving the Salzburg airport are Austrian Airlines (☎ 0662/85-45-11), Air France (☎ 01/50-2222-403), Lufthansa (☎ 0800/222240), and Tyrolean (☎ 0662/85-45-33).

Bus no. 2 runs between the airport and Salzburg's main rail station. Departures are frequent, and the 20-minute trip costs 3€ (\$3.45) one-way. By taxi it's only about 15 minutes, but you'll pay at least 10€ to 15€ (\$12–\$17).

**By Train** Salzburg's main rail station, the **Salzburg Hauptbahnhof**, Südtirolerplatz (☎ 05/1717), is on the major rail lines of Europe, with frequent arrivals

from all the main cities of Austria and from European cities such as Munich. Between 5:05am and 8:05pm, trains arrive every 30 minutes from Vienna (trip time: 3½ hr.); a one-way fare is 37€ (\$43). There are eight daily trains from Innsbruck (2 hr.); a one-way fare is 30€ (\$35). Trains also arrive every 30 minutes from Munich (2½ hr.), with a one-way ticket costing 26€ (\$30).

From the train station, buses depart to various parts of the city, including the Altstadt. Or you can walk to the Altstadt in about 20 minutes. Taxis are also available. The rail station has a currency exchange and storage lockers.

**By Car** Salzburg is 334km (209 miles) southwest of Vienna and 152km (95 miles) east of Munich. It's reached from all directions by good roads, including Autobahn A8 from the west (Munich), A1 from the east (Vienna), and A10 from the south. Route 20 comes into Salzburg from points north and west, and Route 159 serves towns and cities from the southeast.

**VISITOR INFORMATION Tourist Offices** The **Salzburg Information Office**, Mozartplatz 5 (☎ 0662/88987-330; www.salzburginfo.at; bus: 5, 6, or 51), is open July through September daily from 9am to 7pm and off season Monday through Saturday from 9am to 6pm. The office makes hotel reservations for a 10% deposit (which will be credited to your hotel bill), plus a 2.20€ (\$2.55) booking fee. There's also a **tourist information office** on Platform 2A of the Hauptbahnhof, Südtirolerplatz (☎ 0662/88987-340).

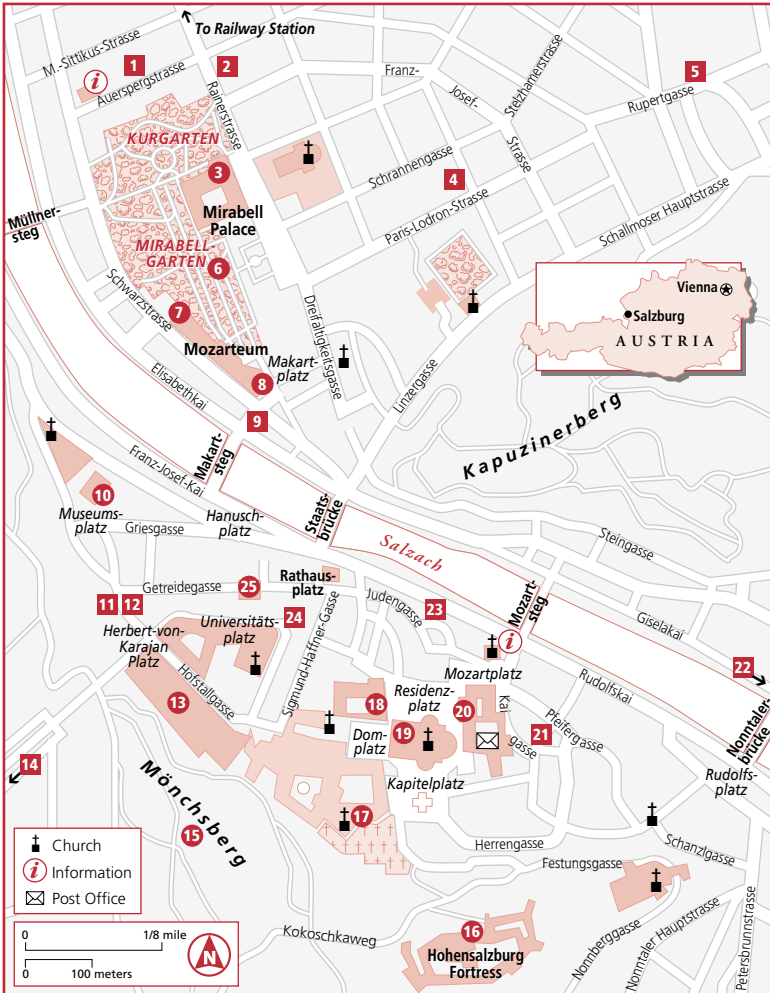
**CITY LAYOUT** Most of what visitors come to see lies on the left bank of the Salzach River in the **Altstadt (Old Town)**. If you're driving, you must leave your car in the modern part of town—the right bank of the Salzach—and enter the Old Town on foot, as most of it is for pedestrians only.

The heart of the inner city is **Residenzplatz**, which has the largest and finest baroque fountain this side of the Alps. On the western side of the square stands the **Residenz**, palace of the prince-archbishops, and on the southern side of the square is the **Salzburg Cathedral** (or Dom). To the west of the Dom lies **Domplatz**, linked by archways dating from 1658. Squares to the north and south appear totally enclosed. On the southern side of Max-Reinhardt-Platz and Hofstallgasse, edging toward **Mönchsberg**, stands the **Festspielhaus (Festival Theater)**, built on the foundations of the 17th-century court stables.

### **Value The Salzburg Card**

The **Salzburg Card** not only lets you use **unlimited public transportation**, but it acts as an admission ticket to the city's most important **cultural sights**. With the card you can visit Mozart's birthplace, the Hohensalzburg fortress, the Residenz gallery, the world-famous water fountain gardens at Hellbrunn, the Baroque Museum in the Mirabell Gardens, and the gala rooms in the Archbishop's Residence. The card is also good for sights outside of town, including the Hellbrunn Zoo, the open-air museum in Grossgmain, the salt mines of the Dürnberg, and the gondola trip at Untersberg. The card, approximately the size of a credit card, comes with a brochure with maps and sightseeing hints.

Cards are valid for 24, 48, and 72 hours and cost 20€ (\$23), 28€ (\$32), and 34€ (\$39), respectively. Children from 6 to 15 years of age receive a 50% discount. You can buy the pass from Salzburg travel agencies, hotels, tobacconists, and municipal offices.



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**GETTING AROUND By Bus/Tram** The city buses and trams provide quick, comfortable service through the city center from the Nonntal parking lot to Sigmundsplatz, the city-center parking lot. The one-ride fare is 1.70€ (\$1.95) adults, .90€ (\$1.05) children 6 to 15; those 5 and under travel free. Note that buses stop running at 11pm.

**By Taxi** You'll find taxi stands scattered at key points all over the city center and in the suburbs. The **Salzburg Funktaxi-Vereinigung** (radio taxi) office is at Rainerstrasse 27 (☎ **0662/8111** to order a taxi in advance). Fares start at 3€ (\$3.45).

**By Car** Driving a car in Salzburg isn't recommended. However, you'll probably want a car for touring the areas outside the city (such as Land Salzburg), as using public transportation can be time consuming. Arrangements for car rentals are always best if made in advance. Try **Avis** (☎ **0662/877278**) or **Hertz** (☎ **0662/876674**), both at Ferdinand-Porsche-Strasse 7 and open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

**By Horse-Drawn Cab** You rent a horse-drawn cab (called a *Fiaker* in German) at Residenzplatz. Four people usually pay 33€ (\$38) for 20 to 25 minutes, 45€ to 66€ (\$52–\$76) for 50 minutes (99€/\$114 for 1 hr. and 15 min.). But all fares are subject to negotiation.

**By Bicycle** City officials have developed a network of bicycle paths, which are indicated on city maps. May through September, you can rent bicycles at **Topbike**, at the Staatsbrücke or Main Bridge (☎ **0627/24656**), daily from 9am to 7pm. Rentals cost about 13€ (\$15) per day, with a 10% discount for Salzburg Cardholders.

### **FAST FACTS: Salzburg**

**American Express** The office at Mozartplatz 5–7, adjacent to Residenzplatz (☎ **0662/8080**; bus: 5 or 6), is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5:30pm and Saturday from 9am to noon.

**Business Hours** Most shops and stores are open Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm and Saturday usually from 9am to noon. Some of the smaller shops shut down at noon for a lunch break. Salzburg observes *langer Samstag*, which means that most stores stay open until 5pm on selected Saturdays. Banks are open Monday through Friday from 8am to noon and 2 to 4:30pm.

**Currency Exchange** You can exchange money at the Hauptbahnhof on Südtirolerplatz daily from 7am to 10pm, and at the airport daily from 9am to 4pm.

**Dentists** For an English-speaking dentist, call **Dentistenkammer**, Faberstrasse 2 (☎ **0662/87-34-66**).

**Doctors** If you suddenly fall ill, your best source of information for finding a doctor is the reception desk of your hotel. If you want a comprehensive list of doctors and their respective specialties, which you can acquire in Salzburg or even before your arrival, contact **Ärzttekammer für Salzburg**, Bergstrasse 14, A-5020 Salzburg (☎ **0662/87-13-27**). And if your troubles flare up over a weekend, the **Medical Emergency Center of the Austrian**

**Red Cross** maintains a hot line (☎ 141), which you can use to describe your problem. A staff member there will either ask you to visit their headquarters at Karl Renner Strasse 7, or send a medical expert to wherever you're staying. This service is available from 5pm on Friday to 8am on Monday, and on public holidays.

**Drugstores (Apotheke)** Larger pharmacies, especially those in the city center, tend to remain open without a break Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to noon. For night service, and service on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, pharmacies display a sign giving the address of the nearest pharmacy that has agreed to remain open over the weekend or throughout the night. A pharmacy that's particularly convenient to Salzburg's commercial center is **Elisabeth-Apotheke**, Elisabethstrasse 1 (☎ 0662/87-14-84), north of Rainerstrasse toward the train station.

**Embassies/Consulates** The consular agency of the **United States**, at Alter Markt 1 (☎ 0662/84-87-76), is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am to noon to assist U.S. citizens with emergencies. The consulate of **Great Britain**, at Alter Markt 4 (☎ 0662/84-81-33), is open Monday through Friday from 9am to noon.

**Emergencies** Call ☎ 133 for police, ☎ 122 to report a fire, and ☎ 144 for an ambulance.

**Internet Access** The most convenient cafe with Internet capability is the **Internet Café**, Mozartplatz (☎ 0662/84-48-22; bus: 5 or 6), across from the tourist office. It's open daily from 9am to 11pm and charges 9€ per hour of Internet access.

**Post Office** The main post office is at Residenzplatz 9 (☎ 0662/844-1210; bus: 5 or 6). The post office at the main railway station is open Monday to Friday from 7am to 9:30pm, Saturday 7am to 2pm, and Sunday 7am to 6pm.

**Telephone** The **country code** for Austria is 43. The **city code** for Salzburg is 662; use this code when you're calling from outside Austria. If you're within Austria, use 0662.

## WHERE TO STAY ON THE LEFT BANK (ALTSTADT)

### Very Expensive

**Altstadt Radisson SAS** (★) This is not your typical Radisson property—in fact, it's a radical departure for the chain in style and charm. Dating from 1377, it's a luxuriously and elegantly converted Altstadt hostelry. Its closest rival in town is the old-world Goldener Hirsch, to which it comes in second. The old and new are blended in perfect harmony here, and the historic facade conceals top-rate comforts and amenities. In a structure of this size, rooms naturally vary greatly in size, but all have a certain charm and sparkle and are exceedingly comfortable with some of the city's best beds, plus luxurious bathrooms with showers.

Rudolfskai 28/Judengasse 15, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 800/333-3333 in the U.S., or 0662/848-571. Fax 0662/848-571-6. www.austria-trend.at/ass. 62 units. 218€–500€ (\$251–\$575) double; 413€–615€ (\$475–\$707) suite. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 25€ (\$29). Bus: 5 or 6. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; 24-hr. room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.



**Goldener Hirsch** 🏆🏆🏆 The award for the finest hotel in Salzburg goes to this place, steeped in legend and with a history dating from 1407. The hotel is built on a small scale yet it absolutely reeks of aristocratic elegance, which is enhanced by the superb staff. Near Mozart's birthplace, the hotel is composed of four medieval town houses, three of which are joined together in a labyrinth of rustic hallways and staircases. The fourth, called "The Coppersmith's House," is across the street and contains 17 charming, spacious rooms. All rooms in the complex are beautifully furnished and maintained, with luxurious full-size bathrooms.

