

Vienna Event Highlights

JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2020

June to September 2019: Summer at MuseumsQuartier Wien

MQW is the newest trendy summer hangout. In addition to open-air concerts and festivals, you're invited to kick back in this relaxing space offering boules (bocce) games, restaurants with outdoor seating, minigolf, and stylish outdoor furniture. (www.mqw.at)

June 29 to September 1, 2019: Music Film Festival at City Hall Square

In July and August there is a special treat for music film fans, with outstanding operas, ballets, classical and pop concerts. Open-air gastronomic services provide culinary delights late into the night. (www.filmfestival-rathausplatz.at)

July 11 to August 11, 2019: ImPulsTanz

The European "summit meeting" of the international dance scene offers a lavish performance festival and an extensive workshop program. (www.impulstanz.com)

July 19 to August 31, 2019: Wiener Lustspielhaus

Every year Adi Hirschal's temporary Wiener Lustspielhaus stages a popular play (in German), with a local Viennese folk interpretation, offering an amusing summer evening's entertainment. (2018 www.wienerlustspielhaus.at)

July 22 to 27, 2019: Vienna Festival of Cabaret

The Festival Hall at City Hall becomes the stage for the best of Austrian cabaret this summer (in German). (www.wienerkabarettfestival.at)

July 31 to August 4, 2019: The Vienna Major 2019 – Beach volleyball

Vienna has been selected as the host location for the international beach volleyball championships through to 2020. Around 100,000 visitors came to watch the free sports event in 2018. (www.beachmajorseries.com)

August 9 to 26, 2019: Africa Days

At the height of the summer season, enjoy African lifestyle on the Danube Island, with music, food, and arts and crafts from Cape Town to Cairo. (www.afrika-tage.at)

August 26 to September 1, 2019: Vienna Restaurant Week

For one week a variety of top Viennese restaurants offer wonderful menus at an affordable fixed price, providing the ideal opportunity to explore the best of the city's varied gastronomy. (www.restaurantwoche.wien)

September 2019, April, May, June 2020: Opera Live on the Square

The Vienna State Opera streams selected live performances on a video wall on Karajan Platz, in front of the opera, free for all to watch. (www.wiener-staatsoper.at)

September 6 to 8, 2019: Buskers Festival

The Vienna Street Art Festival on Art Square Karlsplatz runs over several days, featuring acrobats, comedians, musicians, and street art. (www.buskers.at)

September 7 to 8, 2019: Gault & Millau Gourmet Fair

Over two days Austria's best cooks will be demonstrating their skills at the Wiener Kursalon. They will be joined by Austria's top wine producers presenting their wines. (at.gaultmillau.com/news/gault-millau-genuss-messe-2019)

September 9 to 15, 2019: MQ Vienna Fashion Week

Austrian fashion design is the focus of this fall event bringing together Austrian fashion designers at the MuseumsQuartier Wien. (www.mqvfw.com)

September 26 to October 13, 2019: Wiener Wiesn-Fest

Lederhosen, dirndls, folk music, hearty Viennese fare, and local wine and brews bring a festive atmosphere to the Kaiserwiese in the Prater. (www.wienerwiesnfest.at)

September 26 to October 6, 2019: Vienna Design Week

Products, furniture, and industrial and experimental designs will be displayed in shops, museums, various off-locations, and public spaces right across the city, with the focus this year on Vienna's 9th district. (www.viennadesignweek.at)

September 28 to 29, 2019: Vienna Wine Hiking Day

Three walking routes invite visitors to explore the autumnal beauty of Vienna's vineyards and its produce, with many opportunities to stop along the way and taste Viennese wine. (www.wien-event.at)

October 18 to 19, 2019: Hollywood in Vienna

The major gala concert of film music brings international stars to the Wiener Konzerthaus. (www.hollywoodinvienna.com)

October 24 to November 6, 2019: Viennale – Vienna International Film Festival

Showing the latest film productions and documentaries from around the world, as well as retrospectives, complemented by parties, discussions, and events. (www.viennale.at)

October 25 to 27, 2019: Blickfang Wien

The design fair for furniture, fashion, and jewelry transforms the MAK – Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art into a shopping oasis for all design aficionados. (www.blickfang.com)

November/December 2019: Winter in the MuseumsQuartier Vienna

Trendy winter gathering in the MQW, with ice-rinks, punch bars, DJ sounds, and cool visuals. (www.mqw.at)

Vienna Christmas Markets 2019

November/December 2019: Vienna Christmas World on Rathausplatz (www.wienerweihnachtstraum.at)

November/December 2019: Old Vienna Christmas Market on the Freyung (www.altwiener-markt.at)

