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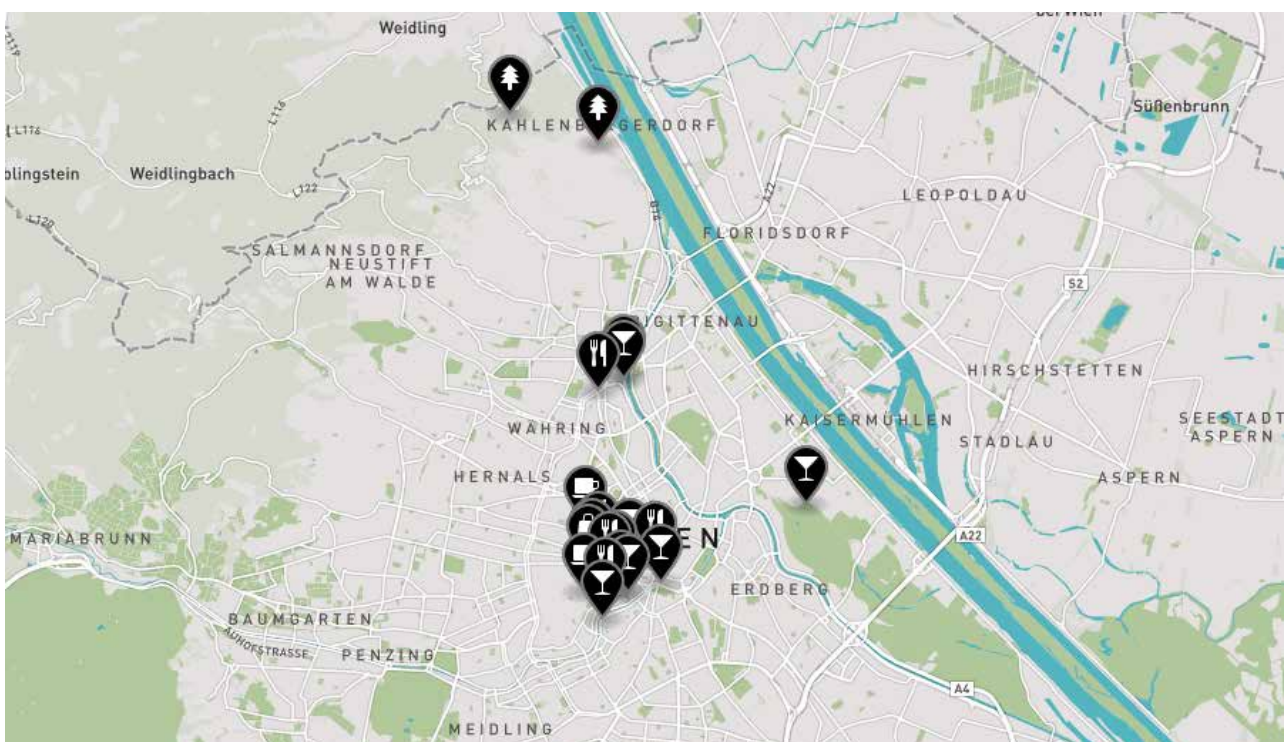
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24 HOURS IN

Vienna

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MY PERFECT 24 HOURS IN VIENNA

The first thing I should mention is that me and my team introduce you to various spots and cool locations and events in Vienna (and all of Austria!) on a daily basis, over on our website www.1000things.at—besides my personal tips, you should definitely check this out as well!

But for now, welcome to a day in my life.

I love to start my day in the heart of the district Josefstadt, at the **Café der Provinz**. Crêpes, coffee, omelettes—everything is great. Especially the brunch on offer during the weekends is what brings me here quite often. When it's warm outside, they open their little garden, which is situated in a very quiet side street and has a wonderful view of the Piaristenkirche. The café's interior is nice and cosy, too.

Afterwards I feel like taking a little walk and, as I'm already in one of the most beautiful parts of town, I just start wandering towards the city hall, taking a few hipsteresque pictures along the way.

From the city hall I walk to the **MuseumsQuartier**, where I often meet with friends. This is the thing to do in summer, by the way—meet up here, in the yard of the MQ (as we call it), and have a few beers. If you forget to bring beer, no worries: there is always a guy who walks around and sells beer for €2,- and most of the time it's still cold.

But right now is not really the time of day to have a few beers, I decide to check out one of the various exhibitions of the MQ. Or I go up the stairs to the left-hand side of the MuMok (the big grey cube) and take some pictures of the MQ from a little lug up there. I like to look for new perspectives on things and— I mean come on!—everybody has pictures from down in the courtyard...!

Right next door is one of my favourite restaurants to having dinner at, **Glacis Beisl**. There's such a wealth of foliage here, it's so green, that it's hard to believe you're actually in a big city.

I keep on strolling and end up in the 7th district, called Neubau, a.k.a home of the hipsters. This is such a fast-moving area, literally every day a new café, second-hand shop (very recommendable: **Burggasse 24**), hairdresser or restaurants opens up here. Just go with the flow!