Getreidegasse 37, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 800/325-3535 in the U.S., or 0662/8084. Fax 0662/843349. www.goldenerhirsch.com. 69 units. 157€–660€ (\$181–\$759) double; 395€–1,110€ (\$454–\$1,277) suite. Higher rates at festival time (the 1st week of Apr and mid-July to Aug). AE, DC, MC, V. You can double-park in front of the Getreidegasse entrance or at the Karajanplatz entrance, and a staff member will take your vehicle to the hotel's garage for 28€ (\$32). Bus: 55. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; 24-hr. room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

### Moderate

**Altstadthotel Weisse Taube** This hotel is in the pedestrian area of the Old Town a few steps from Mozartplatz, but you can drive up to it to unload baggage. Constructed in 1365, the Weisse Taube has been owned by the Haubner family since 1904. Rooms are, for the most part, renovated and comfortably streamlined, with traditional furnishings, frequently renewed beds, and small but efficiently laid-out bathrooms with shower-tub combinations. The whole place is kept up with spotless housekeeping.

Kaigasse 9, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/84-24-04. Fax 0662/84-17-83. www.weissetaube.at. 31 units. 95€–157€ (\$109–\$181) double. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Garage 9€. Bus: 5, 51, or 55. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Am Nussdorferhof** The only drawback to this hotel is its location in a quiet residential suburb—a 20-minute walk south of Salzburg's historic core. If that isn't a problem for you, it might make a safe and happy refuge for you during your time in Salzburg. Its congenial owners, Herbert and Ilse Kronegger, know the cultural and geographical features of their city in intricate detail and are eager to help newcomers with the city's logistics. About half the guest rooms are outfitted in old-fashioned Teutonic patterns, with touches of wood and alpine references. The other half are conservatively international, with bland 1970s-era furnishings and enough modern comforts to ensure a pleasant overnight stay. Bathrooms are trimmed in tile and in most cases come with shower-tub combinations. On-site are a bar and a cozy Italian restaurant, **Senza Confini**, which features well-prepared versions of pizza, pasta, and (usually) tried-and-true northern Italian cuisine.

Moosstrasse 36, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/824838. Fax 0662/824-8389. www.nussdorferhof.at. 30 units. High season 90€–130€ (\$104–\$150) double; winter 82€–100€ (\$94–\$115) double. Rates include breakfast and parking. AE, DC, MC, V. Bus: 15 or 16. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; limited room service; Jacuzzi; babysitting. *In room:* TV, dataport, hair dryer, minibar.

**Hotel Blaue Gans** Only a short walk from the much more expensive Goldener Hirsch, the much-renovated "Blue Goose" has been functioning as an inn for more than 400 years. The building that houses the inn is probably 700 years old, but the rooms were renovated extensively between 1998 and 2000. All have good beds with firm mattresses and full bathrooms. Those facing the courtyard are quieter and much more desirable. Room nos. 332 and 336 are the most spacious.

Getreidegasse 41-43, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/84-13-17. Fax 0662/84-13-179. www.blauegans.at. 37 units. 109€–185€ (\$125–\$213) double; 175€–195€ (\$201–\$224) junior suite. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 14€ (\$16). Bus: 1 or 2. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; babysitting; laundry/dry cleaning service. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Elefant** Near the Old Town Rathaus, in a quiet alley off Getreidegasse, is this well-established, family-run hotel. It, too, is in one of Salzburg's most ancient buildings—more than 700 years old. The well-furnished and high-ceilinged rooms have small bathrooms with shower-tub combinations. Inside the hotel are two restaurants serving Austrian and international cuisine: the vaulted Bürgerstüberl, where high wooden banquettes separate the tables, and the historic Ratsherrnkeller, known as the wine cellar of Salzburg in the 17th century.

Sigmund-Haffner-Gasse 4, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/84-33-97. Fax 0662/84-01-0928. www.elefant.at. 31 units. 128€–192€ (\$147–\$221) double. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Nearby parking 7.30€ (\$8.40). Bus: 1, 2, 5, 6, or 51. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* A/C (in some), TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## ON THE RIGHT BANK

### Expensive

**Sacher Salzburg Österreichischer Hof** ★★☆☆ Only the Goldener Hirsch rivals this charmer. Built as the Hotel d'Autriche in 1866, this hotel has survived the ravages of war and been renovated countless times. A new era began when the Gürtler family, owners of the Hotel Sacher in Vienna, took over in 1988, turning the hotel into a jewel amid the villas on the riverbank. The cheerful rooms are well furnished, quite spacious, and individually decorated; each has a luxurious bathroom equipped with a tub/shower combo. Try to reserve one overlooking the river. The café serves Austria's most fabled pastry, the original Sacher torte.

Schwarzstrasse 5–7, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 800/223-6800 in the U.S. and Canada, or 0662/889-77. Fax 0662/889-77-551. www.sacher.com. 118 units. 205€–815€ (\$236–\$937) double; from 560€ (\$644) suite. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 25€ (\$29). Bus: 1, 5, 6, 29, or 51. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; 2 bars; café; lounge; fitness center; sauna; limited room service; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms; 1 room for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Salzburg Sheraton Hotel** ★★☆☆ One of the crown jewels of the Sheraton chain, this government-rated five-star seven-story hotel opened in 1984 in a desirable location about a 10-minute walk from Mozartplatz. The Austrian architect who designed this place took great pains to incorporate it into its 19th-century neighborhood. Rooms have thick wall-to-wall carpeting and contain beds with built-in headboards. Bathrooms have make-up mirrors and hair dryers. The exclusive junior, queen, and presidential suites are filled with elegant Biedermeier furniture. Half the rooms overlook the Mirabell Gardens.

Auerspergstrasse 4, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 800/325-3535 in the U.S., or 0662/88-99-90. Fax 0662/88-17-76. www.sheraton.at. 163 units. 130€–320€ (\$150–\$368) double; 295€–595€ (\$339–\$684) junior suite. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 15€ (\$17). Bus: 1. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar; indoor pool; sauna; 24-hr. room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms; 1 room for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

### Moderate

**Hotel Auersperg** ★ With its own sunny gardens, this traditional family run hotel consists of two buildings: a main structure and a less expensive and less desirable annex. There's an old-fashioned look of charm wherever you go, from the reception hall with its molded ceilings to the antiques-filled drawing room to the convivial and informal library bar. The warm, cozy, and large guest rooms are especially inviting, with excellent beds and well-equipped bathrooms with tubs and showers.

Auerspergstrasse 61, A-5027 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/889-44-0. Fax 0662/88-944-55. www.auersperg.at. 51 units. 112€–177€ (\$129–\$204) double; 175€–375€ (\$201–\$431) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Free parking. Bus: 15 from the train station. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; bar; fitness center; sauna; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms; rooms for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, dataport (in some), minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Inexpensive**

**Altstadthotel Wolf-Dietrich** ★ Two 19th-century town houses were joined together to make this select little hotel. The lobby and ground-floor reception area have a friendly and elegant atmosphere and bright, classical furnishings. The smallish rooms are appealing and comfortably furnished, with excellent beds and tiny bathrooms with shower-tub combinations. The ground-floor cafe, **Weiner Kaffeehaus**, is reminiscent of the extravagant coffeehouses built in the 19th century in Vienna, Budapest, and Prague.

Wolf-Dietrich-Strasse 7, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/87-12-75. Fax 0662/88-23-20. www.salzburg-hotel.at. 27 units. 89€–179€ (\$102–\$206) double; 134€–209€ (\$154–\$240) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 12€ (\$14). Restaurant closed Feb to Mar 15. Bus: 1, 2, 5, 6, or 51. **Amenities:** 2 restaurants; bar, cafe; pool; sauna; solarium; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer.

**Hotel Gastein** ★ This prosperous-looking Teutonic villa lies amid calm green scenery on the bank of the Salzach River. Only a few minutes from the center of the town's oldest boroughs, the house offers true Salzburg atmosphere. You'll feel like you're staying in an upper-class private home. During the annual music festival the place is filled with musicians, who love the spacious flowering garden for breakfast or afternoon tea. The large guest rooms have furniture crafted by well-known Salzburg artists, firm beds, and private balconies. Bathrooms, though often small, are exceedingly well maintained and equipped with shower-tub combinations.

Ignaz-Rieder-Kai 25, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/62-25-65. Fax 0662/62-25-659. www.hotel-gastein.at. 13 units. 105€–156€ (\$121–\$179) double; 214€–258€ (\$246–\$297) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Free parking. Bus: 49. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge. *In room:* TV, minibar.

**Pension Bergland** ★ *finds* Cozy, personalized, and substantial, this guesthouse sits in a quiet residential neighborhood. It welcomes visitors in a “music room” where there's a bar serving beer, wine, and coffee, and a collection of guitars and lutes displayed on the walls. Guest rooms are comfortable, minimalist, and modern looking, with larger-than-expected bathrooms containing shower-tub combinations and, in many cases, a piece of furniture handmade by members of the Kuhn family, your hosts. The pension will rent you a bike and dispense information about where to ride.

15 Rupertsgasse, A-5020 Salzburg. ☎ 0662/872318. Fax 0662/872318-8. www.berglandhotel.at. 17 units. 87€ (\$100) double. Rates include buffet breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Closed mid-Nov to mid-Dec. Free parking. Bus: 27 or 29. **Amenities:** Breakfast room; lounge; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, hair dryer.

**WHERE TO DINE**

Two special desserts you'll want to sample while here are the famous *Salzburger Nockerln*, a light mixture of stiff egg whites, as well as the elaborate confection known as the *Mozart-Kugeln*, with bittersweet chocolate, hazelnut nougat, and marzipan. You'll also want to taste the beer in one of the numerous Salzburg breweries.

**ON THE LEFT BANK (OLD TOWN)****Very Expensive**

**Goldener Hirsch** ★★ AUSTRIAN/VIENNESE The best restaurant in Salzburg's best hotel attracts the brightest luminaries of the international music and business community. The venue is chic, top-notch, impeccable, and charming, richly sought after during peak season. It's staffed with a superb team of chefs and waiters who preside over an atmosphere of elegant simplicity. The food is so tasty and beautifully served that the kitchen ranks among the top two or

## Cafe Society

**Café-Restaurant Glockenspiel**, Mozartplatz 2 (☎ 0662/84-14-03-0; bus: 55), is the city's most popular cafe, with about 100 tables with arm-chairs out front. You might want to spend an afternoon here, particularly when there's live chamber music. Upon entering, you can't miss a glass case filled with every caloric delight west of Vienna. For dinner, you can sit on the balcony and look over Salzburg's famous buildings while enjoying regional and international specialties. Many people, however, come just for the drinks and pastries. Try the Maria Theresia, which contains orange liqueur. In summer, the cafe is open daily from 9am to between 10pm and midnight, and in winter, it's open daily from 9am to between 7 and 8pm, depending on business and the season. Although snacks are available throughout opening hours, warm food is usually available until around 2 hours prior to closing. It's closed the second and third weeks of November and January.

Established in 1705, **Café Tomaselli** (☎ 0662/84-44-88; bus: 5, 6, or 55), opens onto one of the most charming cobblestone squares of the Altstadt. Aside from the summer chairs placed outdoors, you'll find a high-ceilinged room with many tables. It's a great place to just sit and talk. Another, more formal room to the right of the entrance with oil portraits of well-known 19th-century Salzburger attracts a haute bourgeois crowd. A waiter will show you a pastry tray filled with 40 different kinds of cakes, which you're free to order or wave away. Other menu items include omelets, wursts, ice cream, and a wide range of drinks. Of course, the pastries and ice cream are all homemade. The cafe is open Monday through Saturday from 7am to midnight and Sunday from 8am to 9pm.

three in Salzburg. Specialties include saddle of farm-raised venison with red cabbage; king prawns in an okra-curry ragout served with perfumed Thai rice; and tenderloin of beef and veal on morel cream sauce with cream potatoes. In season, expect a dish devoted to game, such as venison or roast duckling.

Getreidegasse 37. ☎ 0662/80-84-0. Reservations required. Main courses 20€–35€ (\$23–\$40). 3-course fixed-price lunch or dinner 35€ (\$40); 5-course fixed-price dinner 56€ (\$64). AE, MC, V. Daily noon–2:30pm and 6:30–9:30pm. Bus: 55.

**Purzelbaum** (☎ AUSTRIAN/FRENCH In a residential neighborhood, this restaurant is near a duck pond at the bottom of a steep incline leading up to Salzburg Castle. During the Salzburg Festival you're likely to see the most dedicated music lovers in Europe hanging out here. Menu items change according to the whim of the chef and include such well-prepared dishes as turbot-and-olive casserole; lamb in white-wine sauce with beans and polenta; and the house specialty, scampi Gröstl, composed of fresh shrimp with sliced potatoes baked with herbs in a casserole.

Zugallistrasse 7. ☎ 0662/84-88-43. Reservations required. Main courses 22€–29€ (\$25–\$33); 5-course fixed-price menu 52€–56€ (\$60–\$64). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat noon–2pm and 6–11pm. Also open Sun in Aug. Closed July 1–14. Bus: 55.

