

Rust

Burgenland · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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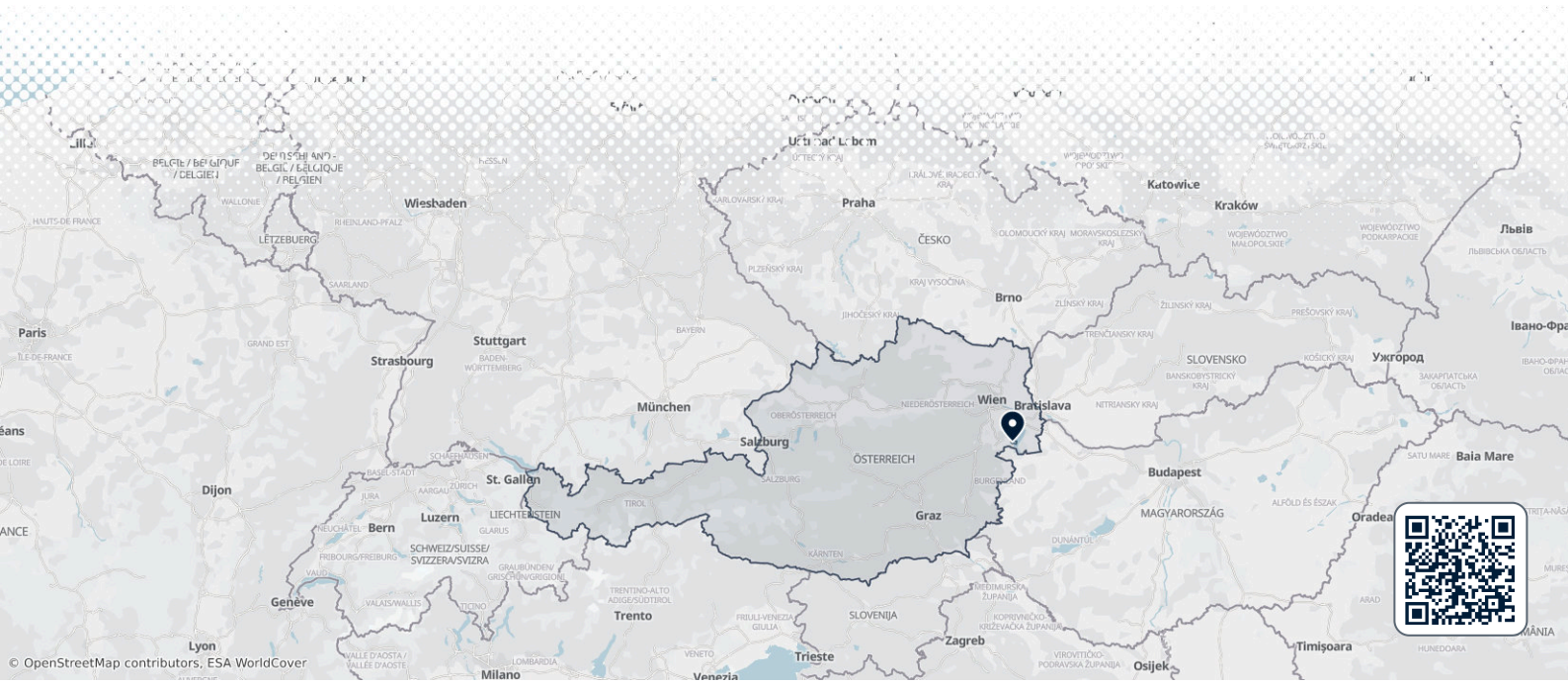


Overview

Rust is a tiny wine town on the western shore of Lake Neusiedl, in Burgenland. Its old centre has low baroque houses, cobbled streets and storks nesting on the chimneys. The town and lake landscape are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Rust is known for sweet wines and for its cycling. The lake is shallow, so it warms quickly in summer and is good for sailing and swimming.

When to visit

May to September is best for cycling, swimming and sailing. Late summer and early autumn bring the grape harvest and wine festivals. Spring is good for birdwatching. Winters are cold, windy and quiet, and many businesses close.

