

RETOUR D'EXPÉRIENCE Vienne, Autriche





It was a very good experience.
Vienna is a very lively and rich
city, with a great way of life.
There's something for everyone,
from cultural visits to festive
outings and sporting activities.





Practical informations

There is no visa needed with a European passport because you can freely move around in European countries with it.

However, you will have to fill out a mandatory local registration paper (Meldezettel). No worry, everything will be explained to you during the integration week, but basically you will have to fill in information about your accommodation in Vienna and get it signed by your local landlord. You will then have to go to an office to hand the document. At the end of your Erasmus, you will have to go back to this office to deregister which it is important because in many cases you need the confirmation of deregistration to get your accommodation deposit back.



Ryanair flights from Marseille are probably the easiest way to go there, it only takes 2h hours and Marseille is only 1h and a half hour away by train from Montpellier. It is also not that costly.

The weather in Vienna is really cold in winter and cool temperatures lasted until April when I was there, so make such to pack some warm clothes. You can also include summer clothes as around May it gets sunnier and warmer. Plus, rains are very frequent, and the weather is very changeable throughout the day (the weather forecast is not really accurate there somehow).

In terms of products, take the ones that are really specific since you can always buy the rest once you arrive. There is no Sephora, but it is replaced by Bipa, and you can find French brands like Bioderma and La Roche-Posay at most pharmacies.



I personality had the chance to live in the 6th district next to Marishilferstrass. I would definitely recommend that location because everything is reachable either by foot or by public transportation within 40mins. The district is also very pretty and lively with good places to go out.

To help you find an accommodation there are several links on the university website. Make sure you apply as fast as possible if you want to live in the student resident because they are booked really fast.

I choose an apartment on the Colivi.com website. They only propose shared apartments, but they look really nice. The renting period they propose is 3 months minimum.

Depending on what you are looking for and your budget, there are accommodations from 300€ in dorms with shared toilet and kitchen, to 800€ and more to have the whole apartment for yourself. Mine was 620€ a month for a room in a shared apartment with all charges included.







Courses selection

Accounting



Awesome and very committed teacher, the course reviews the basics of accounting but focuses more on the roles of financial statements, before going on to cover topics such as budgeting and financial KPIs. The semester in mainly self-study with a physical course from time to time.



Very fascinating course if you are curious and want to know more about Austrian politics. The grading will be based on a campaign management memo to hand-in and with a little effort, the top mark is within reach.

Social skills



Interesting course and a great way to progress in public speaking, you'll also be able to see your performance as one the teachers film us during our oral presentations, you will be graded on several oral presentations, so it is easy to have a good grade if you are committed, the teachers are really kind, one is a former opera singer which is very impressive.

Media ethics

The course deals with philosophical and ethical issues, allowing us to question our approach to information. The course is designed to be highly interactive and debate-oriented, so don't hesitate to share your ideas. The grade is 100% on a final MCQ that is really easy since it is based on the teaching materials that he makes available on the university platform.

German A2



I was quite disappointed with this course which, at A2 level, is only focused on German grammar and not at all on oral communication to enable you to communicate in everyday life in the country.

Notes

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You will have Austrian culture and more, which is a mandatory class to better understand the country and its customs. There is no real exam for that subject, you simply have to make a presentation about your home university and city so that they can make it available for their future Erasmus students willing to come to Montpellier.

The number of credits you obtain per subject is much higher than at MoMa so you will have less classes and a lot of time to spare. I personally barely had any classes in the morning (some until 21h45 though), and my weeks were usually composed of 3 days of classes (some on Saturday). Also, lunch break is not as sacred as in France so might have some classes from 10h to 15h or more. Same for night classes, mine where from 18h30 to 21h45.

I picked all my courses myself (not the prepackaged programs) and time laps wise I was fine, I had 2 but I didn't miss much, and the teachers were very understanding.

You will have the opportunity to change your courses and make wiser choices since once you will have access to the university platform you will be able to see the exact dates of the classes.

Reminder If you are sure about what you want to do during you

master's degree I would suggest you to pick classes related to it of course

but also some interesting ones that you might never see again.

Austria To do list



Follow Erasmus Student Network Vienna on social media

Try food specialties like Schnitzel at
Schnitzelwirt in Neubaugass or
Kaiserschmarrn at Demel Café

Buy the student semester ticket on the
WienMobil app to use every public transportation in the city for 75€

Plan many travels : Bratislava, Budapest, Prague

Use the ÖBB app to go anywhere else in Austria







