



TOT WEEK
5th of November 2018 until 9th of November 2018
Graz, Austria

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO GRAZ

Arrival at the Airport of Graz

Graz has its own airport that is called “Graz Thalerhof” where planes are coming in regularly from Vienna (AT), Frankfurt, Munich, Dusseldorf and Stuttgart (DE), the majority of them are operated either by Austrian Airlines or Lufthansa (Star Alliance). There is also one daily flight coming in from Amsterdam (Netherlands) with KLM.

Flights going directly to Graz are most of the time more expensive than travelling to Vienna but please check online beforehand. Sometimes Lufthansa or Austrian Airlines have an offer and there isn’t much difference in cost.

How to get from the Airport of Graz to city center and/or Hotel Ibis?

By Train

The train station can be found around 300m away from the airport but it is signposted. The train which leads you directly to the main station of Graz and to Hotel Ibis. The train number you need to take is S7 and it departs every 15 minutes. Ticket price is again €2,30 per person and it can be purchased at the train station.

By Bus

The bus station can be found opposite the arrival hall. The bus number is 630/631. The ticket can be purchased directly at the driver. The price is € 2,30 per person. The ticket is a 1 hour ticket which can also be used for travelling in Graz. The bus leaves every hour. The bus takes you to Graz/Jakominiplatz and from there you need to take the tram to the main station (Hauptbahnhof). You can take lines 1,3,6 and 7 – all of them pass the main station.

By Taxi

A Taxi would cost approximately € 25 to € 30 to Hotel Ibis.

*(Please check **the page 5 of this document** for further information on links and phone numbers)*

I recommend to either take a taxi or the train as it directly arrives near Hotel Ibis.



Arrival at the Airport of Vienna

Austria's capital Vienna has a very big airport where lots of flight from all over the world come in every day. Vienna and Graz are very well connected with various means of transportation. Please find below options on how to get from Vienna to Graz.

You have 3 different options. A) with the bus directly from the airport to Graz, B) with the bus from Vienna city to Graz, C) with the train directly from Vienna airport.

You can book all your tickets through internet:

- bus (<https://www.flixbus.com/>)
- train (<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en?>)

The cheapest and fastest way is to travel by bus

- **Vienna airport – Graz with FLIXBUS** (<https://www.flixbus.com/>)

Tickets need to be bought online beforehand and a printed copy of the bus ticket needs to be shown before entering the bus. The earlier you book the cheaper the ticket. Bus can be found directly at the exit of the airport.

00:10 02:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
10:30 13:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
13:10 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
16:10 18:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
18:10 20:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
20:10 22:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express
22:10 00:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vienna Airport Graz (Girardigasse) 	2:35 hrs. Direct Express

Ticket prices for a one-way ticket is approximately € 15-20,-.

Tickets can be cancelled free of charge until 15 minutes before the departure. You will receive a voucher after the cancellation which you can use for your next booking.

- **Vienna city – Graz with Flixbus**

Before getting the bus from the Vienna city center to Graz with Flixbus, one needs to travel to Vienna West Station (Felberstraße) where the bus is leaving to Graz. How to get to the Vienna West Station?



There is a bus called Vienna airport lines leaving always at 5 minutes past the hour and 35 minutes past the hour. The bus can be found at the exit of the airport and a single ride is € 8,- which can be purchased on the bus directly. The ride is approximately 40 minutes.

When being at Vienna West Station please go to the corner of Felberstraße. There you can find the Flixbus station. Tickets need to be bought online beforehand and a printed copy of the bus ticket needs to be shown before entering the bus. The earlier you book the cheaper the ticket.

The bus schedule can be found below:

06:30 08:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	14:30 16:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
07:30 09:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	15:30 17:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
08:30 10:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	16:30 18:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
09:30 11:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	17:30 19:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
10:30 12:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	18:30 20:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
11:30 13:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	19:00 21:25	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
12:30 14:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	19:30 21:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct
13:30 15:55	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:25 HRS. Direct	21:00 23:20	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:20 HRS. Direct
			23:00 01:20	Vienna Felberstrasse ● Graz (Girardigasse)	2:20 HRS. Direct

- **Train (<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en?>)**

For coming to GRAZ from VIENNA Airport you can take a direct train (Railjet). It is a 2h40 trip in a comfortable train with free internet. So if the flights are much cheaper over Vienna you can take this option. Please note that a standard ticket costs around € 38,- one way. However if you buy it via internet in advance it could costs € 15,- to € 29,- one way. So the whole trip would be much cheaper if you buy it in advance.

