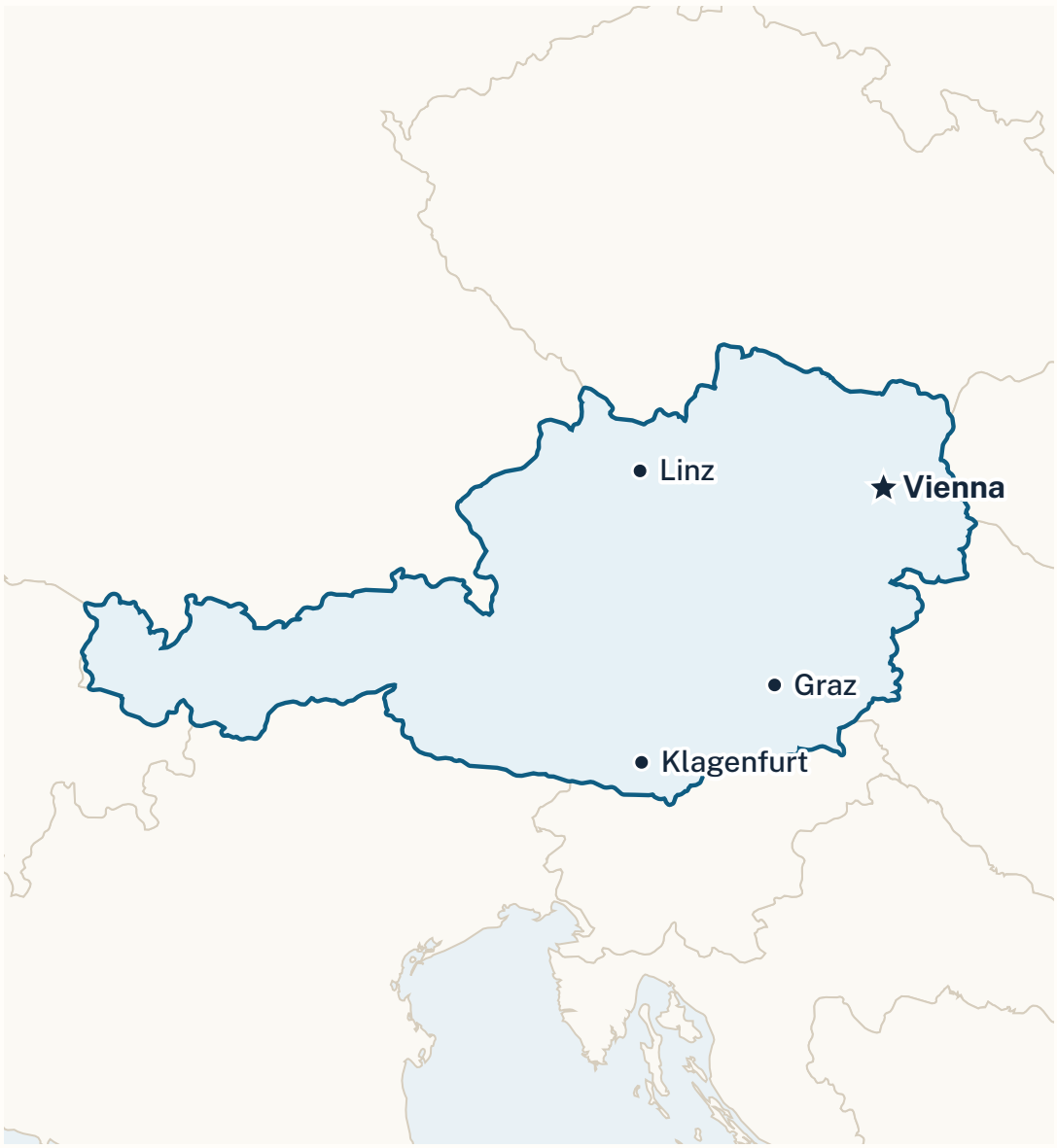
Austria's top income tax rate is 55%, the third highest in Europe

Only Denmark and France are higher in the Tax Foundation's 2026 table. Austria is also 6th on the Global Peace Index 2026.



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top income tax rate

Capital	**Vienna**
Languages	**German**
Currency	**Euro**
Population	**9,197,213 (2025)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**120**
Tax	**55% top income tax, 20% VAT**
Years to	**PR 5, citizenship 10**
English (EF index 2025)	**#3 in the world**
Global Peace Index	**#6 (2026)**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

Red-White-Red Card **€3,465/mo**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Vienna **€1,900**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Wiener schnitzel

EMERGENCY	PLUGS	EU AND SCHENGEN	WORK-DAY OVERLAP
112	C, F	EU, Schengen	2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Austria: **livingineurope.net/countries/austria**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.