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Vienna is easily explored with a combination of walking and cycling. The Innere Stadt, with its maze of narrow, cobblestone one-way streets and pedestrian zones, is best explored on foot, while its surrounding suburbs are generally flat. The only hills to speak of start in the outer districts which border the Wienerwald; here a little more exertion is required, particularly if you wish to tackle them by bike.

The Rathaus information office (p230) stocks a number of brochures detailing walks and cycle routes in the city; inquire directly or consult their website (www.wien.gv.at/english); search under 'Leisure', then 'Sport'. If you're planning to do a lot of cycling pick up a copy of Argus' comprehensive *Stadtplan Wien für RadfahrerInnen*, which maps out cycle paths in Vienna. Detailed information on mountain biking trails in the Wienerwald is available on www.mbike.at (in German).

Every city has its quirks, and Vienna is no exception. Viennese drivers are notoriously aggressive behind the wheel, often ignoring zebra crossings and yelling abuse at fellow drivers, pedestrians and cyclists with equal vigour; fortunately it's mostly hot air, and an exchange of blows is a very rare occurrence. Jaywalking is severely discouraged and an instant fine from the police will result if you're caught crossing a road within 25m of a zebra crossing or failing to wait for a green traffic light. Occasionally pedestrians and cyclists clash, particularly when the former wanders onto the latter's designated path; it's advisable to take stock of where you're standing or walking in case you're blocking a cycle path.

The first five tours below are walking tours, while the last two cycling, Of the walking tours, only Essential Vienna and Ottakring & the Wienerwald are unsuitable for cycling; the rest can be tackled with a combination of cycling and walking (each trail passes through a park where cycling is not permitted). If an organised tour is more your style, see p50 for details.

ESSENTIAL VIENNA

This walk takes you through some of the most well-trodden tourist trails in Vienna, but there's a reason why so many visitors flock to the area. Instantly recognisable sights – Gothic Stephansdom and the Hofburg, the Habsburg's winter palace – dominate this quarter of the Innere Stadt, while Kärntner Strasse, Graben and Kohlmarkt attract visitors by the bus load. The beauty of it all, however, is that you can duck down a cobblestoned side street and often have the city to yourself.

Start your walk at the **Staatsoper 1** (p169) and head north along **Kärntner Strasse 2** (p57), the Innere Stadt's main street. It soon becomes a pedestrian-only walkway of plush shops, cafés and street entertainers. Detour left down Marco-d'Aviano-Gasse to Neuer Markt and the **Kaisergruft 3** (p57), final resting place of the Habsburg family. Continue north on Seilergasse before ducking down Kärntner Durchgang past the **American Bar 4** (p155), designed by Adolf Loos in 1908, and left onto Kärntner Strasse once more. A little north the pedestrianised street opens out into Stock-im-Eisen-Platz and eventually Stephansplatz; here the tall spire of Gothic **Stephansdom 5** (p53) commands the square. Before continuing with the walking tour, take a few moments to explore the hidden streets behind the cathedral for a taste of medieval Vienna; Blutgasse, Domgasse and Grünangergasse are particularly atmospheric and often bereft of people.

Take a peek inside the neo-Renaissance **Equitable Palais 6** (p58) and note the nail-studded stump on one of its outside corners before heading west on **Graben 7** (p58).

