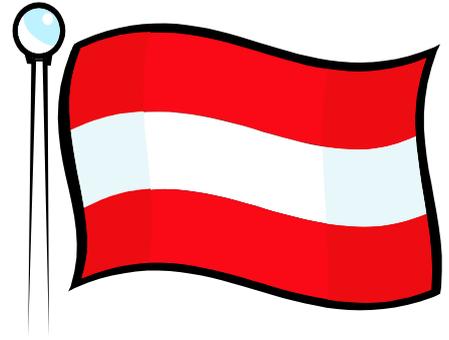


ORGANIZING YOUR DAILY LIFE IN AUSTRIA



Opening Hours:

Shops

Monday – Friday: 8.00 – 19.00

Saturday: 8.00 – 17.00,
sometimes (small shops) 8.00 - 12.00

Most shops are closed on Sundays. You can buy some food at petrol stations or in small bakeries. Some shops are closed Wednesday afternoons, especially in smaller villages.

Banks

Usually open Mo - Fr from 8.00 - 16.00, Wednesday afternoon closed

Austrian radio and TV:

ORF: Austria's national broadcasting station. www.orf.at

Oe3: Austrian hit radio, plays mostly popular music and has news every hour

FM4: Broadcasts news in English

Further there are many other TV channels and radio stations available in Austria. If you want to have a TV guide for the next week, buy a daily newspaper on Thursday. You will find a magazine called TELE, telling you everything you have to know about the programs of the next week.

Austrian newspapers:

Here are some links to Austrian newspapers.

www.krone.at

www.derstandard.at

www.diepresse.com

www.kurier.at

www.austriatoday.at (English newspaper)

You will find some English newspapers on many newsstands all over Austria, especially at bigger railway stations. There is also some selection of English books available in the bookshops of bigger cities.

Travelling in Austria

Travelling by train is a good way to get to know the country. Information about the connections (bus and train) you will find on the webpage of the Austrian Federal Railways.

www.oebb.at

For students it is advisable to buy a "Vorteilskarte". With this card you get a 50% discount for the tickets. Photo required! Buy your ticket at the station.

If you want to go to villages in the countryside, bus service might be limited at the weekends, so check the schedule before planning a trip.

On Friday and Saturday evenings many areas offer a night shuttle to bring people back to their home villages or people share a taxi.

Emergency calls:	Fire brigade:	122
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Medical Services

If you need a doctor you usually go there in the morning. Some doctors also offer their services in the afternoon, but especially in rural areas they then are out to see their patients at home if necessary.

All hospitals have "Ambulanzen" where you can go – also best in the morning – and have your problems checked and examined.

Both doctors and hospitals require your "e-card" (social insurance card) as a grant for payment.

If you need some medicine you only can get it at the pharmacy. Opening hours: see shops.

Legal restrictions for young people

From your 16th birthday onwards you are allowed to stay out as long as you like at night. But: concerning alcohol you only can get beer or wine. For drinking spirits you have to be 18!

Communication with locals

If you have some command of German and you don't understand what people are talking about – it might not be your fault. Austrian dialect is a dialect of German, but if you are not used to it, it is very difficult to understand! But – all Austrians should be able to talk to you in the German you learned at school.