

Austria

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Austria Latest News

India and Austria recently signed multiple agreements and announcements aimed at deepening bilateral cooperation across defence, trade, technology, education, and culture.

About Austria

- It is a largely **mountainous landlocked country** of **south-central Europe**.
- **Capital: Vienna**
- Austria is **bordered by 8 countries**: by the **Czech Republic** in the north; by **Slovakia** in the northeast; by **Hungary** in the east; by **Slovenia** in the south; by **Italy** in the southwest; by **Switzerland** and **Liechtenstein** in the west; and by **Germany** in the northwest.
- **Most of Austria (70%) is covered by the Alpine Region**, central and west, as the **Alps extend on into Austria from Switzerland**.
- It has a **temperate and alpine climate**.

- The **Danube** (1,771 miles) (2,850 km) is the **most significant river** in the country. It's the **second-longest river in Europe** and a vital waterway for commerce.
- **Ethnic groups: Germans, Turks, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, and Bosnians;** other recognized minorities include Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, and Roma.
- **Languages:** The **majority** of the population **speaks German**, which is also the **country's official language**. **Other local official languages** are **Croatian, Hungarian, and Slovene**.
- **Political System:** It is a **federal parliamentary republic** with a **chancellor** who is the **head of government** and a president who is the head of state.

Austria History

- The **origins** of Austria date back to the **time of the Roman Empire when a Celtic kingdom was conquered by the Romans** in approximately **15 BC** and **later became Noricum, a Roman province**, in the **mid-1st century AD—an area** which mostly **encloses today's Austria**.
- In **788 AD**, the **Frankish king Charlemagne conquered the area** and **introduced Christianity**.
- Under the native **Habsburg dynasty**, Austria **became one of the great powers** of Europe.
- During the **18th and 19th centuries**, **Vienna** was the **European capital of classical music** and an important hub of musical innovation.
- **Legendary musicians** like **Mozart, Beethoven, Joseph Haydn**, Johann Strauss II, and others are all associated with Vienna.
- In **1867**, the Austrian Empire was **reformed into Austria-Hungary**.
- The **Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed in 1918** with the **end of World War I**.
- The **First Austrian Republic** was **established in 1919**.

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