

# WELCOME TO STADTSCHLAINING

## GUEST INFORMATION



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Stadtschlaining is in the most eastern province of Austria, which is called Burgenland. This region used to be part of Hungary and has become part of Austria in 1921. The region is blessed with more hours of sunshine as compared to the rest of Austria, beautiful wild life and very pure air quality. The mild and sunny climate is ideal for the growing of wine and brings out some of the best red wines of Austria. The region furthermore also produces the famous special wild wine variety called "Uhudler" which is a unique speciality that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. As everywhere in Austria, the preparation of local dishes is preserved over generations with pride and the Burgenland province is rich in temptations. Local hand-craft tradition includes pottery, semi-precious stone jewellery from the locally available green Serpentine and the yellow Amber as well as blue wax-printed fabric dyed in Indigo, basket weaving and wood carving. The local language of the region is German as well as Hungarian and Croatian. Most people in service oriented structures understand and speak some English and everyone is very hospitable towards foreigners.

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### ARRIVAL BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

For ecological reasons, we recommend travelling by public transport.

Please plan your trip at Routenplaner VOR AnachB: <https://anachb.vor.at/>. You will find options from Vienna International Airport as well as from Vienna City Centre by Bus (Longdistance Bus FLIX-BUS or Verkehrsbetriebe Burgenland) or Train (change in Wiener Neustadt to Busline 9) to Oberwart with very few connections to Stadtschlaining. From Oberwart you can order a taxi (Taxi Sodl +43(0)3353 8322). The ride will cost you about € 26,00.

## ARRIVAL BY CAR

### Vienna (Wien) to Stadtschlaining

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Autobahn (highway) A2 direction Graz, approx. 100 km,  
exit: No. 95 Pongau-Friedberg, follow signs: Oberwart,  
drive through Oberwart, pass main square, turn left (sign: Stadtschlaining)

### Graz to Stadtschlaining

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Autobahn (highway) A2 direction Vienna,  
exit: Lafnitztal, follow signs: Oberwart (see above) and Stadtschlaining

### Museum and Tourist Information

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Peace Castle Schlaining, Rochusplatz 1, 7461 Stadtschlaining  
Tel.: 03355/2306 E-Mail: [friedensburg@kultur-burgenland.at](mailto:friedensburg@kultur-burgenland.at)  
Web: [www.friedensburg.at](http://www.friedensburg.at)

*Opening Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 9.00 – 17.00*

*Exhibition in the former synagogue: Tuesday - Sunday 9.00 - 16.00*

## FACILITIES IN STADTSCHLAINING

### Sports

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Stadtschlaining ([www.stadtschlaining.at](http://www.stadtschlaining.at)) is situated in a beautiful hilly landscape. Among the sports that can be practised in Stadtschlaining or its vicinity are bowling, football, jogging and walking. For more information on hiking and biking tours, please visit: [www.burghotel-schlaining.at/en/](http://www.burghotel-schlaining.at/en/).

For those who like to swim or use the sauna, there is a spa centre and a swimming pool at Bad Tatzmannsdorf, 6 km from Schlaining (<https://www.avita.at/en/start.html>).

If you have further questions, please address the reception desk of the Burghotel Schlaining.

### Weather

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Austria is situated within the Central European climate zone, though the eastern part of the country has Continental Pannonian climate. You will find more precise information on weather forecast over the internet at the following link: <http://www.weather24.com/16days/r/Stadtschlaining-ATAT10597.html>

### Shopping

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Stadtschlaining, although officially a town, is in fact rather a village. In order to avoid disappointment, you should not expect more than very basic shopping and entertainment facilities here. However, the nearby town of Oberwart (Distance from Schlaining: 8 Kilometer) does cater for more sophisticated shopping and entertainment needs. Since the programme is tight it does not really leave much time for personal errands.

