

Alsergrund & the University District

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Sigmund Freud Museum (p130) Getting in touch with your inner Freudian as you explore his former home, with exhibits providing a tantalising insight into the life of the father of psychoanalysis.

2 Palais Liechtenstein (p129) Tiptoeing through the palace's baroque apart-

ments and landscaped gardens on a guided tour.

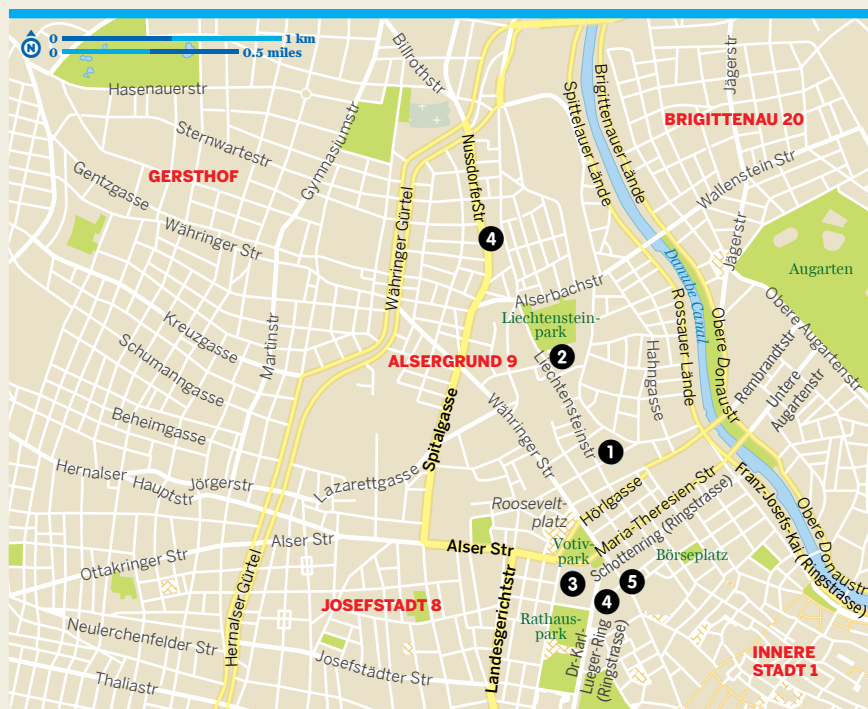
3 University Main Building (p129) Going for an wander through the arcades and courtyards of Vienna's 650-year-old university.

4 Beethoven Pasqualatihaus (p129) Conjuring Beethoven's Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Symphonies in

the airy apartment in which they were written.

5 Schubert Geburtshaus (p129) Catching a concert in the composer's childhood home.

6 Café Central (p135) Listening to a pianist play in the vaulted, marble-columned grandeur of this touristy cafe.



For more detail of this area see Map p254 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

This neighbourhood throws itself into a festive summer vortex when it plays host to the Summer Stage (p26), with food pavilions and stages strung along Rossauer Lände, on the banks of the Danube Canal. The mood is incredibly upbeat, and there are regular concerts – some free – reaching from jazz to tango, rock to pop. It's on evenings between 5pm and 1am from May to September (take the U4 to Rossauer Lände). The website has the inside scoop.



Best Places to Eat

- Punks (p134)
- Flein (p132)
- Wetter (p134)
- Mamamon (p131)

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Best Places to Drink

- Achtundzwanzig (p135)
- Botanical Gardens (p135)
- Lane & Merriman's (p135)
- Weinstube Josefstadt (p136)
- POC Cafe (p135)

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Best Entertainment

- Volksoper (p137)
- B72 (p137)
- Miles Smiles (p138)

For reviews, see p137. ➡

Explore Alsergrund & the University District

The cool but far from contrived neighbourhoods of the 8th, 9th and 16th are decidedly local and best experienced at a laid-back Viennese pace. These are streets made for wandering and stopping for well-made coffees, a sneaky Gruner Veltiner or quietly smart lunches, rather than ticking off iconic museums or wow-factor vistas. Once you leave the corporate types behind around the Innere Stadt, campus life and its cafes, bars and little shops begin in Alsergrund Vorstadt. In Josefstädterstrasse and the little streets running north you'll find a similar mix, or else wander west towards Ottakring for bass-thumping bars and upbeat music haunts hidden under the Gürtel's railway arches.

Local Life

➤ **Street Markets** Feel Vienna's multiethnic pulse while snacking and strolling around Brunnenmarkt (p132), and find farm-fresh produce at the Bauernmarkt (p132) and Freyung market (p138).

➤ **Backstreets** This is a terrific neighbourhood for getting off the beaten track. Slip down quiet, tree-lined backstreets to find little-known sights like the Museum für Volkskunde (p131).

➤ **Cafes** Coffee kings POC (p135), studenty Café Stein (p135) and Tunnel (p136) all have a loyal local following.

Getting There & Away

➤ **U-Bahn** The closest stops to the centre for reaching Alsergrund and the university district are Schottentor and Rathaus on the U2 line. The U6 line follows the Gürtel further west; useful stops include Alser Strasse, Josefstädter Strasse and Währingerstrasse-Volksoper.

➤ **Tram** Schottentor is a handy stop on the Ring. Other tram lines serving this neighbourhood include 44, which runs from Schottentor along Alser Strasse to the Hernalser Gürtel, and 5 and 33, which trundle along Josefstädterstrasse.