

Summer 2020 in Vienna – the city is hot

Kilometers of beach in every guise ensure that summer feeling in Vienna. Summer pools and the shoreline of Danube Island are as much a feature as the urban beaches in the city center. Chillout areas everywhere invite people to hang out. An evening in the open-air cinema is as much a part of Vienna's summertime lifestyle as flying visits to all manner of open-air events.

The Viennese prefer to spend the summer on the Danube. On Danube Island alone there are twenty-one kilometers¹ of sand, grass and gravel beaches, including playgrounds and BBQ areas, restaurants, cafés and bars. The new Copa Beach is an attraction with a 500 meter-long waterfront, sand beaches and varied food. The exciting combination of restaurant terraces, nostalgic beach pools and boat rentals defines the charm of the Old Danube. And on the urban beaches along the Danube Canal in the city center, cool drinks are served by Strandbar Herrmann, Badeschiff, Tel Aviv Beach and numerous other trendy spots. The Motto am Fluss, the café and restaurant at the mooring site of the Twin City Liner, offers the best view of the colorful hustle and bustle along the Danube Canal.

The MuseumsQuartier, an art area with important exhibition houses such as the Leopold Museum and the Museum of Modern Art, once again offers a vast array of cultural events and open-air concerts in its extensive courtyards during "Summer in the MQ". Cafés, restaurants and bars, the new viewing terrace Libelle on the roof of the Leopold Museum (from September 1) as well as the MQ Furniture, the futuristic loungers on the squares in the area, offer a superb opportunity to chill out. Fans of fashion flock to the city when MQ Vienna Fashion Week hits the catwalk in September.

With the Summer Stage and the university campus in the Old AKH, Vienna has a string of other excellent spots that are ideally suited to hanging out in the open air. Before heading out to pay a visit to one of the trendy rooftop bars with a view of Vienna. And it goes without saying in Vienna that the "Schanigärten" sidewalk seating areas in front of cafés and restaurants all over the city invite everyone to find a spot and watch the world go by.

The Music Film Festival at City Hall Square presents film adaptations of outstanding operas and concerts from classical and jazz to pop from the beginning of July to the beginning of September - accompanied by culinary greetings from around the world at a range of food booths. Film-goers find even more open-air cinema on the Augartenspitz, on the roof of the Main Library on the Gürtel, and in the sculpture garden of Belvedere 21.

ImPulsTanz, Europe's biggest contemporary dance festival², offers around 300 free dance workshops for everyone in July and August this year instead of the festival. Music, theater, and cabaret are all open-air this year: At Theater in the Park and at Kultursommer Wien (both until the end of August) and at the Danube Island Festival, which travels around Vienna by bus until September 20. The Vienna Festival (reframed) presents fifteen productions until the end of

¹ Total length of Danube Island: 21 kilometers

² Source: www.impulstanz.com/festivalinfo

September. During the Gürtel Nightweek in the middle of September, you can experience a live cross-section of current Viennese sounds in the venues and establishments along the Gürtel for a whole week.

Vienna also serves up exciting exhibitions in the summer: The year's birthday boy Ludwig van Beethoven is everywhere to be found in Vienna – including at exhibitions in the Beethoven Museum, in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, at Mozarthaus Vienna, in the Leopold Museum, and at the House of Music (sound installation "Inside Beethoven" until the middle of August). The Albertina presents the Hahnloser Collection, which thrills with works by Van Gogh, Cézanne and Matisse. And its presents its new location "Albertina modern" with the show "The Beginning Austrian Art 1945 to 1980". The Leopold Museum shows the exhibition "Hundertwasser – Schiele. Imagine Tomorrow" and offers insights into German Expressionism until the end of August. The Belvedere 21 focuses on the past twenty years of the Austrian painter Herbert Brandl with "Exposed to Painting". The MAK – Museum of Applied Art presents Otto Prutscher as a "universalist of Viennese Modernism". At the Wien Museum MUSA, get to know the "Residential homes for California" of the Austrian architect Richard Neutra.

Highlights for fans of the latest contemporary art are offered in September by the gallery festival "curated by", the international art fair "viennacontemporary" (middle to end of September) as well as the sales exhibition for provocative art and installations "Parallel Vienna" (middle to end of September). www.vienna.info