

Moving to Austria checklist

Moving on: _____

8 weeks before you move

- Confirm company-covered expenses versus personal costs
- Gather estimates from moving companies - ensure insurance coverage!
- Arrange storage for items you want to keep, but not take to Austria
- If you have pets, enquire about pet transport and vaccination requirements
- If you are bringing a car, obtain transport quotations and import tax
- Schedule medical check-ups and ensure an adequate supply of medication
- Verify passport validity for at least 6 months; longer for non-EU citizens
- Organise essential documents for Austria
- Cancel rental contracts and notify schools/ kindergartens
- Terminate contracts for services and memberships
- Arrange temporary accommodation upon setting arrival date

2-4 weeks before you move

- Pack infrequently used items; label boxes and maintain an inventory
- Return borrowed items and library books
- Notify bank of move; keep account open for 3 to 6 months post-move

7 days before you move

- Make an 'essential items' checklist for your initial weeks in Austria, and pack accordingly. Bear in mind the timeframe for your belongings to arrive in Austria - it can take several weeks
- Take photos of belongings to document their condition, in case of damage during transport.
- Confirm dates and arrangements with: moving company; transportation for pets and cars, and other services. Confirm bookings for flights and temporary accommodation
- Ensure you have cleaning items (vacuum cleaner, detergents) for final home cleaning
- Empty and clean the freezer
- Ensure sufficient funds to cover expenses until opening a bank account in Austria. Consider carrying cash as daily withdrawal limits may apply for debit or credit cards
- Settle outstanding bills before departure to avoid any issues later on

1-2 days before you move

- Empty and clean the refrigerator and oven
- Pack personal belongings that will not be taken by the moving company

Moving day

- Oversee transport company's activities and ensure boxes are properly labeled
- Clean the house
- Check devices are switched off, windows are closed, and doors are locked.
- Leave the house keys with the new tenants/ caretakers and exchange contact information