

AUSTRIA

YOUR GATEWAY TO EUROPE

— COMPLIMENTARY INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR LIVING, WORKING & BUILDING
A BUSINESS IN AUSTRIA



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A Personal Note

When I first arrived in Vienna, someone handed me a three-page printout about Austrian bureaucracy. It was wrong about half the things and missing the other half.

Twenty years later, I still meet Indian entrepreneurs and families who are navigating Austria with the same incomplete information. This complimentary information brochure exists because you deserve better.

This brochure combines direct project experience with current official information. The processes are the ones we use in practice; the timelines are planning ranges, not promises. The mistakes in Chapter 13 are ones I have seen real people make — sometimes at significant personal and financial cost.

Austria is worth the effort. It really is. My family has lived here for over two decades and I have never once regretted it.



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Chapter 1 · Why Austria?

The honest case for a country most people underestimate.



Vienna and St. Stephen's Cathedral — Austria at the heart of Europe

1.1 What Makes Austria Different

Austria is a compact country of about 9.2 million people in the geographic heart of Europe. From Vienna, many European capitals are within a two-hour flight. Austria is a member of the EU, the Schengen Area and the Eurozone.

What makes Austria different: political stability, high-quality public services, a strong rule of law, excellent healthcare, outstanding education, low crime, clean air and water, and a cultural life that punches well above its weight.

IN NUMBERS Population (2026): approx. 9.2 million · Vienna: 2.03 million · EU member since 1995 · Currency: euro · Corporate tax: 23%

1.2 Vienna — Consistently Among the World's Most Liveable Cities

Vienna ranked second in the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2026 Global Liveability Index, after holding first place in 2022–2024. Its strengths remain stability, healthcare, education, infrastructure, culture and environment.

For Indians relocating from major metros, the contrast is stark: the metro runs on time, the hospitals are excellent, streets are clean, you can walk safely at midnight.

VIENNA FACTS Area: 415 km² · Population: approx. 2.03M · 23 districts · International airport: VIE · EIU liveability rank 2026: #2

1.3 Austria's Economy & EU Access

Austria offers access to the EU single market of 450 million consumers through a single company registration. A product approved in Austria can be sold across all 27 EU member states.

1.4 The Austrian Character

Austrians are formal by Asian standards but warmer than Northern Europeans. Business relationships take time — punctuality is non-negotiable, written confirmations are expected.

CULTURAL NOTE Austrians do not respond well to aggressive sales approaches. Take your time, be precise, bring business cards. The relationship matters more than the immediate transaction.

1.5 Austria and India — Existing Connections

Austria and India have maintained diplomatic relations since 1949. Bilateral trade (2024): approx. EUR 2.1 billion. Austrian firms active in India include AVL, Anton Paar and Kapsch. Indian IT, pharma and financial companies have increasingly established European headquarters in Vienna.

Chapter 2 · Austria in the European Context

2.1 EU Membership: What It Means for You

- One company registration gives commercial rights across all 27 EU member states.
- EU-level intellectual property protection through a single application.
- Freedom to hire from any EU country without work permits.
- After successful naturalisation, Austrian citizenship includes EU citizenship and freedom of movement across the EU. Naturalisation is conditional and never automatic.
- Access to EU funding, innovation grants and research subsidies.

2.2 Austria vs Germany: A Common Question

Austria and Germany share a language and legal tradition. But Austria has lower bureaucratic friction for small-to-medium international businesses, a more central EU location and — for quality of life — Vienna consistently outperforms Munich, Frankfurt and Berlin in international rankings.

HONEST COMPARISON Germany has a larger market. Austria offers a smaller, central base and Vienna's exceptional quality of life. The better choice depends on your sector, residence pathway, clients and operating model.

Chapter 3 · Housing & Neighbourhoods

3.1 Vienna's Districts

Vienna is divided into 23 districts (Bezirke), numbered 1–23. The First District is the historic centre — beautiful, expensive, home to international businesses. Most relocating families settle in districts 3, 4, 13, 17–19.

