

ASSOCIATION OF TARTAN ARMY CLUBS **AUSTRIA 2022**



Tuesday 29th March 2022 20:45 Ernst Happel Stadion #AUTSCO

This should really be the play off final and the game that decided our World cup future. Unfortunately events in Ukraine have overtaken and it is now a friendly match for Scotland and Austria. ATAC, the SFA and all Scotland fans stand with Ukraine and hope for peace to return to their country as soon as possible. The sanctity of life and the right to live in peace far outweighs any football match. We hope that the war ends and Ukraine are able to field a competitive team at Hampden in June. ATAC are very pleased that proceeds from the friendly against Poland will be donated to UNICEFs emergency appeal for Ukraine. To donate to the UNICEF appeal go to unicef.uk/scopol or alternatively support the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal or Dnipro Kids. There is also a GoFundMe set up to raise funds through the Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal gofund.me/30d68409.

For Austria playing in this game means their dream of making the World Cup finals is over after losing in Wales on Thursday night. I'm sure the last thing they want now is to play a friendly but the UEFA contract means the game must go on. For Scotland and Steve Clarke it is another opportunity to prepare for our play off moment. Hopefully this can go ahead in June but whenever it is we must be ready, we know that it will now be Wales we will face if we can get through the tie against Ukraine. This is a brilliant opportunity for the boys to reach Qatar. Scotland won 1-0 on our last visit to Vienna only 6 months ago, arguably this was the result that built our belief we could finish second in the qualifying group and make the play offs.



That was Scotland's 4th win in Vienna and we'll hope that we can extend our current unbeaten run to eight games as we build confidence for that play off match. Like Scotland Austria last qualified for the World Cup in 1998 and have been semi-finalist twice, in 1934 and 1954. They made the 2nd round of the Euros last year but not the force they once were. After the disappointment of thursday night this game is now a warm up for the Nations League as they look to regroup. After promotion to League A they have a tough group against France, Denmark and Croatia but will have a great opportunity to make Euro 2024.

Scotland Record vs Austria

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Bst	Wst	Lst
Home	9	3	4	2	14	11	4-1	0-2	2-2
Away	12	4	3	5	14	23	4-1	0-5	1-0
Neutral	1	0	0	1	0	1	0-1	0-1	0-1
Total	22	7	7	8	28	35	4-1	0-5	1-0

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Ernst Happel Stadion is the largest stadium in Austria located in the Leopoldstadt area of Vienna. It is in the middle of Prater a huge public park beside the river Danube and was previously called Praterstadion until the death of Ernst Happel, many Austrians believe to be the best football manager of all time. It has a capacity of 50,086 and is the home of the Austrian National football team. The Austrian cup final is held here and it also hosts Viennese clubs in European competition and the occasional derby between Austria Vienna and Rapid Vienna. It was the venue for the final of Euro 2008 when Spain beat Germany 1-0 and hosts other sports including athletics, cycling and tennis in addition to many concerts. It was also the stadium Lyndon Dykes scored the penalty to give Scotland a 1-0 win in September.

Scotland have been allocated 2,700 tickets for the match in Sektor F on the south side of the ground. For this game the points required for a ticket went down to zero so everyone that wanted an SSC ticket should have been able to get one. It's a massive stadium and after Austria losing on Thursday there will probably be plenty room for social distancing.

Sektor C and D at the opposite end of the ground is the Austrian fan sector where the home fans normally display banners and flags, visitors wearing fans gear for the visiting team will not be permitted to enter.

Covid regulations for entering sports events in Austria is to provide 2G proof which means proof of vaccination or recovery as well as a notice of separation. It is also likely that wearing a face mask will be required,



Ticket pickup is still to be confirmed, keep an eye on SFA social media for details.

The stadium is about 2.5 miles from St Stephan's Cathedral and is served by the Stadion station on the U2 Metro line. The Liliput bahn is a small steam train that operates in Prater and will take 20 minutes from the Ferris wheel to the Stadium.





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CHILDREN'S CHARITY



Donation 89 - Charity Heroes - We are delighted that the Sunshine Appeal's 89th consecutive donation since 2003, will be to Österreichs Helden für benachteiligte Kinder - Charity Hero's Austria. They raise the spirits of desperately ill kids, visiting them dressed as their favourite superhero. ❤️

The donation will take place on matchday. For more information, keep an eye on the Sunshine Appeal's Facebook and Twitter pages.

TASA also continue to collect donations for their Ukraine Appeal where all monies received will be used to help children who's life has been impacted by the war.



Unfortunately there is no available opponent for the The Tartan Army Select in Austria this week. However, last week, they played a fans match with Ukraine fans prior to the friendly with Poland.

It turned out to be an exciting end to end affair, and the TA Select ran out 9-3 winners in what was both a show of solidarity with Ukraine, and to raise funds for the Dnipro Kids appeal, with over £1,500 raised. Well done to all involved!

TACC have donated £5,000 across 2 charities (Stella's Voice and Crosslinks) and the money will be used exclusively for children & families fleeing from Ukraine to Moldova. The folks at Crosslinks were involved with our donation in Moldova last year, and with Moldova being a poor country they will need plenty of help supporting Ukrainain refugees.



The Austrian FA (ÖFB) have also confirmed that the game will be all about support for Ukraine. 50% of every ticket sold goes to organizations providing much-needed humanitarian aid on the ground. Together with the close partner UNIQA, which is involved in the newly founded donation initiative 'UNIQA Helping Hands', a further contribution for the people in the Ukraine is to be made at the beginning of April.

TA Gigs in Vienna

Tam Coyle and Ted Christopher have also lined up 2 gigs in Vienna for the Tartan Army. The Nigfht Afore in Isaacs Pub (Schubertgasse 13, 10-90 Vienna). The party starts downstairs at 9pm and moves upstairs at 9.30 and open until late, minimum 2am. Bierspecial is a pint of delicious Austrian Beer for only €4,10 = GBP 3,50

Then on match day from 1pm at Johnnys Pub (Schleifmühlgasse 11, 1040 Vienna www.johnnys-pub.at). Where they have been promised Pies, Haggis, Fish and Chips, full breakfast, Burgers and IRN BRU



**Tartan Army
in Austria**

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Vienna or Wien is the capital city of Austria, situated in the east of the country near the Slovakian border it is also the commercial and political centre. It is composed of 23 districts has two imperial palaces (Hofburg and Schonbrun) and home to the world's oldest zoo. There are over 100 art museums and lots of things to see and do including seeing the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, the Burgtheater, the Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Boys choir.

It is one of the largest cities in Europe and was the capital of the Austrian and Austro-Hungarian Empires and the Danube river flows through the centre. Innere Stadt is the central area around St Stephan's Cathedral