WALK FACTS

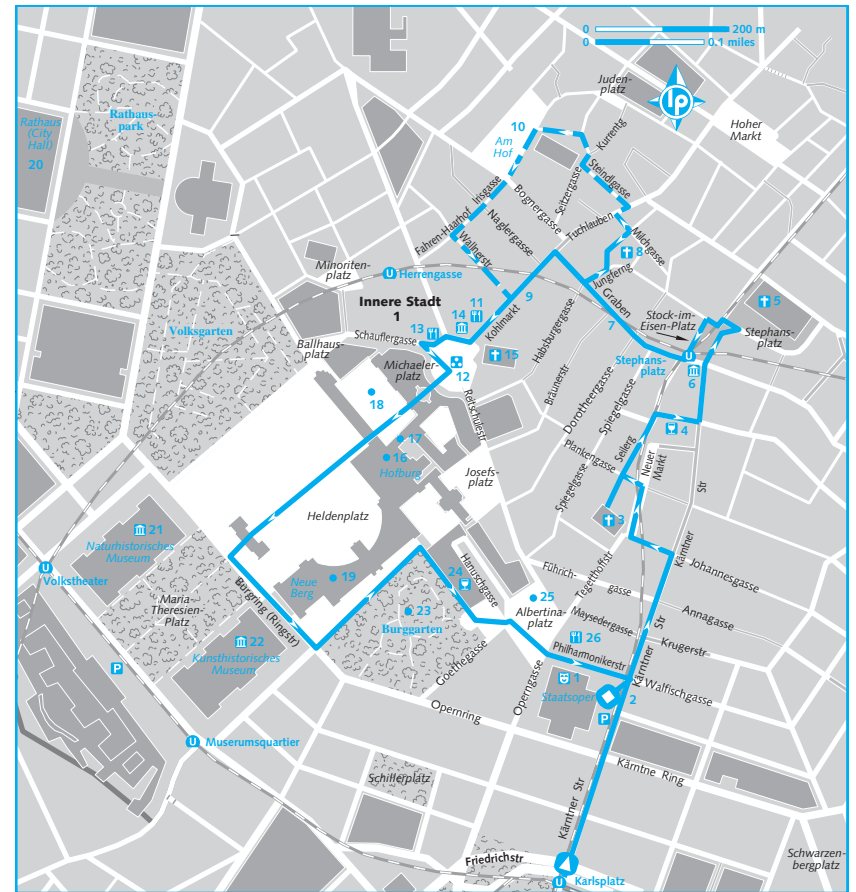
Start Staatsoper

Finish Staatsoper

Distance 2½km

Duration Straight walk – 1½ to 2 hours, with stops for sights – all day

Transport U1, U2 or U4 to Karlsbergplatz, or take tram D, J, 1, 2, 62 or 65



Wander down Graben and take a detour right onto Jungferngasse to admire **Peterskirche 8** (p59), one of the city's finest baroque churches. From here a couple of alternatives arise; either retrace your steps back to Graben and turn left onto **Kohlmarkt 9** or duck down Milchgasse and cross Tuchlauben onto Steindlgasse. Steindlgasse leads to a collection of quiet cobblestone streets and the spacious **Am Hof 10** (p64) square. From Am Hof cross onto Irsgasse which leads onto unhurried Fahren-Haarhof; at Wallnerstrasse turn left and you're soon on Kohlmarkt.

A coffee and cake break in **Demel 11** (p140) may be in order before heading to Michaelerplatz, and a menagerie of architectural delights: the **Roman Ruins 12** (p58), **Café Griensteidl 13** (p140), the unusual **Loos Haus 14** (p59), **Michaelerkirche 15** (p59), and Michaelertor, gateway to the **Hofburg 16** (p60).

A little time admiring the **Schweizertor 17** (Swiss Gate) and **In der Burg 18** (p60) is a rewarding experience, then push onto the impressive **Neue Burg 19** (p60) on Heldenplatz. The view from the square, taking in the **Rathaus 20** (City Hall; p70), **Naturhistorisches Museum 21** (p71) and **Kunsthistorisches Museum 22** (p73), is breathtaking. Exit Heldenplatz and turn left onto the Ringstrasse before ducking around behind the Neue Burg to the quiet **Burggarten 23** (p71) and its Victorian **Palmenhaus 24** (p155). Walk through the garden to **Albertinaplatz 25**, from where a quick stroll down Philharmonikerstrasse will bring you past **Café Sacher 26** (p140) and its celebrated **Sacher Torte** to near the walk's start.

KARLSPLATZ TO SCHOTTENTOR

Collectively, the architectural splendour stretching along the Ringstrasse from near Karlsplatz to Schottentor is a major drawcard for Vienna. It is simply astounding how so many visual delights can be crammed into such a small space. Add to that the hustle and bustle of the Naschmarkt, the art space of the MuseumsQuartier and the golden dome of the Secession, and you have a walk to thrill even the most jaded tourist.

Instead of following the tempting course of the Ringstrasse, head west from Karlsplatz along Friedrichstrasse to the **Secession 1** (p72) and admire its golden-leafed globe, before entering the tangle of the **Naschmarkt 2** (p185), Vienna's biggest, most colourful market. After

WALK FACTS

Start Karlsplatz
Finish Schottentor
Distance 3½km
Duration 2 hours
Transport U1, U2 or U4 to Karlsbergplatz, or take tram D, J, 1, 2, 62 or 65

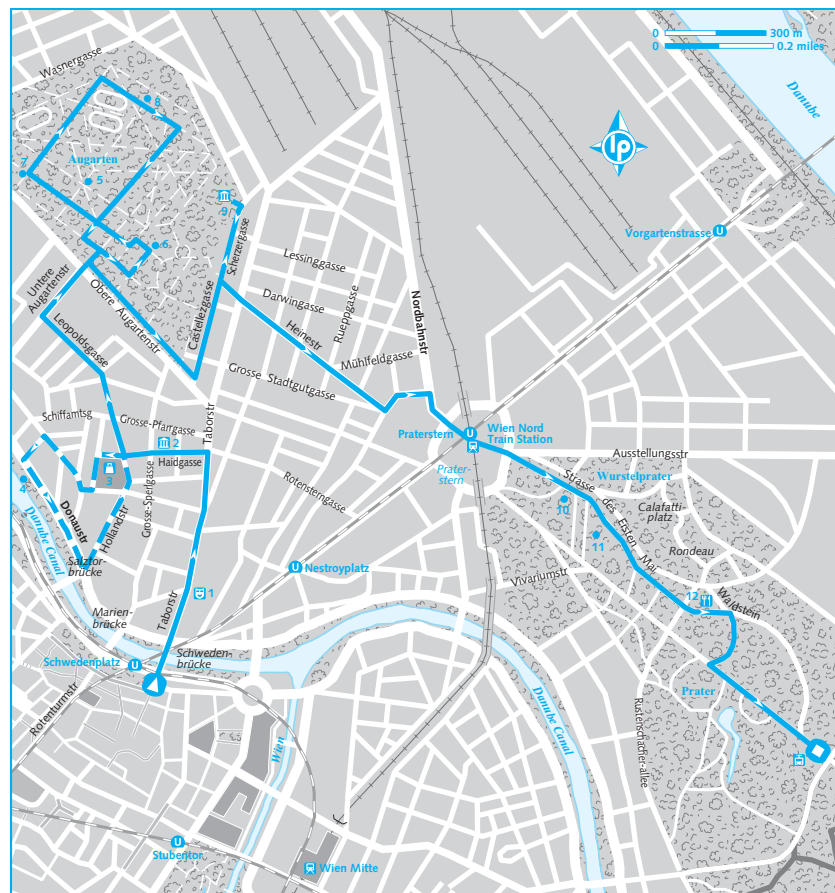
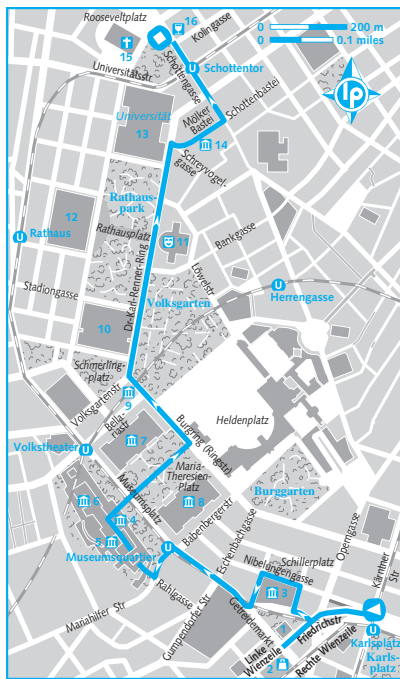
a quick look around, retrace your steps to Secession and continue west, then north, west again, and then south around the perimeter of the **Akademie der bildenden Künste 3** (p71) and past Schillerplatz. Next, turn right onto Getreidemarkt heading north-west to the **MuseumsQuartier 4** (p75). Enter from Mariahilfer Strasse and walk directly to the main square; here you're confronted with the black-and-white twin buildings of the **Leopold Museum 5** (p76) and **Museum moderner Kunst 6** (MUMOK; p77). Exit via the central gates which lead onto Museumsplatz; cross the road to Maria-Theresien-Platz, where a proud statue of Maria Theresia resides over the **Naturhistorisches Museum 7** (p71) and the **Kunsthistorisches Museum 8** (p73).

From the square turn left onto leafy Ringstrasse. Just past regal frontage of **Palais Epstein 9** (p71) you'll soon see the Greek columns of the **Parlament 10** (p70), then the busts of great playwrights adorning the façade of the **Burgtheater 11** (p170) appear on your right. Towering above Rathauspark directly opposite is the **Rathaus 12** (p70). Continue north along the Ringstrasse to the solid **Universität Wien 13** (p69) before veering right up one of the last remnants of the old city walls, Mölker Bastei, to reach **Pasqualati Haus 14** (p65), a former residence of Beethoven that's now a museum. Turn left up Schottengasse to Schottentor and the twin spires of the **Votivkirche 15** (p69), and finish with a bite to eat in **Café Stein 16** (p160).

LEOPOLDSTADT

The absolute delight of this walk is the understated charm of the Leopoldstadt district, with its mix of beautiful parks, lively markets and busy residential streets.

From Schwedenplatz head north across the Danube Canal (Donaukanal) on Taborstrasse, past the striking façade of the **Odeon 1** (p168) until Haidgasse, then turn left. Pass the quaint house hiding the **Weiner Kriminalmuseum 2** (p81) and head to **Karmelitermarkt 3** (p185), the district's central market. A detour to the canal brings Otto Wagner's **Schützenhaus 4** (p80) into



view; backtrack and head up Leopoldgasse to the T-junction at Untere Augartenstrasse. Turn right and cross Obere Augartenstrasse, entering **Augarten 5** (p79) through the main gates. Directly in front of you is Augartenpalais, home to the **Wiener Porzellanmanufaktur 6** (p81), makers of fine porcelain crafts.

