

Travel Information

IBPSA Building Simulation 2027 – Vienna

1. Welcome to Vienna

Vienna is centrally located in the heart of Europe and is one of the most easily accessible conference destinations worldwide. Most European capitals can be reached within two to three hours, making Vienna an ideal meeting point for international participants.

The city offers excellent infrastructure, short distances, and a highly efficient public transport system, ensuring a smooth and comfortable travel experience.

2. Arrival by Air

Vienna is served by Vienna International Airport (VIE), located approximately 16–20 km from the city center.

Important information for airport travellers (7 September 2026 – end of October 2027)

A central section of Vienna's inner-city suburban railway route between Wien Praterstern and Wien Hauptbahnhof is closed to all rail traffic from 7 September 2026 until the end of October 2027 for extensive modernisation works. Public transport connections between the airport and the city remain available, but some usual services and routes are changed.

During the closure, the stations Rennweg and Wien Mitte/Landstraße cannot be served by the affected railway services. Please check your chosen connection before travelling and allow extra time.

City Airport Train (CAT) – replacement bus to Wien Mitte

- Until 31 October 2027, the City Airport Train operates a replacement service using premium buses between Vienna Airport and Wien Mitte/Landstraße. The journey takes approximately 21 minutes, with up to five buses per hour in each direction. The bus stop at Wien Mitte/The Mall is at Marxergasse 1b.
- The CAT City Check-In at Wien Mitte/Landstraße is not available during the replacement service.
- CAT replacement-bus operating pattern: every 15 minutes from 5:30 to 7:00 from Wien Mitte and from 6:10 to 7:00 from the airport; every 12 minutes from 7:00 to 19:00; then every 15 minutes from 19:00 until midnight. The last bus leaves Wien Mitte at 23:15 and the airport at 23:37.
- Further information: City Airport Train (<https://www.cityairporttrain.com/>) and Vienna airport connection information (<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/arrival-departure/airport-to-center/city-airport-train-343136>).

Regional express (REX 7) and S-Bahn S7

- The REX 7 regional express runs from the airport to Wien Hauptbahnhof in approximately 20 minutes. Wien Hauptbahnhof offers connections to metro line U1, trams and buses.

- The S7 airport suburban railway runs on a shortened route from the airport to St. Marx, outside the city centre. At St. Marx, passengers can transfer to tram 18 (towards Wien Hauptbahnhof) or tram 71 (towards the city centre/Karlsplatz). Bus 74A provides a connection towards Landstraße, with access to metro lines U3 and U4. The nearest U3 station is approximately a 10-minute walk from the St. Marx stop.
- ⇒ Check routes and timetables with ÖBB (<https://www.oebb.at/>) or the Wiener Linien route planner (<https://www.wienerlinien.at/route-planen>).

ÖBB Railjet and Intercity trains

Railjet and Intercity trains run non-stop from Vienna Airport to Wien Hauptbahnhof in approximately 15 minutes, or to Wien Meidling in just under 30 minutes. There are two services per hour. Wien Hauptbahnhof connects with metro line U1; Wien Meidling connects with metro line U6.

Further information is available from ÖBB (<https://www.oebb.at/>) and the airport connection information page (<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/arrival-departure/airport-to-center/intercityexpress-349088>).

Vienna Airport Bus

- Vienna Airport Bus operates direct services from the airport to several parts of Vienna, with connections to the city's public transport network. Early-morning and night services provide coverage for much of the day and night. From 5 September 2026, two new direct routes connect Vienna Airport with Wien Praterstern and Karlsplatz.
- Line 1: Vienna Airport – Wien Hauptbahnhof (U1) – Wien Westbahnhof (U3, U6). Approximate journey time to the main rail connections: 40 minutes.
- Line 2: Vienna Airport – Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz (U1, U4). Direct connection to the historic city centre and the Danube Canal in approximately 22 minutes.
- Line 3: Vienna Airport – Wien Kaisermühlen VIC – Vienna International Centre (U1) – Donauzentrum (U1).
- Line 4: Vienna Airport – Karlsplatz (U1, U2, U4).
- Line 5: Vienna Airport – Wien Praterstern (U1, U2).

- ⇒ Timetables and ticket information: Vienna Airport Bus (<https://www.viennaairportbus.com/>) and Vienna airport bus information (<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/arrival-departure/airport-to-center/bus-341960>).

Taxis and airport transfer services

Taxis and a range of transfer companies provide airport transfers. A selection is listed in the Vienna airport transfer information (<https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/arrival-departure/airport-to-center/taxi-360910>).

Travel tip: Please allow extra time for journeys to and from the airport during the railway closure and check your chosen service before departure.

3. Arrival by Train

Vienna is a major hub in the European rail network and is directly connected to many international cities.

Sample Travel Times

- Bratislava – Vienna: approx. 45 minutes
- Budapest – Vienna: approx. 2h 40min
- Prague – Vienna: approx. 4 hours
- Munich – Vienna: approx. 4 hours
- Frankfurt – Vienna: approx. 6h 25min

Ticket Prices

Tickets typically start from approx. €29–€79 within Europe when booked in advance. Nightjet overnight trains offer a comfortable and sustainable travel option for longer distances.

4. Getting Around Vienna

Vienna offers a modern, dense, and easy-to-use public transport network.

Public Transport (Metro, Tram, Bus)

- Single ticket: approx. €2.40
- 24-hour ticket: approx. €8.00
- 72-hour ticket: approx. €17.60

The system is safe, reliable, and largely barrier-free.

Additional Options

- Taxi / Ride services: approx. €10–€25 within the city
- Walking & cycling: many locations are within short distance



5. Venue – University of Vienna

The conference will take place at the University of Vienna, located in the historic city center.

Address

Universität Wien
Universitätsring 1
1010 Vienna, Austria

Accessibility

The venue is easily accessible by public transport:

- Metro/U-Bahn: **U2 (Schottentor)**
 - Tram: lines **1, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42**
 - Bus: several connections nearby
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6. Location Map

Map of the University of Vienna here: [University of Vienna | Venue](#)

The main building is located directly on the **Ringstrasse**, within walking distance of many hotels, restaurants, and cultural attractions.

7. Practical Information

- Currency: Euro (€)
 - Language: German (English widely spoken)
 - Time zone: Central European Time (CET)
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8. Summary

Vienna combines excellent international accessibility with a compact and efficient urban layout. Participants benefit from short travel times, transparent costs, and a high-quality transport system – ensuring a smooth and enjoyable conference experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna!