

CIVITAS Forum Conference 2019

GRAZ • AUSTRIA

Travel and hotel information



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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, make use of the great [public transport](#) special offers, 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

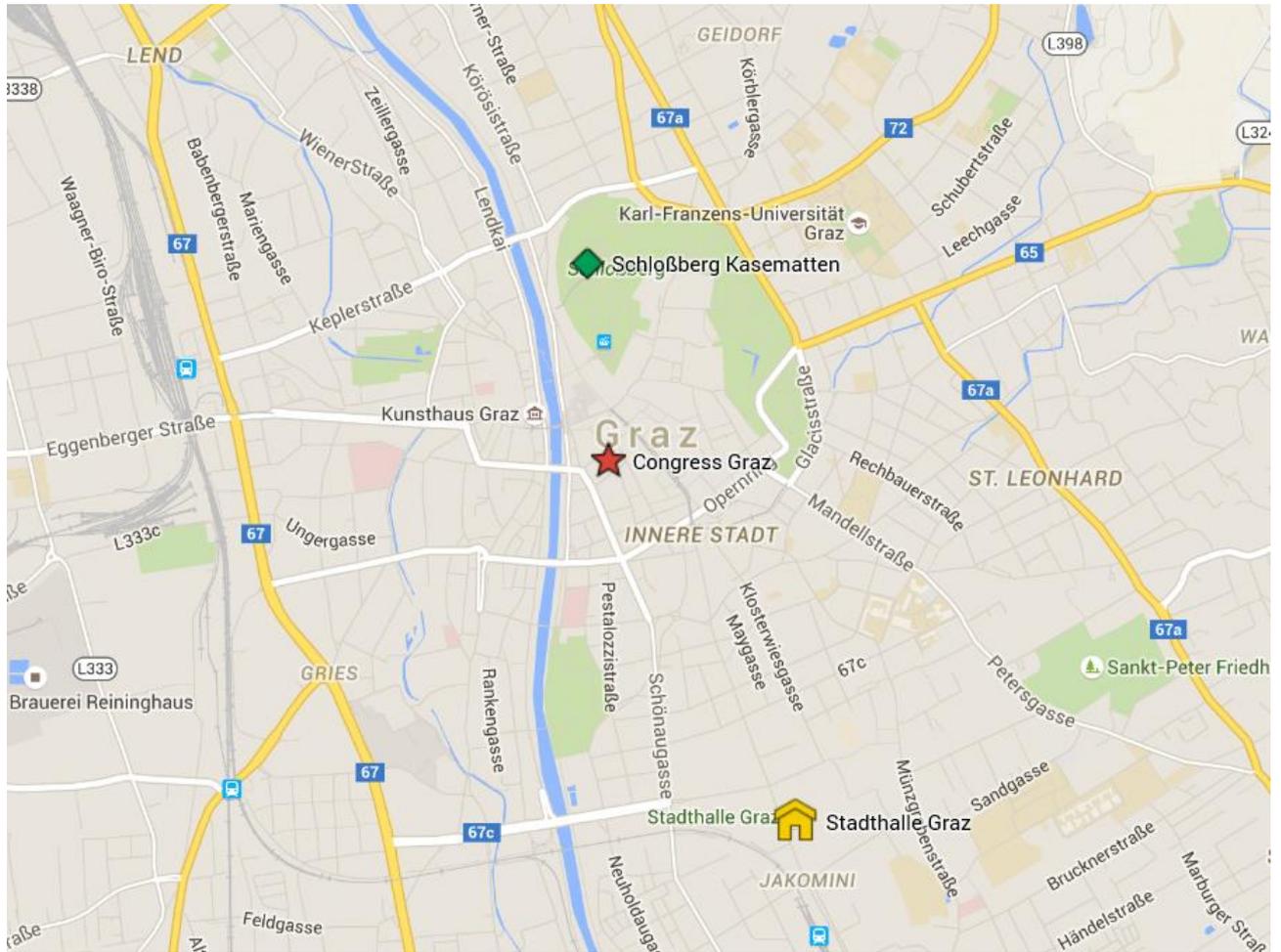
Modern and smart Graz Airport has evolved into an indispensable transport hub over the last few years. In fact, every year, almost one million passengers, among them approximately 68% business travellers, come to Graz. Guests appreciate in particular the airport's vicinity and excellent transport connections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

From the airport, it is a short ride by bus, train or taxi to the city centre. Public busses ensure a smooth and convenient transfer between Graz (main station / Jakominiplatz) and Graz Airport. The bus stop is right outside the passenger terminal, right next to the departure area. The price for a one-way trip is EURO 2.40. Tickets are available at the busdriver (cash only).

The train station is a walking distance of 300 m away from the departure area. Tickets are available at the station. Real time departures from the airport directly at oebb.at. The taxi rank is right outside the passenger terminal, right next to the arrival area. E-taxis could be booked directly at www.tim-graz.at or www.etaxigratz.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, always with top-quality facilities and offering typical Styrian hospitality.

[Book your room for your stay in Graz](#)

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.

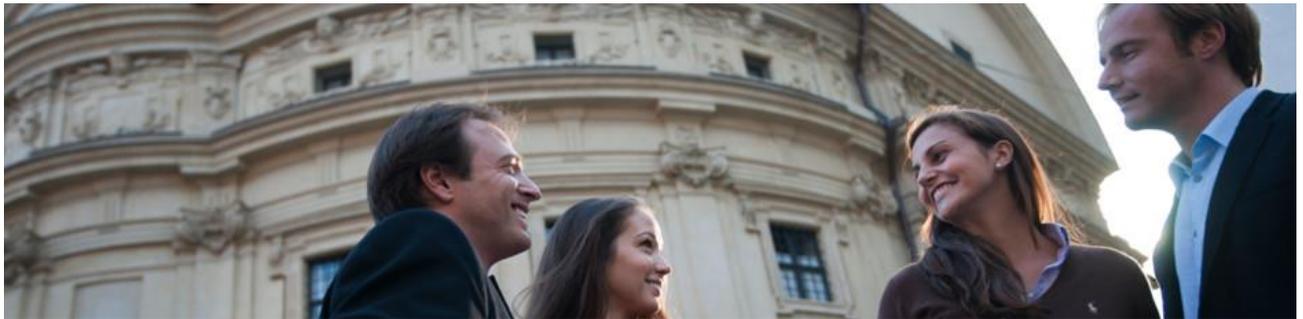
SOCIAL EVENTS

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.](#)

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.