Travelling in Graz – Public Transport

With the bus or tram:

1 hour ticket	2,40 €
24 hours ticket	5,30 €
Weekly ticket	14,80 €

I recommend that you buy a weekly ticket. You can buy it in the central railway train station (Hauptbahnhof).



Suggested Hotels in Graz / Recommended by us!

1) Hotel Daniel (Europaplatz 1, 8020 Graz

<http://www.hoteldaniel.com/en/graz/>

Very nice hotel within a walking distance to the FH JOANNEUM (10 min. walking distance or 3 train stations). And it is reported to be the best breakfast in Graz. The hotel is located at the Graz central railway train station (Hauptbahnhof).

Rooms at reduced rates:

**Single room including breakfast and WIFI plus taxes (1,5 € per day/person) per night €
81,00 € / per room**

**Double room including breakfast and WIFI plus taxes (1,5 € per day/person) per night €
95,50 € / per room**

**For your booking please write an email to bookinggraz@hoteldaniel.com
giving the code name "PRINTEL" as the rooms are pre-booked for you until 15th of October
2018.**

These special conditions can't be applied to online bookings or bookings in travel agencies.
Please indicate whether you need a single or a double room and give your dates of arrival and
departure.

2) Hotel Ibis Graz – Europaplatz 12 / 8020 Graz

<https://www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-1917-ibis-graz/index.shtml>

Nice hotel, good breakfast and environment, side by side with the main train station, and 10 minutes walking from our university. Also with connection to the center city with 4 different tramlines in 10 minutes distance.

We pre-booked a couple of room at Hotel Ibis City Centre which is next to the main train station.

The reduced prices per rooms are:

**Single room including breakfast and WIFI plus taxes (1,5 € per day/person) per night: €
77,55 € / per room**

**Double room including breakfast and WIFI plus taxes (1,5 € per day/person) per night: €
95,10 € / per room**



For your booking please write an email to H1917-RE@accor.com giving the code name “PRINTEL” and the Number of Reservation: 54409467 as the rooms are pre-booked for you until 15th of October 2018.

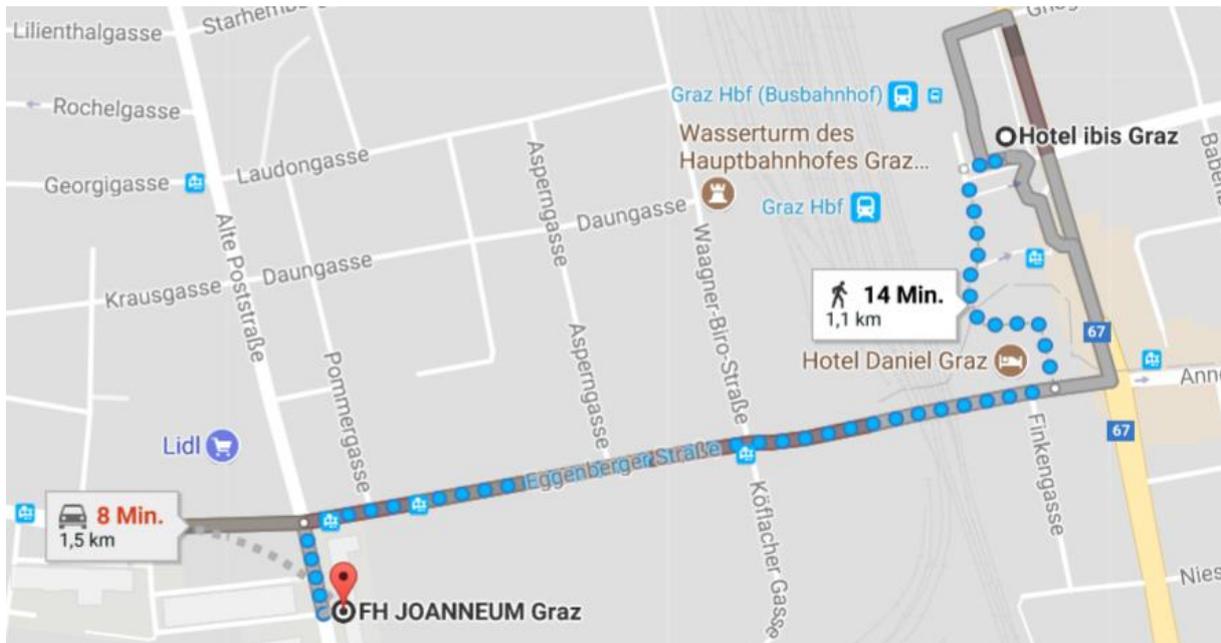
Please indicate whether you need a single or a double room and give your dates of arrival and departure.

