# Austria Hotel Collection 2023: The Best in Austrian Hospitality

A hotel can easily make or break a holiday. Therefore, it comes with little surprise that choosing the perfect accommodation takes up a great part of many travellers' pre-trip planning. Some might even select their holiday destination based on a particular hotel they fancy. To make things a little easier, we are happy to introduce you to this year's Austria Hotel Collection, a curated group of premier hotels, exemplifying the best in Austrian hospitality. From Vienna to Salzburg, from Tirol to Carinthia, all the hotels on this list offer a unique experience, but the highest levels of service are always assured.

No matter if you are looking for a mountain hotel, a city hideaway, a foodie or design hotspot, the Austria Hotel Collection has you covered!

#### Lake & Mountain Hotels

Looking for a cosy escape right at the lakeside, surrounded by mountains? Romantik Hotel Im Weißen Rössl at Lake Wolfgangsee is exactly that. And more: The four-star-hotel in the stunning Salzkammergut region not also has its own lakeside spa, but also the world's first floating jacuzzi.

If you'd rather sleep in a luxurious chalet than a hotel room, <u>Chalets by The Kaprun Edition</u> in SalzburgerLand's Zell am See – Kaprun region might be just what you are looking for. The cosy chalets, all built with organic, untreated wood, come with three to seven bedrooms, a private sauna, hot tubs, and terraces perfect for sunbathing and stargazing.

Heading to Carinthia? <u>Hotel Trattlerhof</u> in the Nockberge region is the perfect combination of rustic cosines and modern cool. The hotel in Bad Kleinkirchheim, run by five generations of the Forstnig family since 1884, has prime access to the regions hiking and biking trail. Need a rest? Rent an e-bike or the in-house Tesla Y for a scenic tour.

#### **Hotels for a City Break**

Tirol's capital Innsbruck has no shortage of accommodation options but trendy NALA Individuell Hotel stands out from the crowd. The colourful rooms are all individually designed in line with their names (from cinema to zen), there's a beautiful rooftop terrace and garden as well as stunning mountain views. And if all of this wasn't enough, sustainability is key here.

Arthotel Blaue Gans is the place to be when on a city break in Salzburg. Located right in the heart of town across from Festspielhaus (Festive Hall), it houses Salzburg's oldest inn (dating back to 1350). Expect a prime location, stylish rooms, more than 120 original artworks, and contemporary cuisine with a Mediterranean touch.

Organic, fair-trade and sustainable: <u>Henriette Stadthotel Vienna</u> in the hip 2<sup>nd</sup> district, the former home of Johann Strauß, is a small luxury home away from home having earned both the Austrian and EU Ecolabel. It heats its room with an in-house air-to-air heat pump system, while most of the food at the restaurant is regional and organic. Longing for a good night of sleep? The natural organic bedding ensures sweet dreams.



## **Hotels with Mountain Spas**

Ötztal is a popular alpine destination all year round and <u>Aqua Dome – Tirol Therme</u> <u>Längenfeld</u> makes the deal even better. The resort sports a whooping 12 indoor and outdoor pools filled with thermal waters, 14 different saunas, and tons of spa treatment options. Relax in thermal water while marveling at the mountains around you.

Five-star <u>Stanglwirt Green Spa Resort</u> in Kitzbühel is an organic farm and luxury hotel both in one. It is the first sustainable resort in Austria and the first Austrian hotel to be included in the "Gold List" of the 142 best hotels worldwide by Condé Nast Traveler. Stanglwirt's spa features a saltwater, rock and sports pool, a waterfall grotto, a natural swimming lake, a kid's area, 5 saunas and 3 steam baths.

Luxurious Forsthofgut in Leogang, SalzburgerLand, boasts Europe's first forest spa. The adults-only wellness oasis has an old-wood sauna, herbal and steam paths, and a 25-m-long sports pool with stunning views of the surrounding mountains, whereas families with kids are welcomed in a separate water wonderland with an indoor and baby pool, slides, saunas, and a waterfall.

#### **Hotels for Foodies & Connoisseurs**

Foodies visiting Vienna will love the newly opened <u>The Amauris</u> on the famous Ring boulevard near the Vienna State Opera. The Glasswing Restaurant inside the palais – dating back to 1861 – offers traditional Austrian cuisine with a contemporary touch. What's more, you are in the heart of the city and if you want to stretch your legs in style after a sightseeing day, the luxurious in-house spa awaits.

Located in Tirol's Sölden, five-star Hotel <u>Das Central</u> is surrounded by more than 250 three-thousanders. The resort awaits with a Venice-inspired spa on three floors and an award-winning restaurant. Everything here is top-notch, from the best quality ingredients to the creative recipe ideas. Equally legendary is the in-house wine cellar with over 30,000 bottles.

<u>Hotel Bristol</u> in Vienna is the place to be for fans of classical music – it's right next to the Vienna State Opera and close to most major sights. The rooms boast opulent décor and amazing views of the Opera and the Ringstraße's grand buildings. Enjoy all-day dining and exquisite cocktails and cognacs at the in-house restaurant, bars, and salons.

Want to feel like a royal? <u>Hotel Schloss Dürnstein</u>, a castle built in 1622, is located on the shores of the Danube, in the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage site Wachau, just an hour from Vienna. It features vaulted ceilings, fine parquet floors, antique furniture, and views of the river and the surrounding vineyards. It goes without saying, that the wine list is stunning, too.

# **Best Hotels in Vienna**

Trendy <u>Hotel Harmonie</u> owes its name to the former Harmonie Theatre, just a stone's throw away. Unsurprisingly, owner Sonja Wimmer chose an artistic concept for her city hotel, combining Vienna's rich history with dance traditions. Expect stylish and colourful



rooms, pieces of art throughout the building, and many sustainability measures, including a fully vegan breakfast.

Opened in 1898, <u>Hotel Ambassador</u> is just as elegant as its surroundings – it is located right in the heart of Vienna's historic centre, close to St Stephen's Cathedral and the State Opera. Many well-known figures in music, art, and culture have popped in here over the years. The top floor apartments come with picture-perfect city views.

<u>Hotel Sans Souci</u> is Vienna's best rated hotel on Tripadvisor and it's easy to see why: It offers a prime-location, complimentary champagne breakfast at the hotel's Veranda Restaurant and the largest hotel pool in the capital. Champagne lovers can look forward to 60 different bottles and tastings every first Thursday of the month.

## **Hotels for Design Lovers**

Vienna's <u>Hotel Altstadt</u>, a carefully restored 19<sup>th</sup>-century patrician house in the Spittelberg artist district, is a piece of art in itself: All 62 rooms and suites have been individually designed by the likes of Lena Hoschek, Matteo Thun and Lilli Hollein, and over 350 pieces of art are displayed throughout the hotel. Don't leave without checking out the rooftop garden!

Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere is a contemporary upscale, yet relaxed design hotel inspired by the spectacular art and architecture of Austria's capital. Fully in line with its name – Andaz is Hindi for "personal style" – the hotel celebrates each guest's individuality and represents the uniqueness throughout the building. Pop into the newly opened Veuve Clique Chandelier Bar on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor for a drink in style.

Trendy Hollmann Beletage is a charming boutique hotel just a stone's throw from St Stephen's Cathedral. Surprises await at every corner, like a hidden garden, a stylish private cinema, or a room solely dedicated to board games (they are even on the walls!). It almost goes without saying that all the rooms boast unique design features such as (half) open bathrooms, too.

As always, we are happy to assist you in planning your research trip. Please get in touch at pressuk@austria.info.

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