WALK FACTS

Start Schwedenplatz
Finish Prater
Distance 7½km
Duration 3 hours
Transport U1 or U4 to Schwedenplatz, or take tram N, 1, 2 or 21

Circumnavigate the park, taking in the two towering **Flaktürme 7 & 8** (p81) before leaving by the gate from which you entered and heading southeast on Obere Augartenstrasse. At Castellezgasse turn left and head north. This street soon changes to Scherzergasse and ends at the front doors of the **Atelier Augarten**, home to the **Gustinus Ambrosi-Museum 9** (p81) and a small coffee house. Retrace your steps along Castellezgasse/Scherzergasse to Klanggasse, which soon merges with Heinestrasse. Continue directly to the Praterstern; from there make a beeline for the **Prater** (p79) and the fairground rides of the **Wurstelprater 10** (p79). Ride the **Riesenrad 11** (p80) before recharging your batteries at the **Schweizerhaus 12** (p127). Spend the rest of the day wandering around the Prater, or jump on the N Tram back to Schwedenplatz.

STADTPARK TO KARLSPLATZ

This long walk connects some of Vienna's better- and lesser-known sights, following a path that winds its way through the diplomatic neighbourhood of Landstrasse.

Begin by paying homage to some of Vienna's great composers, who are honoured with statues in the **Stadtpark 1** (p77). At the northern end of the park join the Ringstrasse and head north, past **Museum für angewandte Kunst 2** (MAK; p78) and Wagner's celebrated **Postsparkasse 3** (p78), to the **Urania 4** (p155) on the banks of the Danube Canal. From Urania veer east on Uraniastrasse, which soon becomes Radetzkystrasse. Radetzkystrasse ends at Radetzkyplatz, where you'll find **Gasthaus Wild 5** (p128), a fine neo-*Beisl*. From here duck under the railway tracks and follow Löwen-gasse southeast until you hit Krieglergasse, at which point turn left and head directly towards the **KunstHausWien 6** (p85), one of Hundertwasser's eye-catching creations. Then turn right along Untere Weissgerberstrasse past another of Hundertwasser's works, the **Hundertwasser Haus 7** (p85), and cut right at the

WALK FACTS

Start Stadtpark;
Finish Karlsplatz
Distance 6km
Duration 3 hours
Transport U4 to Stadtpark, or take tram 1 or 2



end of the street onto Rasumofskygasse. After a few blocks head left on Geusaugasse and then right on Kundmanngasse to pass the modernist **Wittgensteinhaus 8** (p84); if it's a Saturday stop in at the **Rochusmarkt 9** (p95) on nearby Rochusgasse.

From Rochusgasse turn left on Landstrasser Hauptstrasse; follow it until you hit Neuling-gasse on your right, which leads to Arenbergpark, home to two of the six goliath **Flaktürme 10 & 11** (p81) in Vienna. One currently serves as a temporary exhibition space for MAK.

Continue west along Neulinggasse and take Ungargasse left; after a couple of blocks the rewarding sight of the Jugendstil **Portois & Fix 12** (p90) swings into view. At the end of Ungargasse turn right and head up Rennweg to the gates of the **Unteres Belvedere 13** (p87). Wander through the baroque palace's gardens to its second edifice, the **Oberes Belvedere 14** (p86), before leaving by the southern gate and heading north along Prinz-Eugen-Strasse past **Hotel im Palais Schwarzenberg 15**. At the southern end of **Schwarzenbergplatz 16** (p77) veer left onto Technikerstrasse, which leads onto Karlsplatz and its ring of attractions – **Karlskirche 17** (p89), **Wien Museum 18** (p88) and Wagner's **Stadtbahn Pavillons 19** (p89). At the far end of Karlsplatz is the **Kunsthallencafé 20** (p156), where a rejuvenating drink awaits.

