

Traditional Viennese Balls

The origins of the Balls in the Austrian capital can be traced back to the times of the Congress of Vienna (1815) during the period of the birth of the waltz. The tradition is still so alive and heartfelt that up to four hundred balls are celebrated annually in Vienna.

<https://www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/cities-and-culture/traditions/ball-season>

I invite you to read the following information regarding the protocol and the program of the Technische Universität Ball (Vienna Polytechnic Ball) and the Wiener Ball der Wissenschaften (Ball of Sciences) in order to be able to fully appreciate the balls.

As you will see, traditional Viennese Balls are special events and I congratulate you on your decision to attend, the experience will surely be unforgettable!

Enjoy!

Wiener Ball der Wissenschaften

Science Ball

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2025

TIME: 8:00 PM - 4:00 AM

LOCATION: Vienna City Hall (Rathaus)



Official website of the Science Ball: <https://www.wissenschaftsball.at/en/>

Science Ball video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LrsgpbSjzY>

Tickets: <https://www.wissenschaftsball.at/en/contact/>

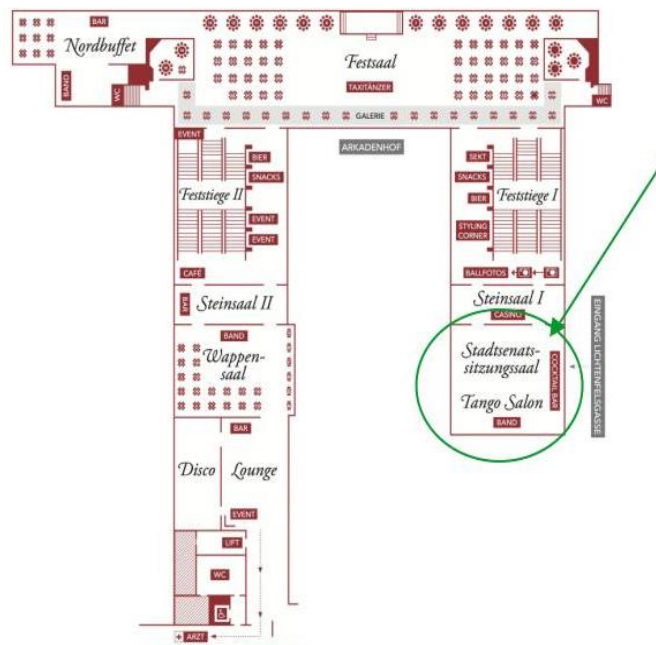
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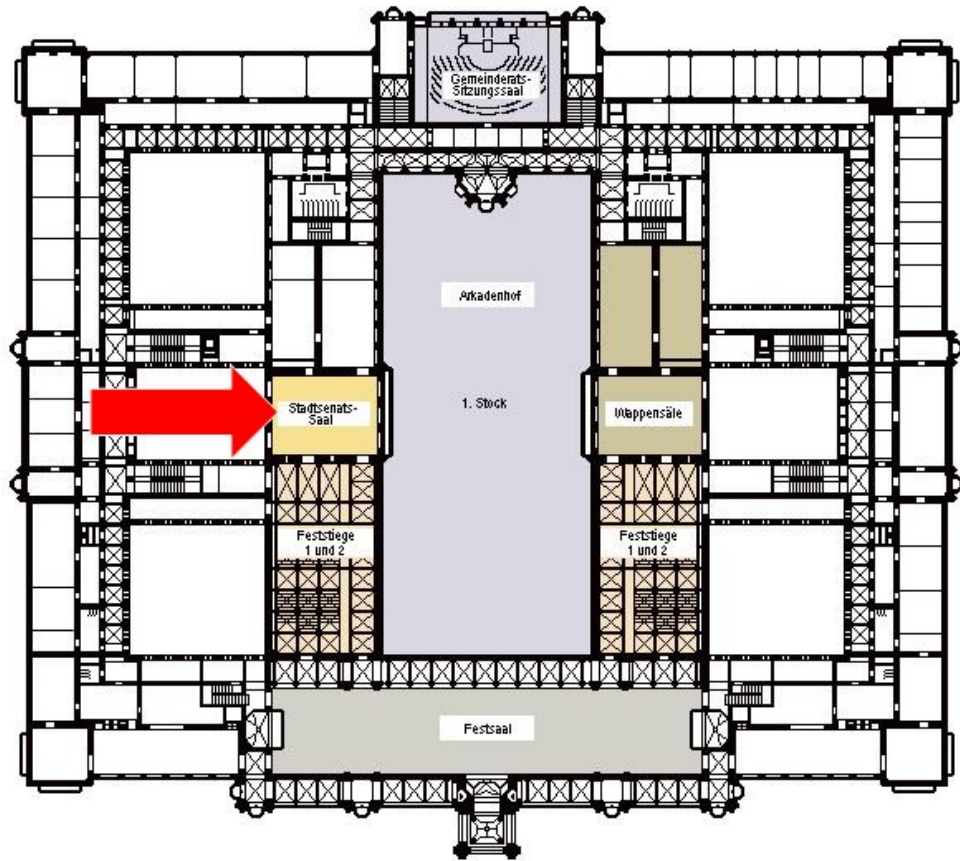
For more information, please contact: ball@wissenschaftsball.at