RENTAL COSTS 2026 1-bed: EUR 900–1,500/month · 2-bed: EUR 1,400–2,200/month · 3-bed family: EUR 1,800–3,000/month · Furnished short-term: +30–50%



Vienna District Map — Key Locations & U-Bahn Lines

3.2 The Rental Process Step by Step

- Step 1: Define requirements — district, size, budget, school proximity.
- Step 2: Search via willhaben.at, immoscout24.at, wohnnet.at.
- Step 3: Viewings — popular apartments receive many applications. Speed matters.
- Step 4: Application — passport, proof of income, 3 months' bank statements.

- Step 5: Lease signing — always in German. We review contracts for our clients.
- Step 6: Meldezettel (address registration) — legally required within 3 business days.

MELDEZETTEL Austria's most important resident document. Without it: no bank account, no school, no health insurance. Free. 15 minutes at the district office.

3.3 Popular Neighbourhoods

1st District (Innere Stadt): Historic centre. Prestigious, expensive. International business hub.

3rd District (Landstraße): UN campus nearby. Well-connected. Popular with diplomats.

13th District (Hietzing): Quiet, green, excellent schools, U4 line. Family favourite.

19th District (Döbling): Vienna's most prestigious residential area. Vineyards, large apartments.

Klosterneuburg (suburban): 15 min by train. House with garden possible.

Chapter 4 · Healthcare

4.1 How the System Works

Austria operates a compulsory social insurance system. Employed residents are generally insured through payroll-based contributions shared by employee and employer; registered dependants may be co-insured subject to the applicable rules.

IN PRACTICE Many contracted-doctor and hospital services are covered with an e-card. Prescription fees, co-payments, private providers and exceptions can still create out-of-pocket costs.

4.2 Public vs Private

The public system provides broad access. Some international residents add supplementary private insurance for wider provider choice, faster appointments in some settings or private hospital accommodation; cover and price vary materially.

HONEST The main adjustment is learning which providers contract with public insurance and when a co-payment applies. Private cover may widen choice, but it does not remove every waiting period or exclusion.

Chapter 5 · Education

5.1 The Austrian School System

Compulsory schooling generally covers nine school years, beginning at around age six. After primary school (Volksschule), several academic and vocational pathways are available. University fees depend on nationality, institution and programme.

5.2 International Schools in Vienna

Vienna International School (VIS): IB curriculum, ages 3–18. Check the current admissions calendar and tuition directly with the school.

American International School (AIS): American curriculum. Check the current admissions calendar and tuition directly with the school.

Danube International School: IB curriculum. Check the current admissions calendar and tuition directly with the school.

British International School: International curriculum. Check the current admissions calendar and tuition directly with the school.

APPLY EARLY International schools have waiting lists — particularly for primary age. Begin applications 6–12 months before planned arrival.

Chapter 6 · Daily Life in Vienna

6.1 Public Transport

Vienna's network combines U-Bahn, tram, bus and suburban rail. The U-Bahn runs through the night before Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays; the NightLine network covers other nights.

COST 2026 Annual pass: from EUR 461 digital (EUR 467 physical, one-off payment) · KlimaTicket Ö Classic: EUR 1,400. Check current tariffs before purchase.

6.2 The Viennese Kaffeehaus

Vienna's coffee house culture is UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. You order a Melange, receive a glass of water, and may remain as long as you wish — reading the complimentary newspaper — without being asked to leave or reorder.

CULTURAL NOTE Coffee-house service is deliberately unhurried. Staying over one coffee, reading and talking at length is part of the institution — not a signal that you should leave.



6.3 Food, Markets & the Indian Community

The Naschmarkt is Vienna's most famous market — 1,500 metres of fresh produce, spices, cheeses and olives, Monday to Saturday.

Vienna has established Indian cultural, professional and religious networks. Community contacts can help with orientation, but the most useful introduction depends on your family, profession and district.

6.4 Nature Within Reach

- Vienna Woods (Wienerwald): 105,000 ha of forest on the city's edge.
- The Danube: beaches, water sports, cycling paths.
- The Austrian Alps: world-class skiing within 2 hours.
- Salzkammergut Lake District: UNESCO landscape, 2 hours from Vienna.

