

Viennese winter dreams 2020/21

Winter in Vienna – that means cozy coffee houses where you can warm yourself up from the cold outside over a *mélange*. Viennese cuisine invites you to boundless enjoyment. The sightseeing can be combined with a shopping spree. All topped off with a sprinkling of exhibitions, festivals and skating adventures.

In Vienna, the new year starts in very traditional style with the New Year's Concert by the Vienna Philharmonic. The always fully sold out concert in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein is broadcast to the world. Riccardo Muti conducts in 2021.

If autumn is "the" wine tavern season in Vienna, then late winter is the ideal time for the coffee house. Not only because these oases of coziness are the place to round off a shopping tour of the shopping streets in comfort. Connoisseurs have long since discovered the café as an attractive place to have breakfast – or appreciate the combination of delicious pastries and lively music in the concert-café. Even more lavish is the choice of delicious pastries in the city's patisseries. After all, the rich assortment of pastries is as much a part of Viennese cuisine as its other culinary symbols: Wiener Schnitzel and Kaiserschmarren.

After dessert, it's off to the museum: Since May 2020, Vienna has been enriched with another museum for contemporary art: The Albertina modern is showing its second major exhibition with "Now: The Essl Collection". And things continue in a contemporary vein: The Belvedere 21 focuses on the work of Joseph Beuys. The Bank Austria Kunstforum dedicates a comprehensive show to the Swiss universal artist Daniel Spoeri. The Leopold Museum presents not only the show "The Body Electric. Erwin Osen and Egon Schiele" but also "Inspiration Beethoven" – a "Symphony in pictures from Vienna around 1900". At the mumok – Museum of Modern Art, works by Andy Warhol can be seen. And "Foto Wien 2021" turns March into the month of photography.

Sport is also part of the Viennese winter program, as the cold season offers the perfect opportunity for ice skating or curling. The Ice Dream (January to the beginning of March) transforms City Hall Square into a 9,000 m² ice rink on two levels that permits everything from sporty moves to popular music hits as well as convivial walks on the winding ice paths in the adjacent park.

A wintry stroll through the city is also an ideal time to go shopping. The 1st district offers exclusive shopping pleasure. Apart from the modern flagship stores of global brands, Vienna city center is also home to the stores of local manufactories and former imperial and royal court purveyors. Whether hats from Mühlbauer, Augarten porcelain, sweet treats from Sacher, sparkling Sisi stars from Köchert, or glassware from Lobmeyr – Viennese crafts are internationally renowned for their high quality. Many young design stores can be found in the 7th district.

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