**Moderate**

**Herzl Tavern** ★★ *Value* AUSTRIAN/VIENNESE With an entrance on the landmark Karajanplatz, Herzl Tavern lies next door to the glamorous Goldener Hirsch, of which it's a part. Good value attracts both visitors and locals to its pair of cozy rooms, one paneled and timbered. Waitresses in dirndls serve appetizing entrees, which are likely to include roast pork with dumplings, various grills, game stew (in season), and, for the heartiest eaters, a farmer's plate of boiled pork, roast pork, grilled sausages, dumplings, and sauerkraut.

Karajanplatz 7. ☎ 0662/808-4889. Reservations recommended. Main courses 8€–16€ (\$9.20–\$18). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–10pm. Bus: 55.

**Stiftskeller St. Peter (Peterskeller)** ★ AUSTRIAN/VIENNESE Legend has it that Mephistopheles met with Faust in this tavern, which isn't that far-fetched, considering it was established by Benedictine monks in A.D. 803. In fact, it's the oldest restaurant in Europe and is housed in the abbey of the church that supposedly brought Christianity to Austria. Aside from a collection of baroque banquet rooms, there's an inner courtyard with rock-cut vaults, a handful of dignified wood-paneled rooms, and a brick-vaulted cellar. In addition to wine from the abbey's own vineyards, the tavern serves good home-style Austrian cooking, including roast pork in gravy with sauerkraut and bread dumplings, and loin of lamb with asparagus. Vegetarian dishes, such as semolina dumplings on noodles in a parsley sauce, are also featured. They are especially known here for their desserts. Try the apple strudel or sweet curd strudel with vanilla sauce or ice cream, and, most definitely, the famed Salzburger Nockerln.

St.-Peter-Bezirk 1–4. ☎ 0662/84-12-680. Reservations recommended. Main courses 10€–23€ (\$12–\$26); fixed-price menus 18€–45€ (\$21–\$52). AE, MC, V. Daily 11am–11:45pm. Closed Dec. Bus: 29.

**Zum Eulenspiegel** ★ AUSTRIAN/VIENNESE Opposite Mozart's birthplace, this restaurant sits at one end of a quiet cobblestone square in the Old Town. Inside, guests have a choice of five rooms on three different levels, all rustically but elegantly decorated. A small and rustic bar area on the ground floor is a pleasant place for predinner drinks. Traditional Austrian cuisine is meticulously adhered to here. The menu features such classic dishes as Tafelspitz, the famous Wiener schnitzel, braised trout with dill-flavored potatoes, pork cutlets with fresh herbs, filet of pork with warm cabbage salad and bacon, and Salzburger Nockerln or peaches with hot fudge and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

Hagenauerplatz 2. ☎ 0662/84-31-80. Reservations required. Main courses 15€–20€ (\$17–\$23). AE, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11am–2pm and 6–10:30pm. Tram: 2. Bus: 2.

**Inexpensive**

**Festungsrestaurant** ★ *Kids* SALZBURG/AUSTRIAN Come here and you'll be dining at the former stronghold of the prince-archbishops of Salzburg. The restaurants and gardens are actually in the castle, perched on a huge rock 122m (400 ft.) above the Old Town and the Salzach. The restaurant commands a panoramic view of the city and the surrounding countryside. From Easter to October classical concerts are held nightly in the *Fürstenzimmer*, often featuring the work of Mozart. The kitchen offers local specialties such as a Salzburger *Bierfleisch* (goulash) and Salzburger schnitzel, along with many other dishes. This is good old-fashioned Austrian cooking. In winter, when the restaurant is closed, the *Burgtaverne* inside the castle serves food and drink.

Hohensalzburg, Mönchsberg 34. ☎ 0662/84-17-80. Reservations required July–Aug. Main courses 8.50€–16€ (\$9.80–\$18). MC, V. Apr–Oct daily 10am–9pm; Dec–Mar daily 10am–5pm. Closed Nov. Funicular from the Old Town.

**Krimpelstätter** SALZBURGER/AUSTRIAN This is an enduring Salzburg favorite dating from 1548. In summer, the beer garden, full of roses and trellises, attracts up to 300 visitors at a time. If you want a snack, a beer, or a glass of wine, head for the paneled door marked *Gastezimmer* in the entry corridor. If you're looking for a more formal, less visited area, three cozy antique dining rooms sit atop a flight of narrow stone steps. You'll find tasty and high-quality Land Salzburg regional cuisine featuring wild game dishes. Start with the cream of goose soup or homemade chamois sausage. Traditional main courses include roast pork with dumplings, and fried sausages with sauerkraut and potatoes. Spinach dumplings are topped with a cheese sauce, and marinated beef stew comes with noodles in butter.

Müllner Hauptstrasse 31. ☎ 0662/43-22-74. Reservations recommended. Main courses 6€–12€ (\$6.90–\$14). No credit cards. Tues–Sat 11am–2pm and 6pm–midnight (also Mon May–Sept). Closed 3 weeks in Jan. Bus: 49 or 95.

**Sternbräu** AUSTRIAN This place seems big enough to have fed half the Austro-Hungarian army, with a series of rooms that follow one after the other in varying degrees of formality. The Hofbräustübl is a rustic fantasy. You can also eat in the chestnut-tree-shaded beer garden, usually packed on a summer's night, or under the weathered arcades of an inner courtyard. Daily specials include typical Austrian dishes such as Wiener and chicken schnitzels, trout recipes, cold marinated herring, Hungarian goulash, hearty regional soups, and lots of other *gutbürgerlich* selections. You come here for hearty portions—not for refined cuisine.

Griesgasse 23. ☎ 0662/84-21-40. No reservations. Main courses 8€–15€ (\$9.20–\$17); fixed-price menu 12€–18€ (\$13–\$20). AE, MC, V. Daily 9am–11pm. Bus: 2, 5, 12, 49, or 51.

## ON THE RIGHT BANK

### Expensive

**Restaurant Bristol** CONTINENTAL This is the dining counterpart to the upscale restaurant in Salzburg's other top-notch hotel, the Goldener Hirsch. In this case, the venue is a stately, baronial-looking area outfitted in tones of pale orange and accented with large-scale oil paintings. A well-trained staff organizes meals, the best of which include scampi with arugula salad and tomatoes; carpaccio of beef or (in season) venison; Arctic char served with homemade noodles, saffron sauce, and goose liver; roasted lamb served with a gratin of polenta and spinach; and all-vegetarian casseroles.

In the Hotel Bristol, Makartplatz 4. ☎ 0662/873-5577. Reservations recommended. Main courses 21€–28€ (\$24–\$32). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11am–2pm and 6–10pm. Bus: 1, 5, 29, or 51.

### Inexpensive

**BIO Wirtshaus Hirschenwirt** ★ *Finda* AUSTRIAN This is a hotel dining room, but a hotel dining room with a difference: All of the ingredients used in its cuisine derive from organically grown ingredients, raised in Austria without chemical fertilizers or insecticides. The setting is a quartet of cozy and traditional-looking dining rooms. Menu items change with the season, but might include a creamy pumpkin soup, carpaccio of Austrian beef, Tafelspitz, several versions of Wiener schnitzel, and about five different vegetarian dishes, the best of which is small spaetzle in a cheese-flavored onion sauce.

In the Hotel zum Hirschen, St. Julien Strasse 23. ☎ 0662/88-13-35. Reservations recommended. Main courses 6.90€–18€ (\$7.95–\$21). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11am–2pm and 5pm–midnight. Bus: 3 or 6.

**Hotel Stadtkrug Restaurant** AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL Across the river from the Altstadt, on the site of a 14th-century farm, this restaurant occupies a structure rebuilt from an older core in 1458. In the 1960s, a modern hotel was added in back. In an antique and artfully rustic setting, you can enjoy hearty, traditional Austrian cuisine, such as cream of potato soup “Old Vienna” style; braised beef with burgundy sauce; or glazed cutlet of pork with caraway seeds, deep-fried potatoes, and French beans with bacon. A dessert specialty is apple strudel.

Linzer Gasse 20. ☎ 0662/87-35-45. Reservations recommended. Main courses 15€–24€ (\$17–\$28). AE, DC, MC, V. Wed–Mon noon–2pm and 6–10:30pm. Bus: 27 or 29.

**Zum Fidelen Affen** AUSTRIAN On the eastern edge of the river near the Staatsbrücke, this is the closest thing in Salzburg to a loud, animated, and jovial pub with food service. It’s in one of the city’s oldest buildings, dating from 1407. Management’s policy is to allow only three reserved tables on any particular evening; the remainder are given to whoever happens to show up. It’s best to give your name to the maître d’hôtel, then wait at the bar. Menu items are simple, inexpensive, and based on regional culinary traditions. A house specialty is a gratin of green (spinach) noodles in cream sauce with strips of ham. Also popular are Wiener schnitzels, ham goulash with dumplings, casseroles of seasonal meats and mushrooms, and at least three different kinds of main-course dumplings flavored with meats, cheeses, herbs, and various sauces.

Priesterhausgasse 8. ☎ 0662/877-361. No reservations. Main courses 8.50€–14€ (\$9.80–\$16). DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 5–11:30pm.

## SEEING THE SIGHTS IN THE CITY OF MOZART

The Old Town lies between the left bank of the Salzach River and the ridge known as the **Mönchsberg**, which rises to a height of 500m (1,650 ft.) and is the site of Salzburg’s gambling casino. The main street of the Altstadt is **Getreidegasse**, a narrow little thoroughfare lined with five- and six-story burghers’ buildings. Most of the houses along the street are from the 17th and 18th centuries. Mozart was born at no. 9 (see below). Many lacy-looking wrought-iron signs are displayed, and a lot of the houses have carved windows.

You might begin your tour at **Mozartplatz**, with its outdoor cafes. From here you can walk to the even more expansive **Residenzplatz**, where torchlight dancing is staged every year, along with outdoor performances.

## SIGHTSEEING SUGGESTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

**If You Have 1 Day** Start slowly with a cup of coffee at the **Café-Restaurant Glockenspiel** on Mozartplatz. Then, from the Altstadt, take the funicular to the **Hohensalzburg Fortress** for a tour. After lunch in an old tavern, visit **Mozart’s birthplace** on Getreidegasse, and stroll along the narrow street, most typical in the city. Later, visit the **Residenz**.

**If You Have 2 Days** In the morning of your second day, explore the **Dom** and the **cemetery of St.**

**Peter’s**, and take a walking tour in the afternoon through the **Altstadt**.

**If You Have 3 Days** On day 3, visit the many attractions of Salzburg you’ve missed so far: the **Mönchsberg**, the **Mozart Wohnhaus**, and the **Museum Carolino Augusteum** in the morning. In the afternoon, see the **Mirabell Gardens** and **Mirabell Palace** and at least look at the famous **Festspielhaus (Festival Hall)**, dating from 1607; tours are sometimes possible.

## THE TOP ATTRACTIONS

**Residenz State Rooms/Residenzgalerie Salzburg** ★★ This opulent palace, just north of Domplatz in the pedestrian zone, was the seat of the Salzburg prince-archbishops after they no longer needed the protection of the gloomy Hohensalzburg Fortress of Mönchsberg. The Residenz dates from 1120, but work on its series of palaces, which comprised the ecclesiastical complex of the ruling church princes, began in the late 1500s and continued until about 1796. The 17th-century Residenz fountain is one of the largest and most impressive baroque fountains north of the Alps. The child prodigy Mozart often played in the Conference Room for guests. More than a dozen state rooms, each richly decorated, are open to the public via guided tour. On the second floor you can visit the **Residenzgalerie Salzburg** (☎ 0662/84-04-51, ext. 24), an art gallery containing European paintings from the 16th century to the 19th century.

Residenzplatz 1. ☎ 0662/80-42-26-90 or 0662/84-04-51. Admission to Residenz State Rooms, 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 4€ (\$4.60) students 16–18 and seniors, 2€ (\$2.30) children 6–15, free for children 5 and under. Combined ticket to state rooms and gallery, 7.30€ (\$8.40). Residenzgalerie, 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 4€ (\$4.60) students 16–18 and seniors, 2€ (\$2.30) children 6–16. Jan, Mar 26–Oct, and Nov 27–Dec daily 10am–5pm. Bus: 5 or 6.

**Glockenspiel (Carillon)** The celebrated glockenspiel with its 35 bells stands across from the Residenz. You can hear this 18th-century carillon at 7am, 11am, and 6pm. At press time, actual visitation of the interior was not allowed. The ideal way to hear the chimes is from one of the cafes lining the edges of the Mozartplatz while sipping your favorite coffee or drink.

Mozartplatz 1. ☎ 0662/80-42-27-84. Bus: 1, 5, 6, or 51.