**Oberwart - City Information**, Web: [www.oberwart.gv.at](http://www.oberwart.gv.at)

**Shoppingcenter EO**, Europastraße 1, 7400 Oberwart, Tel.: 03352/312220, Web: [www.eo.at](http://www.eo.at)

## Bank

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There are exchange facilities at the airport and at the train stations in Vienna, although they are not open 24 hours. We strongly advise to exchange some cash upon arrival in Austria, or otherwise bring Euros with you.

There is an ATM in Stadtschlaining which works with all major cards such as Maestro/ Cirrus, EC and with credit cards.

## Taxi

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Please address to the reception of Burghotel Schlaining for booking.

Prices vary according to distance.

## LOCAL AMENITIES & ATTRACTIONS

### Church Service

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Protestant Church: 9.00

Catholic Church: 8.30 or 10.00

On Sundays only

Catholic Church <https://www.martinus.at/stadtschlaining>

Protestant Church <http://www.evangel-stadtschlaining.at/>

### Restaurants

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**Caffee Central**, Hauptplatz 2, 7461 Stadtschlaining

*Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday, 6.00 - 12.00, Monday - Friday 15.00 - 19.00*

**Café & Restaurant Marth**, Oberwarter Straße 1, 7461 Stadtschlaining

Tel: 03355/2269 oder 0664 460 41 66

*Opening hours: Monday - Tuesday 8.30 - 23.00, Saturday 9.00 - 23.00, Sunday 9.00 - 13.30*

MARTH, from the hotel up the hill (see map). Varieties of Austrian style dishes, beer, wines, hot and cold drinks. Bowling facilities. Reservation booking is strictly necessary in advance. Special shoes have to be worn at the premises (available there!), please bring extra socks. Includes a smoking section inside the restaurant.

**Das Kranich**, Rochusplatz 1, 7461 Stadtschlaining - in Schlaining Castle

Tel: 03355/2600 50

Email: [kranich@burghotel-schlaining.at](mailto:kranich@burghotel-schlaining.at)

Web: [www.daskranich.at](http://www.daskranich.at)

*Opening Hours: Tuesday - Sunday, 9.00 - 17.00*

**Mamsell Lieu**, Hauptplatz, Baumkircher Gasse 1, 7461 Stadtschlaining

Tel.: 03355/2638

*Opening Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 9.00 - 14.00 & 17.00 - 22.00*

*Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9.00 - 24.00*

Mamsell Lieu, on the main square, offers Italian food variations and Pizza, Austrian style dishes, wines,

beer and spirits as well as coffee and tea, cakes and sweets (payment only in cash – no cards accepted, no foreign currency). Meals are served for lunch or dinner time, when the kitchen is operating.

## Café & Bakery

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**Bakery und Café BAYER**, Oberwarter Straße 22, 7461 Stadtschlaining, Tel.: 03355/33906

*Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 05.30 – 12.00 & 15.00 – 18.00,*

*closed on Wednesday, Saturday 06.00 – 12.00, Sunday & Holiday 07.00 – 10.00*

Bakery Bayer, at the limits of the town on the street to Oberwart (see map). Delicious bakeries (sweet and salty) freshly baked bread, cakes etc. Coffee and tea, breakfast service.

## Groceries

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**SPAR – Klaudia Zieserl**, Oberwarter Straße 8, 7461 Stadtschlaining, Tel.: 03355/ 2613

*Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6.30-12.00 and 15.00-18.00,*

*Thursday 6.30-12.00, Saturday 6.30-12.00*

**Sagmeister-Mühle**, Altschlaining No. 87, 7461 Stadtschlaining

Tel.: 03355/2264

Web: [www.sagmeister-muehle.at](http://www.sagmeister-muehle.at)

*Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00 – 17.00*

*Saturday 9.00 - 12.00 Uhr*

## DOCTORS IN STADTSCHLAINING

There is no pharmacy in Stadtschlaining - medicines are available only in the doctor's office in the course of a consultation.

