

## AUSTRIA & GERMANY FACT SHEET

Austria & Germany with Father John  
featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play  
July 17-26, 2010

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**DOCUMENTS:** A visa is not required for U.S. citizens holding a valid U.S. passport for stays up to 90 days. Other nationalities should notify the group organizer immediately. It is the individual's responsibility to obtain any required visas or travel documents.

**CURRENCY:** The monetary currency of Austria and Germany, and member European Union countries is the Euro (€) which is divided as follows: bills of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500; coins of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents. U.S. currency can be exchanged at any bank, hotel, or exchange office (L'Ufficio de Cambio). However, you will receive better rates at banks. Travelers checks can be exchanged for Euro currency at most hotels and shops and at the foreign exchange offices in main railway stations and at the airports. ATMs (Bankomat) are available throughout Austria and Germany, and operate just like in the U.S.; local currency is dispensed. This is probably the safest and most convenient means, as you will not need to carry a lot of currency or travelers checks on your person and ATMs operate 24/7. Check the Internet, Wall St. Journal or the business section of your local newspaper for current exchange rates.

Banking hours in Austria and Germany vary greatly, but usually are open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Austria/6:00 p.m. in Germany. They may be closed during the mid-afternoon, and are closed all day on Saturday and Sunday and on national holidays.

**WEATHER:** Expect temperature ranges from 50°F-80°F. July is usually pleasantly warm in this region; however, summer days can be unpredictable and rain at any time is possible.

**TIME:** GMT+1 hour CET (Central European Time) and GMT+2 hours CEST (Central European Summer Time)... six hours ahead of Eastern Standard/Daylight Time. Austria and Germany use the 24-hour clock.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:** The electrical current in Austria and Germany is 220V, 50 Hz, AC. To use U.S. electrical appliances in Austria and Germany you should bring both a converter and an adapter. Wall outlets have continental-type pugs with two round prongs. A travel converter kit including adapters can be purchased at Radio Shack or other electronic and department stores.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Generally speaking, the clothes worn in New York can be worn in Austria and Germany in the same season. See temperatures above. To enter most churches, shoulders and knees must be covered; no shorts are allowed. Remember to bring comfortable walking shoes, dress in layers, a light raincoat and/or umbrella is always a good idea, sunglasses, a hat, and sun screen.

**AMERICAN EMBASSY:** VIENNA - United States Embassy, Boltzmanngasse 16 A-1090 Vienna. Telephone: (43)(1) 31339-0 Fax: (43)(1) 310 06 82. MUNICH - Consulate General of the United States, Königinstraße 5 80539 Munich. Telephone: (49)(089) 2888-0; Fax: (49)(089) 280-9998.

**TAXIS:** Taxi service is readily available throughout the country. Rates are comparable to those charged in U.S. cities. There may be an extra night rate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. as well as on Sundays and holidays between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Most taxis are metered; when using an un-metered taxi, it is advisable to establish the fare beforehand with the driver. It is always safer to use a marked taxi.

**VACCINATIONS:** No vaccinations are required to enter Austria and Germany or to reenter the U.S. It is always a good idea, however, to consult your physician regarding your personal health needs whenever you leave the country.

**AUSTRIAN & GERMAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS:** See the respective official government tourist sites at [www.austriainfo.com/us](http://www.austriainfo.com/us) or [www.cometogermany.com](http://www.cometogermany.com).

**U.S. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS:** In general, U.S. residents who have been out of the country for at least 48 hours may bring home, for personal use, \$800 worth of foreign goods duty-free and 1 liter of alcoholic beverages.

For additional information regarding airport security, customs, etc. visit the following web sites:

U.S. Department of State "Country Specific Information":  
Austria - [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_965.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_965.html)  
Germany - [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1123.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1123.html)

U.S. Transportation Security Administration at:  
[www.tsa.gov/public/](http://www.tsa.gov/public/)  
and information for air travel at:  
<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/index.shtm>

U.S. Customs Service "Know Before You Go" Brochure  
at: <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/>

Official Travel Guide to Austria: <http://www.austria.info/us>  
Official Tourism Website of Germany:  
<http://www.cometogermany.com/>