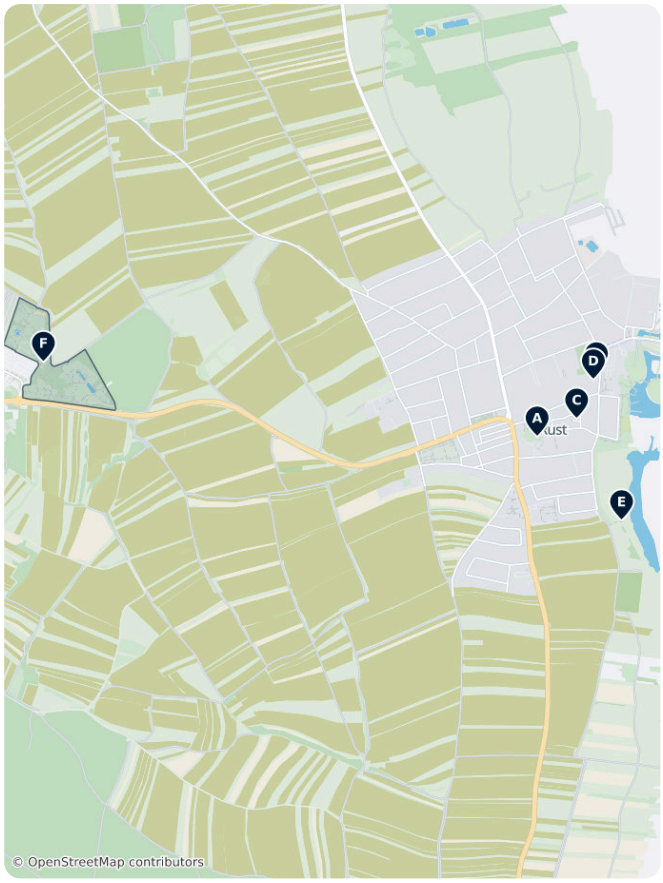
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 11° Feels like -3°	-4° / -13°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 14° Feels like 0°	-2° / -11°	Dry air
March	Good Good for cycling	11° / 19° Feels like 6°	1° / -5°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	17° / 24° Feels like 13°	5° / -1°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	10° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 34°	15° / 9°	12 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	29° / 36°	17° / 12°	13 rainy days
August	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 36°	17° / 11°	
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	12° / 6°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	17° / 24° Feels like 13°	7° / 0°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18° Feels like 5°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-2° / -10°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- The old town is a small area of low houses, courtyards and wine taverns.
- A Fischerkirche is a fortified church with medieval frescoes.
- B Pulverturm is a small tower from the town's old defences.
- C Kirche zur Hl. Dreifaltigkeit is a church in the town.
- D Weinakademie Österreich is a wine school and tasting room.
- E Vogelbeobachtungsturm is a birdwatching tower on the lake.
- F Familypark Neusiedlersee is a family leisure park near the lake.
- Lake Neusiedl is a large steppe lake, with reed beds and many bird species.



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What to experience

- Cycle the lake path.
- Taste sweet wine in a courtyard tavern.
- Watch storks and other birds.
- Swim or sail on the lake.
- Visit Eisenstadt for Haydn.

Day trips

- A Vienna is about 1 hour away by car.
- Eisenstadt, the town of the composer *Joseph Haydn*, is about 30 minutes away.
- Neusiedl am See, on the north shore, is about 40 minutes away by car.
- Sopron in Hungary is about 30 minutes away by car.
- The Seewinkel national park, east of the lake, is a haven for birds.



Where to explore

- Vienna is the nearest major city.

Getting there

- By air: Vienna Airport is about 1 hour away by car. Bratislava is also near.
- By train: The nearest main station is Eisenstadt or Neusiedl am See, and buses run to Rust. Vienna takes about 1 hour 30 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The road from Eisenstadt follows the lake.

Getting around

The old town is best on foot. Bicycle hire is widespread, and cycling around the lake is the main way to explore. Seasonal boats and local buses link lakeside villages.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is tiny and flat.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The lake has a flat cycle path all around it, and bicycle hire is easy.