**Dom (Salzburg Cathedral)** ★ Located where Residenzplatz flows into Domplatz, this cathedral is world renowned for its 4,000-pipe organ. Hailed by some critics as the “most perfect” northern Renaissance building, the cathedral has a marble facade and twin symmetrical towers. The mighty bronze doors were created in 1959. The themes are Faith, Hope, and Love. The interior has a rich baroque style with elaborate frescoes, the most important of which, along with the altarpieces, were designed by Mascagni of Florence. In the crypt, traces of the old Romanesque cathedral have been unearthed.

The treasure of the cathedral and the “arts and wonders” the archbishops collected in the 17th century are displayed in the **Dom Museum** entered through the cathedral. The **cathedral excavations** around the corner (left of the Dom entrance), show the ruins of the original foundation.

South side of Residenzplatz. ☎ 0662/84-41-89. Free admission to cathedral; excavations 2€ (\$2.30) adults, .80€ (90¢) children 6–15, free for children 5 and under; museum 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children. Cathedral daily 8am–7pm (to 6pm in winter); excavations May–Sept Tues–Sun 9am–5pm (closed mid-Oct to Easter); museum Wed–Sun 10am–5pm, Sun 1–6pm. Closed Nov–Apr. Bus: 1, 3, or 5.

**Stiftskirche St. Peter** ★★ Founded in A.D. 696 by St. Rupert, whose tomb is here, this is the church of St. Peter's Abbey and Benedictine Monastery. Once a Romanesque basilica with three aisles, it was completely overhauled in the 17th and 18th centuries in elegant baroque style. The west door dates from 1240. The church is richly adorned with art treasures that include altar paintings by Kremser Schmidt.

St.-Peter-Bezirk. ☎ 0662/844-578. Free admission. Daily 9am–5pm. Bus: 5, 6, or 55.

**Petersfriedhof (St. Peter's Cemetery)** ★★ This cemetery lies at the stone wall that merges into the Mönchsberg. Many of the aristocratic families of Salzburg lie buried here, as do many other noted persons, including Nannerl



Mozart, sister of Wolfgang Amadeus (4 years older than her better-known brother, Nannerl was also an exceptionally gifted musician). You can see the Romanesque Chapel of the Holy Cross and St. Margaret's Chapel, dating from the 15th century. You can also take a self-guided tour through the early Christian catacombs in the rock above the church cemetery.

St.-Peter-Bezirk. ☎ 0662/84-45-76-0. Free admission to cemetery. Catacombs 1€ (\$1.15) adults, .60€ (70¢) children. May–Sept daily 10:30am–5pm; Oct–Apr Wed–Thurs 10:30am–3:30pm, Fri–Sun 10:30am–4pm. Bus: 1.

**Hohensalzburg Fortress** ⚡ ⚡ *Kids* The stronghold of the ruling prince-archbishops before they moved “downtown” to the Residenz, this fortress towers 120m (400 ft.) above the Salzach River on a rocky dolomite ledge. The massive fortress crowns the Festungsberg and literally dominates Salzburg. Work on Hohensalzburg began in 1077 and wasn't finished until 1681. This is the largest completely preserved castle in central Europe. The elegant state apartments, once the courts of the prince-archbishops, are on display. The **Burgmuseum** contains a collection of medieval art. Plans and prints tracing the growth of Salzburg are on exhibit, as well as instruments of torture and many Gothic artifacts. The **Rainermuseum** has displays of arms and armor. The beautiful late-Gothic **St. George's Chapel** (1501) is adorned with marble reliefs of the apostles. If you're athletic you can reach the fortress on foot from Kapitelplatz by way of Festungsgasse or from the Mönchsberg via the Scharnentor.

Visit Hohensalzburg even if you're not interested in the fortress, just for the view from the terrace. From the Reck watchtower you get a panoramic sweep of the Alps. The Kuenberg bastion has a fine view of Salzburg's domes and towers.

You can see the fortress grounds on your own or take a tour of the interior. Conducted 40- to 50-minute tours go through the fortress daily, but hours and departure times depend on the season: November through March, from 10am to 4pm; April through June, from 9:30am to 5pm; July through August, from 9am to 6pm; and September through October, from 9:30am to 5pm. The conducted tour of the fortress and the Rainier Museum costs 3.60€ (\$4.15) adults, 2€ (\$2.30) children 6 to 15, free for children under 6.

Mönchsberg 34. ☎ 0662/84-24-30-11. Admission (excluding guided tour but including museum) 7.20€ (\$8.30) adults, 4€ children 6–19, free for children 5 and under. Family ticket 16€ (\$18). Fortress and museums Oct–Mar daily 9:30am–4:30pm; Apr–Sept daily 9:30am–5:30pm.

## MORE ATTRACTIONS

**Mozart Geburtshaus (Mozart's Birthplace)** ⚡ The house where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on January 27, 1756, contains exhibition rooms and the apartment of the Mozart family. The main treasures are the valuable paintings (such as the well-known *Mozart and the Piano*, by Joseph Lange) and the violin Mozart used as a child; his concert violin; and his viola, fortepiano, and clavichord.

Getreidegasse 9. ☎ 0662/84-43-13. Admission 5.50€ (\$6.35) adults, 4.50€ (\$5.20) students, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children 6–14. Daily 9am–6pm.

**Mozart Wohnhaus (Mozart Residence)** ⚡ In 1773, the Mozart family vacated the cramped quarters of Mozart's birthplace, and the young Mozart lived here with his family until 1780. In the rooms of the former Mozart family apartments, a museum documents the history of the house and the life and work of Wolfgang Amadeus. The original house was destroyed by bombing in 1944, was rebuilt, and reopened on the eve of Mozart's birthday in 1996. A mechanized

audio tour in six languages with relevant musical samples accompanies the visitor through the rooms of the museum.

Makartplatz 8. ☎ 0662/84-43-13. Admission 5.50€ (\$6.35) adults, 4.45€ (\$5.10) students, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children 14 and under. Daily 9am–6pm.

**Schloss Mirabell (Mirabell Palace)** ★ This palace and its gardens were built as a luxurious private residence called Altenau. Prince-Archbishop Wolf Dietrich had it constructed in 1606 for his mistress and the mother of his children, Salome Alt. Not much remains of the original grand structure. Lukas von Hildebrandt rebuilt the *schloss* in the first quarter of the 18th century, and it was modified after a great fire in 1818. The palace, which is a smaller version of the Tuileries in Paris, today serves as the official residence of the mayor of Salzburg. The ceremonial marble “angel staircase,” with its sculptured cherubs, carved by Raphael Doner in 1726, is a stunning piece of architectural fantasy.

Rainerstrasse. ☎ 0662/8072-0. Free admission. Staircase: daily 8am–6pm. Bus: 1, 5, 6, or 51.

**Museum Carolino Augusteum** Several collections are brought together under one roof in this museum reflecting Salzburg’s cultural history. The archaeological collection contains the well-known Dürnberg beaked pitcher, as well as Roman mosaics. Some 15th-century Salzburg art is on view, and there are many paintings from the Romantic period, as well as works by Hans Makart, born in Salzburg in 1840.

Museumsplatz 1. ☎ 0662/6208-08-111. Admission 3.50€ (\$4.05) adults, 2.70€ (\$3.10) seniors over 60, 1.10€ (\$1.25) children 6–19, free for children 5 and under. Daily 9am–5pm (until 8pm on Thurs). Bus: 2, 3, or 51.

**Mönchsberg** ★★ This heavily forested ridge extends for some 2km (1½ miles) above the Altstadt and has fortifications dating from the 15th century. A panoramic view of Salzburg is possible from Mönchsberg Terrace just in front of the Grand Café Winkler.

West of the Hohensalzburg Fortress. ☎ 0662/448-06-285. The elevators leave daily 9am–11pm; round-trip fare is 2.60€ (\$3) adults, 1.30€ (\$1.50) children 6–15, free for children 5 and under.

**Mirabell-Garten (Mirabell Gardens)** ★ Laid out by Fischer von Erlach on the right bank of the river off Makartplatz, these baroque gardens are studded with statuary and reflecting pools, making them a virtual open-air museum. Be sure to visit the bastion with fantastic marble baroque dwarfs and other figures, by the Pegasus Fountains in the lavish garden west of Schloss Mirabell. You’ll also find a natural theater. In summer, free brass band concerts are held Wednesday at 8:30pm and Sunday at 10:30am. From the gardens, you have an excellent view of the Hohensalzburg Fortress.

Free admission. Daily 7am–8pm. Bus: 1, 5, 6, or 51.

## ORGANIZED TOURS

The best-organized tours are offered by **Salzburg Panorama Tours**, Mirabellplatz (☎ 0662/88-32-11-0; www.panoramatours.at), which is the Gray Line company for Salzburg.

The original “*Sound of Music Tour*” combines the Salzburg city tour with an excursion to the lake district and other places where the 1965 film with Julie Andrews was shot. The English-speaking guide shows you not only the highlights from the film, but also historical and architectural landmarks in Salzburg and parts of the Salzkammergut countryside. The 4½-hour tour departs daily at 9am and 2pm and costs 33€ (\$38).

You must take your passport along for any of the three trips into **Bavaria** in Germany. One of these—called the “**Eagle’s Nest Tour**”—takes visitors to Berchtesgaden and on to Obersalzburg, where Hitler and his inner circle had a vacation retreat. The 4½-hour tour departs daily at 9am, May 15 through October 20, and costs 45€ (\$52). “**The City & Country Highlights**” tour takes in historic castles and the surrounding Land Salzburg landscape. This 5-hour tour departs daily at 2pm, and costs 45€ (\$52). Coffee and pastry at the Castle Fuschl are an added treat.

You can book these tours at the bus terminal at Mirabellplatz/St. Andrä Kirche (☎ 0662/87-40-29). Tour prices are the same for all ages.

## THE SHOPPING SCENE

Good buys in Salzburg include souvenirs of Salzburg state, dirndls, lederhosen, petit point, and all types of sports gear. **Getreidegasse** is a main shopping thoroughfare, but you’ll also find some intriguing little shops on **Residenzplatz**.

Opened in 1871, **Drechlerei Lackner**, Badergasse 2 (☎ 0662/84-23-85; bus: 68 or 81), offers both antique and modern country wood furniture. Among the new items are chests, chessboards, angels, cupboards, crèches, candlesticks, and, most definitely, chairs. **Musikhaus Pühringer**, Getreidegasse 13 (☎ 0662/84-32-67; bus: 1, 2, 29, or 49), established in 1910, sells all kinds of classical musical instruments, especially those popular in central Europe, as well as a large selection of electronic instruments (including synthesizers and amplifiers). You’ll find classical and folk-music CDs and tapes, plus many classical recordings, especially those by Mozart.

**Salzburger Heimatwerk**, Am Residenzplatz 9 (☎ 0662/84-41-10; bus: 5 or 55), is one of the best places in town to buy local Austrian handcrafts and original regional clothing.

**Wiener Porzellanmanufaktur Augarten Gesellschaft**, Alter Markt 11 (☎ 0662/84-07-14; bus: 2), might very well tempt you to begin a porcelain collection. The origins of this world-class manufacturer go back 275 years. Today, its product is legendary and its patterns, such as *Wiener Rose*, *Maria Theresia*, and the highly distinctive *Biedermeier*, are well known. The company also produces such historical pieces as the black-and-white demitasse set created by architect/designer Josef Hoffman.

## SALZBURG AFTER DARK THE PERFORMING ARTS

It’s said there’s a musical event—often a Mozart concert—staged virtually every night in Salzburg. To find the venue, visit the **Salzburg tourist office**, Mozartplatz 5 (☎ 0662/88987-330). Here you’ll be given a free copy of *Offizieller Wochenspiegel*, a monthly pamphlet listing all major and many minor local cultural events. The annual Mozart Week is in January.

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### *Tips* Getting Tickets to the Salzburg Festival

One of the premier music attractions of Europe, the Salzburg Festival celebrated its 85th season in 2005. Details on the festival are available by contacting **Salzburg Festival**, Hofstallgasse 1, A-5010 Salzburg, Austria (☎ 0662/8045-579; www.salzburgfestival.at).

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The major ticket agency affiliated with the city of Salzburg is located adjacent to Salzburg's main tourist office, at Mozartplatz 5. The **Salzburger Ticket Office** (☎ 0662/84-03-10) is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm (to 7pm in midsummer) and Saturday from 9am to noon.

If you don't want to pay a ticket agent's commission, you can go directly to the box office of a theater or concert hall. However, many of the best seats may have already been sold, especially those at the Salzburg Festival.

## CONCERTS & OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

The rich collection of concerts that combine every summer to form the Salzburg Festival's program are presented in several different concert halls scattered throughout Salzburg. The largest is the **Festspielhaus**, Hofstallgasse 1 (☎ 0662/8045; bus: 1, 5, or 6). Within the Festspielhaus complex you'll find the **Felsenreitschule**, an outdoor auditorium with a makeshift roof. Originally built in 1800 as a riding rink, it's famous as the site where scenes from *The Sound of Music* were filmed. Tickets cost from 15€ to 330€ (\$17–\$380) (the higher cost for the best seats at the Salzburg Festival); average but good seats run 35€ to 80€ (\$40–\$92). Instead of going directly to the Festspielhaus, you can purchase tickets in advance at the box office at Waagplatz 1A (☎ 0662/84-53-46), close to the tourist office, Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm.

