

CIVITAS Forum Conference 2019

GRAZ • AUSTRIA

Travel and hotel information



DESTINATION GRAZ



CULTURAL CAPITAL

Graz, the exciting city of culture, and particularly its historic city centre, offers the ideal location to stage seminars, trade fairs or conferences.

It is not by chance that Graz is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. For centuries, in the historic city centre around Schlossberg hill, a townscape has been growing that is worthy of protection. Since the Middle Ages, the unique and well preserved architectural styles spanning from Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance, Art Nouveau and, of course, the modern, have not only seen an increase in value but are also indicative of a sense of tradition and art.

In fact, contemporary art and architecture enrich the cultural scene as much as classical culture: the Graz Opera House, theatres and festivals of classical music. In 2003, Graz was also acclaimed European Capital of Culture. "The friendly alien" art centre and the Island in the Mur still bear witness to that year of celebration. [Read more.](#)



CITY OF KNOWLEDGE

Know-how from Graz goes international. Six universities with more than 16 faculties form the basis of the excellent international reputation of Graz as a research and academic location. Indeed, Graz has been a university town since 1585. Research institutions in aerospace and automotive technology, in biotechnology and plant design are located in Graz. The same holds true for private high-tech businesses that export their products worldwide. [Read more.](#)

HOW TO GET THERE



Many roads lead to Graz, Austria's second biggest city – fast, comfortable, cheap or eco-friendly. Whether you choose to come by [plane](#), [train](#) or [car](#) – here is everything you need to know regarding [parking](#) and [city maps](#).

Once you've arrived in Graz, be sure to make use of the great special offers available on [public transport](#), including:

- [Buses & trams](#)
- [Old town tram](#)
- [Schlossberg funicular](#)
- [Car rental](#)
- [Taxi](#)
- [By bike](#)

Public transport will be provided for participants for free.

ARRIVING BY TRAIN

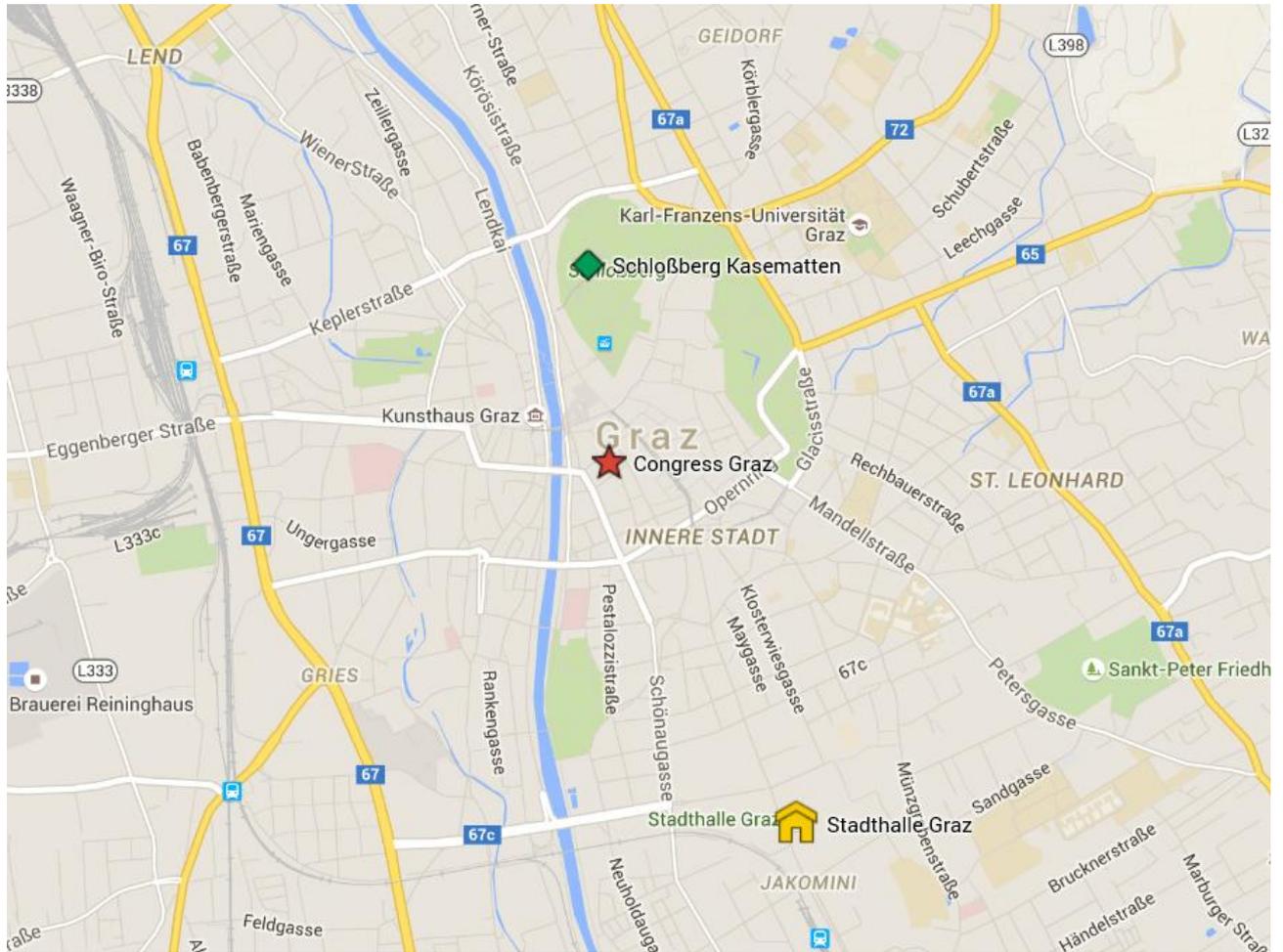
The main railway station in Graz is one of the most important stations in Austria and is not far from the Graz city centre, which can be reached by tramlines 1,3,6 and 7 in a few minutes. There are direct train and coach connections for example from Vienna, Salzburg, Linz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfurt. You'll find many other day and night connections and also special price offers on www.oebb.at or www.bahn.de.