### Dr. Constanze Schauer

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Hofgartengasse 4, 7461 Stadtschlaining, Tel.: 03355/2616

*Opening Hours:*

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 07.30 – 12.00, Tuesday 16.00 – 17.00, Friday 15.00 – 17.00*

### Dr. Anna Weinhandl

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Kirchenplatz 9, 7461 Stadtschlaining, Tel.: 03355/2642

*Opening Hours: Monday and Thursday 07.30 – 12.00 (registration deadline 11:30) as well as 13:30 -*

*15:30 (only after appointment by phone), Tuesday and Friday 07.30 – 12.30 (registration deadline 11:30)*

## DOCTORS IN BERNSTEIN

### Dr. Susanne Janisch

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Alois Wesselyplatz 6, 7434 Bernstein, Tel: 03354/6525

*Opening Hours: Monday 07.30 – 11.30 and 17.00 – 18.00,*

*Tuesday & Thursday 07.30 – 12.00; Friday 07.30 – 11.30 & 15.00 – 17.00*

## HOSPITAL IN OBERWART

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Dornburggasse 80, 7400 Oberwart, Tel.: 05/7979-320 00

## POLICE STATION

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**Polizeiinspektion Bad Tatzmannsdorf**, Josef Haydn-Platz 1, 7431 Bad Tatzmannsdorf  
Tel.: 059133-124

## EMERGENCY CALLS

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**AMBULANCE**     **144**  
**FIRE BRIGADE**   **122**  
**POLICE**         **133**

## INSURANCE & LIABILITY

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The ACP cannot provide any medical or other insurance coverage and declares explicitly that both participation in the course as well as the necessary stay at the training facilities are at the own risk of participants. Please make sure to be fully covered by your personal insurance for your stay in Austria.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN AUSTRIA

**Stores, offices and authorities are closed on these days**

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New Years day	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Epiphany	January 6 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Sunday & Monday	first Sunday after the first full moon in spring
Labour Day - National holiday	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Corpus Christi	39 days after Easter Sunday
Whit Monday	50 days after Easter
Assumption Day	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Austrian National day	October 26 <sup>th</sup>
All Saint´s Day	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Immaculate Conception Day	December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>
St.Stephen´s Day	December 26 <sup>th</sup>

## SOME BASIC WORDS IN GERMAN

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Guten Tag! / Servus! (hello, good day)	Danke! (thank you) / Bitte! (please)
Guten Abend! (good evening)	Wie geht's? (How are you?)
Gute Nacht! (good night)	Mir geht es gut, danke. (I'm fine, thanks.)
Auf Wiedersehen! / Servus! (good bye)	Ja. (yes) / Nein. (no)



- A** Haus International
- B** Hotel Burg Schlaining
- C** Mike's Cafe & Pub
- D** Gasthaus Marth (Bowling Alleys)
- E** Das Kranich
- F** Therapy Center
- I** Town Hall
- €** ATM
- ♿** Public WC
- +** Doctors (General medicine)
- 🏠** Department Store
- P** Parking Space



# SHORT GUIDE AND HISTORY OF THE CASTLE

## Schlaining Castle

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Over 700 years ago, the counts of Güssing, who lived in this southern region of Burgenland, chose the strategic high point of Schlaining as the site for a castle to protect the road leading to Wiener Neustadt in the Province of Lower Austria. From the middle ages until 1921, this area was part of Hungary as was the rest of the Province of Burgenland. From the castle's ramparts one can gaze into Hungary which is only 18 kilometres (approx. 11 miles) to the east.

The earliest authentic record mentioning the castle is from 1271 A.D. Parts of the castle which date back to that time are found in the inner so-called „Black Court“. At the entrance to this area there is the carved figure of a knight representing Andreas Baumkircher, one of the castle's most illustrious owners. He was born around the year 1420 and served as a leader of mercenaries who fought for the Habsburg emperor Frederick III. Reconstruction and completion of the castle under him and his heirs included the erection of the great round tower, the green-steeple quadrangular „Bell Tower“ and the walls which enclose the inner court and the large courtyard.

With its thick walls of quarry stone and brick (between 5 - 7 meters or 16 - 23 feet thick), Schlaining Castle performed its defensive task well. Its only defeat came in 1289 at the hands of Duke Albrecht II of Habsburg, but it successfully withstood the invading Turkish army in 1532. In addition to military functions, the castle served as a major storage site for wine made in Southern Burgenland. The remains of a large wine cellar (10 meters wide and 100 meters long), can be seen beneath the castle walls to the right of the entrance behind the tavern.

