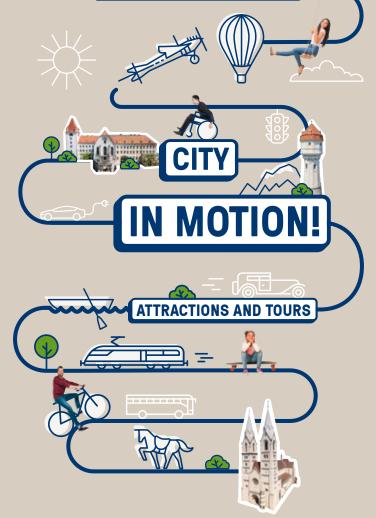


# Wiener Neustadt

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## EVERYTHING IS NEW -IN WIENER NEUSTADT

The birthplace of Emperor Maximilian I, Wiener Neustadt is of great historical significance. The history of Wiener Neustadt, spanning centuries, is so exciting that it is quite surprising that the gates to the important sights were not opened much earlier. However, because of this, the Lower Austrian Provincial Exhibition 2019 sparked an initial, veritable rush to visit these, difficult to access, historical locations.

Here you will find a complete overview of the sights and museums of Wiener Neustadt. Culinary delights are not to be neglected either. Wiener Neustadt has an extraordinary variety of bars and restaurants to offer: from the rustic Stadtheurigen to the Beisl and Gasthaus with everything to home-style cooking to top level cuisine. Numerous coffee houses line the entire city center, inviting you to linger.









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The castle was built about 50 years after the city was founded in 1192 as a military base for the last Babenberger, Friedrich II. Over the centuries the castle has been expanded and been given various new purposes. Emperor Friedrich III. had the castle fundamentally rebuilt, largely giving it its current appearance. Emperor Maximilian I was born and baptized in the castle in Wiener Neustadt and spent his youth here. From here the Holy Roman Empire was expanded. The empire grew so large that "the sun never set". After his death in 1519, Emperor Maximilian I was buried in **St. George's Cathedral**. In keeping with his will, his remains are under the high altar.

The military academy with St. George's Cathedral photo credit © Wiener Alpen/Franz Zwickl





Theresian military academy photo credit © Wiener Alpen/Franz Zwickl



The coat of arms wall photo credit © Theresianische Militärakademie

# From imperial residence to officer's forge

In 1751, Empress Maria Theresa made the castle to the now oldest military academy in the world. "Make me competent officers and righteous men here" was the order for their first commander. Originally intended as a training facility for 100 nobles and 100 ordinary people, the military academy became a cadre forge for the Habsburg Empire. Even today, a new class of well-educated men and women muster out of the academy. Those curious to know what the abbreviation **AEIOU**, that was made by Emperor Friedrich III, stands for, may find a possible explanation during a tour in front of the famous **coat of arms**.

The military academy can only be visited as part of a guided tour. For guided tours, see the supplementary sheet.





The Casemates in Wiener Neustadt are unique in Austria due to their excellent preservation and are listed buildings under monumental protection. Going back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the Kasematten represents the development of the city fortifications, which grew steadily throughout the centuries.

After a centuries-long slumber, the ensemble built as a weapons and ammunition depot was extensively renovated for the Lower Austrian State Exhibition 2019. In addition to being the only **"Strada Coperta"** preserved in Austria, parts of **the city wall** (with a spike-laid masonry - the "Opus Spicatum"), **the Zwinger wall**, as well as the **historic "Kasematten"** and **the old bastion** are open to visitors. In addition, the "Kasematten" are an attractive location for congresses, conferences and weddings.

The casemates can be visited from Wednesday to Sunday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For guided tours see supplementary sheet.