On the right bank of the Salzach River, near the Mirabell Gardens, is the **Mozarteum**, Schwarzstrasse 26 and Mirabellplatz 1 (☎ 0662/87-31-54; bus: 1, 5, 6, or 51), the major music and concert hall of Salzburg. All the big orchestra concerts, as well as organ recitals and chamber-music evenings, are offered here. It's also a music school, and you can ask about free events staged by the students. The box office is open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm with some exceptions. Performances are usually at 11am or 7:30pm. Tickets cost 10€ to 220€ (\$112–\$253); the best seats run from 90€ to 350€ (\$104–\$403).

Besides the venues above, you can attend a concert in dramatic surroundings in the Fürstenzimmer (Prince's Chamber) of the **Hohensalzburg Fortress**. You're likely to hear heavy doses of Mozart and, to a lesser degree, works by Schubert, Brahms, and Beethoven. From mid-May to mid-October, performances are generally held at 9am or 8:30pm every night of the week. The rest of the year, they're presented most (but not all) nights, with occasional weeklong breaks, usually at 7:30pm. The box office for the events is at Adlgasser Weg 22 (☎ 0662/82-58-58). To reach the fortress, take the funicular from Festungsgasse.

## BEER GARDENS

Regardless of the season, you'll have one of your most enjoyable and authentic evenings in Salzburg at **Augustiner Bräustübl**, Augustinergasse 4 (☎ 0662/43-12-46; bus: 27). This Bierstube and Biergarten has been dispensing oceans of beer since it was established in 1622. Depending on the weather, the city's beer-drinking fraternity gathers either within the cavernous interior, where three separate rooms each hold up to 400 people, or in the chestnut-shaded courtyard. You'll find about a dozen kiosks, where you can buy takeout portions of wursts, sandwiches, and pretzels. Farther on, choose a thick stoneware mug from the racks and carry it to the beer tap, paying the cashier as you go. A full liter begins at 4.80€ (\$5.50); a half liter costs 2.40€ (\$2.75) depending on the type of beer. The place is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 11pm.

Immediately below the Hohensalzburg Fortress and established in the early 1800s, part of the **Stiegelkeller**, Festungsgasse 10 (☎ 0662/84-26-81; bus: 5, 6, or 55), is carved into the rocks of Mönchsberg. To get here, you'll have to negotiate a steep cobblestone street that drops off on one side to reveal a panoramic view of Salzburg. The cavernous interior is open only in summer, when you can join hundreds of others in drinking beer and eating sausages, schnitzels, and other Bierkeller food.

**Sound of Music dinner shows**, featuring music from the film, are presented in the Stiegelkeller May through September, daily from 7:30 to 10pm. A three-course meal and show cost 45€ (\$52). Or you can arrive at 8:15pm to see the show and just have Apfelstrudel and coffee for 28€ (\$32). On the first Sunday of the month, a **Fruhshoppen**—a traditional Salzburger music fest—is presented from 10:30pm to midnight. No ticket is necessary—you pay for what you eat and drink. Likewise, no ticket is necessary to attend another musical evening, a **Happing**, staged May through September, every Thursday from 6 to 8pm.

No one in Salzburg is really sure whether to classify **Salzburger Altstadtkeller**, Rudolfskai 26 (☎ 0662/849688), as a restaurant, an inn, a pub, or a nightclub, since it combines so gracefully elements of all of them. The result is fun and convivial. The setting is a medieval cellar beneath the Altstadt Radisson Hotel, immediately adjacent to the banks of the river. Don't come here expecting fine dining: What you'll get is a short list of Austrian-style platters, and a reverberating roster of musical acts that include swing, Latino, jazz, and blues. Every Thursday, the acts get more nostalgic and folkloric, as the stage is turned over to bands specializing in Austrian or Bavarian "evergreen" music. Music plays from around 9:15pm to 1am, with guests then lingering over their drinks for at least another hour. There's no cover charge, but a half-liter mug of beer costs 3.30€ (\$3.80). Main courses cost from 8€ to 10€ (\$9.20–\$12). Service is Tuesday to Saturday from 7pm to 3am.

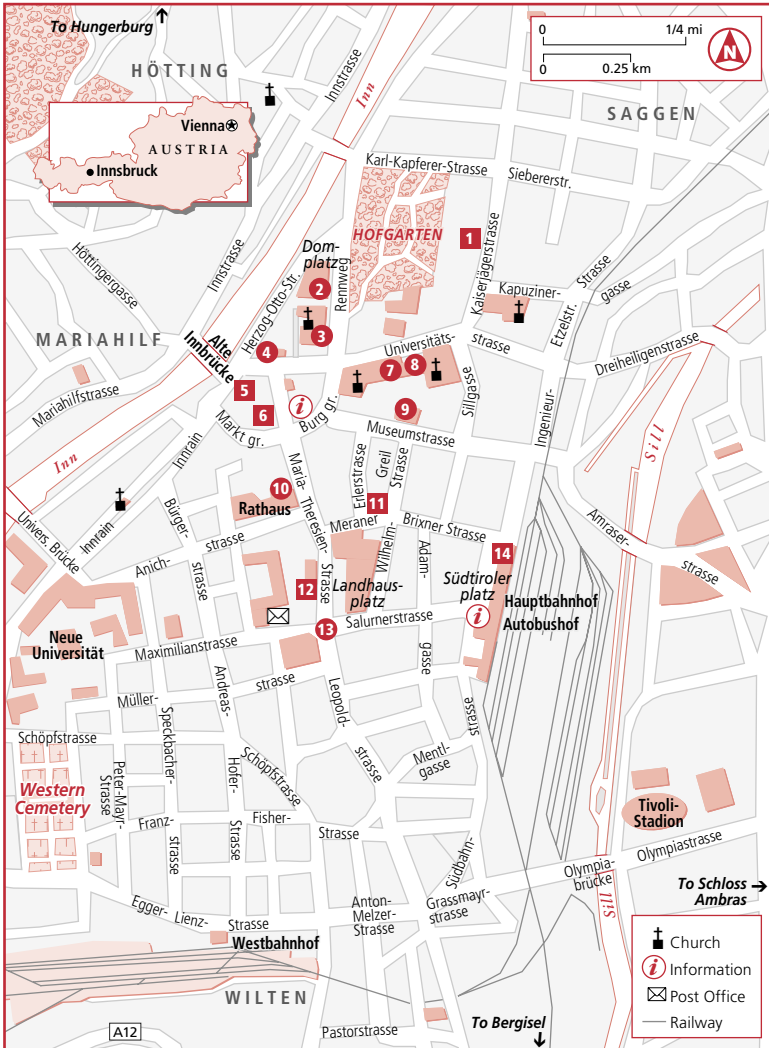
### 3 Innsbruck & Tyrol

Land of ice and mountains, dark forests and alpine meadows full of spring wildflowers, summer holidays and winter sports—that's Tyrol. Those intrepid tourists, the British, discovered its vacation delights and made it a fashionable destination in the last century. Tyrol is now the most frequented winter playground in Austria, and in summer, the extensive network of mountain paths lures visitors.

Skiers flock here in winter for a ski season that runs from mid-December to the end of March. Many prefer its ski slopes to those of Switzerland. It's been a long time since the eyes of the world focused on Innsbruck at the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976, but the legacy lives on in the ski conditions and facilities on some of the world's choicest slopes.

## INNSBRUCK

Innsbruck has a particularly lovely medieval town center, and town planners have protected this historic Altstadt. Visitors can take countless excursions in the environs; at Innsbruck's doorstep lie some of the most beautiful drives in Europe. Just take your pick: Head in any direction, up any valley, and you'll be treated to mountains and alpine beauty almost unmatched anywhere else, including Switzerland.



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**ESSENTIALS**

**GETTING THERE** **By Plane** Innsbruck's airport, **Flughafen Innsbruck-Kranebitten**, Fürstnweg 180 (☎ **0512/22525**; www.Innsbruck-airport.com), is 3km (2 miles) west of the city. It offers regularly scheduled air service from the major airports of Austria and of Europe's major cities.

**By Train** Innsbruck is connected with all parts of Europe by international railway links. Trains arrive at the main railway station, the **Hauptbahnhof**, Südtiroler Platz (☎ **05/1717** for all rail information). There are at least five daily trains from Munich (trip time: 3 hr.) and eight daily trains from Salzburg (1 hr.).

**By Car** If you're **driving** down from Salzburg in the northeast, take Autobahn A8 west, which joins Autobahn A93 (later it becomes the A12), heading southwest to Innsbruck. This latter Autobahn (A93/A12) is the main artery from Munich. From the south, you can take the Brenner toll motorway.

**VISITOR INFORMATION** The **tourist office**, Burggraben 3 (☎ **0512/59-850**; www.innsbruck-tourismus.com), is open Monday through Saturday from 8am to 6pm and Sunday from 9am to 6pm. It will supply you with a wealth of information, as well as a list of inexpensive private rooms for rent in Innsbruck. The office can also book bus or walking tours of the city.

**CITY LAYOUT** This historic city is divided by the Inn River into left- and right-bank districts. Two major bridges cross the Inn, the **Universitätsbrücke** and the **Alte Innsbrücke (Old Inn Bridge)**. Many of the attractions, including the Hofkirche and the Goldenes Dachl, are on the right bank. If you arrive at the Hauptbahnhof, take Salurner Strasse and Brixener Strasse to Maria-Theresien-Strasse, which will put you into the very heart of Innsbruck.

The **Altstadt** is bounded on the north by the Inn River and on the south by Burggraben and Marktgraben. The main street of this historic district is **Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse**, which becomes **Maria-Theresien-Strasse**, the axis of the post-medieval new part of town. The Altstadt becomes a pedestrian zone after 10:30am (wear good shoes on the cobblestone streets).

**GETTING AROUND** A network of three **tram** and 25 **bus lines** covers all of Innsbruck and its close environs, and buses and trams use the same tickets. Single tickets in the central area cost 1.60€ (\$1.85), and a booklet of four tickets goes for 5€ (\$5.75). The tram is called either *Strassenbahn* or *Trambahn*. On the left bank of the Inn River, the main tram and bus arteries are Museumstrasse and Mariahilfstrasse. On the right bank, trams and buses aren't routed into the pedestrian zone but to their main stop in Marktgraben. For information about various routes, call the **Innsbrucker Verkehrsbetriebe** (☎ **0512/530-7102**). Most tickets can be purchased at the Innsbruck tourist office, tobacco shops, and automated vending machines. A **Tageskarte (day pass)**, costing 3.30€ (\$3.80) for 24 hours, is available only from the tourist information office, tobacco shops, and cafes. It allows you to ride on all trains and buses.

Austria Postal Service buses (one of two different bus networks maintained by the Austria government) leave from the Autobushof (Central Bus Station), adjacent to the Hauptbahnhof on Sterzinger Strasse. Here buses head for all parts of Tyrol. The station is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 6pm and Saturday from 7am to 1pm. For information about bus schedules, call ☎ **0512/500-53-07**.

**Taxi stands** are scattered at strategic points throughout the city, or you can call a radio car (☎ **0512/5311**). For a nostalgic ride, you can hire a horse-drawn carriage (*Fiaker*) from a spot adjacent to the **Tiroler Landestheater**, Rennweg.

If neither the tram nor the carriage options appeal to you, consider renting a **bike** at the Hauptbahnhof. Rentals cost 20€ (\$23) per day or 16€ (\$18) for 5 hours. You can return these bikes to any rail station in Austria if you don't plan to return to Innsbruck. Rentals are available April through early November only. For more information, call **Sport Neuner** (☎ 0512/561-501).

Although you can make a better deal renting a car before you leave North America, it's possible to rent cars in Innsbruck. You might try **Avis**, Salurner Strasse 15 (☎ 0512/57-17-54); or **Hertz**, Südtirolerplatz 1 (☎ 0512/58-29-51), across from the Hauptbahnhof. Although paperwork and billing errors are harder to resolve whenever you rent from a non-U.S.-based car-rental outfit, you might also check the rates at a local car outfitter, **Ajax**, Amrasserstrasse 6 (☎ 0512/583-232).

### **FAST FACTS: Innsbruck**

**Currency Exchange** Banks are usually open Monday through Thursday from 7:45am to 12:30pm and 2:30 to 4pm; and Friday from 7:45am to 3pm. There are also exchange facilities at Innsbruck's tourist office (see above). The automated currency exchange facilities at the Hauptbahnhof are available 24 hours a day.

