

Moving to and Living in Vienna



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Agenda

- We will talk about:
 - Considerations when moving to Vienna (timeline, resources)
 - Housing
 - Schools for kids
 - Higher education options
 - Transportation
 - Spouse employment
 - Resources/clubs at the VIC
 - We will NOT talk about:
 - How to get a job in Vienna
 - Special situations/details (Questions ok, if it will help the entire audience)
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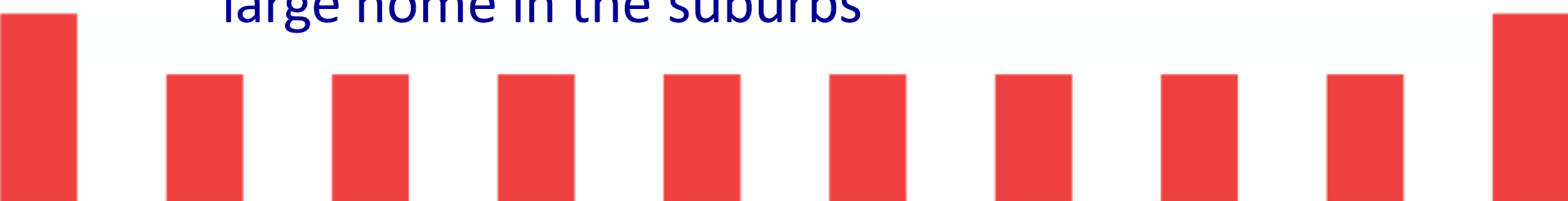
Who we are!

- The ‘Americans at International Organizations in Vienna’ (AIOV) Club
 - Social, support and networking club, not only Americans
- Social events (Thanksgiving, St. Patty’s Day, July 4th, etc.)
- Information seminars
- Networking






Living in Vienna

- Figure out what is important for you in a new home.
 - Middle of the city/Out in the suburbs
 - Transportation and schools
 - Number of rooms, terrace, garden
 - Modern and new with full amenities or old style Viennese (fixtures, curtains, etc.)
 - Plan on down-sizing unless you want to rent a large home in the suburbs
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Rental Agreements

- Rent a temporary place for a month or so while you are looking for a flat/house
 - VIC Housing Service (<http://vichousing.iaea.org/VicHousing>)
 - Staff Bulletin Board
 - Online listings like: Immobilien.derstandard.at
 - Rental Agents commission is high; use the VIC housing service to avoid these fees
 - Lease is usually three years, but usually you can give notice after one year with no penalty
 - IAEA offers a rental subsidy; you can calculate it at <https://info.undp.org/gssu/onlinetools/RentalSubsidy/RentalSubsidy.aspx>
 - Tenants may have more responsibility for maintenance
 - Get renters insurance
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Education and Schools

- Register ASAP
 - 8 International Schools in Vienna
 - American International (19th District) follows US high school diploma approach (good if your kids will transfer back to a US public school before graduation)
 - Vienna International (near VIC) offers an international baccalaureate which is an academically rigorous programme that is usually well regarded by US universities
 - <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/education/internatschool.htm>
 - K-12 tuition is reimbursed by IAEA (sliding scale)
 - University tuition, room and board is reimbursed by IAEA (sliding scale and up to a ceiling set for each country)
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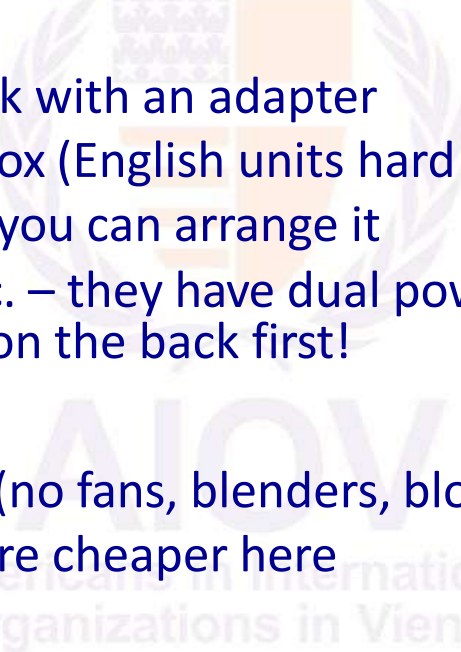



