

# Vienna 2019: the stage is yours!

Vienna's music, theater and exhibition stages enjoy an international reputation. Because Vienna distinguishes itself like no other city by bringing life to the stage. In 2019, the curtain rises on very special "stages of Viennese": insights into otherwise hidden and unknown worlds make it possible to get to know Vienna from its very special theatrical side. Because everything in Vienna is a theater and visitors can themselves play a leading role in Viennese life. In other words, "Vienna plays life the way it is".

A stage for all those who would like to play the leading role themselves, for example, is **Zum Schwarzen Kameel** - half bar, half posh restaurant and a unique kaleidoscope of Viennese society from all walks of life. Here the construction worker meets the head of section. And Miss Erna sells buns with the best ham in the world on top, while the Who's Who of Viennese society puts on a big show.

At the *genius loci* of the world capital of music, the **mdw - University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna**, the visitor to Vienna meets the music stars of tomorrow and is carried away by the intoxication of musical perfection. Students from all over the world allow visitors to look over their shoulders.

Seventy years ago, the **Viennese sewer system** became the stage for Orson Welles and the film "**The Third Man**". This mystical counter-world with its infinite pipe, cable and tunnel systems, which ensure that everything "above" works, immerses the visitor in a superhero epic as if from the Marvel universe.

Hidden behind an inconspicuous gate on Mariahilfer Strasse is a long-forgotten world: the "Emperor's Couch" is stored here in the **Federal Furniture Administration**, which is attached to the **Hofmobiliendepot. Imperial Furniture Collection** and safeguards the furniture of the former Austrian imperial family. But there is no dead matter here. The couches, tables, chairs and dinner service are still used on state visits today. Guided tours behind the scenes give insights into the ceremonial then and now.

Animal photographers Georg Popp and Verena Popp-Hackner offer extensive expeditions to the **Wiener Wildnis (Vienna Wilderness)** of the **Central Cemetery** in Vienna. Between weathered, ivy-clad graves in the Jewish part of the cemetery, you will come across deer that have reclaimed their habitat here.

Jean-Paul Vaugoin's world comprises the royal palaces of Arabia and Malaysia. His home, however, is a hidden backyard in the 7<sup>th</sup> district. Situated here is his renowned silversmith **Jarosinski & Vaugoin**, where exclusive works for the crowned heads of the world are created. Silver master Yakup Kurter and his colleagues produce exclusive silverware for King, Sheikh and Co. by hand. Looking into the hidden workshop in the wildly overgrown courtyard of the Biedermeier House, visitors not only experience who work is still done here as it was 100 years ago.

There is much more to discover in Vienna – also off the tourist map: an excursion to Stammersdorf is like a trip to the countryside, a round on the paternoster in Vienna City Hall is a test of courage, in the Bösendorfer Salon you can strike the perfect Viennese sound yourself and the ride with the D-car from the main railway station to the Nußdorf vineyards becomes a

meditation.

These and many other so-called "moments of encounter" can be found on the website [www.yourstage.wien.info](http://www.yourstage.wien.info).

## ZUM SCHWARZEN KAMEEL

1., Bognergasse 5

Bar Mo-Su 8.00 am - 12.00 midnight

Restaurant Mo-Su 12.00 noon - 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm - 11.00 pm

[www.kameel.at](http://www.kameel.at)

Good to know: Zum Schwarzen Kameel celebrated its 400<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018.

## MDW - UNIVERSITÄT FÜR MUSIK UND DARSTELLENDEN KUNST WIEN (VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS)

3., Anton-von-Webern-Platz 1

[www.mdw.ac.at](http://www.mdw.ac.at)

Good to know: The mdw currently occupies first place in the latest QS World University Ranking 2019.

Event series exclusively for guests of Vienna: Encounter with the mdw – Students and teaching staff give insights behind the scenes:

October 9, 2019 Music – Encounter – Rhythm

November 2019: The World of Technology and Sounds

December 2019: Chamber Music

Information and registration: [www.mdw.ac.at/meetmdw](http://www.mdw.ac.at/meetmdw)

## THIRD MAN TOUR

1., Karlsplatz/Girardipark

May – October Th-Su 10.00 am - 8.00 pm (sewer tour on the hour)

[www.drittemanntour.at](http://www.drittemanntour.at)

+ Third Man Museum

4., Preßgasse 25

Sa 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

[www.3mpc.net](http://www.3mpc.net)

Good to know: Orson Welles filmed only a very few scenes for "The Third Man" in the Vienna sewer. A double was used for rest of the scenes. It stank too much for Mr. Welles.

Special exhibition "70 years since the premiere of the 'The Third Mann'" in the Third Man Museum from April 27, 2019

## HOFMOBILIENDEPOT. IMPERIAL FURNITURE COLLECTION

7., Andreasgasse 7

Tu-Su 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

[www.hofmobiliendepot.at](http://www.hofmobiliendepot.at)

Good to know: The red carpets in the camps of the Federal Furniture Administration welcome state guests to official receptions at the airport. The couch on which Nikita Khrushchev sat at the summit meeting with John F. Kennedy in Vienna in 1961 is also parked here.

(Dates for the guided tours "The Emperor's couch or How the red carpet gets inside the Imperial Palace":

In German: July 26, August 9, September 6, October 25, November 15, December 6, 2019 (at 2.00 pm on each date)

In English: August 8, December 27, 2019 (at 2.00 pm on each date)

## WIENER WILDNIS (VIENNA WILDERNESS)

Appointments by arrangement

[www.wienerwildnis.at](http://www.wienerwildnis.at)

Good to know: The city of Vienna has been home to foxes and badgers for quite some time. Beavers have settled along the Danube again. And at the Central Cemetery, you can find wild deer.

Central Cemetery

11., Simmeringer Hauptstraße 234 (Gate 2)

Safaris at Vienna Central Cemetery:

July 20 and 21: 8.00 am – 10.30 am; 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

August 3 and 4: 8.00 am – 10.30 am; 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

September 7 and 8: 8.00 am – 10.30 am; 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Registration for the dates at [www.wienerwildnis.at](http://www.wienerwildnis.at).

[www.friedhofewien.at](http://www.friedhofewien.at)

Good to know: Vienna's Central Cemetery is the second largest cemetery in Europe. On 2.5 km<sup>2</sup>, it houses about 330,000 graves, including about 1,000 honorary graves of prominent Viennese. Between 20 and 25 funerals are held here every day.

## JAROSINSKI & VAUGOIN – THE SILVERSMITHS

7., Zieglergasse 24  
Mo-Fr 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

[www.vaugoin.com](http://www.vaugoin.com) Good to know: The silversmiths Jarosinski & Vaugoin are allowed to reproduce the valuable golden "Saliera" by Benvenuto Cellini (on display in the original at the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien) in silver. The silver "Saliera" was produced for the first time as a gift for Queen Elizabeth II on her only visit to Austria in 1969.  
Guided tours on request