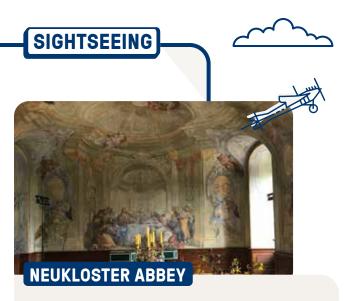
Bahngasse 27, www.kasematten-wn.at



The "Kasematten" with the old and new bastions photo credit © Magistrat Wiener Neustadt, Michael Weller



Stift Neukloster photo credit © Wiener Alpen/Christoph Schubert



The **refectory** and the magnificent library offer a premiere. Neither have ever been open to the public before, so have never been exposed to the harmful effects of excessive visitor numbers. Friends of art treasures can see true originals in the **treasury and the wonder chamber** of the Neukloster. Both emperor and church gathered amazing and curious things from all over the world. The tomb of Eleonore of Portugal, the mother of Maximilian I, can also be visited in the monastery of Neukloster as part of a guided tour.

For guided tours, see the supplementary sheet.

#### Neuklostergasse 1, www.neukloster.at

The refectory of the Neukloster Abbey photo credit © Birgit Rada-Tomasin



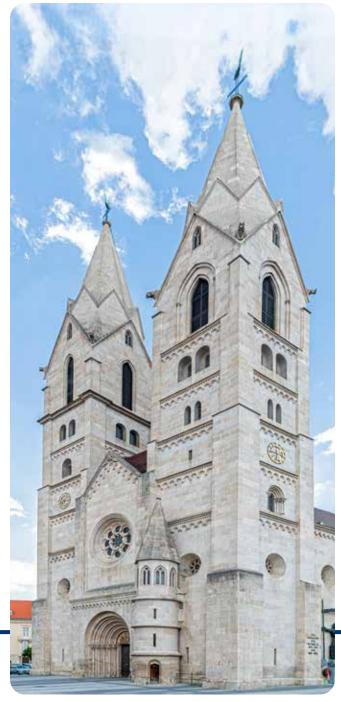
When you drive down the A2 motorway past Wiener Neustadt, you will see the two pointed church towers of the Wiener Neustadt cathedral across the entire Steinfeld. The town's landmark have been an milestone for travelers since the Middle Ages. Several architectural styles tell the tales of several centuries.

The tours in the cathedral are peppered with amazing details - please see supplementary sheet for details.

## Domplatz 1, www.dompfarre-wienerneustadt.at



Monument in honor of the fallen of the two world wars photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert



Wiener Neustadt cathedral photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert



## **CAPUCHIN MONASTERY**

The Capuchin monastery in Wiener Neustadt looks back on 800 years of Franciscan tradition and 400 years of Capuchin life. The Wiener Neustadt monastery was built as a minorite monastery in the middle of the 13<sup>th</sup> century – a few years after the death of the founder, Francis of Assisi (1228). The 17<sup>th</sup> century monastery library, the historical frescoes dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and the attic – where undiscovered treasures that were previously kept from the public can be found, are also included in a guided tour.

The brand new Madonna, which was consecrated in September 2019 now watches over the Capuchin monastery. The original of this early Gothic stone sculpture dates from the 14th century. Today the original is in the Belvedere in Vienna.

For guided tours, see the supplementary sheet.

#### Bahngasse 23 a, www.kapuziner.at

Kapuzinerkloster photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert SOME HIGHLIGHTS CAN BE

## Jewish tombstones

The oldest find of a Jewish gravestone in Wiener Neustadt dates back to 1252. Wiener Neustadt is the second oldest municipality in Austria after Vienna. The tombstone belongs to Simcha, son of Baruch, who died on January 21, 1252. This tombstone was found in a wall in 1959 when the so-called military hospital in the eastern part of the city was demolished.

Today there are tombstones with Hebrew inscriptions dating from 1252 to 1389 on Schubertweg in the city park.