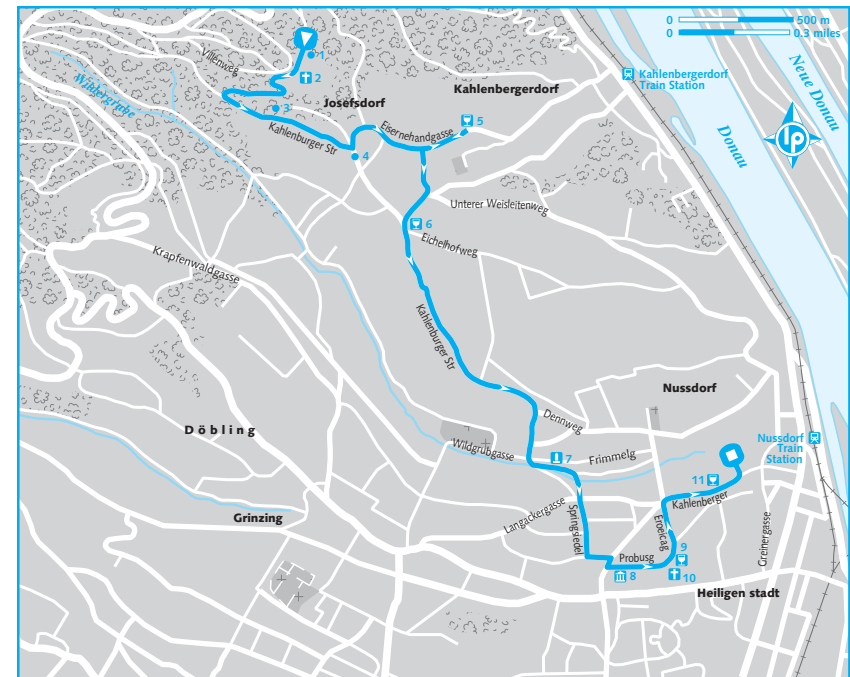
KAHLENBERG TO NUSSDORF

This walk offers panoramic views of the city, vineyards and *Heurigen*, and a gentle descent to the wine village of Nussdorf. It's best appreciated in the afternoon at which time most *Heurigen* open for business.

After disembarking from bus 38A at **Kahlenberg 1** (p103), walk past **St Josef Kirche 2** and veer left to the beginning of Kahlenberger Strasse. Follow the windy street down to the small **Friedhof Kahlenberg 3** hidden amongst the trees and past row after row of wine vines. At the junction of Kahlenberger

WALK FACTS

Start Kahlenberg; **Finish** Nussdorf
Distance 3½km
Duration at least 4 hours with *Heurigen* stops
Transport U4 to Heiligenstadt then bus 38A



Strasse and Eisernenhandgasse, five minutes after the cemetery, stop to take in the **view 4** of Vienna over the vineyards of Kahlenberg, before turning left on Eisernenhandgasse and following it downhill to the secluded **Heurigen Hirt 5** (p143). After a quick stop to soak up the views of the Danube, and sample a little local wine, head back up the steep hill to Unterer Weisleitengasse, a dirt path that heads left through vineyards to Kahlenberger Strasse and **Sirbu 6** (p143), another of the area's quality *Heurigen*.

Continue the walk south on Kahlenberger Strasse; from here, the city is laid out in front of you to the right. After a while the road starts to feature houses, then makes a sharp right and crosses Frimmelgasse. Immediately after Frimmelgasse turn left and pass the **Beethoven Ruhe 7**, a memorial to the dead composer dating from 1863. Cross Schreiberbach, the small stream just south of the memorial, and head south on Springsiedel. At the end of the street the walk completes a dogleg: first left into Rudolf-Kassner-Gasse, then right into Ambrustergasse, and finally left into Probusgasse. Probusgasse is a picturesque, cobblestone street lined with immaculate town houses, including the **Beethoven Apartment Heiligenstadt 8** (p103) at No 6. At its far end is Pfarrplatz, a quiet square with the **Heuriger Mayer am Pfarrplatz 9** (p143) and the 17th-century **St Jakob Kirche 10** (☎ 1.30-4.30pm) with Roman foundations.

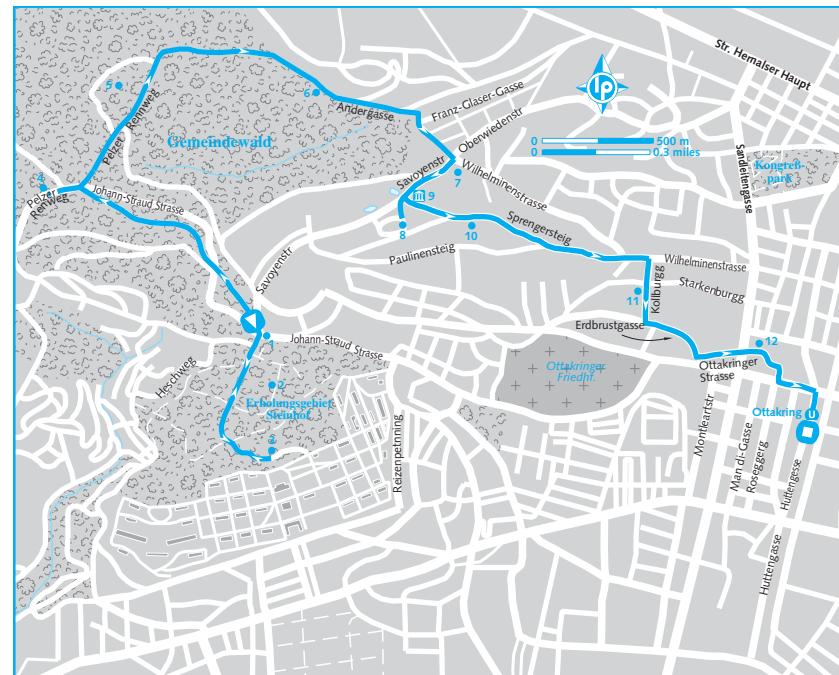
Take Erocigasse (named after Beethoven's Third Symphony) north to Kahlenberger Strasse and head east; a string of pleasant *Heurigen* greet you along the way, including the inviting **Kierlinger 11** (19, Kahlenberger Strasse 20; ☎ 3.30pm-midnight), which consistently wins awards for its Rheinriesling and Weissburgunder. The walk finishes in Nussdorf at the D tram, accessible from Kahlenberger Strasse via Schätzgasse.