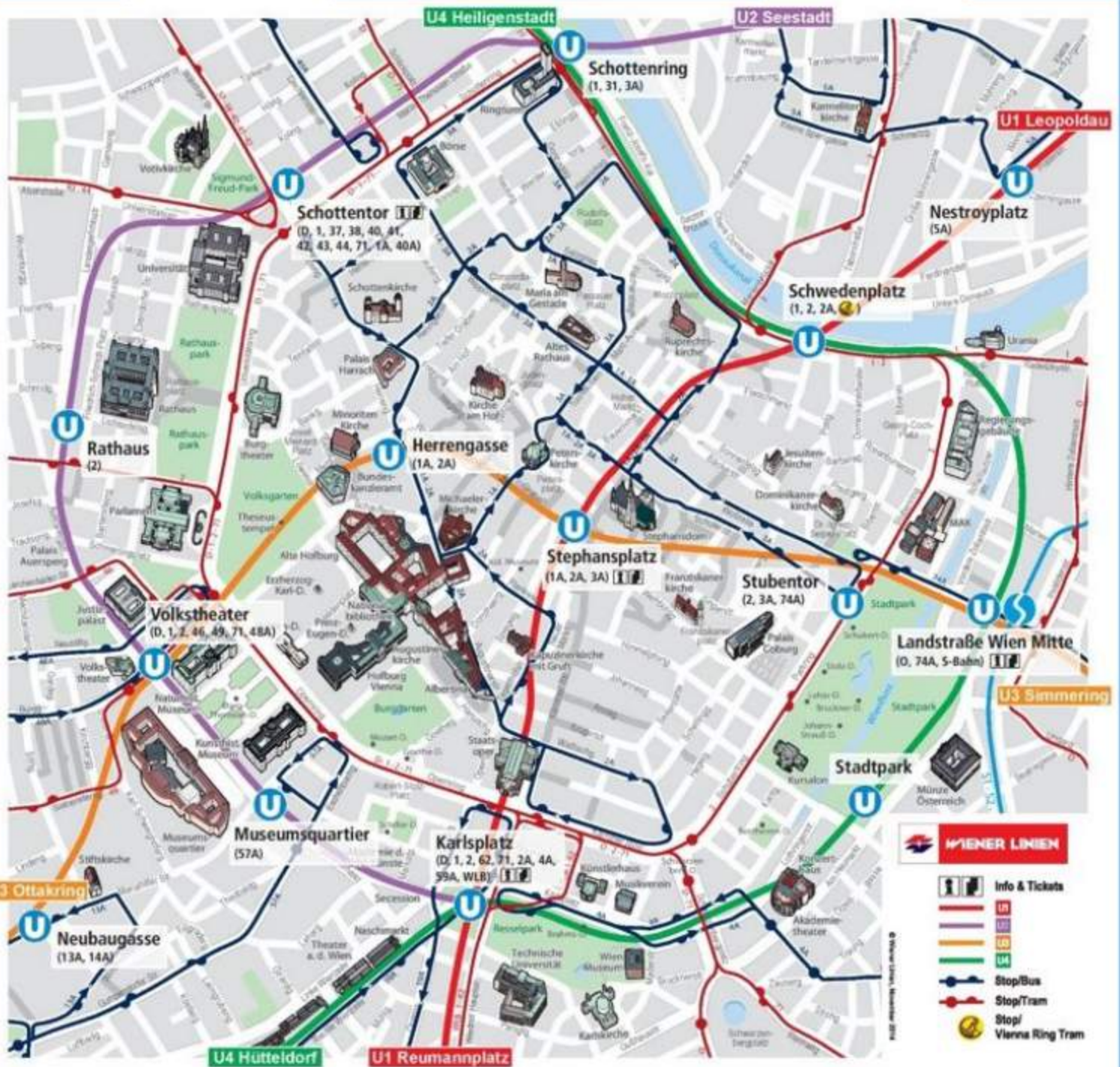
There is no single best area in the Innere Stadt for tourists; the main clusters of interest include the areas around the easy-going but elegant Museum District, the grand and historic Hofburg, and the lively nightlife, shopping, and dining spots fanning out from St Stephen's Cathedral. Staying just outside the Innere Stadt in places like Neubau or near the Belvedere Palace will give you a more local experience while still being close to the main sights are many choices for food and drink



with the Bermuda Triangle area near St Stephan's Cathedral bound to be popular with TA. For example Krah Krah and Bermuda Bräu on Rabensteig. Sparky's on Goldschmiedgasse is another option beside the cathedral. Johnnys Pub and Isaacs Pub area short walk away with plenty pit stops on the way.

Prater is the huge public park near the stadium with a fairground and the iconic Reisenrad (Giant Ferris Wheel). This could be a great place to settle for an afternoon sitting in one of the large beer gardens with a large beer and a Wiener Schnitzel.