These special conditions can't be applied to online bookings or bookings in travel agencies.

3) Hotel B&B Graz - Annenstraße 58-60/Metahofgasse 21 Lend, 8020 Graz
<https://www.hotelbb.at/en-gb/contact>

The recently opened Hotel B&B is situated in the heart of Graz and is in walking distance of the Grazer main train station. Please make your own reservation.

The maps on the next pages shows the hotels and the meeting place.





Meeting Venue

Finding our university (FH JOANNEUM)

FH JOANNEUM – University of Applied Sciences

Alte Poststraße 147/Eggenberger Alle 11, 8020 GRAZ – AUSTRIA

From Hotel Daniel or IBIS / Main train station, you can easily reach FH JOANNEUM:

Take a tram (line no. 7) in direction of “Wetzelsdorf”. Get out at the third tram stop called “FH Joanneum/Eggenberger Allee”. If you prefer to walk instead, it is about 10 min. just down the street. Pass the first building and enter the main campus building of FH JOANNEUM (where the Mensa and library are located). The room will be sign-posted.

Route from Hotel Daniel to FH JOANNEUM on Google Maps:

<https://www.google.at/maps/dir/Hotel+Daniel,+Europaplatz+1,+8020+Graz/Fachhochschule+Joanneum/47.0692641,15.405972/@47.0707588,15.407602,16z/data=!4m15!4m14!1m5!1m1!1s0x476e350b2f9d3221:0xf5fb1be41f986fa3!2m2!1d15.418406!2d47.071451!1m5!1m1!1s0x476e350f4138892d:0x5f359d4f9275e92a!2m2!1d15.405823!2d47.070148!1m0!3e2?hl=en>

Important Information for the Meeting

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In case you need help you can call me anytime!

Telephoning

The international dialing code to AT is +43. When calling outside Austria don't use the zero in the brackets. In Austria you need to dial the “zero” it to get connected.

GRAZ TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz, T +43/316/8075-0

info@graztourismus.at

Opening hours: January - March & November | Mon - Sun/public holidays: 10.00 - 17.00;

April - October & December | Mon - Sun/public holidays: 10.00 - 18.00



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Touristic guide of Graz

http://www.graztourismus.at/1_graz/6_gut-zu-wissen/pdf/englisch/grazer-sehensw-englisch-2013.pdf

Austrian Train Line (ÖBB-Personenverkehr)

<http://www.oebb.at/en/index.jsp#>

Public Transport – route planner & prices

<http://www.verbundlinie.at/lang/en/>

Taxi companies

878 City Funk taxis

Tel.: +43(0)316/878

Taxi 889 Graz

Tel: +43(0)316/889

We are looking forward to meeting you in Graz. Below you find some short facts & figures about our city.



Information about GRAZ



- 269.539 main residences 29.676 second residences 139.036 women - 130.503 men
- 223.273: Austrian citizens
- 28.388 non-EU citizens
- 17.878 EU-citizens
- Over 171.600 employees and 10.311 efficient small and medium sized firms.
- 17 districts
- 127,58 square kilometres area (40 percent are green spaces)
- 57.000 buildings with 43.000 house numbers
- 353 mean height above sea level
- 763 meter highest point (Plabutsch/Fürstenstand)
Schloßberg 47° 05' latitude, 15° 26' longitude, 353 metres above sea level
- 65,92 kilometres of city limits
- 15 bridges over the River Mur

The history of Graz

Five thousand years ago, the city of Graz was nothing but a steep, rocky hill by the river Mur. In the years since the Neolithic era, the hill has become today's "Schlossberg", and many events have formed the vibrant city that we know. The first significant date in Graz's history is the year 1128, marking the first documented reference to the city. 250 years later, in 1379, Graz had grown enough to be designated capital of "Inner Austria", an area which comprised Styria and Carinthia, along with Carniola, Inner Istria and Trieste (now parts of present-day Slovenia, Croatia and Italy). As the capital of Inner Austria, Graz was residence to the Habsburg dynasty until 1619.

