



## Austria in Brief

Located in the very heart of Europe and well-known for its hospitality, Austria is a first-class destination for meetings and conventions. The range of conference facilities is certainly impressive. There are fully-equipped congress halls and many varied conference facilities in hotels or those with their own special flair, for example in monasteries or convents and even on Danube cruise ships!

Austria's scenery is breathtaking from the dramatic mountain landscape of the Alps, the beautiful rolling hills of the wine-growing country to the famous lakes. The cities and towns also have a special charm, from the cultural centres of Vienna and Salzburg, which both hold famous International Festivals, to the rustic beauty of the mountain villages.

Austria offers a wide range of exciting sporting initiatives all year round from snow shoe trekking to horse sleigh riding, from paragliding to river rafting. Austria is also famous for its music and culture and one incentive example would be to practise waltzing skills at one of the famous Viennese balls. Add the excellent cuisine and exquisite local wines to all Austria's attractions and it is clear that Austria can satisfy any need the conference or event organizer might have.

In June 2008, Austria together with joint host Switzerland, will be organizing the European Football Championship EURO 2008. In Austria, matches will take place in Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck and Klagenfurt.

## Fact File

**Government:** . . . . . federal republic  
**Capital:** . . . . . Vienna  
**Population:** . . . . . 8.3 million  
**Area:** . . . . . 83,872km<sup>2</sup>  
**Official language:** . German  
**Time zone:** . . . . . Central European Time  
**Telephone:** . . . . . Dial the int. code plus 43 for Austria.  
**Electricity:** . . . . . 220 V (A/C), 50 Hz  
**Currency:** . . . . . 1 euro = 100 cents  
**Entry requirements:** Citizens of European Union States need only a valid passport or identity card. Other nationalities please refer to latest regulations.

## Travel Information

Vienna Airport (Wien - Schwechat) is located 18km east of the city. The airports at Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg also have international connections.

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