My Town
Leobendorf



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Leobendorf is a market town only 30 minutes by train from Vienna. This means that every day you're free to decide whether you want to enjoy the tranquility of the countryside or embrace the hustle and bustle of the city.



If you want a good meal, you can go to a Buschenschank, a traditional wine tavern. Only food and drink that has been produced by the owners of the tavern may be sold there. This might be wine, cured meat or egg salad. A Buschenschank isn't open year round, but only over certain periods. Often, the taverns in a region mutually agree on splitting their opening times. It is tradition to hang a Buschen, which is a bundle of twigs or straw, outside the tavern to signify that it's open. People then say, "Ausg'steckt is" – it's put up.



At our site, there are only two times of the day: Morgen and Mahlzeit. These are the two most common greetings here. Morgen means good morning, and Mahlzeit usually means enjoy your meal. We don't really care about that convention and start using it liberally around 10 o'clock. Greeting everyone is very important, no matter whether they work in production or run the company. It's a show of respect.

Good morning – Morgen
Enjoy your meal – Mahlzeit

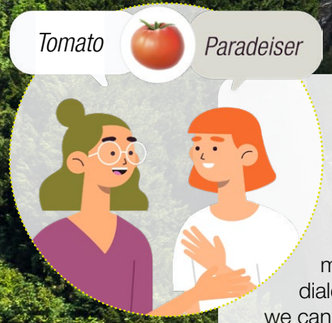


Austrian bakery products are very diverse, from different types of dark bread to a litany of pastries. Some sweet pastries are also popularly served as main courses, such as Kaiserschmarrn, a kind of shredded fluffy pancake, or Germknödel, yeast dumplings filled with jam.





The Danube is a beautiful local recreational area. You can ride your bike along the river, paddle your canoe in the calm waters or go for a swim. The surrounding fields and forests offer a lot of peaceful places to unwind.



German may be Austria's official language, but that doesn't mean that visitors can necessarily understand us. We often use different words for food, as well as expressions that might seem funny to other German speakers: you say tomato (Tomate), I say Paradeiser. People also use their dialects from different provinces, so sometimes we can't even understand each other.



Anyone looking for a weekend getaway can just head to the Alps. It takes between two and three hours to reach the mountains where you can go climbing or skiing and stay overnight in a secluded mountain cabin.



Kreuzenstein Castle looms high over Leobendorf, making the town easily recognizable from afar. Back in the 1800's, the castle's owner had the ruins rebuilt with architectural pieces from different eras that he bought all over Europe. Today the castle also boasts a tavern and a falconry station.



Leobendorf is located in the Weinviertel, this is Austria's largest wine-growing region. As a result, wine plays a very important part in our culture. In the autumn, organized wine hikes lead from vineyard to vineyard so that people can taste different wines.

TIP!

You have to plan for some small talk when scheduling a meeting in Austria. The attendees will need a few minutes to arrive and to warm to the idea of talking shop. Only then will you be able to do business.



In Austria, the seasons are markedly different from one another. But although one might imagine Leobendorf to be a winter wonderland, sadly there isn't snow all winter long. Instead it is cold, rainy and very foggy from December to February.