November 23, 2019 to January 5, 2020: Culture and Christmas Market in front of Schönbrunn Palace (www.weihnachtsmarkt.co.at)

For other Christmas markets, please see www.events.wien.info

December 21, 2019 (December 20: preview): Christmas in Vienna

Traditional gala concert with opera stars in the Wiener Konzerthaus. (www.christmasinvienna.at)

December 31, 2019: New Year's Eve in Vienna

Vienna's Old Town is transformed into an enormous party area. Revellers can follow the New Year's Eve Trail from City Hall Square through the narrow streets of the inner city. They are sure to find the perfect entertainment with the variety of shows offered on numerous stages. Go to www.vienna.info for all New Year's events, including concerts, theater, balls, galas, banquets, etc.

December 31, 2019: New Year's Eve Ball at the Hofburg Vienna (Imperial Palace)

Glamorous New Year's ball in the splendid state rooms in the Imperial Palace. (www.hofburgsilvesterball.com)

January 1, 2020: Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Concert

Tickets for the concert in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein are a scarce commodity and so an annual ticket raffle is held in spring exclusively on the www.wienerphilharmoniker.at website. There are two chances to experience the New Year's Concert live and free of charge in the open air: at the New Year's Festival on Vienna's City Hall Square, and at "Opera Live on the Square" in front of the Vienna State Opera.

January 29 to February 9, 2020: Holiday on Ice – "Showtime"

The new show tells the story of the world's most popular ice show – from the casting of the first iceskater through to the world tour. (www.stadthalle.com)

Highlights of the 2020 Vienna Ball Season

January 23 Vienna Philharmonic Ball (Musikverein) / January 25 Vienna Medical Doctors' Ball (Imperial Palace) / January 25 Rainbow Ball (Parkhotel Schönbrunn) / January 27 Hunters' Ball (Imperial Palace) / February 14 Vienna Coffeehouse Owners' Ball (Imperial Palace) / February 15 Johann Strauss Ball (Kursalon) / February 20 Vienna Opera Ball (Vienna State Opera) / February 21 Bonbon Ball (Konzerthaus) / February 22 Lawyers' Ball (Imperial Palace), ball preview at www.vienna.info

Mid-January to early March 2020: Vienna Ice World

City Hall Square turns into a giant icescape with a romantic ice "dream path" that winds across the Vienna City Hall Park. Ice skates and curling equipment are available, as are culinary treats and warm tents. A smaller skating rink is open earlier (November/December 2019) as part of the Vienna Christmas World. (www.wienereistraum.com)

March 28 to April 14, 2020: Easter market in front of Schönbrunn Palace / March 27 to April 13, 2020: Traditional Viennese Easter Market on the Freyung and the Easter market am Hof

Traditional Easter decorations and artfully decorated Easter eggs, culinary delights, and a richly varied musical program can be found at Vienna's Easter markets. (www.ostermarkt.co.at, www.altwiener-markt.at, www.ostermarkt-hof.at)

April 19, 2020: Vienna City Marathon

Annual date on the calendar for thousands of runners from all over the world. Some of the city's most beautiful sights are located along the route, from the Giant Ferris Wheel and Schönbrunn Palace to the Imperial Palace. (www.vienna-marathon.com)

May 3, 2020: Wings for Life World Run

The starting signal for this global charity run rings out for the seventh time, simultaneously in Vienna and many other cities. (www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com)

May 8 to 10, 2020: Genuss-Festival

Vienna's Stadtpark is transformed into a landscape which beckons all culinary bon vivants. Visitors can enjoy regional Austrian dishes and high-quality products from local artisan producers at more than 190 booths. (www.genussfestival.at)

May 17, 2020: Austrian Women's Run

The starting gun will fire on the Prater Hauptallee: this is one of the world's leading women's runs and attracts 35,000 female participants from many countries. (www.oesterreichischer-frauenlauf.at)

May/June 2020: Vienna Festival

The annual theater, performance and music festival offers five weeks of top stage productions by international ensembles. (www.festwochen.at)

May/June 2020: Summer Night Concert given by the Vienna Philharmonic in front of Schönbrunn Palace

With Schönbrunn Palace serving as its magnificent baroque backdrop, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra presents an exquisite musical treat. Free admission. (www.sommernachtskonzert.at)

June 6 to 8, 2019: VieVinum

The international wine festival is the venue for wine experts and enthusiasts, hosted in the splendid surroundings of Vienna's Imperial Palace. (www.vievinum.at)

Late June 2020: Danube Canal Events

The Danube Canal promenade, between the Summer Stage and Beach Bar Herrmann, plays host to a colourful program of arts events, including concerts, cabaret, readings, films, sport, children's programs, and great food. Free admission. (www.donaukanaltreiben.at)

Musicals & Shows 2019/20

Cats

The cats are back! Andrew Lloyd Webber's masterpiece brings the dance, magic, mysticism, and Grammy-winning music from the German-language original version of the musical to the Ronacher. (From September 20, 2019, www.musicalvienna.at)

Heidi

Maya Hakvoort and Uwe Kröger star as Miss Rottenmeier and the Alm-Öhi in the family musical of Johanna Spyri's worldwide bestseller being performed in the MuseumsQuartier. (MuseumsQuartier, Halle E, December 4 to 8, 2019, www.mqw.at)

Scrooge

The interactive family musical Scrooge, adapted from Charles Dickens' novel "A Christmas Carol" by Christian Berg and Michael Schanze, enchants audiences at Christmas. (MuseumsQuartier, Halle E, December 20 to 26, 2019, www.wien-ticket.at)

Musical classics in the Volksoper

The Volksoper regularly puts on its own productions of classic musicals, including "The Wizard of Oz", "My Fair Lady", and "The Man of La Mancha". See the program for a large selection. (Closed over summer in July/August, www.volksoper.at)

Exhibitions 2019/20

Highlights

- Red Vienna 1919 to 1934 (Wien Museum MUSA, April 30, 2019 to January 19, 2020, www.wienmuseum.at)
- Hermann Nitsch. Spaces of Color (Albertina, May 17 to August 11, 2019, www.albertina.at)
- Vertigo. Op Art and a History of Deception 1520–1970 (mumok, May 25 to October 27, 2019, www.mumok.at)
- Vienna Biennale for Change 2019: Brave New Virtues. Shaping Our Digital World (MAK, May 29 to October 6, 2019, www.viennabiennale.org)
- Maria Lassnig (Albertina, September 6, 2019 to December 1, 2019, www.albertina.at)
- Albrecht Dürer (Albertina, September 20, 2019 to January 6, 2020, www.albertina.at)
- Arnulf Rainer (Albertina, September 27, 2019 to January 20, 2020, www.albertina.at)
- Richard Gerstl. Inspiration – Legacy (Leopold Museum, September 27, 2019 to January 20, 2020, www.leopoldmuseum.org)
- Caravaggio & Bernini (Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, October 15, 2019 to January 19, 2020, www.khm.at)
- Bentwood and Beyond. Thonet and Modern Furniture Design/200-year anniversary of Thonet (MAK, December 18, 2019 to April 13, 2020, www.mak.at)

Fairs and events

- curated by: gallery festival with international guest curators (September 13 to October 12, 2019, www.curatedby.at)
- Open House Vienna: exclusive glimpses inside the city's architectural highlights (September 14 to 15, 2019, www.openhouse-wien.at)
- Parallel Vienna: a special kind of art fair which makes use of empty buildings (September 24 to 29, 2019, www.parallelvienna.com)
- viennacontemporary: the meeting place for art collectors, curators, gallery owners, art experts, and all those with an interest in art from all over the world (September 26 to 29, 2019, www.viennacontemporary.at)
- Long Night of Museums: more than 110 museums in Vienna open their doors for culture-loving night owls – from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (October 5, 2019, <http://langenacht.orf.at>)
- Art & Antique: art, antique, and design fair in the Imperial Palace (November 9 to 17, 2019, www.artantique-hofburg.at)
- Vienna Art Week: a glimpse behind the scenes of Vienna's art world: exhibitions, discussions, guided tours, studio visits, and parties all over the city (November 15 to 22, 2019, www.viennaartweek.at)

Music Festivals 2019/20

Vienna Jazz Festival

In the summer, the City's most beautiful venues are transformed into jazz stages: from the Vienna State Opera to City Hall, with open-air shows in the City Hall's atmospheric colonnaded courtyard. (June 24 to July 10, 2019, www.jazzfest.wien)

Popfest Wien

Karlsplatz will be filled with the sounds of innovative pop music from Austrian musicians and bands. Free admission. (July 25 to 28, 2019, www.popfest.at)

Gürtel Nightwalk

Listen to live music where the traffic normally rolls: once a year in August, Vienna's Gürtel becomes the longest musical mile in the city. (August 31, 2019, www.guertelnightwalk.at)

Waves Vienna Music Festival and Conference

The showcase and club festival features three days of international and local acts on a variety of stages. (September 26 to 28, 2019, www.wavesvienna.com)

Wien Modern

This festival of contemporary music offers a special sound experience at a variety of locations. (October 30 to November 30, 2019, www.wienmodern.at)