OTTAKRING & THE WIENERWALD

The green belt of the Wienerwald on the western edge of Vienna is inviting for both walkers and cyclists. This walk dips into the woods bordering Ottakring and passes by small pockets of vineyards. It's for those with a reasonable fitness level, and its best to bring water and snacks as refuelling stations only appear towards the end. Also, wear sturdy shoes.

From the U3 end station Ottakring catch bus 46B nine stops to **Feuerwache am Steinhof 1** at the corner of Johann-Straud-Strasse and Savoyenstrasse. If you're feeling energetic walk this section, but the stretch up Thaliastrasse and Johann-Straud-Strasse passes by bland residential housing and will be of little interest to most. Quell the urge to head straight into the woods and instead enter **Erholungsgebiet Steinhof 2**, a large park filled with grassy meadows and small clumps of trees. At its southern edge is Otto Wagner's sublime **Kirche am Steinhof 3** (p98); to reach it, follow the path due south from the bus stop through the park until an opening in a wire fence. Pass through and veer left at the sealed road and the church will soon appear. Retrace your steps to the bus stop and follow the path directly opposite the Erholungsgebiet Steinhof entrance with white-yellow-white markings into the woods. It initially parallels Savoyenstrasse but soon turns left at a fork; keep to the path and you'll reach Johann-Straud-Strasse. Cross the street and follow the '4A' signs directly uphill; here the woods are thick and scrubby, and after 15 to 20 minutes you'll encounter Johann-Straud-Strasse again. Turn left and soon the **Jubiläumswarte 4** (p97) tower comes into sight. The views from the top reach to Slovakia and take in all of Vienna.

Head back along Johann-Straud-Strasse and after a few hundred metres take the '4A' path once more, but this time left into the woods and across the **Kreuzerwiese 5**, a pleasant meadow with picnic tables. The path follows Pelzer Rennweg and soon ducks back into the woods; at the first major junction turn right and keep to the right path indicated by a red arrow (a blue arrow points left). The path heads downhill through the prettiest stretch of the walk – here the trees are tall, mature, and uncrowded, and all sounds of the city fade. The Dornbach stream appears on your right and after a while a row of small houses on your left. When the houses end turn right (follow the '4A' sign) and cross the **stream 6**; after rain



this section is slippery so care should be taken. Continue downhill through open woods and out onto Andergasse, then right up the never-ending stairs on Eselstiege.

At the top of Eselstiege is the welcoming sight of **Villa Aurora 7** (16, Wilhelmminenstrasse 237; ☎ 10am-midnight), a charming wooden villa with a gorgeous garden, heavenly coffee with lashings of whipped cream, and a Vienna panorama. Pause here or continue up Savoyenstrasse to **Schloss Wilhelmminenberg 8** (p202); if neither appeals turn left at the **Mausoleum 9** just before the Schloss and follow Sprengersteig down past vineyards and Vienna views to **Leitner 10** (16, Sprengersteig 68; ☎ 5-11pm Tue-Fri, 4-11pm Sat, 4-10pm Sun), a tiny *Heurigen* on the edge of suburbia. After refuelling, stick to Sprengersteig, which soon becomes Paulinensteig and eventually Wilhelmminenstrasse. At Kollburggasse turn right and carry on downhill past early 20th-century villas **11** at No 14 and 25 to Erdbrustgasse; turn left and follow the street to Ottakringer Strasse, where another left will bring you to tram J and busy Sandleitengasse. A string of **Stadt Heurigen 12** awaits you on the far side of Sandleitengasse, otherwise take the tram or walk down to U3 Ottakring.