**Dentists/Doctors** Check with the tourist office for a list of private English-speaking dentists and doctors; or contact the **University Clinic**, Anichstrasse 35 (☎ 0512/504).

**Drugstores** In the heart of Innsbruck, **St.-Anna Apotheke**, Maria-Theresien-Strasse 4 (☎ 0512/58-58-47), is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm. The pharmacy posts addresses of other pharmacies open on weekends or at night.

**Emergencies** In case of trouble, call ☎ 133 for the police, ☎ 122 for a fire, or ☎ 144 for an ambulance.

**Internet Access** You can check e-mail or access the Internet for a fee of 11€ (\$13) an hour at the **Picasso Internet Café**, Maria-Theresien-Strasse 16 (☎ 0512/58-48-48; tram: 3). It's open Monday to Saturday from 6:30am to 1am.

**Post Office** The **Hauptpostamt (Central Post Office)**, Maximilianstrasse 2 (☎ 0512/5000), is open daily from 8am to 9pm. The post office at the **Hauptbahnhof**, Bruneckstrasse 1-3 (☎ 0512/5000), is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30am to 9pm.

**Telephone** The **country code** for Austria is **43**. The **city code** for Innsbruck is **512**; use this code when you're calling from outside Austria. If you're within Austria, use **0512**.

## **WHERE TO STAY**

### **Very Expensive**

**Hotel Europa Tyrol** ★★ The town's finest and most elegant hotel stands opposite the rail station, inviting you inside its formal lobby. The spacious rooms and suites are handsomely furnished, with all the modern conveniences



and Tyrolean or Biedermeier-style decorations. Each tasteful unit offers a bathroom equipped with a tub/shower combo. The restaurant, **Europastüberl** (p. 93), is the finest in Tyrol.

Südtirolerplatz 2, A-6020 Innsbruck. ☎ 800/223-5652 in the U.S. and Canada, or 0512/5931. Fax 0512/58-78-00. www.europatyrol.com. 122 units. 183€–288€ (\$210–\$331) double; 320€–450€ (\$368–\$518) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 15€ (\$17). **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; sauna; solarium; 24-hr. room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; 1 nonsmoking room; rooms for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## Expensive

**Romantik Hotel-Restaurant Schwarzer Adler** ★★ This is it for those who like authentic Austrian charm. The hotel's owners, the Ultsch family, have furnished the charming interior with hand-painted regional furniture, antiques, and lots of homey clutter, making for a cozy and inviting ambience. The midsize rooms are virtually one of a kind, each with its special character. Beds are exceedingly comfortable, with some of the thickest mattresses in town and well-stuffed duvets. Bathrooms have dual basins and tub/shower combos with powerful showerheads. We prefer the older accommodations, which are more spacious and have more Tyrolean character.

Kaiserjägerstrasse 2, A-6020 Innsbruck. ☎ 0512/58-71-09. Fax 0512/56-16-97. www.deradler.com. 39 units. 150€–187€ (\$173–\$215) double; 275€–445€ (\$316–\$512) suite. Additional person 46€ (\$53). Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 9€ (\$10). Tram: 1 or 3. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; fitness center; health spa; 24-hr. room service; massage; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms; rooms for those with limited mobility. *In room:* A/C, TV, dataport (in some), minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## Moderate

**Hotel Central** One of the most unusual hotels in Innsbruck, Hotel Central was originally built in the 1860s, but from its very modern exterior you might not realize it. The comfortable rooms have an Art Deco design that evokes an almost Japanese simplicity. Most rooms are quite spacious with excellent beds. Bathrooms are small, with shower units. In total contrast to the simplicity of the rest of the hotel, the ground floor contains a grand Viennese cafe with marble columns, sculpted ceilings, and large gilt-and-crystal chandeliers.

Gilmstrasse 5, A-6020 Innsbruck. ☎ 0512/59-20. Fax 0512/58-03-10. www.central.co.at. 85 units. 125€–148€ (\$144–\$170) double. Rates include breakfast. Additional person 21€ (\$24) extra. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 12€ (\$14). Tram: 1 or 3. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; fitness center; sauna; limited room service; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer.

**Hotel Goldener Adler** ★★ Even the phone booth near the reception desk of this 600-year-old family-run hotel is outfitted in antique style. Famous guests have included Goethe, Mozart, and the violinist Paganini, who cut his name into the windowpane of his room. Rooms are handsomely furnished, and vary in size and decor. Some have decorative Tyrolean architectural features such as beamed ceilings. Others are furnished in a more modern style. The bathroom's size depends on your room assignment; bathrooms can be everything from spacious combination models to cramped rooms with shower stalls.

Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 6, A-6020 Innsbruck. ☎ 0512/57-11-11. Fax 0512/58-44-09. www.goldeneradler.com. 35 units. 128€–168€ (\$147–\$193) double; from 198€ (\$228) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, DC, MC, V. Parking 11€ (\$13). Tram: 1 or 3. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms; 1 room for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

## Inexpensive

**Gasthof-Hotel Weisses Kreuz** ★ *Value* This atmospheric inn, located in the center of Innsbruck, has not changed much during its lifetime. Rooms are cozy

and atmospheric, either small or medium size, with comfortable furnishings. Some have private bathrooms with neatly kept shower units. Hallway bathrooms are adequate and well maintained. In 1769, 13-year-old Wolfgang Mozart and his father, Leopold, stayed here.

Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 31, A-6020 Innsbruck. ☎ 0512/594790. Fax 0512/59-47-990. www.weisseskreuz.at. 40 units, 31 with bathroom. 63€–66€ (\$72–\$76) double without bathroom; 84€–109€ (\$97–\$125) double with bathroom. Rates include breakfast. AE, MC, V. Parking 9€ (\$10). Tram: 3. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; limited room service; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV.

**Goldene Krone** *Value* Near the Triumphal Arch on Innsbruck's main street, this baroque house is one of the city's best budget bets. All rooms are modern, comfortable, well maintained, and, for the most part, spacious with plenty of light. The duvet-covered beds are comfortable, and bathrooms are small but spotless, with shower stalls. The hotel offers a Viennese-inspired coffeehouse/restaurant, the **Art Gallery-Café**.

Maria-Theresien-Strasse 46, A-6020. Innsbruck. ☎ 0512/58-61-60. Fax 0512/580-18-96. www.city-crownhotel-innsbruck.com. 39 units. 85€–105€ (\$98–\$121) double; 110€–142€ (\$127–\$163) suite. Rates include breakfast. AE, MC, V. Parking 7.50€ (\$8.65). Tram: 1. Bus: A, H, K, or N. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; cafe; lounge; nonsmoking rooms; rooms for those with limited mobility. *In room:* TV, dataport.

## WHERE TO DINE

### Expensive

**Europastüberl** ★★ AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL This distinguished restaurant, with a delightful Tyrolean ambience, is in a hotel that's the finest address in Innsbruck. The chef succeeds beautifully in fashioning creative takes on traditional regional cooking. Diners can choose from both warm and cold appetizers, ranging from iced anglerfish with Chinese tree morels to a small ragout of crayfish in a spicy biscuit with kohlrabi. Some dishes are served only for two people, such as Bresse guinea hen roasted and presented with an herb sauce. Fresh Tyrolean trout almost always appears on the menu, or you may prefer the meat dishes, ranging from red deer ragout to saddle of venison to fried jelly of calf's head Vienna-style with a lamb's tongue salad.

In the Hotel Europa Tyrol, Brixnerstrasse 6. ☎ 0512/5931. Reservations required. Main courses 11€–25€ (\$13–\$29); fixed-price 3-course menu 38€ (\$44); fixed-price 4-course menu 42€ (\$48). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–2:30pm and 6:30–11pm.

**Restaurant Goldener Adler** ★ AUSTRIAN/TYROLEAN/INTERNATIONAL Richly Teutonic and steeped in the decorative traditions of alpine Tyrol, this beautifully decorated restaurant has a deeply entrenched reputation and a loyal following among local residents. The menu includes good, hearty fare inspired by cold-weather outdoor life—the chefs aren't into delicate subtleties. Examples of the cuisine are Tyrolean bacon served with horseradish and farmer's bread; cream of cheese soup with croutons; and Tyrolean *Zopfbraten*, a flavorful age-old specialty consisting of strips of veal steak served with herb-enriched cream sauce and spinach dumplings. A well-regarded specialty is a platter known as *Adler Tres*. It contains spinach dumplings, stuffed noodles, and cheese dumplings, all flavorfully tied together with a brown butter sauce and a gratin of mountain cheese.

Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 6. ☎ 0512/57-11-11. Reservations recommended. Main courses 14€–21€ (\$16–\$24); set menus 18€–45€ (\$21–\$52). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–10:30pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Restaurant Schwarzer Adler** ★★ AUSTRIAN Even if you're not a guest at the richly atmospheric Romantik Hotel, you might appreciate a meal within

its historic premises. Among the finest examples of the elaborate cuisine is a salad of wild quail served with lentils, strips of braised gooseliver, and a sauce that's enhanced with apple liqueur. The wine list is long, broad, and impressive, with lots of wines from relatively obscure regions of Austria.

In the Romantik Hotel, Kaiserjägerstrasse 2. ☎ 0512/587-109. Reservations recommended. Main courses 18€–25€ (\$21–\$29). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11am–2pm and 6–10:30pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

### Moderate

**Hirschen-Stuben** INTERNATIONAL Beneath a vaulted ceiling in a house built in 1631, this restaurant is charming, well established, and welcoming. By its own admission, the establishment is at its best in spring, autumn, and winter, since it lacks a garden or outdoor terrace for alfresco summer dining. Menu items include steaming platters of pasta, fish soup, trout meunière, sliced veal in cream sauce Zurich style, beef Stroganoff, pepper steak, stewed deer with vegetables, and filet of flounder with parsley and potatoes. The kitchen staff is equally familiar with the cuisines of both Austria and Italy.

Kiebachgasse 5. ☎ 0512/58-29-79. Reservations recommended. Main courses 6.90€–21€ (\$7.95–\$24). DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 6–11pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

### Inexpensive

**Restaurant Ottoburg** ✨ AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL This historic restaurant, established around 1745, occupies a 13th-century building that some historians say is the oldest in Innsbruck. Inside, four intimate and atmospheric dining rooms—with a decor that is best described as “19th-century neo-Gothic”—lie scattered over two different floors. Hearty dishes include venison stew, “grandmother’s mixed grill,” and fried trout. In summer, a beer garden operates in the rear, open April to October Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to midnight.

Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 1. ☎ 0512/58-43-38. Reservations recommended. Main courses 9€–21€ (\$10–\$24). AE, DC, MC, V. Tues–Sun 11am–3pm and 6pm–midnight. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Weisses Rössl** ✨ AUSTRIAN/TYROLEAN You’ll enter this time-honored place through a stone archway set on one of the Old Town’s most famous streets. At the end of a flight of stairs, marked with a very old crucifix, you’ll find a trio of dining rooms with red-tile floors and a history of welcoming guests since 1590. At first glance, the menu appears simple, listing such dishes as a Tyrolean *Grüstl* (a kind of hash composed of sautéed onions, sliced beef, alpine herbs, and potatoes cooked and served in a frying pan), *Saftigoulash* with polenta, several kinds of schnitzels, and a grilled platter (*Alt Insprugg*) for two diners.

Kiebachgasse 8. ☎ 0512/58-30-57. Reservations recommended. Main courses 7.20€–16€ (\$8.30–\$18); 3-course lunch 5€–10€ (\$5.75–\$12); 3-course dinner 15€–20€ (\$17–\$23). AE, DC, MC, V. Mon–Sat 11:30am–2:30pm and 6–10pm. Closed 2 weeks after Easter and 2 weeks in Nov. Tram: 1 or 3.

## EXPLORING THE TOWN

The Altstadt and the surrounding alpine countryside are Innsbruck’s main attractions. Often it’s fascinating just to watch the passersby, who are occasionally attired in Tyrolean regional dress.

**Maria-Theresien-Strasse** ✨, which cuts through the heart of the city from north to south, is the main street and a good place to begin exploring the city. Many 17th- and 18th-century houses line this wide street. On the south end of the street, there’s a **Triumphforte (Triumphal Arch)**, modeled after those in Rome. Maria Theresa ordered it built in 1765 to honor her son’s marriage and to commemorate the death of her beloved husband, Emperor Franz I. From this arch southward the street is called Leopoldstrasse.

Going north from the arch along Maria-Theresien-Strasse, you'll see **Annasäule (St. Anna's Column)** in front of the 19th-century Rathaus (town hall). The column was erected in 1706 to celebrate the withdrawal in 1703 of invading Bavarian armies during the War of the Spanish Succession. Not far north of the Annasäule, the wide street narrows and becomes **Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse**, running through the heart of the medieval quarter. This street is arcaded and flanked by a number of well-maintained burghers' houses with their jumble of turrets and gables; look for the multitude of dormer windows and oriels.