Driving

A car helps for the villages away from the lake. The old town has limited parking. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Roads are flat and easy.

Food & drink

Rust is known for *Ruster Ausbruch*, a sweet wine. Lake fish and *Heuriger* meals are typical, and the region serves Hungarian-influenced dishes such as goulash. Wine taverns open in courtyards in the season.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Wiener Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet, traditionally served with potato salad or parsley potatoes and a wedge of lemon.

Tafelspitz
Boiled beef in broth, served with roast potatoes and a sauce of apples and horseradish — a favourite of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Viennese Goulash · Wiener Saftgulasch
A rich beef stew slow-cooked with onions and paprika, typically served with a bread dumpling or bread roll.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Käsekrainer
A grilled pork sausage studded with melty cheese, a classic order at Vienna's ubiquitous Würstelstand (sausage stands).

Sausage Stand Snack · Würstel vom Würstelstand
Grilled or boiled sausages (Bratwurst, Frankfurter, Bosna) served with mustard, bread and a pickle from street kiosks.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Apfelstrudel
Thin pastry rolled around spiced apples, raisins and breadcrumbs, usually served warm with vanilla sauce or cream.

Sachertorte
A dense chocolate cake with a thin layer of apricot jam under a dark chocolate glaze, famously served with unsweetened whipped cream.

Kaiserschmarrn
A fluffy shredded pancake caramelised with sugar and dusted with icing sugar, served with plum or apple compote.

Marillenknödel
Apricot dumplings wrapped in potato or quark dough, rolled in buttery breadcrumbs — a Wachau and Viennese summer specialty.

DRINKS

Viennese Melange · Wiener Melange
The signature Viennese coffee: espresso topped with steamed milk and milk foam, the centrepiece of coffeehouse culture.

Grüner Veltliner
Austria's flagship crisp, peppery white wine, widely poured in Vienna's Heuriger (wine taverns).

Sturm
A cloudy, lightly alcoholic partially-fermented grape must, available only for a few weeks in autumn.

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Safety & health

Rust is very safe. Sun and wind on the lake can be strong, so wear a hat and sunscreen. Mosquitoes can be common near reeds. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112.

History

Rust became a free royal town in 1681, after paying a large sum and 500 barrels of wine to the Hungarian king. It lay in the Kingdom of Hungary and joined Austria in 1921 as part of Burgenland. Its wine trade and baroque centre earned World Heritage status in 2001.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

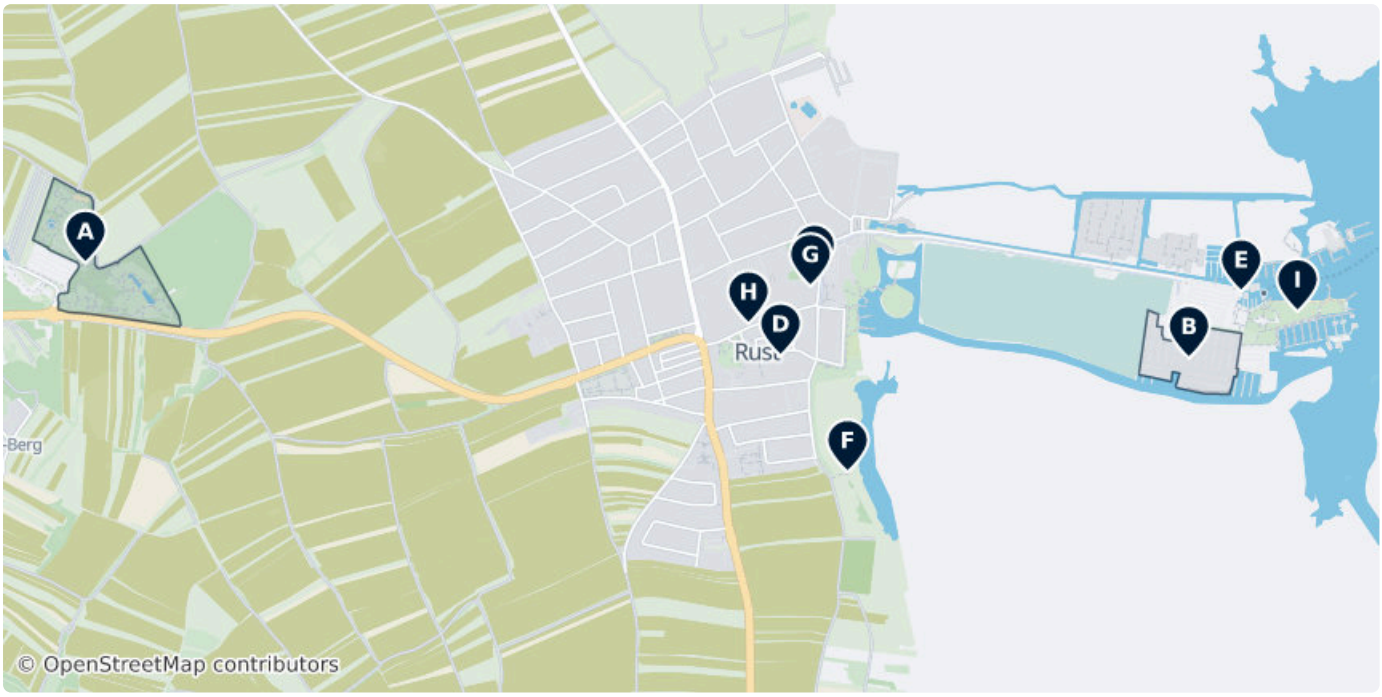
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Rust Essentials

