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VIENNA BEYOND THE WALTZ

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This holiday season in Vienna, embrace both the contemporary and the classic. Cafés now range from storied establishments to hangouts for the freshly tattooed. Hotels mix Hapsburg-era embellishments with zany furnishings that would suit a nightclub, and a new Christmas Market offers mulled wine and more.



DRINK

With a paneled ceiling, onyx wall tiles, and a green-and-white marble floor, the Loos American Bar is an art nouveau masterpiece designed in 1908 by Viennese architect Adolf Loos. Seats are at a premium in this 300-square-foot space, which packs in revelers clutching glasses of Perrier-Jouët champagne.

Kärtner Durchgang 10, 43/(0) 1-512-3283, loosbar.at



MUSEUMS

The local art museums exhibit their share of Brueghels, Dürers, and Klimts. But this winter, the Kunsthistorisches Museum (khm.at, above) will highlight portraits and nudes by the late German-English painter Lucian Freud, grandson of Vienna's Sigmund Freud. Concurrently, the Sigmund Freud Museum is showing photos of Lucian Freud in his studio (freud-museum.at).



SHOP

Held in the heart of the Museums Quarter, **Winter at the MQ** is a new spin on the traditional Christmas Market. In addition to vendors selling ornaments and other crafts, the market features a curling rink, pop concerts, and six ice pavilions where shoppers can warm up with *glühwein* (mulled wine).

Museumsplatz 1, 43/(0) 1-523-5881, mq.wat



HOTEL

Every guest room at Hotel Altstadt is different. Some have claw-foot tubs, one has a Bösendorfer piano, and the building is festooned with colorful wallpaper. A cartoonish female sculpture by the French artist Niki de Saint Phalle greets you near room 35.

From \$165. 43/(0) 1-522-6666, altstadt.at

CAFÉS

A city synonymous with café life, Vienna has a spot for every mood.

1. At Café Mozart, newspapers come on wooden rollers, and waiters wear bow ties and serve Wiener Melange (Viennese café au lait) to a wool-coat crowd. Novelist Graham Greene wrote the script for the quintessential Vienna film, *The Third Man*, here. cafe-mozart.at

2. The 1930s Café Hawelka was a haunt for actor Oskar Werner and painter Friedensreich Hundertwasser in the 1950s and '60s. Order *buchteh*n (fruit-filled sweet rolls), and caffeinate with a strong cup of *mokka*. hewelka.at

3. In the high-ceilinged gathering spot known as Phil, a ragtag assemblage of midcentury modern chairs and couches invites you to soak up the laid-back vibe. The café also hosts poetry readings. phil.info

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