Chapter 7 · Residency, Citizenship & Long-Term Planning

7.1 Stages of Austrian Residency

- Stage 1: A qualifying Rot-Weiß-Rot Card is normally issued for 24 months and is linked to the approved employment or category.
- Stage 2: Eligible employed cardholders may apply for a Rot-Weiß-Rot Card plus after at least 21 qualifying months within the previous 24; other pathways have different rules.
- Stage 3: Daueraufenthalt–EU may be available after five years of qualifying settlement, subject to continuity, integration and general conditions.
- Stage 4: Citizenship may be available after ten years in the standard route, but is not automatic and requires all statutory conditions to be met.

LONG-TERM PLANNING Residence, permanent residence and citizenship are separate legal steps. Build the language, income and document strategy early.

7.2 German Language Requirements

Initial and renewal stages: Language duties depend on the exact residence title and the Integration Agreement.

Integration Agreement — Module 1: A2 German may apply within the prescribed period, subject to exemptions and title-specific rules.

Daueraufenthalt–EU: Module 2 (B1) is generally required, together with the other residence conditions.

Austrian citizenship: B1 German is commonly required, together with a citizenship test and all general conditions.

Language progress varies widely. Treat German as a project workstream, not a last-minute formality.

Chapter 8 · Starting a Business in Austria

8.1 The GmbH — Your Main Option

The Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung (GmbH) — equivalent to a Private Limited Company — is the standard entity for international entrepreneurs in Austria.

GmbH KEY FACTS Minimum share capital: EUR 10,000 · normally at least EUR 5,000 paid in cash at formation · limited liability · at least one managing director

8.2 Formation Process Step by Step

- Step 1: Define business purpose (Unternehmensgegenstand) — must be precisely worded.
- Step 2: Draft Articles of Association (Gesellschaftsvertrag) — requires a notary.
- Step 3: Open a bank account and deposit minimum share capital.
- Step 4: Register with the Commercial Court (Handelsgericht Wien).
- Step 5: Obtain a tax number (Steuernummer) from the Finanzamt.
- Step 6: Assess VAT registration and UID requirements. The EUR 55,000 small-business threshold is not a universal exemption from registration or cross-border VAT duties.
- Step 7: Register with the Social Insurance Authority (SVS).
- Step 8: Register with the Chamber of Commerce (WKO) where applicable.

FORMATION COSTS Budget separately for notary, court, translations, advice and bank onboarding. Obtain a written project estimate before committing.

TIMELINE A 4–8 week formation window can be a planning assumption once documents and banking are ready, but it is not a guarantee.

Chapter 9 · Immigration & the RWR Card

9.1 The RWR Card System

The Rot-Weiß-Rot (Red-White-Red) Card is Austria's primary immigration permit for non-EU nationals — a combined residence and work permit.

Very Highly Qualified Workers: Points-based; a Job Seeker Visa may be available before a qualifying job offer.

Key Workers (Schlüsselkräfte): For employees of Austrian companies above a salary threshold.

Self-Employed Key Workers: For entrepreneurs establishing or running an Austrian company.

Start-Up Founders: For founders of innovative start-ups, assessed by AWS.

9.2 An Illustrative Key-Worker Process

- Step 1: A qualifying Austrian employer and a genuine role must exist; the correct RWR category must be selected.
- Step 2: For Other Key Workers, the 2026 minimum is EUR 3,465 gross per month plus special payments; points and labour-market tests also apply.
- Step 3: The filing route depends on legal entry and residence status. Applications may involve the competent Austrian representation abroad or the residence authority in Austria (MA35 in Vienna).
- Step 4: Labour Market Service (AMS) reviews — typically 4–8 weeks.
- Step 5: If approved, the RWR Card is issued for 24 months and tied to the authorised employment conditions.

TIMELINE Authority times and document preparation vary materially. Plan in months and do not commit to relocation dates before the filing strategy is confirmed.

