

A Short Review of my travels in Austria

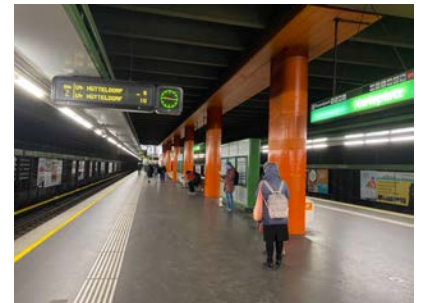
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Vienna was where my trip continued from Augsburg. I said goodbye to my friend and jumped on FlixBus from Augsburg to Vienna. It was another overnight trip for me, and I could not wait to wake up in Vienna.



How fair is the fare?

Getting around Vienna is easy by metro and trams. The ticket validation process in Vienna is similar to Berlin. I bought a ticket from a machine and validated it before entering the platform. There are different tariffs for seniors, students, children, adults, and others.



Infrastructure at the station where I boarded the train, the platform was very wide. The tactile paving tiles for blind and visually impaired travelers were placed much further away from the yellow safety line than usual. Typically, these detectable warning surfaces are embedded right next to the yellow line (either on the inner or outer side of the rail tracks). I had never seen such a large distance before, and it gave me a strong sense of safety for them.

The train and station platforms are level with each other. However, the doors aren't automatic; travelers need to press a button to exit the train. I stood in front of the door for a moment before suddenly realizing the train was about to depart. Instinctively, I pressed the button and quickly jumped out.





Automatic or manual? Most doors in Stockholm open automatically, including the metro. For example, at grocery store exits, two-sided transparent plastic doors open automatically when you scan a barcode. Even if no barcode is needed, the doors still open on their own. However, if you try to rush through, you could easily break them. This has influenced my behavior to the point where I often find myself waiting for doors to open automatically, only to realize they are manual.



Micromobility is the most commonly used form of urban transport in the city center, as the area is reserved for pedestrians. There are also minibusses that operate around the city center.





Horse-drawn carriages have a long history in Vienna. Nowadays, they are mainly used for tourist tours, and they are not cheap. I doubt locals use them for commuting, but it's amazing to see the horses on the roads alongside other modes of transport.



In every park I visited, I saw many locals spending time with friends and family. I also came across a charming weekend market in a square, where people gathered to enjoy food, drinks, and shopping.



More photos from Vienna