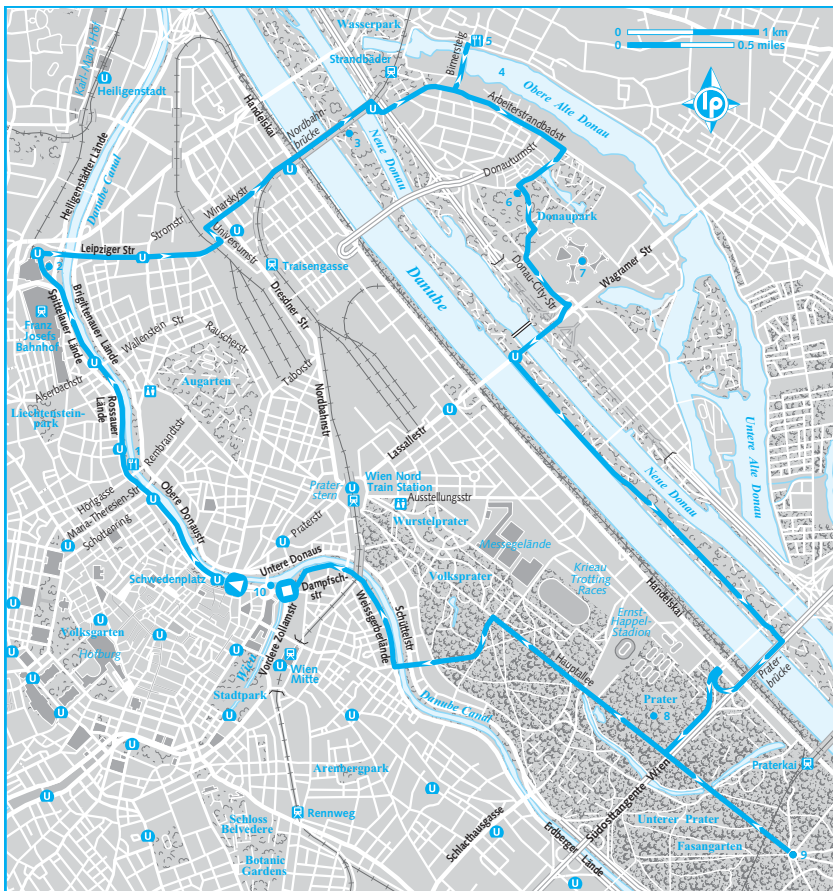
CYCLING VIENNA'S PARKLANDS & WATERWAYS

This tour takes in Vienna's favourite park and its biggest waterways. With no strenuous hills – and for the most part following well-marked cycle lanes – it can be tackled by almost anyone at their own pace.

From Schwedenplatz head north along the western bank of the Danube Canal – not via the busy road, but down on the cycle and running path which hugs the canal. Glide past the **Summer Stage 1** (p128) near Rossauer Brücke, which, if it's summer, will be in full swing, and continue on your way until the **Fernwärme 2** (p92), the city's rubbish incinerator with a Hundertwasser make-over, comes into view. Just before the incinerator, take the cycle ramp on your left, which climbs above the canal and ducks behind the Fernwärme. The path then makes a right turn (follow the sign 'Donauinsel') and crosses over the canal via the Gürtelbrücke to Leipziger Strasse and the district of Brigittenau. Stick to

WALK FACTS

Start Johann-Straud-Strasse
Finish U3 Ottakring
Distance 7½km
Duration 4 hours
Transport U3 to Ottakring then bus 46B



CYCLE FACTS

Start Schwedenplatz
 Finish Schwedenplatz
 Distance 23km
 Duration 4 to 5 hours
 Transport U1 or U4 to Schwedenplatz, or take tram N, 1, 2 or 21

Leipziger until it hits Universumstrasse, at which point turn left and continue until it ends at Winarskystrasse. Turn right onto Winarskystrasse and follow the path to Nordbahnbrücke, which spans the Danube (Donau), the Neue Donau (New Danube) and the **Donaueinsel 3** (Danube Island; p82), a long island crisscrossed by paths and dotted with swimming areas.

At the eastern end of Nordbahnbrücke the path drops down onto Arbeiterstrandbadstrasse and the **Alte Donau 4** (Old Danube; p82). Stay on Arbeiterstrandbadstrasse until Birnersteig appears on your left: duck along this street to the northern side of the Alte Donau for a much-needed pit stop at **Strandgasthaus Birner 5** (p126), a tiny eatery overlooking the water. Back on Arbeiterstrandbadstrasse, continue along the cycle path until it cuts right into the Donaupark (don't take the first sign to the Donauturm along Donauturmstrasse, take the second), directly to the base of the **Donauturm 6** (p83). Turn left and follow the path in the direction of the **UNO City 7** (p83); your trail actually heads just west of the UNO building. At Leonard-Bernstein-Strasse turn left then right into Donau-City-Strasse,

a street that slices between the high-rises of UNO City and Donau-City. You'll soon find yourself at Reichsbrücke; turn right and cross the Neue Donau to the Donaueinsel. Follow the bicycle path down onto the island itself and head southeast on any path that appears. This is a good place to stop and enjoy a refreshing dip.

Continue southeast until you hit Praterbrücke, and signs directing you to the **Prater 8** (p79), the city's favourite playground. Cross over the Danube once more and stick to the path leading into the Prater itself, which winds its way through the shipping centre Handelskai and onto Grünlandgasse before eventually hitting Hauptallee, the park's main thoroughfare. If you're peckish, turn left and stay on Hauptallee until you reach the **Lusthaus 9** (p128), a former hunting lodge. Back on Hauptallee, retrace your path northwest and continue until you reach the end station of the N Tram, and Rotunden Allee, a road off to the left leading to the Danube Canal. Cross over the canal on Rotundenbrücke and turn right until the **Urania 10** (p155) complex swings into view. This is your finishing point, and a perfect spot to reflect on the day's ride over a coffee or beer.