9.3 Document Requirements

- Passport and civil-status documents required for the selected route
- Employment or business evidence, qualifications and accommodation evidence where applicable
- Criminal-record certificates and any required apostille, legalisation or certified German translation

Chapter 10 · Austrian Taxation

10.1 Corporate Tax (KöSt)

CORPORATE TAX RATE 2026 23% flat rate on taxable GmbH income · minimum corporate tax for a GmbH: EUR 500 per year

10.2 Practical Tax Calculation: IT Services GmbH

Annual revenue: EUR 250,000

Operating costs (salaries, rent, software): EUR 140,000

Taxable profit before tax: EUR 110,000

Corporate tax @ 23%: EUR 25,300

Net profit after corporate tax: EUR 84,700

If distributed as dividend (27.5% KESt): EUR 23,293 additional tax

Net to owner after all taxes: EUR 61,407

Effective total tax rate on profit: approx. 44%

NOTE Dividends to individual shareholders are generally subject to 27.5% KESt. Salary and dividend choices require advice; payroll, treaty and anti-abuse rules may apply.

10.3 VAT, Income Tax, Social Insurance

Standard VAT rate: 20% (10% food/books/hotels; 13% culture)

Small-business VAT threshold: EUR 55,000; cross-border transactions and UID duties may still require separate treatment.

INCOME TAX 2026 Progressive rates apply; the first EUR 13,539 of annual taxable income is tax-free. Payroll, deductions and family circumstances change the result.

TAX PLANNING Salary and dividend treatment depends on residence, payroll and treaty facts. Model it with qualified Austrian and Indian advisers.

Chapter 11 · The India–Austria Double Taxation Treaty

11.1 Why This Treaty Matters

Austria and India concluded a Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation (DBA) in 1999. For Indian entrepreneurs with Austrian business activity, it is one of the most important planning tools available.

11.2 Key Provisions

Business Profits (Article 7)

Under Article 7, business profits are generally allocated by treaty principles. An Indian permanent establishment, effective management or other connecting factor can change the result.

KEY RISK Indian founders managing operations from India, signing contracts in India, or maintaining Indian employees risk creating an Indian PE — with significant tax consequences.

Dividends (Article 10)

Treaty relief may reduce Austrian withholding, but the rate depends on beneficial ownership, shareholding, documentation, domestic law and the circumstances in India.

IMPACT Do not model a distribution using treaty headline rates alone. Coordinate the Austrian and Indian treatment before a dividend is declared.

Interest, Royalties, Capital Gains

Interest, royalties and capital gains each follow separate treaty articles. Source rules, beneficial ownership, anti-abuse provisions and domestic law can change the outcome.

11.3 Tax Residency Transition

Tax residence is not determined by day count alone. A home, habitual abode and centre of vital interests may be decisive; the transition requires coordinated Austrian and Indian advice.

Chapter 12 · Business Culture & Operations

12.1 Business Relationships

Austrian business culture prizes precision, reliability and formal correctness. Meetings start on time. Academic titles (Dr., Mag., Ing.) are used and respected.

The initial relationship-building phase takes longer than in India. Austrians are cautious — a first meeting will not produce a signed contract. Once trust is established, Austrian business partners are extremely loyal.

12.2 Banking & Compliance

Business bank onboarding for a GmbH can take several weeks and varies by institution, ownership structure and compliance review. Compare current offers; no bank is universally suitable.

- Annual financial statements (Jahresabschluss): filed 9 months after year-end.
- Monthly VAT returns (UVA): due 45 days after period end.
- WKO membership: mandatory for most businesses. Annual fee EUR 150–500.

EMPLOYMENT COST Employer cost is materially above gross salary and depends on payroll components, contribution ceilings and local charges. Obtain a current payroll calculation.

Chapter 13 · Common Mistakes — and How to Avoid Them

The same mistakes appear repeatedly in client projects. None are fatal. All are avoidable.

MISTAKE 1 Underestimating document requirements. Missing a single apostille or uncertified translation delays everything by weeks.

MISTAKE 2 Wrong company structure from the start. GmbH vs sole trader vs EU branch — the decision depends on your immigration pathway and long-term plan. Change is expensive.

MISTAKE 3 Ignoring the AMS requirement. The Labour Market Service review adds 4–8 weeks. Factor it in from day one.

MISTAKE 4 Banking delays. Compliance checks for non-EU shareholders take 2–6 weeks. Begin banking in parallel with company formation.

MISTAKE 5 Not registering the Meldezettel immediately. Blocks bank accounts, school enrolment, health insurance and permit renewals.