Higher education

- Vienna has many universities and technical schools
 - Most teach in German, but lots of English language courses are available
 - Online programs are also a good option
 - Expat Centre offers advice about programs
 - Webster University – Vienna teaches all courses in English, is accredited in USA and Austria (based in St. Louis, MO)
 - Does not offer science/engineering/math type degrees
 - Business, international affairs, psychology, media
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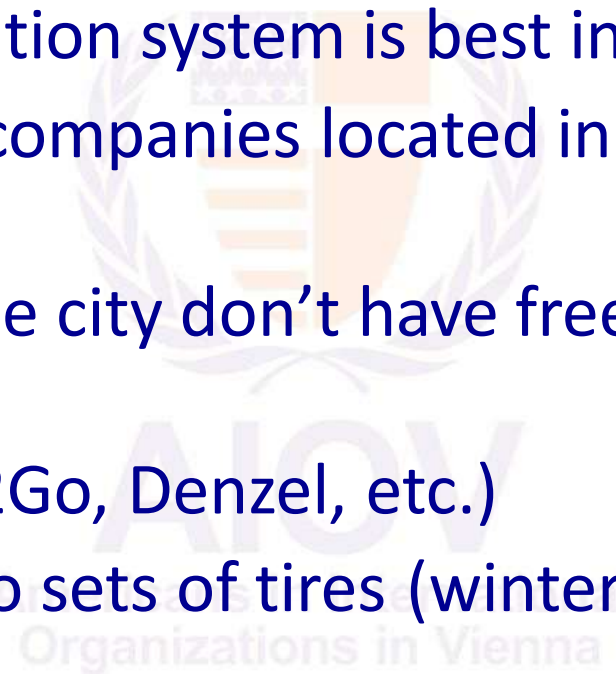



What to pack?

- Bring
 - Lamps - they will work with an adapter
 - Small tool bag/tool box (English units hard to find)
 - Extra prescriptions if you can arrange it
 - Computer, laptop, etc. – they have dual power supply but you may need to flip a switch on the back first!
 - Don't Bring
 - Electrical appliances (no fans, blenders, blow driers, etc.)
 - Cell phones – plans are cheaper here
 - Alcohol
 - Candles or other flammables
 - Cars/motorcycles – registration problems
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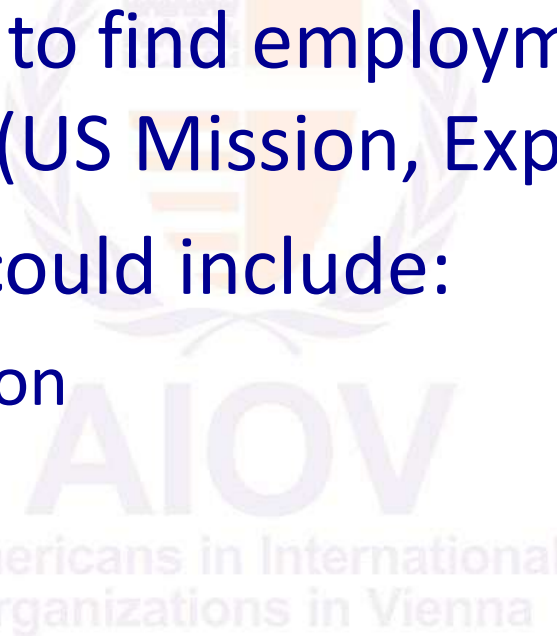



Transportation

- Public transportation system is best in the world.
 - Many rental car companies located in city centre or airport
 - Apartments in the city don't have free garages/parking space
 - Car sharing (Car2Go, Denzel, etc.)
 - Need to have two sets of tires (winter/summer) or all-season (M+S)
 - IAEA offers tax-free car purchase
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Spousal Employment

- Can be difficult to find employment, but resources exist (US Mission, Expat Centre)
 - Other options could include:
 - Higher education
 - Volunteering
 - Language skills
 - Hobbies or other new skills
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Miscellaneous

- COVID-19
- Leave of absence from a national laboratory
- Home/Family Leave
- Taxes





Vienna International Centre

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- Commissary
 - 2 Banks
 - ATMs
 - Post office
 - Cafeteria/Restaurant
 - Bar
 - Gym/locker room
 - Pharmacy
 - Limited medical clinic
 - Small book travel
 - Flower shop
 - Hair dresser
 - F1001 party room
 - Dry cleaners
 - Souvenir shop
 - Language classes
 - Day care center
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53 official clubs at the VIC

- AIOV
- Art Club
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Ski (2 clubs)
- Chess
- Darts
- Bridge
- Golf
- Gardening
- Music
- Nuclear Young Generation
- Sailing
- Soccer (football)
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Hiking
- Toastmasters
- Women in Nuclear
- Plus UN Women's Guild

<https://vicrec.unvienna.org/vicrec/en/Clubs.html>





Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

- Free service by U.S. State Dept.
 - Receive important information about safety conditions
 - Help U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency (natural disaster, civil unrest, family, etc.)
 - <https://step.state.gov/step/>
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Questions?





THANK YOU!



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