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Vienna, which is today the capital of Vienna, comes from a regal past as the once-capital of the Holy Roman Empire. This being said, evidence of this history can be found everywhere, especially in the Historic Center, an official World Heritage Site. Now it serves an important role as the hub of everything that happens in Vienna. All of this, mixed with the modern city atmosphere, makes it an engaging and interesting vacation destination. Remember that you will need a passport to travel here or anyone else, this includes children and infants, so be sure to get adult and child passports for everyone.

Online Passport Services

Online services are a great new way to get passports for last-minute trips. All it takes is a few minutes at home in front of your computer. The expedited delivery options offer a variety of time frames for delivery, which only takes a couple days instead of the much longer wait period of the traditional method. One of the services available is expedited passport cards. Passport cards are similar to passport books, but they are much cheaper. However, they also come with restrictions. Only boat or car travel to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, and the Caribbean is allowed with a passport card.

The Historic Center

If you want to experience the vast history of Vienna, head to the Historic Center. It's a low-key way to spend an afternoon, and the clean streets are lined with beautiful churches, gorgeous manicured parks, historic buildings, and much more. Just exploring the area on foot is a great way to get to know the city, and there are plenty of shops and restaurants to visit in the area as well.

Schonbrunn Palace

Just outside the city is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Schonbrunn Palace, a huge yellow building surrounded by colorful gardens, once serves as a summer home for the rulers of Austria. The interior is just as beautiful, and tours with free audio guides explain all the important rooms. Even though it's a popular tourist location, it's easy to get lost in the beauty of the building and its surroundings. While you're there, be sure to visit the oldest zoo in the world, Tiergarten. This zoo houses all sorts of animals, including pandas, a tiger, sea lions, and more.

Kunsthistorisches Museum

If you are looking for an interesting museum to visit, head to the famous Kunsthistorisches Museum. Renowned for both its historic artifacts and collection of priceless art, the museum also features special exhibitions. Among its permanent collections are a Greek and Roman antiquities section, a collection of Egyptian artifacts, and an art gallery featuring pieces created by some of the most famous artists in the world.

Vienna is packed with interesting historical landmarks and fun experiences just waiting to be discovered. While you're there, be sure to also check out the beautiful State Opera House, St. Charles' Church, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Before you plan your trip completely, remember to get [child passports](#) and adult passports for the appropriate members of your family. Even infants will need a child passport. Remember that these, [expedited U S passport cards](#), and more can all be applied for online.

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