Schubertweg in the city park, details of guided tours: www.juedische-gemeinde-wn.at



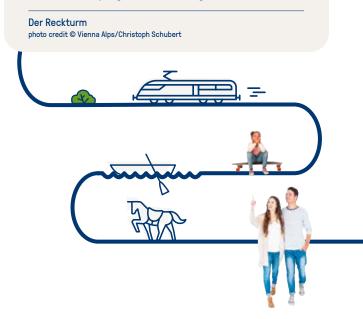
Jewish gravestones in the city park photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert



## Reckturm private museum

One of the four corner towers of the former city wall, well preserved and renovated. Visits between May and October. It houses the private museum "Firearms then and now". For guided tours, see the supplementary sheet.

#### Corner of Reyergasse / Petersgasse





## Idyll in the city park

A green oasis in the middle of the city. The pond reflects the seasons. Walks invite you to slow down. In good old tradition, matinees are held at the pavilion in the summer. Right next door, the playground with the highest play tower in Lower Austria delights the children.

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## **City wall**

Parts of the original city wall have been preserved all throughout Wiener Neustadt. Showing embrasures, walled-in cannonballs, moats, window outlets and spiked masonry (= Opus Spicatum).

City wall with Opus Spicatum, here: Beethovenallee photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert



St. Peter an der Sperr Museum photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert

## MUSEUMS

## ST. PETER AN DER SPERR MUSEUM



Rarely does modern architecture meet old stock so masterfully. The museum complex combines the former church and the Dominican monastery with a modern extension.

The city's history and the city's public collection will be on display in the newly renovated museum from 2020 onwards. A special highlight is the Corvinus cup, a late Gothic lidded cup from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Regular special exhibitions and cultural events round off the museum's portfolio.

## **Opening hours**

Wed-Sun and public holidays 10 am-5pm, school classes and groups by appointment Mon – Sun

## Entry

1 ticket - 2 locations: Museum St. Peter an der Sperr & Casemates: € 8, -Children up to 18 years free.

Discounts are offered. Guided tours see supplementary sheet



Johannes von Nepomuk-Platz 1 www.museum-wn.at

# MUSEUMS "THE KASEMATTEN" WIENER NEUSTADT

On a tour of the Casemates, you not only visit the interior, but also the exterior of the historic building.

The tour leads through the eventful history of the city fortifications, which are unique in Europe. The rapid development of architecture as well as weapon technology shaped the expansion of the "Kasematten" from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Renaissance vaults were used in the following centuries as beer stores, air-raid shelters in the Second World War and as an amusement site. The exhibition shows clearly and with the use of multimedia how the military use was replaced by a very pragmatic-economic use.

The projection of a 3D model of the fortification systems and their development, as well as a PC station and a tactile model, support the visitor on his journey of discovery. Hands-on models will delight young and old.

During the tour, the visitor moves through the "Strada Coperta", the southwest corner tower and the Zwangergang. The museum-designed interior supports the transfer of knowledge. In order to better perceive the mighty walls, the corner tower with the kennel wall and the bastion wall is also visited from the outside.



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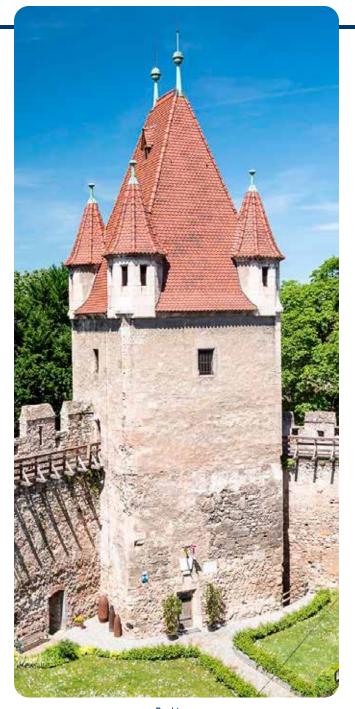
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#### Bahngasse 27, www.kasematten-wn.at

Strada Coperta in the "Kasematten" photo credit © Vienna Alps/Christoph Schubert





Reckturm photo credit © Vienna Alps/Franz Zwickl

## **MUSEUMS**

## RECKTURM PRIVATE MUSEUM



The listed tower of Wiener Neustadt is a sight in itself. The northwestern corner tower of the former city wall has also had a private museum on the subject of "Firearms then and now" since 1994. Here you can see a wide variety of rifles, historical cut and stab weapons, matchlock weapons and K&K army equipment. There are also historical pictures of the history of the city of Wiener Neustadt and the Reckturm.

