

## Lonely Planet Austria (Country Travel Guide) by Anthony Haywood (2008-05-01)

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**From Lonely Planet : Lonely Planet Austria (Country Travel Guide) by Anthony Haywood (2008-05-01)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lonely Planet Austria (Country Travel Guide) by Anthony Haywood (2008-05-01):

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Best comprehensive, balanced guide availableBy Jon L AlbeeMost people think of Austria as a southern extension of Germany, but nothing could be further from the truth.Crossing from Germany into Austria, heading southeast from Munich, the traveler crosses a frontier at Salzburg. Many things change once we cross the Salzach River. Any remains of the Teutonic aesthetic from further north are gone, and the Gothic gradually starts to blend with the Romantic Baroque more profoundly. The geography shifts from fertile foothills to mountains and lakes almost immediately. Yes, we have certainly left the lands of the Hohenzollern and found the lands of the Hapsburg.I like this book for recognizing that though these countries share a language, they are from different mothers. What you get here is a guide that includes comprehensive coverage of this little country so immediately dependent on tourism for its economic well-being. The coverage is not only comprehensive in a geographic sense, but also in diversity of interest. Austria has many wonderful cultural attractions, but it also has an extraordinary number of outdoor attractions too. This guide covers them well. The balance between cultural and outdoor attractions is just about perfect.Unlike many travel guides that are abandoning these chapters, the historical and cultural contexts in the back of the book are very good and will enhance the authenticity of your trip. Maps are very basic but are accurate and reliable.Listings of hotels and restaurants aren't ENTIRELY comprehensive, but they

DO include the best and recommended options. Suggested itineraries are excellent, if a bit long. You're going to need at least two weeks to give Austria a fair shake. Because the country can really be overrun with tourists, and can be overrun with tourist traps (think Mozart, The Sound of Music, etc...), you need to take your time and get off the beaten track a bit. Let it soak in over a longer period of time rather than trying to "power visit" as many sights as possible. That's the approach this guide recommends. Despite some negative reviews I've seen here (?), I believe this is the best single-volume guide to Austria you can buy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Okay for a high-level understanding but weak in detail. By ckm Back from a recent trip to Austria, we found this guide fell short of what we have come to expect from Lonely Planet. Austria is a fairly complicated destination with very many, and quite varied, places but we expected more useful information from this guide. The section on Vienna did provide some useful guidance and background on places to see, but beyond that this book fell well short. In some cases this book was useful in helping us pick out a general destination within Austria but when it came to specifics we had to use local or online resources to actually find usable information about what to do or where to stay or eat. We expected more. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good. By Celeste Like all the other travel guides.