MISTAKE 6 Underestimating living costs. Build a household-specific budget for rent, school, insurance, mobility and travel; generic family figures can mislead.

MISTAKE 7 Treating Austria like Germany. Different country, different regulations, different culture. German advisors and templates do not apply.

Chapter 14 · Five Stories from India to Austria

The following anonymised case studies illustrate recurring project patterns. Names and identifying details have been omitted. Outcomes and timelines are case-specific and are not guarantees.

STORY · The IT Entrepreneur

Country: India (Maharashtra)

Sector: IT services — B2B software development

Timeline: First contact to operational company: 14 weeks. RWR Card: 22 weeks total.

Challenge: Client ran a 35-person IT company in Pune. Wanted a European base to serve German and Austrian clients directly, reduce withholding tax on EU invoicing, and establish long-term residency for his family.

What we did: Austria Readiness Report → Schlüsselkraft route + IT services GmbH. Coordinated notary, Oberbank account and Commercial Court registration in parallel. Prepared AMS application and RWR documentation simultaneously. School application (Vienna International School) started week 3.

RESULT The GmbH was registered and began invoicing; the residence procedure followed through the competent Austrian representation. The family later relocated to Vienna and secured school places. Timings are case-specific.

STORY · The Family Relocation

Country: India (Delhi NCR)

Sector: Finance — senior executive relocating with employer

Timeline: RWR Card: 16 weeks. Family reunification: +8 weeks.

Challenge: Senior finance executive transferred to Vienna. Wife is a doctor. Two school-age children. Main concerns: housing in a good school district, wife's professional future.

What we did: Coordinated with employer's legal team. Housing search targeting 13th district. Briefed on Indian medical qualification recognition (Austrian Medical Chamber — 18–24 months). Meldezettel, health insurance and school enrolment coordinated on arrival day.

RESULT The family completed its relocation, school enrolment and initial settlement. Language learning continued after arrival. Housing, school and residence planning had to run in parallel.

STORY · The Start-Up Founder

Country: India (Bangalore)

Sector: Technology — B2B SaaS platform for logistics

Timeline: Company: 6 weeks. AWS assessment: 10 weeks. RWR Card: 20 weeks.

Challenge: Founder of early-stage logistics SaaS seeking EU market entry and long-term residency. Had received EUR 500K seed from an Austrian angel.

What we did: Start-Up Founder category under RWR. Developed Austrian business concept documentation in parallel with GmbH formation. AWS application coordinated. Both RWR Card applications (founder + co-founder) ran in parallel.

RESULT The company was formed, residence applications were completed and external financing was pursued. Outcomes depend on the business model, authority review and investor due diligence.

STORY · The Real Estate Investor

Country: India (Gujarat)

Sector: Real estate — portfolio investment and holding structure

Timeline: Austrian GmbH (holding): 5 weeks. First property acquisition: 14 weeks.

Challenge: Client owned a substantial textile manufacturing business. Wanted to diversify internationally and establish Austrian holding structure for real estate investment.

What we did: Austrian GmbH as holding entity. Advised on non-EU buyer approval process (MA69). Coordinated with steuerexperten.at on tax-efficient structure. Sourced Austrian property advisor for first acquisition in 19th district.

RESULT The Austrian holding and housing workstreams were coordinated. The case shows why investment, tax and residence questions should be planned together.

STORY · The Family Business Expansion

Country: India (Tamil Nadu)

Sector: Manufacturing — precision engineering components

Timeline: Company: 7 weeks. First EU client contract: week 16.

Challenge: Third-generation family manufacturing business. German and Swiss clients preferred to contract with a European entity. Father (60) and son (32) both wanted Austrian residency.

What we did: Austrian GmbH with both as shareholders, son as active Geschäftsführer. Transfer pricing implications under the India-Austria DTA. Two simultaneous RWR Card applications (different categories).

RESULT The GmbH was established and the first EU contract followed. Residence and family relocation remained separate workstreams. Timings are case-specific.

14.1 What These Stories Show

- Sequence matters: residence, company, banking and family workstreams must be planned together.
- Authority and bank timelines are ranges, not promises; document quality changes the result.
- A workable Austrian structure must also fit the client's Indian tax and management reality.
- Case studies illustrate pathways, not guaranteed outcomes.

