

Europe

Austria



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- *This advice has been reviewed and reissued with an amendment to the Summary and the Terrorism section (underlying threat of terrorism). The overall level of the advice has not changed; there are currently no travel restrictions in place in Austria. ([see travel advice legal disclaimer](#))*
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Entry requirements

Visas Visas are not required to enter Austria but you must hold a valid British passport or National Identity Card (see the website of the [Passport Service](#) (IPS)) to enter Austria. EU citizens can travel to Austria up to the expiry date of their passports. Other citizens need at least three months' validity.

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Travelling with children Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that Austria requires documentary evidence of parental responsibility (e.g. a consent letter) before allowing lone parents to enter the country or, in some cases, before permitting the children to leave the country. Carrying such a letter of consent (downloadable from the [British Embassy in Austria](#)) is a precautionary measure recommended by the UK and Austrian authorities. It does not, however, automatically guarantee the problem-free movement of minors who are not travelling with the person legally exercising parental care over them. For further information on exactly what will be required at immigration please contact the [Austrian Embassy in London](#).

Local laws and customs

Drug laws are similar to those in the UK. Possession or trafficking of drugs will be met with strict penalties and usually a lengthy prison sentence.

Under Austrian law, you are required to have your passport readily accessible at all times. If you do not carry your passport with you, your passport must be in the same district as you and you must be able to access it within one hour. A UK driving licence is not recognised as an official form of ID.

For more general information for different types of travellers