

Vienna II: Ancient Egyptian Ceramics in the 21st Century

Planning Your Trip

Tourism in Vienna

The official visitor's site for Vienna is <http://www.wien.info/en>

Insurance/Liability

Colleagues from countries outside the European Union travelling on compulsory visa are in need of insurance providing medical cover (including personal liability) during their stay in Austria and other Schengen countries. If they do not rely on that or an equivalent insurance package, it can be acquired online by "Europäische Reiseversicherung" under the web-address <http://www.europaeische.at/> most easily.

Neither the University of Vienna nor the conference organizer can be held responsible for any personal injury or loss of private property. All participants are encouraged to make their own arrangements for insurance.

Currency/Credit Cards

The Austrian currency like in most countries of the European Union is the EURO (€). Please, take into consideration that some foreign currencies can not be exchanged for EUROS and that cash exchange is subject to handling fees. We advise to draw money from cash terminals called "Bankomat" (to be found inside/outside every banking establishment) with your bank card for the daily exchange rate. Besides, most hotels, restaurants and shops accept international credit cards.

Opening hours

Please note that the Thursday of the conference is a public holiday!

Banks: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

Shops: Monday to Friday usually 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Opening/Closing hours may differ. Closed Sunday and public holidays.

Supermarkets: Monday to Thursday usually 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday to 7:30 p.m., Saturday to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and public holidays. **A supermarket is located at University Campus (Court 1) almost adjacent to the Lecture Centre.**

Getting from the Airport (Wien-Schwechat) to Vienna

Taxi from the airport to the city centre (ca. € 35.00-40.00). Since Vienna airport is not located in Vienna but the neighbouring federal country of Lower Austria ("Niederösterreich"), taxi drivers may request an additional return fee as they are not allowed to pick up customers in Vienna. Sounds somewhat curious, but is sad reality.

CAT (City Airport Train) to the city centre station "Wien-Mitte" (Landstraße) (€9.00 one way, €16.00 return) departs from the airport every 30 minutes with a travelling time of 16 minutes. Ticket machines are to be found in the arrival hall in front of the entrance to CAT station. The way is prominently marked in green.

Shuttle-Bus to Schwedenplatz and the Süd- or Westbahnhof railway stations (€ 7.00 one way, €12.00 return) departs from the airport every 20-30 minutes. Travelling time about 20-25 minutes.

Local Fast Train (S 7) to the city centre station "Wien-Mitte" (Landstraße) (two-zone ticket, € 3.40) departs from the airport every 30 minutes with a travelling time of about 35 minutes.

Public Transport within Vienna

Public transport in Vienna is efficient and extensive. All types (Buses, trams, S-Bahn and U-Bahn) can be used with the same ticket.

A weekly ticket for all public transport in Vienna costs 14 Euro and is valid from Monday through Sunday. They can be bought at Tabak/Trafik kiosks as well as at ticket machines in U-Bahn and S-Bahn stations. Single fares cost €1.80, day tickets €5.70. The Vienna card (see below) is also a 72 hour ticket for public transport).

For planning your trips: <http://www.wienerlinien.at/>

Public Transport near the Venue

Tramlines 5, 33, 43, 44 run very close to campus. Line 37, 38, 40, 41, 42 (stops "Sensengasse" and "Spitalgasse") run to with 10m walking distance. The nearest U-Bahn is Schottentor, about 15 Minutes walk from campus (slow gait). For calculating the best route from your hotel, use the official public transport website <http://www.wienerlinien.at/> and enter "1090 Wien, Spitalgasse 2" in the "address" field.

Vienna-Card

Reduced rates for museums, exhibitions, guided tours, theatres and concerts, cheaper shopping, advantages in cafés, at "Heurigen" taverns and restaurants. Vienna-Card is also valid as a **72 hour ticket for public transport**. For detailed information please contact <http://www.wienkarte.at/>. It currently costs €18.50

Electric devices

Electricity is 220 V AC with 50 Hz frequency. Plug connections are equivalent to those used e.g. in Germany or Poland. Since not all hotels (especially the smaller ones) provide sufficient equipment it is advisable to care for adapters.

Tips

Service is not included in consummation. Therefore a tip of 10 % is usual (of course, if service was sufficient).

Climate

Austria has a characteristic continental European dry climate with an average temperature of about 20 degrees Celsius in May. However, we can't give a guarantee on that, as conditions may vary due to recent global weather changes.

Music/Opera/Classical/Ballet

An overview of what is on offer (a lot) is available at Vienna Classic (May 2012 only highlights listed)

[http://www.viennaclassic.com/uebersicht.php?
comefrom=uebersicht&navid=100&sid=600c31b1af2590c40b30bf580a55d947&setlang=E](http://www.viennaclassic.com/uebersicht.php?comefrom=uebersicht&navid=100&sid=600c31b1af2590c40b30bf580a55d947&setlang=E)

The main venues and their schedules for May 2012 are listed below.

Musikverein

<http://www.musikverein.at/konzerte/konzerte.asp?currMonth=5&currYear=2012>

Volksoper

[http://www.volksoper.at/Content.Node2/home/spielplan/spielplanliste1.php?
month=5&year=2012&types%5B%5D=](http://www.volksoper.at/Content.Node2/home/spielplan/spielplanliste1.php?month=5&year=2012&types%5B%5D=)

Wiener Konzerthaus

<http://konzerthaus.at/programm/>

Staatsoper

[http://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/Content.Node/home/spielplan_next/Spielplan.de.php?
month=5&year=2012&mode=next](http://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/Content.Node/home/spielplan_next/Spielplan.de.php?month=5&year=2012&mode=next)