Now I'm walking through the magnificent Spittelberg area, where I always feel like I've got lost and magically ended up somewhere in Italy. In the lower part of Spittelberg, you will find one of the best restaurants in Vienna: the **Erich** only opened its doors recently, in spring 2016, but it has already become a favourite of mine. It has a lovely 'Schanigarten' (Viennese for 'outdoor sitting area'), and the menu is small but excellent...quite excellent! During wintertime, you should definitely book a table in advance, because there's not a whole lot of room inside.

Right now, however, I have the ice cream shop **Veganista** in my sights, which is just next door to Erich. They sell heavenly (you guessed it) vegan ice cream. They only opened up two years ago, but they already have numerous branches in Vienna and have even made it to the USA. So don't be surprised if the queue extends all the way outside to the street—you should definitely still get in line though, you don't want to miss this! Vegan types of ice cream like 'Germknödel' (yeast dumpling filled with plum sauce), matcha, blueberry-lavender or 'Marillenknödel' (apricot dumpling) will be your reward for waiting, and trust me, it's worth the wait!

With an ice cream cone in my hands and a smile on my face I carry on walking until I get to the café **Liebling**. Sadly, this isn't such a hidden spot anymore, but it's still a cool café. I sit down, order a Club Mate or a Fritz Kola and read the newspaper or a book. It's also a good spot to get some work done.

Since I'm actually always hungry, I already think about what to do for dinner. And so, after I've finished my reading workload for the day and got a good caffeine buzz going at the Liebling, I'm on my way to the restaurant **1500 Foodmakers**, downstairs at the 25hrs Hotel. Everything here is mouthwatering, but a particular favourite of mine is the pizza with fresh goats' cheese, leek, garlic, and bacon. And even if you're not planning on having dinner here, the 25hrs Hotel is worth checking out for its awesome, creative interior design alone.

Once you're done with dinner, take the lift to the hotel's rooftop. Here you'll find the **Dachboden**, one of the coolest bars in Vienna, boasting a superbly stylish interior and a spectacular view over the entire city. You wouldn't believe that this used to be a dorm once. From time to time, I sell my fashion label 'lifethings' here in a sort of 'rooftop pop-up store', which I share with other designers. Maybe we'll happen to be there when you come visiting. In general though, the Dachboden gets really crowded in the evening (it opens at 3pm), so you'd better come early if you want to get good seats and enjoy drinks, the view and perhaps some new 'lifethings'. Booking in advance isn't possible.

After taking the obligatory selfies with Vienna in the background, I start making plans for the night out in the city. I'm a great fan of the 'Heurigen' of Vienna. Wikipedia describes a Heurigen as 'a place where wine is served', but of course it is so much more. If you're still hungry, you can have typical Austrian comfort food in one of these. It's always delicious and only adds to the authenticity of your experience of Viennese lifestyle. Most of the time, you arrange your menu yourself and pay according to its weight. And you drink lots and lots of wine! To be honest, it's an essential experience—if you haven't been to a Heurigen, you haven't really been to Vienna. Many of them can be found on the city's outskirts, like in **Nußdorf**, or higher up at the hill **Kahlenberg** (amazing view of Vienna included). If you haven't planned anything yet for the next day, join a 'Heurigenexpress' tour, where they drive you from one location to the next. Great fun (but be prepared for a little hangover tomorrow...)!

Tonight, I'm staying in the city centre though. First stop is the Heurigen **Zum Gschupftn Ferdl**, which is located in a beautiful rear courtyard. This place has been the starting point for many unforgettable nights out already, with lots of wine and schnaps. Afterwards it's off to the club **Titanic**, especially when the event On Fleek is taking place; this is just a really fun venue all-round. Alternatives are: **Pratersauna** (used to be better, but still a good club), **Volksgarten** (a little fancier and more expensive), **Celeste** (check out the lineup beforehand) or **Grelle Forelle** (for techno fans).

But no matter where you end up, stumbling out of the club in the early morning hours should lead you to the next 'Wiener Würstelstandl' straight away (booth selling sausage and beer). Order a 'Eitrigel und a Sechzehnerblech' and enjoy a cheese kransky and canned beer. A classic thing to do! Two of my favourite booths are **Bitzinger** and **Würstel Leo**.

And now, done for the night, and pretty much ready to go to sleep. If you're still up for an afterhour session, check out **Sass**, **Das Werk** or **Puff, die Bar** ('Puff' means brothel in German, but it's really just the name of the bar).

Have fun!

*Enjoy exploring,
Jan*

CAFÉ DER PROVINZ

CAFÉ

Maria-Treu-Gasse 1-3, 1080 Vienna, Austria
www.cafederprovinz.at

A french café with a really nice garden area to sit in during summer. Their brunch buffet on the weekend is a winner!



MUSEUMSQUARTIER

ARTS & CULTURE

Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna, Austria
www.mqw.at

This is the place to be—not only during summer, because in the winter you can go and visit all the great exhibitions.



