



Travel information and useful tips for the KE in Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts course

10-12 December 2018, Vienna (Wien)

Course Venue

[Flemings Selection Hotel Wien-City](#), Josefstädter Straße 10-12, A-1080 Wien. Phone numbers are +43 1 205 99-0 or +43(0) 800 999 988. The hotel does not have its own car park, however they have an agreement with a public car park - the "Astoria" garage at Trautsongasse 4 - and they can request a parking slot for you. The cost is €24.00 per day. We would recommend arriving by public transport.

Travel from/to Vienna airport to/from the city centre:

All travel information can be found on the airport website [here](#).

The fastest way to the city centre from the airport is to use the **City Airport Train (CAT)**, as the journey is non-stop and only takes 16 minutes. The price is €11 for a single ticket and €19 for a return, if you buy it in advance, see the website [here](#). Alternatively, there are ticket machines available at the station and you can choose to use it in English (tickets at the station are €12 for a single and €21 for a return). The trains leave at 9 minutes and 39 minutes past the hour and they run from 06.09 to 23.39. The city centre stop where you arrive by the CAT is **Wien Mitte/Landstraße**.

There are also regular transit railway trains (**S-Bahn**), they take a little longer due to stopping on the way, though the fare is cheaper (from €4.10). Again, you can get tickets at the station and more information regarding the timetable can be found [here](#).

Vienna Airport Lines (Postbus) connects the airport with the main Vienna transport hubs. The 3 Vienna Airport Lines routes serve all of Vienna's underground railway lines. Every 30 minutes there are connections to the airport from Wien Westbahnhof (West train station) and Wien Hauptbahnhof (Main, city centre train station). Buses to the city centre (Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz) run 24 hours a day, journey time around 20 minutes (depending on traffic) and cost from €8. More information can be found [here](#).

There are of course taxis available, more information is [here](#).

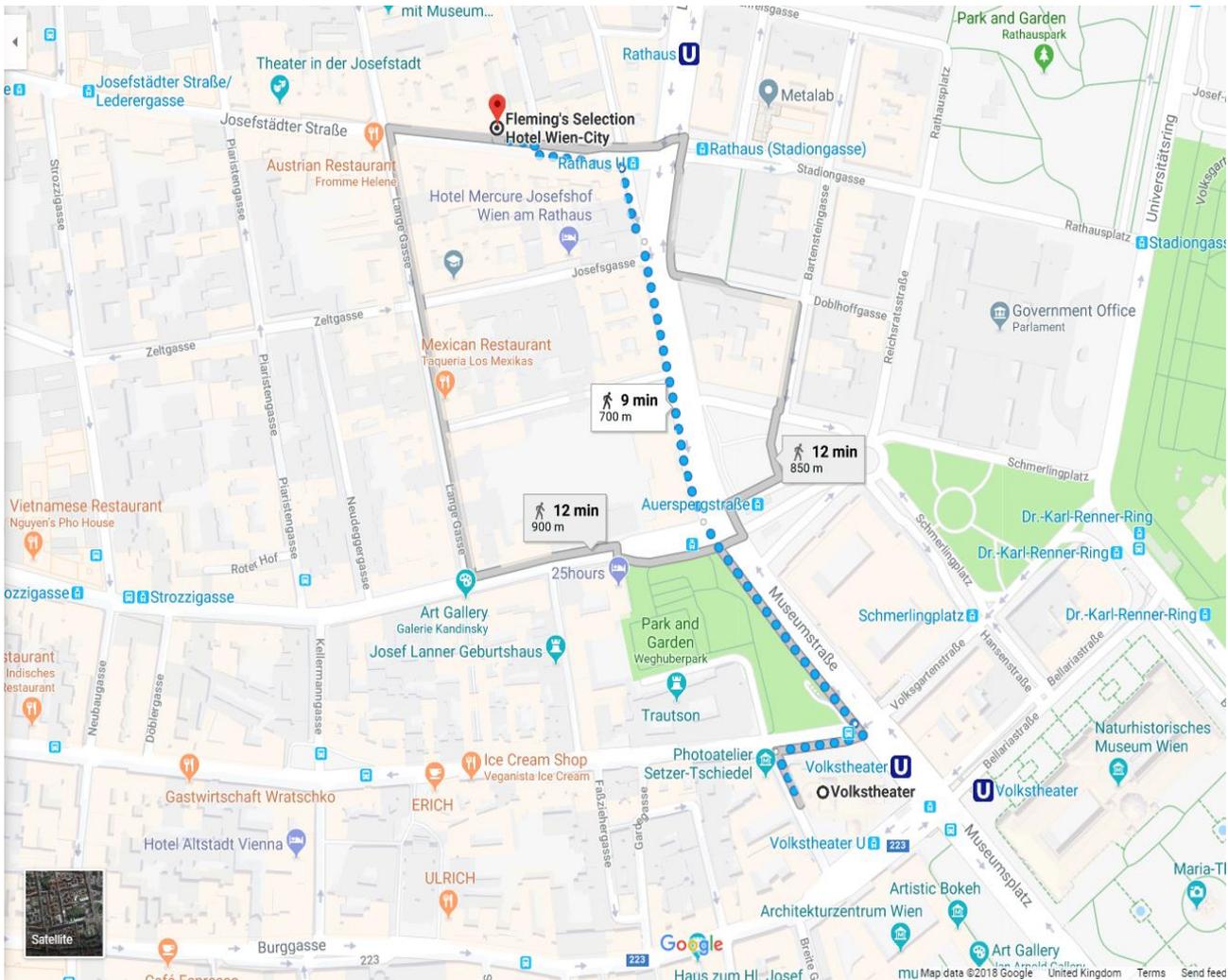
How to get from the city centre (Wien Mitte/Landstraße) to the Flemings hotel:

The Vienna underground (known as U-Bahn) is the quickest and most popular means of public transport. In total Vienna runs five metro lines, the U1, U2, U3, U4, and U6, with more than 100 stations (note that there is no U5 line!).

During the day, the intervals of all lines are around five minutes, in the evenings seven to eight minutes. During the week, the metro lines run until around midnight to half past midnight, and for 24 hours on weekends and before public holidays, in 15-minute intervals.

Click [here](#) to download a full U-Bahn map. An extract below shows the U-Bahn route to the hotel as follows:

- 1) From Wien Mitte/Landstraße take line **U3** (the orange line on the map) in the direction of **Ottakring**.
- 2) Alight the train at the stop called **Volkstheater**. From here, the hotel is located approximately 700 meters/9 minutes on foot (see map below) **OR** follow step 3.



3) Take line **U2** (the purple line on the map) in the direction of **Seestadt**.

3) Alight the train at the stop called **Rathaus** (this is only one stop from Volkstheater). Exit the Rathaus station using the exit marked as 'Josefstädter Straße'.

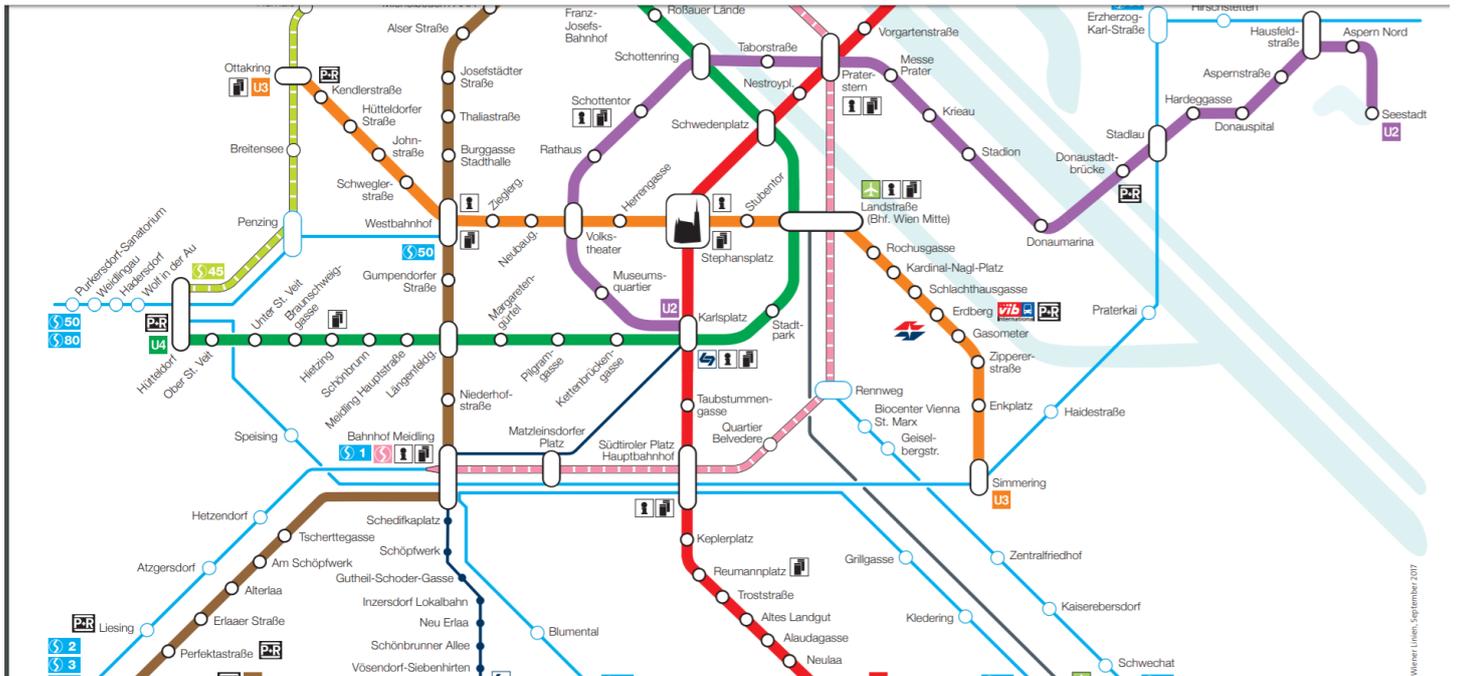
4) As you exit the stairs turn behind you and you will see a crossroad. You need to cross the road and you will see Josefstädter Straße (see pictures of the street signs below). On one side of the road on the corner is a café named 'Eiles', on the other corner a beauty/chemist type shop. The hotel is about a minute walk up this road, on the right-hand side (same side as the café Eiles).