## **Opening hours:**

Open from May to October, Tue / Wed / Thu 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed at noon), every 1st weekend 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Entry:

For a free donation, see the supplementary sheet.

Contact: Family Karlik: +43 2622/27924

**Corner of Reyergasse / Petersgasse** 

## MUSEUMS

## INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT MUSEUM

The industrial district museum of Wiener Neustadt documents and illustrates the importance of work and working people in Wiener Neustadt and in southern Lower Austria in recent Austrian history. Objects and installations provide insights into work and everyday life.

## **Opening hours:**

from May to October Wednesday to Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment.

Entry: € 4, - / adult Discounts are offered.

Anna Rieger-Gasse 4 www.museum-wn.at





## AVIATICUM FLIGHT MUSEUM



Aviation history is inextricably linked to the history of Wiener Neustadt.

An impressive collection of true flight icons extends from the Etrichtaube to historical gas balloons.

In addition to the numerous, mostly airworthy exhibits and themed trails on Austrian aviation, the flight museum also offers the opportunity for a relaxed visit with children.

From the hangar, visitors have an excellent view of the take-offs and landings taking place at East Airport.

Guided tours by appointment only: +43 664/264 30 21

Lichtenwörther Straße 4, 2604 Theresienfeld www.aviaticum.at

## CITY AND



**CULTURAL MEDIATION** 

Our city mediators are qualified guides and offer the flexibility to make every tour something special. In addition to the city tours, we also offer thematic areas that, for example, suit your congress or company outing. Regular special tours such as night watchman tours and special children's tours round off the placement program.

For the complete management program, see leaflet.

Due to the constantly changing offer, please refer to the topics and dates on the website: www.tourismus-wn.at

## INFO

## TICKETS

Available at the ticket offices in the Museum St. Peter an der Sperr and in the "Kasematten" and at the information point in the Old Town Hall

## DISCOUNTS

are offered on admission: for people with special needs and their accompanying persons, Lower Austria Card, Neusiedlersee Card, Family Pass, ICOM, Hunger for Art and Culture, Plus Card, attendants, pupils, students and apprentices. There are no discounts on guided tours.

## PRICES

valid from 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020 The prices are in Euros, per person and incl. Taxes. Subject to changes.

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#### GROUPS

Group: at least 10 people, Max. 25 people per group For group tours, please register in advance. The tours are held by certified city mediators from the city of Wiener Neustadt. Bus drivers and travel companions receive free admission.

#### CHILDREN

Free admission to the St. Peter Museum and "Kasematten" for children up to the age of 18. Guided tours are always subject to a charge; children aged 6-18 receive a 50% discount on the guided tour price.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Basically, there is barrier-free access to all sights. exceptions:

- Capuchin monastery
- Tower
- As part of the guided tour, the Theresian Military Academy is crossed over a number of steps and winding paths. Access to St. George's Cathedral is barrier-free with an elevator to the 1st floor.
- The connection path between Milak and Neukloster - the Eleonorenweg - is not barrier-free due to the gravel path and the stairs on the back of the Neukloster.
- Wheelchair users are asked to register before a tour in the Neukloster to guarantee a barrier-free tour.

## LOCATION

Wiener Neustadt is only 30 minutes south of Vienna. As the "gateway to the Vienna Alps", Wiener Neustadt also offers the ideal starting point for excursions to the regions of Schneeberg, Rax, Semmering, Hohe Wand, Bucklige Welt or Wechsel. Distant views and nature experiences included.