Chapter 15 · The MAXsolutions Programme



MAXsolutions coordinates each project through one Vienna-based lead.

15.1 Who We Are

MAXsolutions is the brand of „MAX Solutions“ GmbH, a Vienna-based consulting firm specialising in business consulting, project development and administrative coordination for international clients. Our office is at Rosenbursenstraße 2/21 in Vienna's First District.

We have supported international clients establishing themselves in Austria for more than a decade. We work in German, English, Russian and Ukrainian and coordinate each project through a Vienna-based lead.

15.2 What Makes Us Different

Most consulting firms offer advice. We coordinate implementation: lawyers, notaries, tax advisors, banks, immigration authorities and property specialists. You have one project lead; regulated professional decisions remain with the authorised advisers and public authorities.

OUR APPROACH We do not tell clients what they want to hear. We tell them what they need to know — including the things that are complicated, slow or expensive. Surprises are the enemy of good projects.

15.3 The 7-Step Programme

- Step 1: Austria Readiness & Feasibility Assessment — written report with next steps.
- Step 2: Business & Investment Concept — revenue, cost, structure planning.
- Step 3: Immigration & Settlement Coordination — documents, deadlines, authorities.
- Step 4: Company Setup & Implementation — notary, bank, registration.
- Step 5: Vienna Discovery Stay — personalised orientation visit, fully organised.
- Step 6: Family Relocation & Soft Landing — housing, schools, registration.
- Step 7: Post-Arrival Support — 30/60/90-day plans, annual task calendar.

PACKAGES Feasibility Check: EUR 600 + VAT where applicable (credited if commissioned) · Essential: EUR 3,000 · Complete: EUR 6,000 · Premium: from EUR 25,000. Individual offer governs.

Chapter 16 · The Vienna Discovery Stay



Vienna Discovery — meet the team and test the working environment in Vienna

16.1 Why a Discovery Stay?

A relocation decision should not be made from research alone. Vienna Discovery is typically a tailored seven-day programme covering residential districts, schools where access is possible, our office, business meetings and daily Viennese life.

16.2 What We Organise

- Personal orientation tour of recommended residential districts
- School visits and introductions (where schools permit)
- Meeting with tax advisor and immigration lawyer
- Tour of our office — meet the MAXsolutions team in person
- Introduction to Indian community contacts in Vienna
- Practical orientation: transport, shopping, healthcare, banking

DECISION RULE The stay should test assumptions, not sell a postcard. If the housing, school, business and residence plan does not work in real life, the correct answer may be not yet.

16.3 Questions the Stay Must Answer

- Can the family accept the real housing budget and school commute?
- Does the business model work from Austria — operationally, not just on paper?
- Is the residence route genuinely eligible and documentable?
- Which tasks need licensed legal or tax advice before money is committed?
- What would make the right decision 'not yet' rather than 'yes'?

Chapter 17 · steuerexperten.at — Your Austrian Tax Home

Every business in Austria needs a qualified tax advisor. Finding the right one — one who understands international clients, speaks your language, and treats your questions as legitimate — is harder than it sounds.

steuerexperten.at is our recommended partner for all tax, accounting and compliance matters. We work with them daily and trust them with our own clients.

17.1 About steuerexperten.at

steuerexperten.at Steuerberatungsgesellschaft m.b.H. is a licensed Austrian tax advisory firm (Steuerberatungskanzlei) based at Rosenbursenstraße 2/21 in Vienna's First District — the same address as our own office.

The firm has served Austrian and international businesses for more than 20 years and operates as a licensed Austrian tax advisory practice with multilingual and digital workflows.

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17.2 What Makes Them Different

- Multilingual team
- Digital-first: paperless operations, 24/7 document access via steuerexperten.PRO platform.
- International specialisation: business immigration, DTA analysis, cross-border structures.
- 20+ years of experience with Austrian and international clients.
- Comprehensive: tax, accounting, payroll, company formation, real estate — all under one roof.

17.3 The Team

The firm is led by Dr. Rainer Kratochwill and Dr. Valeriia Kratochwill. Senior team includes specialists in tax advisory, business accounting, payroll and international tax structures.

