

Schloss Schönbrunn & Around

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Schloss Schönbrunn (p167) Wandering the gloriously over-the-top baroque state apartments and lazing in the fountain-dotted gardens of Vienna's paean to the giddy, gilded late Habsburg era.

2 Klimt Villa (p171) Diving into the sensual, colour-

charged imagination of Klimt at his last studio.

3 Hermesvilla (p172) Wandering in Empress Elisabeth's footsteps at this 19th-century mansion romantically nestled in woodland.

4 Kirche am Steinhof (p173) Being amazed by

the art nouveau grace of this gold-topped church, Otto Wagner's magnum opus.

5 Orangery (p174) Enjoying the rousing melodies of Strauss and Mozart in Schönbrunn's former imperial greenhouse.



For more detail of this area see Map p262 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Because of the popularity of the palace, tickets are stamped with a departure time, and there may be a time lag before you're allowed to set off in summer, so buy your ticket straight away and explore the gardens while you wait. Or skip to the front of the queue by buying your ticket in advance online (www.schoenbrunn.at). Simply print the ticket yourself and present it when you enter.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Pure Living Bakery (p172)
- ➔ Quell (p173)
- ➔ Waldemar (p172)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Café Gloriette (p174)
- ➔ Aida (p173)
- ➔ Reigen (p174)

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Best Places for Children

- ➔ Tiergarten (p168)
- ➔ Technisches Museum (p171)
- ➔ Kindermuseum (p170)

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Explore Schloss Schönbrunn & Around

Few sights in Vienna enthrall like Schloss Schönbrunn. The vision of its imposing baroque facade, glowing like warm butter on a sunny afternoon, is not one you are likely to forget in a hurry. You can almost picture the Habsburgs swanning around the fragrant rose beds and mythological fountains in the French-style formal gardens, which provide a harmonious backdrop for the baroque palace, a Unesco World Heritage site.

The palace and gardens' size means it's best tackled in either a morning or afternoon, or better still over a day, with stops for refreshment within the grounds itself or in one of Hietzing's gently upmarket eating and drinking options. Klimt's Villa and the Hofpavillon can also be visited with an additional hour or so.

Local Life

- ➔ **Hang-outs** Kick back with coffee and cake in the garden of the cute-as-a-button Pure Living Bakery (p172). Or quaff microbrews in the tree-shaded courtyard of Brandauers Schlossbräu (p173).
- ➔ **Shop** Give the crowds the slip and window shop in Altgasse and Hietzinger Hauptstrasse.
- ➔ **Quiet Moments** Calm the pace with time for quiet reflection at Hietzinger Friedhof (p171), the final resting place of Klimt, Moser and Wagner.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **U-Bahn** Schönbrunn is well connected to central Vienna by subway, with the green U4 line stopping at Schönbrunn and Hietzing.
- ➔ **Tram** Tram 58 makes the short hop from the Westbahnhof station to Schönbrunn.