**Goldenes Dachl (Golden Roof) & Maximilianeum** ☼ “The Golden Roof,” Innsbruck's greatest tourist attraction and its most characteristic landmark, is a three-story balcony on a house in the Altstadt; the late-Gothic oriels are capped with 2,657 gold-plated tiles. It was constructed for Emperor Maximilian I in the beginning of the 16th century to serve as a royal box where he could sit in luxury and enjoy tournaments in the square below.

A small museum, the **Maximilianeum**, is on the second floor of the municipal building attached to the Goldenes Dachl. Inside are exhibits celebrating the life and accomplishments of the Innsbruck-based Hapsburg emperor, Maximilian I, who bridged the gap between the Middle Ages and the German Renaissance.

You can also visit the **Stadtturm (City Tower)**, Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 21 (☎ 0512/561-5003). Formerly a prison cell, the tower dates from the mid-1400s and stands adjacent to the Rathaus. Its top affords a panoramic view of the city rooftops and the mountains beyond. It's open daily from 10am to 5pm (to 8pm July–Aug). Admission is 2.50€ (\$2.90) adults and 1€ (\$1.15) children 17 and under, 5.50€ (\$6.35) family ticket (2 adults, 3 children).

Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 15. ☎ 0512/581-111. Admission to the Maximilianeum 3.60€ (\$4.15) adults, 1.80€ (\$2.05) seniors, students, and children 17 and under. No charge for views of the Goldenes Dachl, and no restrictions as to when it can be viewed. Maximilianeum summer daily 10am–6pm; winter Tues–Sun 10am–5pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Swarovski Kristallwelten (Crystal Worlds)** ☼☼☼ *Kids* Designed by the Viennese multimedia artist, Andrew Heller, this attraction some 15km (9 miles) from Innsbruck is dedicated to the vision of Daniel Swarovski, founder of the world's leading producer of full crystal. Since it opened in 1995, millions of visitors have descended on the site, and you can easily spend 2 hours here.

After entering the giant head with its glittering eyes and waterfall, you'll immediately see a long wall of crystal with 12 tons of the finest cut stones in the world. In other chambers you can wander into the “Planet of the Crystals,” with a 3-D light show. Crystalline works of art on display were designed by everybody from Andy Warhol to Salvador Dalí. In the Crystal Dome you get an idea of what it's like being inside a giant crystal, and in the Crystal Theater a fairy-tale world of color, mystery, and graceful movement unfolds.

Kristallweltenstrasse 1. ☎ 05224/51080. www.kristallwelten.com. Admission 8€ (\$9.20), free for children under 12. Daily 9am–6pm. Take the Wattens motorway exit (A 12) and follow signs to Kristallwelten, or take the Wattens bus from the Busbahnhof, next to the Hauptbahnhof.

**Hofburg** ☼ The 15th-century imperial palace of Emperor Maximilian I, flanked by a set of domed towers, was rebuilt in the baroque style (with rococo detailing) during the 18th century on orders of Maria Theresa. It's a fine example of baroque secular architecture, with four wings and a two-story *Riesensaal* (Giant's Hall), painted in white and gold and filled with portraits of the Hapsburgs. Also of compelling interest are the State Rooms, the chapel, and a

scattering of private apartments. You can wander at will through the rooms, but if you want to participate in a guided tour, management conducts two a day, at 11am and 2pm, in a multilingual format that includes English. Each tour lasts 30 to 45 minutes and costs 2€ (\$2.30).

Rennweg 1. ☎ 0512/58-71-86. Admission 5.45€ (\$6.25) adults, 3.65€ (\$4.15) students, 1.10€ (\$1.25) children under 12. Daily 9am–5pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Hofkirche** The most important treasure in the Hofkirche is the cenotaph of Maximilian I, a great example of German Renaissance style. It has 28 bronze 16th-century statues of Maximilian's real and legendary ancestors surrounding the kneeling emperor.

Universitätsstrasse 2. ☎ 0512/58-43-02. Admission 3€ (\$3.45) adults, 2.05€ (\$2.35) students or children, free for children 5 and under. Mon–Sat 9am–5pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Dom zu St. Jakob (Cathedral of St. James)** Designed and rebuilt from 1717 to 1724 by Johann Jakob Herkommer, the Dom has a lavishly embellished baroque interior. A chief treasure is Lucas Cranach the Elder's *Maria Hilf* (*St. Mary of Succor*) on the main altar.

Domplatz 6. ☎ 0512/58-39-02. Free admission. Winter daily 6:30am–6pm; summer daily 7am–7pm. Closed Fri noon–3pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum (Ferdinandeum Tyrol Museum)** ⚡ This celebrated gallery of Flemish and Dutch masters also traces the development of popular art in Tyrol, with highlights from the Gothic period. You'll see the original bas-reliefs used in designing the Goldenes Dachl.

Museumstrasse 15. ☎ 0512/59-489. Admission 8€ (\$9.20) adults, 4€ (\$4.60) students, 1.50€ children. May–Sept daily 10am–6pm; Oct–Apr Tues–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 10am–1pm. Tram: 1 or 3.

**Tiroler Volkskunst-Museum (Tyrol Museum of Popular Art)** ⚡⚡ This popular art museum is in the Neues Stift (New Abbey) adjoining the Hofkirche on its eastern side. It contains one of the largest and most impressive collections of Tyrolean artifacts, ranging from handcrafts, furniture, Christmas cribs, and national costumes to religious and secular popular art. You'll also find a collection of models of typical Tyrolean houses.

Universitätsstrasse 2. ☎ 0512/58-43-02. Admission 5€ (\$5.75) adults, 3.50€ (\$4.05) students, 1.50€ (\$1.75) children. Tues–Sat 9am–5pm; Sun 9am–noon. Tram: 1 or 3.

## ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Five sunny, snow-covered, avalanche-free **ski areas** around the Tyrol are served by five cableways, 44 chairlifts, and ski hoists. The area is also known for bobsled and toboggan runs and ice-skating rinks.

In summer you can play tennis at a number of courts, and golf on either a 9- or an 18-hole course; or you can go horseback riding, mountaineering, gliding, swimming, hiking, or shooting.

The **Hofgarten**, a public park containing lakes and many shade trees, lies north of Rennweg. Concerts are often presented in the garden during the summer.

## THE SHOPPING SCENE

You'll find a large selection of Tyrolean specialties and all sorts of skiing and mountain-climbing equipment for sale in Innsbruck. Stroll around **Maria-Theresien-Strasse**, **Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse**, and **Museumstrasse**, ducking in and making discoveries of your own. Here are some suggestions.

**Lodenbaur**, Brixner Strasse 4 (☎ 0512/58-09-11), is devoted to regional Tyrolean dress, most of which is made in Austria. There's a full array for men, women, and children. **Tiroler Heimatwerk**, Meraner Strasse 2 (☎ 0512/58-23-20), is one of the best stores in Innsbruck for handcrafted sculpture and pewter, carved chests, furniture and lace. Do-it-yourselfers can buy regionally inspired fabrics and dress patterns, and whip up a dirndl (or whatever).

Using old molds discovered in abandoned Tyrolean factories, **Zinnreproduktionen U**, Kiebachgasse 8 (☎ 0512/58-92-24), offers fine reproductions of century-old regional pewter at reasonable prices. The owner also reproduces rare pewter objects acquired from auctions throughout Europe. Look for a copy of the 18th-century pewter barometer emblazoned with representations of the sun and the four winds.

## INNSBRUCK AFTER DARK

**THE PERFORMING ARTS** The major venue for the performing arts is the 150-year-old **Landestheater**, Rennweg 2 (☎ 0512/52-074). The box office is open daily from 9:30am to 7pm, and performances usually begin at 7:30 or 8pm. Ticket prices are 7.50€ to 38€ (\$8.65–\$44) for most operas or operettas, 6.50€ to 32€ (\$7.50–\$37) for theater seats. It's also the showcase for musicals and light operetta. For tickets, call ☎ 0512/53-56-30. Concerts are presented in the Hofgarten in summer.

**BARs, CLUBS & FOLK MUSIC** One of Innsbruck's most whimsical discos is **Blue Chip**, Wilhelm-greil-Strasse 17 (☎ 0512/57-04-73), situated in a modern building in the center of town. The busy dance floor attracts a clientele in the 25-to-40 age range, and music includes an appealing mixture of funk, soul, and "black beat" (their term). Entrance is free, and hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11pm to 4am. One flight up in the same building is **Jimmy's Bar**. There's no dance floor and no live music, but it's something of an Innsbruck cliché that you should begin your evening at Jimmy's with a drink or two before proceeding downstairs to Blue Chip. Jimmy's is open daily 11am to 2am.

If you're looking for the biggest and the best in Innsbruck, head for the **Hofgartencafé**, Rennweg 6 (☎ 0512/58-88-71), where a lively crowd of young people, mostly in their twenties and thirties, grace the largest beer garden in town. With three massive outdoor bars and a modern indoor decor, this hot spot is the place to be seen. You'll find live music here during the summer. It's open May to September daily from 11am to 3am. In winter, hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 6pm to 3am.

Young people hang out at **Treibhaus**, Angerzellgasse 8 (☎ 0512/58-68-74), a combination cafe, bar, and social club. Within its battered walls, you can attend a changing roster of art exhibitions, cabaret shows, and protest rallies, Monday through Saturday from 10am to 1am, with live music presented at erratic intervals. Cover for live performances is 10€ to 20€ (\$12–\$23).

**Limerick Bill's**, Maria-Theresia-Strasse 9 (☎ 0512/5820111), is dark and cavelike because of its location in a building without windows, a short walk north of Old Town. It's a genuine Irish pub for Celtic wannabes, and the cellar attracts a dancing crowd on Friday and Saturday nights, especially between December and March, when there's live music from 9pm to midnight. Open daily 4pm to 3am.

**Fischerhausel Bar**, Herrengasse 8 (☎ 0512/58-35-35), is a rustic second-floor restaurant and street-level bar open Monday to Saturday 10am to 2am,

Sunday 6pm to 2am. In the Tyrolean style, it's a good, friendly joint for quaffing schnapps or suds. In warm weather, drinkers move out to the garden in back.

## ST. ANTON AM ARLBERG

A modern resort has grown out of this old village on the Arlberg Pass, 99km (62 miles) west of Innsbruck. At St. Anton (1,288m/4,225 ft.), Hannes Schneider developed modern skiing techniques and began teaching tourists how to ski in 1907. Before his death in 1955, Schneider saw his ski school rated as the world's finest. Today the school is still one of the world's largest and best, with about 300 instructors (most of whom speak English). St. Anton am Arlberg in winter is popular with the wealthy and occasional royalty—a more conservative segment of the rich and famous than you'll see at other posh ski resorts.

There's so much emphasis on skiing here that few seem to talk of the summertime attractions. In warm weather, St. Anton is tranquil and bucolic, surrounded by meadowland. A riot of wildflowers blooming in the fields announces the beginning of spring.


## ESSENTIALS

**GETTING THERE** **By Train** Because of St. Anton's good rail connections to eastern and western Austria, most visitors arrive by train. St. Anton is an express stop on the main lines crossing the Arlberg Pass between Innsbruck and Bregenz. About one train per hour arrives in St. Anton from both directions. Trip time from Innsbruck is 75 to 85 minutes; from Bregenz, around 85 minutes. For rail information, call ☎ **05/1717**.

**By Car** Motorists should take Route 171 west from Innsbruck.

**VISITOR INFORMATION** The **tourist office** in the **Arlberghaus** in the town center (☎ **05446/22-690**; [www.stantonamarlberg.com](http://www.stantonamarlberg.com)) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to noon and 2 to 6:30pm, Saturday from 9am to noon and 2 to 6pm, and Sunday from 10am to noon.

## WHERE TO STAY

**Hotel Schwarzer Adler**  Owned and operated by the Tschol family since 1885, this is our preferred stopover at the resort. The beautiful building in the center of St. Anton was constructed as an inn in 1570 and became known for its hospitality to pilgrims crossing the treacherous Arlberg Pass. The 400-year-old frescoes on the exterior were discovered during a restoration. The interior is rustic yet elegant, with blazing fireplaces, painted Tyrolean baroque armoires, and Oriental rugs. There are handsomely furnished and well-equipped guest rooms in the main hotel, plus 13 slightly less-well-furnished (but less expensive) rooms in the annex, which is across the street above the **Café Aquila**. Nearly all bathrooms have big bathtubs, although a few singles offer only showers.

A-6580 St. Anton am Arlberg. ☎ **800/528-1234** in the U.S., or 05446/22-440. Fax 05446/22-44-62. [www.schwarzeradler.com](http://www.schwarzeradler.com). 72 units. Winter 164€–400€ (\$189–\$460) double; summer 132€–176€ (\$152–\$202) double. Rates include half board. MC, V. Closed May–June and Sept–Dec 5. **Amenities:** Restaurant (see below); bar; indoor pool; fitness center; sauna; limited room service; massage; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning. *In room:* TV, dataport, hair dryer, safe.