ARRIVING BY PLANE

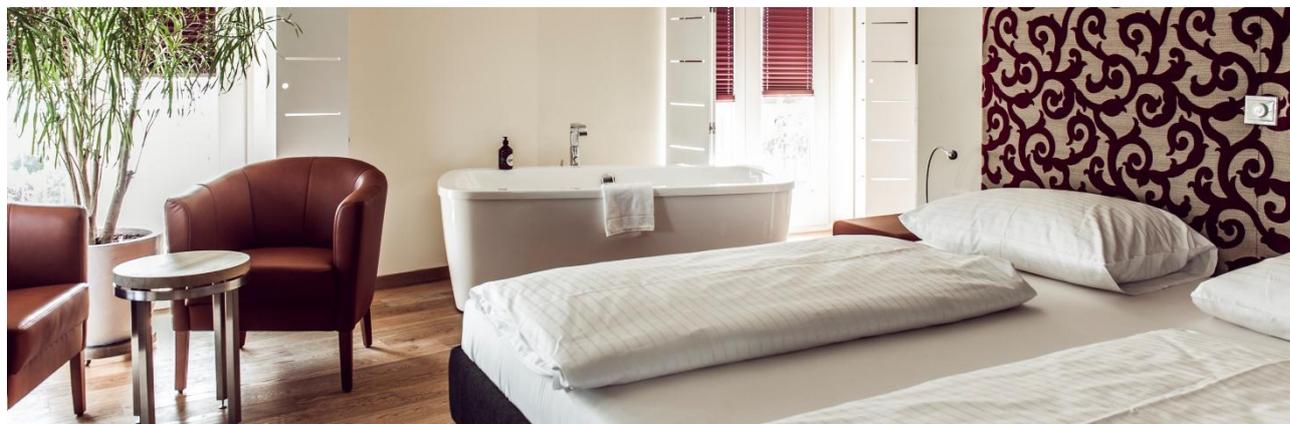
Modern and smart Graz Airport has evolved into an indispensable transport hub over the last few years. In fact, every year, almost one million passengers, among them approximately 68% business travellers, come to Graz. Guests appreciate in particular the airport's vicinity and excellent transport connections to the city centre. See more - www.flughafen-graz.at.