New style street sign above the beauty/chemist shop

Old style street sign above café Eiles



U-Bahn map extract showing lines U3 (orange) and U2 (purple)



Important to know about tickets for public transport

Tickets are valid in all trams, buses and the underground. Each stamped ticket is valid up to the destination, including (several) transfers.

Tickets you buy **must be validated** before boarding. To validate your ticket, stamp the ticket at the blue machines located at the entrance of U-Bahn stations, as well as on buses and trams that you may use. Tickets bought directly from the tram or bus driver are automatically validated and need not be stamped again.

Rates (as at June 2018) are as follows:

Single ticket: € 2.40

24-hour Vienna ticket: € 8.00

48-hour Vienna ticket: € 14,10

72-hour Vienna ticket: € 17.10

Vienna City Card

To make the most of your visit to Vienna it might be worthwhile purchasing a Vienna City Card, see [here](#) for more information.

You can buy a card that is valid for either 24, 48 or 72 hours. It includes free travel on public transport throughout the city or, depending on which type of pass you buy, the Hop On Hop Off tours run by [Big Bus Tours](#), as well as the chance to enjoy more than 210 discounts on everything from museum entry to restaurants and shops. The hop on hop off bus tour is a great way to see the city sights if you have time before and/or after the course.

Website

A good website to use for information about the city is [here](#).

General handy tips to know for visiting Austria:

- Austria has low crime rates by international standards and is a safe place to visit
- People wait for the green man before crossing the road (even if there's no traffic) as you can get fined by Police for walking on red
- Recycling is the law, you will have to pay for plastic carrier bags in shops, like you do in the UK.
- If you order tea in a café and want milk (milch), be sure to ask for it, otherwise it will generally be served black with lemon. Coffee is usually quite strong and will often be served with a glass of water. Tap water is not normally served in restaurants, bottled is provided.
- Pork is the national dish. A 'proper' Wiener Schnitzel (flattened meat covered in breadcrumbs and often served with either just potatoes or chips) is veal, however it could be pork or chicken depending on the restaurant.
- Tipping is customary, usually 10% or rounding up of smaller bills. It's generally given to the waiter/waitress at the time of paying rather than being left on the table.
- Large chain stores will be closed on Sunday, however smaller independent/tourist/souvenir shops often remain open.
- Austria has a smoking culture, you will still see cigarette machines on the streets. Whilst public buildings and transport are smoke-free, restaurants/cafés/pubs may not have any 'no smoking' areas in them.
- It is the general culture in Austria that you when you visit steam rooms and saunas you do so naked (towels are allowed, but not swimming gear), **however** the Flemings Hotel has no strict regulation in their wellness area.
- Austrians often, and can, take their pet dogs into shops, restaurants, banks etc. However, they are not in the habit of cleaning up after their dogs so watch where you walk!
- The most common greeting you will hear when you enter anywhere like a shop, café etc. is 'Grüß Gott' which means 'greetings from God'- do say it back to them!

We hope that you enjoy your visit to this beautiful Imperial city!