SOUTHWEST VIENNA CYCLING TOUR

This tour travels out of the city centre to noble **Hietzing** (p97) and passes through a diverse selection of districts. With only one hill to speak of, it can be completed using a **Vienna City Bike** (p219); there is a stand at Karlsplatz, the beginning of the ride, and four along the way (the furthest east is at Margaretengürtel U-Bahn station). If you'd prefer a better grade of bike, hire one at **Pedal Power** (p219) and cycle around the Ringstrasse to the start of the tour.

From in front of the **Staatsoper 1** (p169) follow Operngasse south into Margaretenstrasse until Pilgramgasse; most of this

CYCLE FACTS

Start Karlsplatz
 Finish Karlsplatz
 Distance 21km
 Duration 4 to 5 hours





Schönbrunn gardens, featuring the Neptunbrunnen (Neptune fountain) and the Gloriette (p101)

stretch is blessed with a cycle path and passes through the urban districts of Wieden and Margareten. At Pilgramgasse, take stock of the tall turrets and glass conservatory of the neo-classical **Margaretenhof** (1884–85; 05, Margaretenplatz) **2** before turning right and following the road until the **Pilgramgasse U-Bahn station 3**. From the station a well-marked cycle path parallels the Wien Fluss all the way along Wienzeile to the gates of **Schönbrunn 4** (p99). This section of the ride is bereft of sights but it's intriguing to see Vienna change from a city of tight streets and heavily urbanised neighbourhoods to wide boulevards and open spaces.

After a good 30 minutes cycling through the Vienna's urban spread, the majestic entrance to Schloss Schönbrunn, guarded by Schlossbrücke's lion statues, greet you. Continue west on Schönbrunner Strasse, passing the **Hofpavillon Hietzing 5** (p98), to the **Hietzing U-Bahn station 6** and take Hietzinger Hauptstrasse south past the Schönbrunn-yellow façade of **Parkhotel Schönbrunn 7** (p201). Near the tall spire of **Maria Geburt Kirche 8**, turn left into Maxingstrasse and after two blocks right into Trauttmansdorfgasse.

Trauttmansdorfgasse is lined with well-preserved examples of **Biedermeier villas 9 & 10** – Nos 40, 54 and 56 are highlights. About half way down Trauttmansdorfgasse take Woltergasse left and then Wattmannngasse right; at No 29 pause for the arresting sight of the **Lebkuchenhaus** (Gingerbread House) **11**, so-called for its elaborate brown-tiled façade in majolica. At the end of Wattmannngasse take Gloriettegasse right for more sumptuous villas. Built in 1913–15 by Josef Hoffmann, the **Primavesi Villa 12** at No 18 features two large triangular pediments with statues, and at No 21, **Villa Schopp 13**, designed by Friedrich Ohmann in 1902, is a classic piece of *Jugendstil* craftsmanship.

At the end of Gloriettegasse follow the relatively steep path left up Frank-Schalk-Platz and through the small wooded park to Pacassistrasse; from here it's a easy cruise downhill to busy Fasangartengasse. At Fasangartengasse turn left and after four blocks left again up Stranzenberg to Maxingstrasse and the **Hietzinger Friedhof 14** (p98). From the cemetery backtrack on Maxingstrasse and cycle around the southern extremes of Schönbrunn, using the cycle path that follows Elisabethhalle, Am Fasangarten and Gassmannstrasse. If you've hired a bike from Pedal Power, or somehow arranged a lock for your City Bike (bicycles are forbidden in Schönbrunn), stop at Schönbrunn's **Maria Theresia Gate 15** and wander along to lovely **Café Gloriette 16** (p142) for a coffee break.

Once refreshed, take the Hohenbergstrasse cycle path east to **Philadelphiabrücke U-Bahn station 17**, pass through the station and come out the other side at **Friedhof Meidling 18** (12, Haidackergasse 6; ☎ 7am–6pm), a quiet cemetery overrun by wild – but cute – hamsters. Backtrack through the Philadelphiabrücke station and head east on Wilhelmstrasse past the **Schnappsmuseum 19** (Map pp260–1; ☎ 815 73 00; 12, Wilhelmstrasse 19–21; admission €5; ☎ 9am–5.30pm Mon–Fri; U6 Philadelphiabrücke, ☎ 62) to Langenfeldgasse, which leads directly to the Wienzeile. From here it's a straight run back along the Wienzeile cycle path past **Café Rüdigerhof 20** (p141) to the **Naschmarkt 21** (p185). Admire the **Majolikahaus 22** (p90) over well-earned refreshments, before taking Schleifmühlgasse to Operngasse and the cycle path back to Karlsplatz.

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