In the subsequent decades, Italian architects and craftsmen came and literally shaped the city with their building skills. Graz served as a mighty stronghold of the Holy Roman Empire against threats from the southeast. Then, during the Napoleonic Wars, the last walls of the castle fell without even being



stormed. The citizens of Graz, however, paid the invaders to spare both the Glockenturm and the Uhrturm, the clock tower and bell tower that crown the Schlossberg. This "insurance" cost the citizens 2987 gulden and 11 kreutzer, around 87,000 euros in today's money. It seemed a fair price to have paid for two buildings which are now famous Graz landmarks.

Since then, the city has distinguished itself primarily in the fields of science, culture and technology. Today, Graz is the capital of the province of Styria. With about a quarter of a million inhabitants, Graz is Austria's second largest city.

The city lies at the crossroads of European culture. Romanic, Slavic, Hungarian and Alpine-Germanic influences have all mingled here and formed a uniquely distinctive character. Wandering through the old town, you can experience one of the largest historic architectural ensembles in the German-speaking world. Moreover, this varied cultural character can be seen in buildings ranging in style from Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Historicism up to Art Nouveau. On December 1, 1999, this exceptional city centre, which until the present had only a few examples of modern architecture, became a UNESCO world cultural heritage site. The award was a great honour for Graz, but it also poses a great challenge and a mandate to continue efforts to further preserve the old town. Graz's multicultural tradition has characterized the city for decades, and continues to form the base of its cultural and political identity. To this day, Graz is a place of international encounter as well as intercultural and inter-religious dialogue.

The Styrian capital is increasingly renowned for its exemplary efforts for sustainability. The Ökoprofit and Thermoprofit partnerships, for example, successfully guide businesses to be more environmentally friendly, conserve energy and thereby also save money. These innovative projects have already been adopted by many other international cities.

Graz also continues to flourish culturally. 2003 was one of the most significant years in our history. The city was named "Cultural Capital of Europe" by the EU Ministries of Culture, and a colourful cultural program attracted visitors from all over the world. The city has sustained this success and is rapidly regaining a significant place on the global map so that, it is now mentioned on the same level as Vienna and Salzburg.

Landmarks

Schloßberg with Uhrturm

The word "Schloßberg" literally means "castle mountain", which describes it exactly. It is a hill topped by a castle, in the centre of the city of Graz, Austria. Among Graz's most famous tourist attraction, the castle, never occupied until its partial demolition by Napoleonic forces under the Peace of Schönbrunn of 1809, was once a place of refuge for Graz's residents. It was turned into a public park on account of Ludwig von Welden in 1839.



The Schloßberg contains an "Uhrturn" (clock tower), which functions as a recognisable icon for the city. Remarkably, the clock's handles have opposite roles to the common notion. That is, the larger one marks hours while the smaller is for minutes. This is due to the fact that originally only the larger handle was there to point out hours and display of minutes was only added later.

Near the Uhrturn there is a café with views over the old town. Additionally, on the western side of the Schloßberg, there are two small cafés, one with table service and the other one with self-service. Next to the terminus of the funicular railway there is a hilltop restaurant with views of western Graz. There is also a Turkish Well that was built by Turkish slaves that was used to get water during times when Schlossberg was under siege. The water was routed from the nearby River Mur.

An open-air stage for concerts and performances is located in the cellars of the former fortress. Furthermore, you can see two bastions and the bell tower. To reach the top of the hill one can either take the funicular railway (Schloßbergbahn), an elevator built inside the mountain, or one of the older sets of pathways and steps.



No other city offers so much variety within such a small area, together with its sunny southern ambience as a bonus: futuristic architecture right next to medieval houses set in a maze of ancient alleyways and squares.

If you thought you'd already seen everything, then think again: just take a look around the unique city of Graz and you will be amazed!



The Kunsthaus Graz, Grazer Kunsthaus, or Graz Art Museum was built as part of the European Capital of Culture celebrations in 2003 and has since become an architectural landmark in Graz, Austria. Its exhibition program specializes in contemporary art of the last four decades. Its unusual form differs radically from conventional exhibition contexts, many of which maintain the traditions of the modernist "White Cube". The team of architects used an innovative stylistic idiom, known as blob architecture within the historical ambiance of the Murvorstadt. Thus, the gigantic building affectionately called the "Friendly Alien" by its creators Peter Cook and Colin Fournier, in form and material, stands out consciously against the surrounding baroque roof landscape with its red clay roofing tiles but nevertheless integrates the façade of the 1847 iron house.

We hope that you enjoy your stay!