## WHERE TO DINE

If you're not able to secure a reservation at Rafft-Stuben (see below), don't despair. You can get classic Austrian dishes at the historic **Hotel Alte Post Restaurant**, A-6580 St. Anton am Arlberg (☎ **05446/25530**); and at the first-rate **Hotel Kertess Restaurant**, A-6580 St. Anton am Arlberg (☎ **05446/2005**), located high on a slope in the suburb of Oberdorf. For superb international cuisine,

head to the medieval **Hotel Schwarzer Adler Restaurant**, A-6580 St. Anton am Arlberg (☎ 05446/22440).

**Raffl-Stube** ★ AUSTRIAN This restaurant didn't exist until 1982, when members of the Raffl family enclosed a corner of their lobby. The place contains only eight tables, and in the peak of the season, reservations are imperative, especially if you're not staying here. Overflow diners are offered a seat in a spacious but less special dining room across the hall. Quality ingredients are always used, and the kitchen prepares such tempting specialties as roast gooseliver with salad, cream of parsley soup with sautéed quail eggs, filet of salmon with wild rice, trout "as you like it," and roast filet of pork, along with the ever-popular fondue bourguignon.

In the Hotel St. Antoner Hof, St. Anton am Arlberg. ☎ 05446/29-10. Reservations required. Main courses 19€–28€ (\$22–\$32). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 11:30am–2pm and 7–9:30pm. Closed May–Nov.

## HITTING THE SLOPES IN ST. ANTON

The snow in this area is perfect for skiers, and the total lack of trees on the slopes makes the situation ideal. The ski fields of St. Anton stretch over some 16 sq. km (6 sq. miles). Beginners stick to the slopes down below, and more experienced skiers head to the runs from the **Galzig** and **Valluga** peaks. A cableway will take you to Galzig (2,092m/6,860 ft.), where there's a self-service restaurant. You go from here to Vallugagratt (2,649m/8,685 ft.). The peak of the Valluga (2,812m/9,220 ft.), which commands a panoramic view, is also reached by cableway.

Other major ski areas include the **Gampen/Kapall**, an advanced-intermediate network of slopes, whose lifts start just behind St. Anton's railway station; and the **Rendl**, a relatively new labyrinth of runs to the south of St. Anton that offers many novice and intermediate slopes.

You'll find many other cold-weather pursuits in St. Anton, including ski jumping, mountain tours, curling, skating, tobogganing, and sleigh rides, plus après-ski relaxing.

## THE KITZBÜHEL ALPS ★★

Hard-core skiers and the rich and famous are attracted to this ski region. The Kitzbühel Alps are covered with such a dense network of lifts that they now form the largest skiing complex in the country, with a series of superlative runs. The action centers on the town of Kitzbühel, but there are many satellite resorts that are much less expensive, including St. Johann in Tyrol. Kitzbühel is, in a sense, a neighbor of Munich, which lies 130km (81 miles) to the northeast: Most visitors to the Kitzbühel Alps use Munich's international airport.

## ESSENTIALS

**ARRIVING By Train** Two and three **trains** per hour (many express) arrive in Kitzbühel from Innsbruck (trip time: 60 min.) and Salzburg (2½ hr.), respectively.

**By Bus** The most useful of these bus lines runs every 30 to 60 minutes between Kitzbühel and St. Johann in Tyrol (25 min.). In addition, about half a dozen buses travel every day from Salzburg's main railway station to Kitzbühel (2¼ hr.). For regional bus information, call ☎ 05356/627-15.

**By Car** Kitzbühel is 449km (279 miles) southwest of Vienna and 100km (62 miles) east of Innsbruck. If you're driving from Innsbruck, take Autobahn A12 east to the junction with Route 312 heading to Ellmau. After bypassing Ellmau, continue east to the junction with Route 342, which you take south to Kitzbühel.



**VISITOR INFORMATION** The **tourist office**, Hinterstadt 18 (☎ **05356/621-55**; www.kitzbuhel.com), is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 6pm, Saturday from 8:30am to noon and 4 to 6pm, and Sunday from 10am to noon and 4 to 6pm.

### WHERE TO STAY

**Hotel Bruggerhof** ★ *Finds* About 1.6km (1 mile) west of the town center, near the Schwarzsee, is this countryside chalet with a sun terrace. Originally built as a farmhouse in the 1920s, it later gained local fame as a restaurant. The interior has massive ceiling beams and a corner fireplace. Rooms are comfortable and cozy and decorated in an alpine style. All have a well-lived-in look, although housekeeping is attentive. Firm beds are most inviting. Bathrooms, which contain shower-tub combinations, can be a bit cramped.

Reitherstrasse 24, A-6370 Kitzbühel. ☎ **05356/628-06**. Fax 05356/64-47-930. www.bruggerhof-camping.at. 28 units. Winter 154€–210€ (\$177–\$242) double; summer 110€–140€ (\$127–\$161) double. Rates include half board. AE, DC, MC, V. Closed Apr and Oct 15–Dec 15. **Amenities:** Restaurant; bar; indoor pool; tennis court; fitness center; Jacuzzi; sauna; solarium; minigolf; limited room service; babysitting; laundry service/dry cleaning; nonsmoking rooms. *In room:* TV, dataport (in some), minibar, hair dryer, safe.

**Hotel Zur Tenne** ★ This hotel combines Tyrolean *Gemütlichkeit* with urban style and panache, and the staff shows genuine concern for its clientele. The hotel was created in the 1950s by joining a trio of 700-year-old houses. Rooms are as glamorous as anything in Kitzbühel: wood trim, comfortable beds, eider-downs, and copies of Tyrolean antiques. Many have working fireplaces and canopied beds for a romantic touch. Bathrooms are generally large, with vanity mirrors and shower-tub combinations. In addition to intimate lounges, niches, and nooks, the hotel sports the most luxurious health complex in town, complete with a tropical fountain, two hot tubs, and a hot-and-cold foot bath.

Vorderstadt 8–10, A-6370 Kitzbühel. ☎ **05356/64-44-40**. Fax 05356/648-03-56. www.zurtenne.at. 50 units. Winter 255€–305€ (\$293–\$351) double, 313€ (\$360) suite for 3; summer 138€–212€ (\$159–\$244) double, 298€ (\$343) suite for 3. Rates include breakfast. Half board 37€ (\$43) per person. AE, DC, MC, V. Free parking outdoors; 12€ (\$14) in covered garage nearby. **Amenities:** 3 restaurants; bar; lounge; solarium; fitness center; 2 Jacuzzis; sauna; limited room service; massage; babysitting; laundry/dry cleaning service. *In room:* TV, dataport, minibar, hair dryer, safe.

### WHERE TO DINE

**The Dining Rooms in the Schloss Lebenberg** ★ AUSTRIAN/INTERNATIONAL Although the Schloss Lebenberg hotel offers comfortable rooms, we actually prefer it for its well-managed restaurant and its sense of history. Originally built in 1548, it was transformed in 1885 into Kitzbühel's first family-run hotel. Always-reliable specialties include cream of tomato soup with gin, Tyrolean-style calf's liver, Wiener schnitzel, roulade of beef, and many desserts, which often feature mountain berries.

Lebenbergstrasse 17. ☎ **05356/690-10**. Reservations required. Main courses 13€–21€ (\$15–\$24). AE, DC, MC, V. Daily 7:30–10:30am, noon–2pm, and 6:45–8:45pm.

**Restaurant Goldener Greif** ★★ TYROLEAN The setting is cozy and warm, and the cuisine is some of the resort's best. The dining room features vaulted ceilings, intricate paneling, ornamental ceramic stoves, 19th-century paintings, and, in some cases, views out over the base of some of Kitzbühel's busy cable cars. Menu items are savory and designed to satisfy appetites heightened by the bracing alpine climate. You might order veal steak with fresh vegetables, pepper steak Madagascar, or venison. Many kinds of grilled steaks are

regularly featured. A “Vienna pot” is one of the chef’s specials, and fresh Tyrolean trout is offered daily. All the meat, sausages, and smoked meat come from the restaurant’s own butcher.

Hinterstadt 24. ☎ 05356/643-11. Reservations recommended. Main courses 8€–30€ (\$9.20–\$35). Fixed-price menus 20€–25€ (\$23–\$29). AE, DC, MC, V. June–Aug daily 10am–2pm and 7–10pm; mid-Dec to May daily 6–10pm. Closed mid-Apr to late May and mid-Oct to mid-Dec.

## SEEING THE SIGHTS IN TOWN

The town has two main streets, both pedestrian walkways: **Vorderstadt** and **Hinterstadt**. Along these streets Kitzbühel has preserved its traditional architectural style. You’ll see three-story stone houses with oriels and scrollwork around the doors and windows, heavy overhanging eaves, and Gothic gables.

The **Pfarrkirche (Parish Church)** was built from 1435 to 1506 and renovated in the baroque style during the 18th century. The lower part of the **Liebfrauenkirche (Church of Our Lady)** dates from the 13th century, the upper part from 1570. Between these two churches stands the **Ölbergkapelle (Ölberg Chapel)** with a 1450 “lantern of the dead” and frescoes from the latter part of the 16th century.

In the **Heimatsmuseum**, Hinterstadt 34 (☎ 05356/645-88), you’ll see artifacts from prehistoric European mining eras and the north alpine Bronze Age, a winter-sports section with trophies of Kitzbüheler skiing greats, and exhibits detailing the town’s history. The museum is open year-round Monday through Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Admission is 4.50€ (\$5.20) adults, 2.25€ (\$2.60) persons under 18.

## HITTING THE SLOPES & OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**SKIING** In winter the emphasis in Kitzbühel, 702m (2,300 ft.) above sea level, is on skiing, and facilities are offered for everyone from novices to experts. The ski season starts just before Christmas and lasts until late March. With more than 62 lifts, gondolas (cable cars), and mountain railroads on five different mountains, Kitzbühel has two main ski areas, the **Hahnenkamm** (renovated in 1995) and the **Kitzbüheler Horn** ★★. Cable cars (Hahnenkammbahn) are within easy walking distance, even for those in ski boots.

The linking of the lift systems on the Hahnenkamm has created the celebrated **Kitzbühel Ski Circus** ★★★, which makes it possible to ski downhill for more than 80km (50 miles), with runs that suit every stage of proficiency. Numerous championship ski events are held here; the World Cup event each January pits the skills of top-flight skiers against the toughest, fastest downhill course in the world, a stretch of the Hahnenkamm especially designed for maximum speed. Its name, *Die Streif*, is both feared and respected among skiers.

**OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES** There’s also curling, ski-bobbing, ski jumping, ice-skating, tobogganing, hiking on cleared trails, and hang gliding, as well as indoor activities like tennis, bowling, and swimming. The children’s ski school, **Schi-schule Rote Teufel**, Museumkeller, Hinterstadt (☎ 05356/635-00), provides training for the very young skier. And don’t forget the après-ski, with bars, nightclubs, and dance clubs rocking from teatime until the wee hours.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES** Kitzbühel has summer pastimes, too, such as walking tours, visits to the **Wild Life Park at Aurach** (about 3km/2 miles from Kitzbühel), tennis, horseback riding, golf, squash, brass-band concerts in the town center, cycling, and swimming. For the last, there’s an indoor swimming pool, but we recommend going to the **Schwarzsee (Black Lake)**. This *See*,

about a 15-minute walk northwest of the center of town, is an alpine lake with a peat bottom that keeps the water relatively murky. Covering an area of 6.4 hectares (16 acres), with a depth that doesn't exceed about 8m (25 ft.), it's the site of beaches and **Seiwald Boosverleih**, Schwartzsee (☎ 05356/623-81), an outfit that rents rowboats and putt-putt electric-driven engines in case you want to fish or sunbathe from a boat.

One of the region's most exotic collection of alpine flora is clustered into the jagged and rocky confines of the **Alpine Flower Garden Kitzbühel**, where various species of gentian, gorse, heather, and lichens are found on the sunny slopes of the Kitzbüheler Horn. Set at a height of around 1,830m (6,000 ft.) above sea level, the garden—which is owned and maintained by Kitzbühel as an incentive to midsummer tourism—is open from late May to early September, daily from 8:30am to 5:30pm, and is most impressive in June, July, and August. Admission is free. Many visitors see the garden by taking the Seilbahn Kitzbüheler cable car to its uppermost station and then descending on foot via the garden's labyrinth of footpaths to the gondola's middle station. (You can also climb upward within the garden, reversing the order of the gondola stations, although that would require a lot more effort.) The **Seilbahn Kitzbüheler cable car** (☎ 05356/69-51), 18€ (\$21) round-trip, departs from Kitzbühel at half-hour intervals daily throughout the summer and winter. In spring and autumn, it operates Saturday and Sunday only.