Hello	Hallo
A beer/two beers, please.	Ein/Zwei Bier bitte
How are you?	Wie geht's? (ves GATES?)
Fine, thank you	Gut, danke. (goot, DAN-keh)
What is your name?	Wie heißen Sie? (ves HIGH-sun zee?).
My name is _____	Ich heiße _____. (eesh HIGH-suh)
Nice to meet you	Nett, Sie kennen zu lernen. (net zee KEN-en tsao LER-nen)
Please	Bitte. (BEE-tuh)
Thank you	Danke schön. (DAN-kuh shum)
You're welcome	Bitte schön! (BEE-tuh shum)
Yes	Ja. (yah)
No	Nein. (nine)
Excuse me. (getting attention)	Entschuldigung. (ent-SHOOL-dee-goong)
Do you serve alcohol?	Servieren Sie Alkohol?
I'm sorry	Es tut mir leid. (es toot meer lee)
Goodbye	Auf Wiedersehen. (owf VEE-dur-zane)
I can't speak German (well)	Ich kann nicht [so gut] Deutsch sprechen. (esh Kahn niht [zo goot] doytsh shprakh-en)
Do you speak English?	Sprechen Sie Englisch? (shprekhun zee ENG-leesh)
Help!	Hilfe! (HEEL-fuh)
Good day	Guten Tag. (GOO-ten tahk)
Good evening	Guten Abend. (GOO-tun AH-bunt)
Good night(to sleep)	Gute Nacht. (GOO-tuh nakht)
I don't understand	Ich verstehe das nicht. (eesh fur-SHTAY-uh dats niht)
Where is the toilet?	Wo ist die Toilette, bitte? (voh eest dee twah-LET-uh BEE-tuh)
I'm lost	Ich habe mich verirrt. (eesh HAH-buh meesh fer-EERT)
How do I get to the British consulate?	Wie komme ich zum/zur britischen Konsulat? (ves KOM-muh ikh tsoom/soor BRIT-ish-en kon-zoo-LAHT?)
Police!	Polizei! (poh-lee-TSIGHT)
It's an emergency.	Das ist ein Notfall. (dats eest ign NOHT-fahl)
I lost my bag	Ich habe meine Tasche verloren. (eesh HAH-buh migh-nuh TAH-shuh fer-LOH-run)
I lost my wallet	Ich habe meinen Geldbeutel verloren. (eesh HAH-buh mighn gehl-id-boy-tehl fer-LOH-run)
I'm sick	Ich bin krank. (eesh been krahnk)
I need a doctor	Ich brauche einen Arzt. (eesh BROW-khuh IGH-nuh ARTST)
I need your help.	Ich brauche deine/Ihre Hilfe. (eesh BROW-khuh DIGH-nuh/EE-nuh HEEL-fuh)
Scotland	Schottland
Austria	Österreich

The national language of Austria is German. Austrian German – or Österreichisches Deutsch also known as High German, the language of the southern highlands of Germany. Despite their minor differences, Austrian German and standard German are generally considered to be the same.

Common signs

OPEN	Offen, Geöffnet
CLOSED	Geschlossen
ENTRANCE	Eingang
EXIT	Ausgang
PUSH	Drücken
PULL	Ziehen
TOILET	WC, Toilette(n)
GENTLEMEN	Herren, Männer
LADIES	Damen, Frauen
No Admittance	Verboten



Average Temperature in Vienna in March is 6°

Currency EUR

Time zone CEST

Note that the clocks go forward on Sunday 27th March in Scotland and Austria

Power plugs and sockets in Austria use Plug type F so an adapter will be needed for plug G type used back home.

Entry Requirements

All travellers must show either proof of full vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 in the past 180 days or a negative test to enter Austria. PCR test results are valid for 72 hours from the time of sampling; Antigen test results are valid for 24 hours. Lateral flow self-tests are not accepted.

Without a negative test result or proof of vaccination/recovery at the time of entry, you must fill in a pre-travel clearance form and enter 10-day quarantine. You can leave quarantine early with a negative PCR test result.

Passenger locator forms are no longer required for Austria

We would recommend carrying with you a copy of your vaccination status and ensure you have the NHS Scotland Covid Status app up to date on your phone.

