GSSI 2018
6th to 9th June 2018 Vienna, Austria

Travel & Tourist Information

WELCOME to the 12th GSSI Conference!

We are pleased to welcome you at the GSSI 2018 Conference in Vienna. Austria is in the center of Europe and especially Vienna is known as one of the most attractive conference cities.

Conference venue:
- FHWien der WKW, Währinger Gürtel 97, A-1180 Vienna

The conference venue can be reached by the following public transports:
- Metro line: “U6” / station “Währinger Straße/Volksoper”
- Tram lines: 40, 41, 42 / station “Währinger Straße/Volksoper”
- Bus lines: 37A, 40A / station “Währinger Straße/Volksoper”

Airport Transfers
- Taxi: https://www.vienna-airport.taxi/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5s7f9aX73wlVoxXTCh2hQQgEAAYAIAEgIXMvD_BwE
- City Airport Train (CAT): www.cityairporttrain.com
- Airport Shuttle Bus: https://www.flughafenbus.wien/en
About Austria & Vienna

Austria is both known for its beautiful nature and for historic cities and its culture. The official language is German, but English is also spoken widely.

Here you can find more information about Austria in general: [https://www.austria.info/in](https://www.austria.info/in)

**currency:**

As a member of the Economic and Currency Union Austria’s common currency is „Euro“ (1 EUR = 100 cents).

**Automated Teller Machines (cash dispensers)**

Outside of banks, cash can be withdrawn around the clock at cash dispensers. National and foreign Maestro cards (cash cards) are accepted. Other automated teller cards are national and foreign MasterCards, American Express cards, Visa credit cards and Diners cards as well as the Cirrus and Visa-Plus cash cards that belong to this payment system. International ATM machines may charge a fee when you use your debit card; the amount varies from bank to bank.

**Credit Cards:**

Credit cards are accepted in cities and tourist centres by numerous hotels, restaurants, shops and gas stations. If and which credit cards are accepted is indicated by the logos displayed on the exterior facade of the respective business (usually on the entrance door).

**VISA:**

To learn more about the Visa Requirements for Austria, please click on the link below: [https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entry-and-visa/](https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entry-and-visa/)
Emergency numbers (without area code)

Euro-emergency number 112
Fire brigade: 122
Police: 133
Ambulance: 144
Doctor-on-call 141

Exploring Vienna

If you like to visit some of the major sights in Vienna during your spare time, you will find some information here. For further details on guided tours or more visit the homepage of the tourism office www.wien.info

Discover regions within Austria:

Click here to learn more about different regions of Austria: https://www.austria.info/in/month=201806&province=vie&fulltext=

Beside numerous beautiful villages and towns, Hallstatt is a must see. This historic village joined the list of UNESCO "World Cultural and Natural Heritage" sites in December 1997. Stroll through the beautiful village, soak up the atmosphere while resting at the lake and visit the oldest salt mine in the world. Discover more here: www.salzkammergut.at

What better way to explore Austria than travelling through stunning mountain scenery, lush alpine meadows, historic towns and picturesque villages on a reliable and comfortable train.

Travelling times (with train):

Vienna - Salzburg = less than 2,5 hours
Salzburg - Innsbruck = 2 hours
Innsbruck - Bregenz = 2,5 hours
Vienna - Graz = 2,5 hours
Vienna - Innsbruck = 4,5 hours

Click here to find your train connections:

Day Trips from Vienna

Exploring Bratislava

If you like to visit the capital of Slovakia, you can take a train or a boat to get there. To learn more, click here:

Neusiedler Lake

The “Nationalpark Neusiedler See – Seewinkel” is Austria's only steppe-nationalpark! Vast meadows and pastures, saltponds, reedbeds and a rich variety of animal- and plant-species, amongst those about 340 bird-species, are awaiting you. The Neusiedler See, the Seewinkel und the Hanság together form one of the most famous bird areas in Europe. The region is not only National Park it is also Austria's largest Ramsar site and Important Bird Area.

To learn more about Nationalpark Neusiedler See, click here:

Shopping in the Design Outlet Center Parndorf

Over 160 Designer Stores to choose from. Below you can find a link to the official website:

This is the shuttle bus from Vienna. It takes you to Parndorf within 40 minutes:

Castle Laxenburg

Laxenburg castle is situated 15 km south of Vienna and one of the most impressing in castles in Europe. Its castle grounds are considered to be a showpiece as far as it concerns the horticulture of the 18th/19th century. The park is 280 hectares and the gardens are decorated in a lovely and fanciful way. You will find a high number of buildings of joy, mystical grottos, temples and the medieval tournament site.

More Trips from Vienna

Prague:
Discover Prague, the beautiful capital of Czech Republic, by train or bus (fastest connection less than 4 hours):

Train (ÖBB):
http://www.oebb.at/en/angebote-ermaessigungen/sparschiene-tschechien

Flix-Bus
https://www.flixbus.co.uk/?wt_eid=2151276807500411147&wt_t=1512768077359&affiliate=(not set),&_ga=2.159161018.1830531803.1512768076-104214121.1512768076&_gac=1.162227592.1512768076.EAIaIQobChMI6Y3llqz71wVIQzTC
h3M1g3HEAAYBCAEGJeV_D_BwE

Budapest:
Explore the beautiful capital of Hungary, Budapest, by train or bus (fastest connection 3 hours):

Train (ÖBB):
http://www.oebb.at/en/angebote-ermaessigungen/sparschiene-ungarn

Flix-Bus
https://shop.flixbus.co.uk/search?rideDate=12.12.2017&adult=1&children=0&bike_slot=0&route=Vienna-Budapest&departureCity=1394&departureStation=&arrivalCity=1795&arrivalStation=&locale=en_GB

Brno:
Visit Brno, the second largest city of Czech Republic, and discover its medieval buildings. You can go there by train or bus (fastest connection 2 hours):

Train (ÖBB):
http://www.oebb.at/en/angebote-ermaessigungen/sparschiene-tschechien

Flix-Bus
https://www.flixbus.co.uk/?wt_eid=2151276807500411147&wt_t=1512768077359&affiliate=(not set),&_ga=2.159161018.1830531803.1512768076-104214121.1512768076&_gac=1.162227592.1512768076.EAIaIQobChMI6Y3llqz71wVIQzTC
h3M1g3HEAAYBCAEGJeV_D_BwE
We look forward to welcoming you in beautiful Vienna!

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