Hotels

At home in Vienna

1. **Grand Ferdinand, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Elegant restraint**
   - The stately Grand Ferdinand opened in October 2015 after a careful refit of the 1950s building. It’s perched on the southeastern stretch of the Ringstrasse with views to the city’s east and north towards the twinkling Donaukanal. Phone: +43 (0) 1 512 6666. alstadt.at

2. **Café Sperl, Wieden (4th)**
   - **Brewed to perfection**
   - With its elegant engraved panelling, parquet floors, wooden chairs and low-hanging lamps, Café Sperl, which was established in 1880, is the definition of a traditional coffeehouse. Phone: +43 (0) 1 596 4558. cafesperl.at

3. **Zum Schwarzen Kameel, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Art nouveau flashback**
   - Owner Peter Friese has headed this Viennese institution since 1977 but it has been around for almost four centuries. The menu is skewed towards classics such as schnitzel and goulash. Phone: +43 (0) 1 353 1251. kameel.at

4. **Pfarrwirt, Döbling (19th)**
   - **History repeating**
   - Vienna’s oldest restaurant, the Pfarrwirt, is housed in a building that dates back to the 12th century. Take a seat in “Beethoven’s favourite spot” and let the kitchen spoil you with the likes of prime boiled beef and wiener schnitzel. Phone: +43 (0) 1 370 7773. pfarrwirt.com

5. **Gasthaus Pöschl, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Home from home**
   - This wholesome and quintessentially Viennese lunch spot has simple wood tables, whitewashed walls, a menu that is consistently excellent and an extremely loyal clientele, so we recommend making a reservation in advance. Phone: +43 (0) 1 512 6588. gposchl.at

6. **Skopik + Lohn, Leopoldstadt (2nd)**
   - **Wiener wonder**
   - Chef Horst Scheuer and his wife Connie have raked in accolades for their hearty Austrian menu that also bears a strong French bent (you’ll find beef tartare and coq au vin alongside blood sausage). Phone: +43 (0) 1 279 8977. shopundlohn.at

7. **J & L Lobmeyr, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Dazzling craftsmanship**
   - As much a museum of the art of glass-making as a seller of fine crystal, J & L Lobmeyr is a lavish and ornate treasure trove in which you’ll find chandeliers, mirrors and glassware. Many of the handmade items on offer are created by craftsmen using ancient techniques. Phone: +43 (0) 1 512 0508. lobmeyr.at

8. **Julius Meinl am Graben, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Iconic gourmet-food purveyor**
   - The history of this gourmet emporium dates back to 1862 when founder Julius Meinl started to sell pre-roasted coffee. The flagship Graben store is its most famous and stocks more than 17,000 delicacies from around the world. Phone: +43 (0) 1 512 3334. meinlangraben.at

9. **Gino Venturini, Innere Stadt (1st)**
   - **Finely crafted shirts**
   - Gino Venturini’s shirts are masterful. The attention to detail, quality and design that goes into each has seen the brand forge a reputation for exceptional craftsmanship. Phone: +43 (0) 1 512 0508. venturini.at

**Vocabulary**

Local lingo

01 Na geh: Oh, come on
02 Ö: Short for Austria
03 Passt: Literally, “it fits”: OK, excellent or perfect
04 Zahlen bitte: I’d like to pay
05 Servus: All-purpose greeting, less formal than Grüß Gott
06 Wiederschaun: Goodbye
07 Wurstl: Sausage