Rust, a UNESCO World Heritage town on Lake Neusiedl, is defined by its historic wine-growing tradition and the white storks that nest on its chimneys. This selection features the town's architectural landmarks, such as the Pulverturm, and prominent wine institutions like the Austrian Wine Academy and the biodynamic Weingut Feiler-Artinger. Visitors can explore the lake via Seebad Rust or local birdwatching towers, dine at regional restaurants like Wirtshaus im Hofgassl, and visit the nearby Familypark, Austria's largest amusement park.



A St. Margarethen Family Park

Amusement park ideal for families with small kids. Fairytale-themed attractions make for a great day out.

Märchenparkweg 1, 7062 Sankt Margarethen im Burgenland (47.80282, 16.64734)

Mo–Su 11:00–20:00

familypark.at, +43 2685 60707



B Storchencamp Rust

Campsite and holiday park near the shores of Lake Neusiedl, offering facilities for tents, caravans, and mobile homes.

Seebadanlage Ruster Bucht 334, 7071 Rust (47.80020, 16.69270)

gmeiner.co.at/storchencamp-rust/campin... , +43 2683 5538

C Pulverturm

Historic fortification tower dating back to the 16th century, originally used as a gunpowder store.

3 Am Seekanal, Rust 7071, Austria (47.80244, 16.67731)

D Wirtshaus im Hofgassl

Traditional restaurant serving Pannonian and Austrian cuisine in a historic building with a secluded inner courtyard.

(47.80027, 16.67591)

hofgassl.at

E Katamaran

Modern lakeside restaurant and bar featuring regional dishes and a large terrace with views of Lake Neusiedl.

4 Ruster Bucht, 7071, Austria (47.80204, 16.69485)

F Vogelbeobachtungsturm

Observation tower providing views over the reed beds and wetlands, ideal for spotting local bird species.

(Unnamed Road), 7071, Austria (47.79705, 16.67867)

G Weinakademie Österreich

Central Europe's largest wine education center, offering professional courses and tastings within the historic Seehof complex.

(47.80218, 16.67715)

Mo–Fr 08:00–16:00

weinakademie.at, +4326856853

H Weingut Feiler-Artinger

Biodynamic winery producing a range of dry wines and the region's signature Ruster Ausbruch dessert wine.

(47.80115, 16.67460)

feiler-artinger.at

I Seebad Rust

Public lakeside resort featuring swimming areas, sunbathing lawns, a sailing school, and boat rentals.

(47.80149, 16.69717)

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