During the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries the castle was remodelled as a fortified manor house by its new owners, the Counts of Batthyány. Renovations from this period include such Baroque characteristics as the statues on the bridge leading to the main gate and most of the living quarters, especially the large halls and the chapel. Nearby castles in Bernstein, Pinkafeld, Rechnitz and Jormannsdorf were also Batthyány possessions.

Some of the interesting interiors are the „Angel Room“, which got its name from the many cherubs among the ceiling's plaster bas-relief decorations, and the „Emperor Franz Joseph Hall“ with the iron bust of this famous Austrian monarch plus some of the other items which make up one Central Europe's largest collection of cast iron art and which belonged to the castle's last private owner, a former Austrian government minister, DDDr. Udo Illig.

Schlaining castle, registered as an historic property, was purchased by the Province of Burgenland in 1980. Housed here today are historical rooms, an exhibit gallery run by the Provincial Museum and a tavern serving residents and visitors to the town. Schlaining Castle is also the seat of the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, an internationally known centre for peace research, and was the former seat of a university centre for peace studies. In the eighties, as part of the infrastructure becoming necessary for studies and for international meetings, a conference centre and seminar rooms were created in the castle. In 2000, the ASPR organized the Burgenland regional exhibition on the subject of „From the cult of violence to the culture of peace“, which was then converted into the European Museum for Peace. The ASPR operated the museum until the end of 2019.

# THE GREATEST “TREASURE” OF THE PEACE CASTLE IS A TINY PAPER BIRD

## Paper Crane

Sadako was two and a half years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on the 6th August 1945 over Hiroshima, her home town. 140.000 inhabitants were dead at once or died in the first two days. Others seem to have survived the first nuclear attack in the history of mankind.

Sadako showed no signs of radiation in the following years. She was a cheerful girl, liked to go to school and was a good athlete. At the age of 12, she was suddenly hospitalized and diagnosed with leukaemia.

A friend told her the story of the paper cranes. Whoever folds 1,000 cranes will get a wish granted. Sadako got to work and folded the little cranes. However, when the origami birds were finished, she didn't get better, in fact, her health was worse than ever. She thought that she had to make more effort, and, as a result, she folded cranes that were very little and elaborate.

However, on the verge of her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, Sadako died because of leukaemia. Her only inheritances are a handful paper cranes which she folded with the last of her strength.



Sadako's family decided to give the last five cranes to institutions of the five continents for them to be ambassadors of peace. In September 2009, Sadako's younger brother came to the Peace Centre Schlaining and presented the crane for the continent of Europe to representatives of the Centre. The crane is exhibited in the shop and ticket centre of the castle.

Even though the crane is only a few millimetres small, it is a symbol for the biggest dream of humankind. We keep it in the Peace Castle – to stimulate our work, as a memorial for the brutal insanity of war and for the peaceful understanding amongst the peoples of our earth.

## 7.000 paper cranes for Hiroshima

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the paper crane by Sadako in Stadtschlaining, we asked people to join us for some crane folding to spread Sadako's message. The official highlight of the campaign was on 23 September 2019, two days after the International Day of Peace: as part of the peace education conference at Schlaining Castle, seven paper cranes were raised from balloons on the castle bridge. That morning, the children of the Stadtschlaining primary school handed over thousands of self-folded paper cranes to the ASPR staff.

FOLDING INSTRUCTION



By the end of the year, more than 7,000 cranes in all colours and sizes had been handed over to us. Among them were two cranes which were folded in Los Alamos (New Mexico/USA) - the place where the atomic bomb which destroyed Hiroshima was constructed. The complete exhibition „A Thousand Paper Cranes for a Wish“ by Karin Altmann also found its way from the Papermakers Museum in Steyrermühl to Schlaining. All collected cranes were then sent to the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation in Japan.