[Find all transport information here](#)

The location of the Congress Graz Venue in the city centre can be seen on the map below:



HOTELS IN GRAZ



Would you prefer to stay in the middle of the old town or slightly outside the centre? In a first-class city hotel, hip design hotel, comfortable B&B or spacious apartment? Graz offers a wide range of accommodation at different locations and prices.

[See all accommodation at a glance](#)

For the Forum, the city of Graz has pre-reserved 300 rooms just for participants!

[Reserve one of those rooms here](#)

A general selection of some Conference Hotels next to the Conference Venue and in the City Centre is below:

Hotel	Website	Rooms	Beds	Map
Best Western Amedia Graz ****	www.amediahotels.com	115	230	(3)
Roomz Graz Budget Design Hotel	www.roomz-graz.com/	131	276	(20)
Augartenhotel Art & Design ****superior	www.augartenhotel.at	57	120	(1)
Das Weitzer ****	www.weitzer.com	204	371	(6)
Hotel Wiesler	www.hotelwiesler.com	98	179	(23)
Romantik Parkhotel ****superior	www.parkhotel-graz.at	71	110	(2)
Palais Hotel Erzherzog Johann ****	www.erzherzog-johann.com	57	93	(12)
Hotel Gollner ****	www.hotelgollner.com	55	77	(8)
Schlossberghotel - Das Kunsthôtel	www.schlossberg-hotel.at	62	116	(21)
Austria Trend Hotel Europa Graz****	www.austria-trend.at/eug	116	232	(4)
Hotel Mercure Graz City ****	www.mercure.com/5742	115	230	(11)
Hotel zum Dom – Palais Inzaghi ****	www.domhotel.co.at	29	59	(16)
Amedia Luxury Suites Graz	http://amediahotels.com	49	49	
Hotel Novapark ***superior	http://www.novapark.at	135	250	(17)
Hotel Daniel Graz	www.hoteldaniel.com/de/graz	108	216	(19)
Star Inn Hotel Graz, by Comfort	https://starinnhotels.com	101	202	(22)
Hotel Ibis Graz ***	www.ibis.com	108	216	(31)
Hotel Drei Raben	www.dreiraben.at	50	85	(7)
Hotel Feichtinger ***	www.hotel-feichtinger.at	41	84	(29)
Ibis Budget Graz City **	http://ibisbudgethotel.ibis.com	86	172	(52)

[Find further alternatives here](#)

CONGRESS VENUE



Congress Graz is a venue for staging all kinds of events at a prime city-centre location. At Congress Graz, historic rooms, contemporary art and state-of-the-art technology form a thrilling symbiosis and a perfect setting for creative communication. Its atmosphere is unmistakable.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Schlossberg hill of Graz is at once a natural spectacle, central recreation area and vantage point. It only takes a short time to ascend and enjoy the beautiful views of Graz and surroundings. The city owes its name to the castle, which was built more than 1000 years ago on this hill. The Kasematten Stage was part of this former fortress and is nowadays the most popular open-air stage in Graz. Its historic backdrop forms a fascinating setting for every kind of event. The sliding rooftop ensures uninterrupted events. [Read more.](#)



Schlossberg Hill



Cable Car

SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES

No other city offers so much variety within such a small area, together with its sunny southern ambience as a bonus: futuristic architecture right next to medieval houses set in a maze of ancient alleyways and squares.

If you thought you'd already seen everything, then think again: just take a look around the unique city of Graz and you will be amazed! Discover its [wealth of sights](#), possibilities of getting to know the city with [guided tours](#) or by enjoying [events](#). Even if you are in Graz only for a [side trip](#), a [day trip](#), [city break](#) or [weekend trip](#) - there is so much to do!



The provincial capital of Graz and beautiful Styrian countryside around it are the perfect setting for outstanding social and guided programmes with fascinating themes and places of interest.

Discovering the UNESCO World Heritage historic city centre is the ideal start to a lively city programme. There is a practically inexhaustible supply of ideas for exciting historic centre rallies and themed tours.



STYRIA, THE GREEN HEART OF AUSTRIA

Close to the city, the Styrian countryside can make dreams come true for those seeking culinary delights, wellness oases or a chance to indulge in golf, surrounded by enchanting scenery. Discover the southern Styrian wine country, castles and palaces, picturesque mountains around Graz or soak up the goodness in the warm, healing waters of the spa region.