17.4 Services for International Clients

Corporate Tax (KöSt): Annual corporate return, filing and optimisation for your Austrian GmbH.

VAT (Umsatzsteuer): Monthly/quarterly UVA returns, UID number, EU One-Stop-Shop compliance.

Payroll (Personalverrechnung): Monthly payroll processing, wage tax, social insurance reporting.

Personal Income Tax (Est): Annual returns for directors, employees and self-employed individuals.

Annual Financial Statements: Preparation and filing of Jahresabschluss with the Commercial Court.

International Tax: DTA analysis, withholding tax advice, cross-border structures, PE risk.

Company Formation: Coordination of GmbH formation — notary, registration, tax setup.

Real Estate Tax: Austrian real estate investment — acquisition, rental income, capital gains.

Business Immigration: Support for residence applications and documentation.

Bookkeeping (Buchhaltung): Ongoing digital accounting via steuerexperten.PRO platform.

17.5 What Clients Say

WHAT CLIENTS VALUE Direct access to a multilingual team, practical explanations and a clear route from question to filing.

WHAT CLIENTS VALUE Long-term continuity, quick appointments and digital document handling across borders.

17.6 steuerexperten.PRO

The firm's online document portal supports secure uploads, filing workflows and cross-border cooperation. Availability and service response times follow the applicable engagement and platform terms.

HOW TO REACH THEM www.steuerexperten.at/konsultation-anfrage · WhatsApp/Telegram: +43 664 926 8767 · Available in German, English, Russian and Ukrainian.

Appendix A · Austria at a Glance

Official name: Republic of Austria (Republik Österreich)

Capital: Vienna (Wien)

Population: approx. 9.2 million (2026)

Area: 83,879 km²

Official language: German

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Economic profile: high-income EU economy; use Statistics Austria for the latest indicators

Labour market: use the current Statistics Austria and AMS figures at decision date

Corporate tax rate: 23% (2026)

Standard VAT rate: 20%

EU member since: 1995

Schengen member: Yes

Credit rating: AAA (Moody's, S&P, Fitch)

Air connections: routes and direct services change seasonally; check the airline timetable

Vienna liveability ranking: #2 worldwide — EIU 2026

Appendix B · Key Contacts & Resources

Government & Official Bodies

Federal Ministry of Interior (immigration): www.bmi.gv.at

Austrian Business Agency (ABA) — free advisory: www.aba.gv.at

Austria Wirtschaftsservice (AWS): www.aws.at

Chamber of Commerce (WKO): www.wko.at

Vienna immigration (MA35): www.wien.gv.at/einwanderung

Austrian Tax Authority (BMF): www.bmf.gv.at

Practical Resources

Vienna transport (Wiener Linien): www.wienerlinien.at

National rail (ÖBB): www.oebb.at

Public Health Insurance (ÖGK): www.gesundheitskasse.at

Property search: www.willhaben.at · www.immoscout24.at

Vienna International School: www.vis.ac.at

Goethe-Institut Vienna (German courses): www.goethe.de/wien

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Appendix C · Useful German Phrases

Guten Morgen / Guten Tag: Good morning / Good afternoon

Bitte / Danke / Bitte sehr: Please / Thank you / You're welcome

Entschuldigung: Excuse me / I'm sorry

Sprechen Sie Englisch?: Do you speak English?

Wie lange dauert das?: How long does this take?

Haben Sie einen Termin?: Do you have an appointment?

Grüss Gott: Traditional Austrian greeting — used instead of 'Hallo'

Servus: Informal greeting/farewell between friends

Einen Melange, bitte: A Melange (Viennese coffee with milk), please

LANGUAGE TIP 'Grüss Gott' marks you as someone who has done their homework. Austrians notice.

A Final Word

Austria will not impress you with noise. It will impress you with consistency. The trains are on time. The hospitals work. The schools are good. The bureaucracy is occasionally maddening but ultimately functions. The countryside is stunning. The coffee is excellent.

For Indian entrepreneurs and families who are serious about building something lasting in Europe, Austria is, in our honest view, one of the best choices available. Not the loudest. Not the most obvious. But, in our experience, consistently one of the best.

We hope this brochure has been useful. If you have questions, we are easy to find.

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