GLACIS BEISL

RESTAURANT

Breite G. 4, Vienna, Austria
www.glacisbeisl.at

When you sit here in the summer, you feel as though you're outside the city although you're right in the centre of it, because it's just that green.



BURGGASSE 24

SHOP

Burggasse 24, Vienna, Austria
www.burggasse24.com

This is where the cool kids shop their latest outfits.



ERICH

RESTAURANT

Neustiftgasse 27, Vienna, Austria

www.erichwien.at

They've got such a splendid outdoor area and a delicious menu. This is one of my favourite restaurants, to be for sure!



VEGANISTA

SWEETS

Neustiftgasse 23, Vienna, Austria

www.veganista.at

All vegan, all delicious. It's a good thing the queue so long whenever I come here—gives me time to choose what flavour ice cream I'll get.



LIEBLING

CAFÉ

Zollergasse 6, Vienna, Austria

www.facebook.com/liebling1070

This café is a real all-rounder: meet your tinder date, have coffee or drinks with friends or just sit down and work.



1500 FOODMAKERS / DACHBODEN

RESTAURANT / BAR

Museumstraße 9, Vienna, Austria

www.25hours-hotels.com/en/museumsquartier/restaurant/1500-foodmakers.html

Before I go up to the rooftop bar Dachboden, I love to have on one of their damn fine pizzas. From the rooftop bar Dachboden you have one of the best views over the city. The interior is also a highlight.



ZUM GSCHUPFTN FERDL

RESTAURANT

Windmühlgasse 20, Vienna, Austria
www.zumgshupftnferdl.com

This is the best Heurigen in the city. Their food is very good and the staff is great with customers.



CLUB TITANIC

BARS & CLUBS

Theobaldgasse 11, Vienna, Austria
www.titanic.at

This cool underground club has been an institution in Vienna for more than 30 years now.



PRATERSAUNA

BARS & CLUBS

Waldsteingartenstraße 135, Vienna, Austria
www.pratersauna.tv

A kick-ass venue in summer!



VOLKSGARTEN

BARS & CLUBS

Burgring, Vienna, Austria
www.volksgarten.at

This is the café society in Vienna: long queues and expensive. Still, from time to time they throw really good parties!



CELESTE

BARS & CLUBS

Hamburgerstraße 18, Vienna, Austria
www.celeste.co.at

The entry fee is dirt cheap and the crowd' always great, but the music might not always be to your liking, so check the event schedule beforehand.



GRELLE FORELLE

BARS & CLUBS

Spittelauer Lände 12, Vienna, Austria
www.grelleforelle.com

This is Vienna's techno and electro hot spot! Great location, right next to the canal, with a large outdoor area. They renovated recently, so it's better than ever!



BITZINGER

RESTAURANT

Augustinerstraße 1, Vienna, Austria
www.bitzinger-wien.at

One of my favourite booths selling sausage and beer. It's a little pricey, though.



WÜRSTELSTAND LEO

RESTAURANT

Döblinger Gürtel 2, Vienna, Austria
www.wuerstelstandleo.at

A typical booth selling sausage and beer, it's 'ur-wienerisch' (very typical for Vienna). From the outside it looks rather modest, but it's definitely a good choice for a mid-night or early morning snack.



NUSSDORF

ESCAPE

Nußdorf, Vienna, Austria

Many wonderful Heurigen are located here.



KAHLENBERG

ESCAPE

Kahlenberg, Vienna, Austria

Also a few beautiful Heurigen around here. Furthermore, you've got a great view of Vienna up on the hill.



SASS

BARS & CLUBS

Karlsplatz 1, Vienna, Austria

www.sassvienna.com

A club with a modern design: dark finishes accentuated with shining lustres and golden elements here and there. Chic but still very cool.



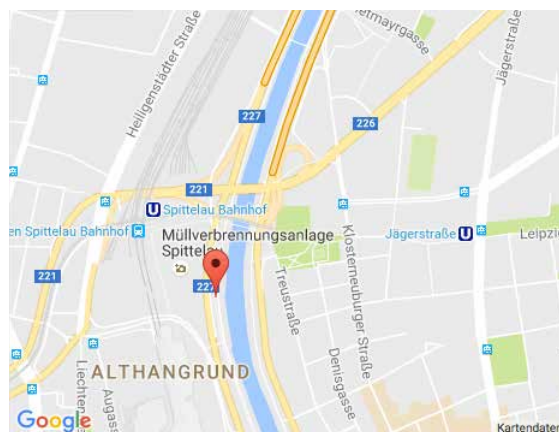
DAS WERK

BARS & CLUBS

U-Bahn Bogen 332, 1090 Vienna, Austria

www.daswerk.org

Das Werk is close to the club Grelle Forelle, and is a perfect afterhour location. Also a concert venue, movie theater, exhibition space and club rolled into one.



PUFF, DIE BAR

BARS & CLUBS

Girardigasse 10, Vienna, Austria

www.puff-bar.at

Not a brothel, even if the name would have you think otherwise. I like to come here for very-late-night-early-morning drinks.