## **GETTING THERE**

**By train:** Because the train station is close to the city center, Wiener Neustadt is perfect for a carfree excursion. By traveling by train, your congress is also prepared for the "Green Meeting" rating. The train station is only a few minutes' walk from the Casemates. This is the first point of contact for all tourists in Wiener Neustadt: the tourist office provides you with all the important information, city maps, discovery maps and tickets for guided tours. The old town is within walking distance, as are all of the city's major sights.

**By car:** located along the A2, take the Wiener Neustadt West exit. A feeder road leads you straight to the center.

**By plane:** Wiener Neustadt has its own airport for business travelers. Vienna International Airport is approx. 60 km away.

## PARKING

Around 1,500 short-term parking spaces are located in the center of Wiener Neustadt.

#### Short parking times subject to charges

Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sundays and public holidays are free of charge! Maximum parking time: 3 hours minimum charge: 30 minutes, € 0.60 per ½ hour Payable via parking ticket machines or cell phone parking.

## HANDICAPPED PARKING

Vehicles parked by holders of a parking pass for people with special needs in accordance with Section 29b of the Road Traffic Regulations 1960 or in which such people are transported are exempt, provided that the vehicle is identified with this ID when it is parked. Misuse of ID cards results in criminal charges.

## PARK GARAGE

Our three parking garages have over 1,000 parking spaces near the center.

**Stadtpark Garage:** 250 parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of the Hilton Garden Inn hotel and Kaseematten. Walking distance to the old town. Address: Lederergasse 33, 2700 Wiener Neustadt

**Town square garage:** With 418 parking spaces on eight levels, it is the ideal parking space for guests from Burgenland who want to visit the town square or its surroundings. Address: Ungargasse 18a, 2700 Wiener Neustadt

**Theater garage:** With 382 parking spaces on two levels, it is the ideal parking space for guests who want to visit our city center or the city theater Entries daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., exits at any time. Address: Herzog Leopold Straße 27, 2700 Wiener Neustadt

**Opening times:** 24/7 **Tariff times:** Mon - Fri from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sa from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sundays and public holidays are free of charge!

**TARIFFS** (incl. 20% VAT): Short-term parking tariffs: € 0.70 per ½ hour





## **MOBILE THROUGH THE CITY**

Guided tours can also be held on a Segway. This makes exploring the city even more fun. As with a bicycle, the Segway can be used in the three pedestrian zones.

E-bikes and e-scooters can also be rented, which makes trips to the region a great weekend getaway. The bike paths in Wiener Neustadt and in the surrounding region are excellently developed and lead out of the city without major barriers. From there it goes out on the signposted cycle paths - such as the Euro Velo 9 or the Rosalia circular route into the countryside.

www.segway-wn.at

## CONTACT

Info point in the Old Town Hall ticket sale Hauptplatz 1-3, A-2700 Wiener Neustadt Tel.: +43 2622/373-311

Info point in the "Kasematten" ticket sale Bahngasse 27, A-2700 Wiener Neustadt

#### **Tourism Wiener Neustadt**

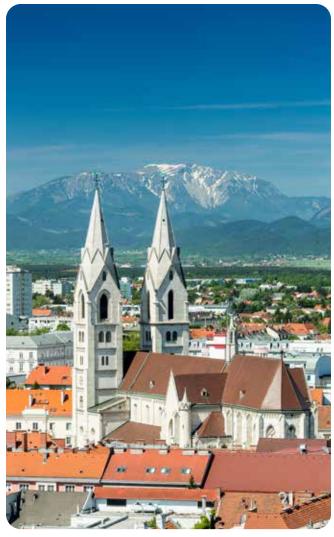
For all questions about your stay Tel: +43 2622/373-904 tourismus@wiener-neustadt.at www.tourismus-wn.at

**Guided tours and cultural mediations Information and booking:** Tel.: +43 2622/373 – 315 kulturvermittlung@wiener-neustadt.at

All tours and special dates can be found on the website:

## www.tourismus-wn.at

Casemates for events - Convention Bureau Wiener Neustadt +43 2622 373-906 convention@wiener-neustadt.at www.kasematten-wn.at



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