Vienna Jazz Floor

Vienna jazz clubs put on a month-long top-notch program for jazz lovers. (November 1 to 31, 2019, www.viennajazzfloor.at)

Voice Mania

The most versatile instrument is the human voice, as demonstrated by international vocalists at the popular a cappella festival. (November 8 to December 1, 2019, www.voicemania.at)

KlezMore Festival Vienna

Jewish world music in traditional and contemporary interpretations, performed in clubs, churches, and theaters. (November 2019, www.klezmore-vienna.at)

Resonanzen

The Early Music Festival in the Wiener Konzerthaus presents top-class ensembles performing rare and exciting works by medieval and baroque composers. (January 18 to 26, 2020, www.konzerthaus.at)

International Accordion Festival Vienna

Accordion virtuosos from many countries fascinate audiences with this versatile instrument at different locations. (February 22 to March 22, 2020, www.akkordeonfestival.at)

Vienna Blues Spring

International legends meet local musicians in Vienna (March 20 to April 30, 2020, www.viennabluesspring.org)

Danube Island Festival

The three-day Danube Island Festival, with roughly three million visitors, is the world's largest open-air music festival. Free admission. (June 2020, www.donauinselfest.at)

Beethoven Year 2020

During Beethoven Year 2020, which marks 250th anniversary of the composer's birth, music lovers can experience the composer up close, right across Vienna, in concerts, opera performances and exhibitions, at the major Beethoven Museum, in preserved apartments, at the sites of many of his triumphs and doubts, at monuments and at Klimt's Beethoven Frieze.

All information about Beethoven 2020 in Vienna is available at <https://www.wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/beethoven-2020>. A few highlights are listed below:

Concerts

- Vienna Philharmonic performs the Beethoven Cycle in the Gustav Mahler Hall at the Vienna State Opera (January 11 and 18, March 28, April 18, May 9, and June 13, 2020)
- Wiener Symphoniker:
 - Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at the turn of the year, Wiener Konzerthaus (January 1 and December 31, 2020)
 - Reconstruction of the "Grand Beethoven Academy" of 1808, Wiener Konzerthaus (January 11, 2020)
 - Beethoven program with pianist Nicholas Angelich, Wiener Konzerthaus (January 12 and 21, 2020)
 - Simultaneous concert with the Beethoven Orchester Bonn: an open-air event with public viewing (May 15, 2020)
 - Two Beethoven concertos with pianist Igor Levit, Wiener Konzerthaus (June 5 and 7, 2020)
- Musikverein: in 2020 the building celebrates its 150th anniversary. Around 80 Beethoven concerts will be played by June 2020.
- All the Beethoven symphonies, played by the orchestra musicAeterna of Perm Opera, conducted by Teodor Currentzis, Wiener Konzerthaus (March 23 to 30, 2020)
- "All Together – A Global Ode to Joy": Beethoven's "Ninth", ORF Radio Symphony Orchestra Wien (October 16, 2020)
- "Resound Beethoven": the original sound orchestra, the Wiener Akademie, continues its series of concerts at the sites of premieres performed in Vienna (February 14 and 15, 2020, Palais Niederösterreich, March 10 and May 12, 2020, Musikverein)

Opera: Beethoven's only opera "Fidelio" in all its variations:

- Fidelio (original version): Vienna State Opera (February 1, 5, 8 and 11, 2020)
- Fidelio (2nd version): Theater an der Wien (site of the original premiere; director: Christoph Waltz, March 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27, 2020)
- Fidelio (3rd version): Vienna State Opera (April 22, 25 and 28, and May 2, 2020)

Exhibitions (permanent)

- Beethoven Museum: the major Viennese Beethoven center. Original Beethoven residence, with modern interactive exhibition installation. A must for all Beethoven fans.
- Pasqualati House: original apartment and memorial site
- House of Music: permanent Beethoven room, range of special projects scheduled for 2020, see below
- Collection of Historic Musical Instruments: two Beethoven portraits, a bust, original historical instruments
- Gustav Klimt's Beethoven Frieze at the Secession

Special exhibitions, projects

- House of Music: sound installation "Inside Beethoven" (visitors become part of a musical ensemble, June 10 to August 10, 2020); sculptures made from historical pianos (April 20 to September 2020); special exhibition "Bernstein's Beethoven" (from October 2020); special tours; "Beethoven path"
- Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna: "Beethoven. piano forte", an exhibition of paintings, drawings, and sculptures, together with film, video, and performance. A visual bridge to the current day (March 23 to September 6, 2020)
- Austrian National Library, State Hall: "Beethoven. The Human World and Sparks of Divinity" (December 19, 2019 to April 19, 2020).

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