WHAT’S ON in Vienna, 11 to 13 October

**Wiener Wiesn-Fest 2018**
- When: 27 September to 14 October
- Starting time: daily at 11:30
- Where: Kaiserwiese Prater
- www.wienerwiesnfest.at

Enjoy the authentic Oktoberfest feeling right in the heart of Vienna. The Wiener Wiesn-Fest, a customs and folk music festival, pitches its tents on the Kaiserwiese in the Prater once more. Austrian beer, regional food, local craftsmanship, enchanting folk music, and traditional outfits ensure a great atmosphere. The festival takes place in lovingly decorated tents, cozy beer gardens and rustic wooden chalets. The Wiesn-Fest live parties, a central open-air stage and afternoon concerts ensure a unique experience.

**Original Wiener Schnitzel**
- Where: Restaurant “Pürstner”, Riemergasse 10
- Open: daily from 10:00 to 24:00
- www.puerstner.com

In the heart of Vienna, where the masters of the saddler’s guild once settled, you will find the “Pürstner” restaurant—a symbol of Viennese lifestyle. For three generations the Pürstner family has been running the restaurant and has made it flourish as Austrian hospitality and friendliness dominate their service. Themed rooms create a cozy rustic atmosphere where you can savour original Wiener schnitzel with fried potatoes.

**Volksoper**
- Where: Währinger Straße 78
- Tickets: www.volksoper.at
- Date: 11 October—Operetta by Johann Strauss “Die Fledermaus” (The Bat)
- Time: 19:00 to 22:15
- Language: German with English surtitles

It was first performed in 1874 in Vienna and has been part of the regular repertoire ever since. The plot revolves around a rich man named Eisenstein who, on his way home from a costume ball, leaves his friend, Dr Falke, on the street, disguised in a bat costume and intoxicated after having had too much to drink. Dr Falke is thereafter laughingly referred to as “Dr Bat”, which is why he plans to get his revenge on Eisenstein. Eisenstein is invited to a party only to find out that it is a trap set by Dr Falke. At the party everyone plays an assumed part, and later must share in the quilt of deception, but somehow everything works out in the end.
• Date: 12 October—Ballet by Jorma Elo “Ein Sommernachts-traum” (A Midsummer Night’s Dream)
  • Time: 19:00 to 21:15

Rustling leaves, an enchanted forest, magic juice, fairies, amazons and woodland spirits—this is William Shakespeare’s comedy “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, with music composed by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy and choreographed by Jorma Elo. The ballet premiered worldwide at the Vienna State Opera in 2010 and was first performed at the Volksoper three years later to great acclaim.

• Date: 13 October—Premiere of Operetta by Gustav Albert Lortzing “Zar und Zimmermann” (Tsar and Carpenter)
  • Starting time: 19:00
  • Language: German with German surtitles

The comic opera is based on the historical grand embassy of Peter the Great. Tsar Peter is working in disguise in Saardam in Holland, in order to acquire shipbuilding skills for his navy. He meets a fellow Russian named Peter Ivanov who is in love with Marie, the niece of simpleminded Mayor Van Bett. Van Bett is told to find a foreigner called Peter and several ambassadors try to track down the monarch, but having more than one Peter around results in numerous instances of mistaken identity.

Spanish Riding School (performances)
  • When: 13 and 14 October at 11:00
  • Where: Michaelerplatz 1, in the Hofburg
  • www.srs.at

The famous performances by the Lipizzans—the Ballet of the White Stallions—take place in the baroque Winter Riding School at Hofburg Palace. Built in the 18th century, the riding hall is one of the most beautiful of its kind in the world. This environment, accompanied by classical Viennese music, makes the wonderful presentation by the riders and their Lipizzans even more enjoyable, especially since the performances are the result of years of training for both.

Additional useful information for the city of Vienna:
  • Time zone: CEST Central European Summer Time, UTC/GMT + 2 hours
  • Emergency numbers: Ambulance service: 144/Police: 133
  • Currency: Euro
  • Tourist Information: Albertinaplatz 1, open daily 9:00 to 19:00
  • Austria’s Foreign Ministry: Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs: www.bmeia.gv.at
  • Credit card acceptance: The most accepted cards are Mastercard and Visa, which can be used in most supermarkets, hotels and petrol stations. While payment is free of charge, withdrawing money at an ATM usually includes a service fee.

Additional information for the EAO congress:
  • Congress app: The congress registration fee includes the free use of the congress app. EAO attendees can use this app to view the programme, to look at individual sessions and to browse abstracts. At the end of the congress, participants can send themselves an individual visit report, including personal notes and bookmarks. Over the years, the app has become an essential tool with exclusive scientific content with the aim...