As Austria is part of the EU you must meet the Schengen area rules. Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

Visas

You can travel to countries in the Schengen area for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa. This applies if you travel as a tourist, to visit family or friends, to attend business meetings, cultural or sports events, or for short-term studies or training.

To return to No COVID-19 travel rules apply for entering Scotland. Travel rules for people arriving from abroad ended on Friday 18 March.

If you are transiting through any other countries should check local rules as they may have different entry requirements or covid restrictions. See www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

FFP2 face masks are compulsory in all enclosed spaces in Austria including on public transport and inside taxis.

The **GHIC** scheme is valid in Austria so make sure you bring your card. It is issued free of charge to anyone covered by the social security system of the United Kingdom and provides evidence of entitlement to the provision of healthcare services under the UK's reciprocal healthcare agreements with the European Union and Switzerland. This is not a substitute for travel insurance and you should always have valid travel insurance before you travel.

If you're in Austria and you need urgent help (for example, you've been attacked, arrested or someone has died), call +43 (1) 716130.

British Embassy Vienna
Jauresgasse 12
1030 Vienna
Austria

For Emergency services in Vienna call 112

Mobile Phone and Roaming Data

The EU agreement for mobile phone and data roaming charges has ended so please check with your Service provider and ask for the most appropriate deal and be very wary of racking up large data roaming bills.

Getting There









There are 6 airports in Austria with scheduled flights. The most important international airport is Vienna which has connection to all major airports of the world. Other international airports include Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, and Salzburg which provide domestic flights as well as connections to some European countries. Vienna is also very close to Bratislava in Slovakia, Brno in Czech Republic and Budapest in Hungary with many trains and road network between them. Trains are the best and most common form of public transport in Austria. Comfortable and moderately priced trains connect major cities and many towns; buses serve less significant towns and lakes.

Thank you

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UEFA Nations League Group B1

Seed		Team				
1		Ukraine	—	26-Sep	14-Jun	11-Jun
2		Scotland	07-Jun	—	23-Sep	04-Jun
3		Rep Ireland	04-Jun	11-Jun	—	26-Sep
4		Armenia	23-Sep	14-Jun	07-Jun	—

At this stage it is unclear how UEFA and FIFA are going to re-arrange this year's international calendar to fit in the play off semi-final against Ukraine and then the final against Wales. Decisions still have to be made about how Ukraine and Russia can compete in the Nations League fixtures due to begin in June with Scotland currently scheduled to play Ukraine twice more this year. As said earlier in this guide the most important thing is that peace returns to Ukraine and the football will take care of itself.

Obviously the dream of making it to the world cup finals in November this year is still alive, can we join the 19 teams that have already qualified. 10 more teams will secure their place in the big show this week. Two will come from **UEFA** nations on Tuesday as Poland, Sweden, Portugal and North Macedonia face off. The 5 entries from Africa (**CAF**) will also be finalised on Tuesday in the 2nd leg of their play offs. The 4 teams qualifying direct from the **AFC** have already been decided but UAE, Iraq and Lebanon will hope to make it through to a play off against Australia on June 7th. The winner of that match will still have to face 5th place from the **CONMEBOL** qualifiers. Peru, Colombia and Chile are the teams on the bubble for that place. Later this week 4 nations Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Tahiti from the **OFC** will be reduced to 1. They will then face 4th place from the CONCACAF qualifying section also finishing on the 30th March. Canada, USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama are still in the hunt for the 3 direct qualifiers and that Inter continental play off.

This will leave the 2 inter continental play offs on 13 or 14 June, will this be the date that UEFA path A will also be decided who knows. It's never easy but Qatar awaits for the winners.

Qualified Nations

AFC
Qatar(Host)
Iran
South Korea
Japan
Saudi Arabia
CONMEBOL
Brazil
Argentina
Ecuador
Uruguay
UEFA
Germany
Denmark
France
Belgium
Croatia
Spain
Serbia
England
Switzerland
Netherlands