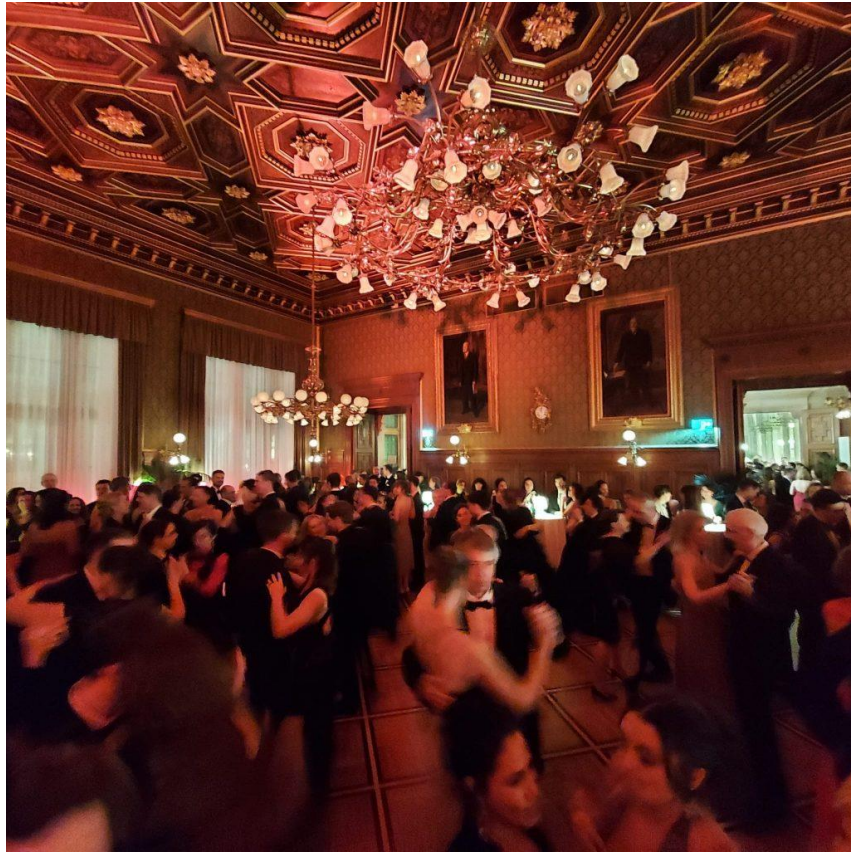
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Here are some guidelines for your attendance at the Science Ball (Rathaus):

- The dress code in Rathaus is more flexible compared to Hofburg Imperial Palace. For specific details, please refer to the above official website.
- I recommend you arrive around 8:00-8:30 PM, as the opening ceremony is scheduled to start at 9:00 - 9:30 PM.
- There usually is a queue at the entrance of Rathaus since approximately 1000 - 1500 guests are expected to attend the Ball.
- Upon your arrival, head to the cloakroom to leave your coat and larger bags and change from walking shoes to dancing shoes.
- The opening ceremony takes place in the Festsaal which is located on the first floor. The room will be very crowded, try to get a spot in the front row for a better view.
- When the opening ceremony ends (around 10:00 - 10:30PM), the other rooms in the palace will open. In each room a different rhythm will be played (e.g. rock n'roll, jazz, disco music etc.).
- Argentine tango begins around 9:30 PM in the Stadtssenatssitzungssaal that is located also on the first floor. Unlike the TU Ball, at the Ball of Sciences, a room is reserved exclusively for Argentine tango for the entire evening.
- TENTATIVE PROGRAM for the Argentine tango room is
Room: Stadtssenatssitzungssaal
9:30 PM - 04:00 AM TANGO SALON (Argentine tango)
Live music: To be determined
DJs: To be determined







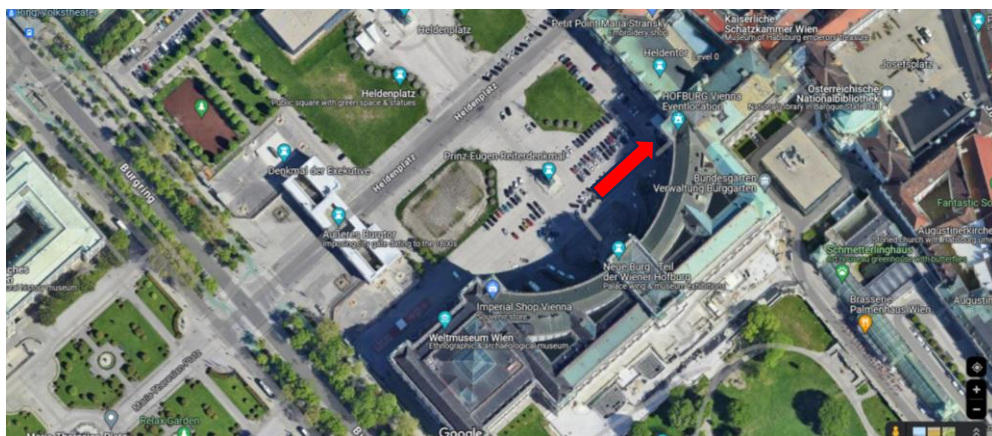
Technische Universität Ball (TU Ball)

Technical University Ball

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025

TIME: 8:00 PM - 4:00 AM

LOCATION: Hofburg Imperial Palace, Vienna



Vienna Polytechnic Ball official website: <http://www.tu-ball.at/en/>

Vienna Polytechnic Ball video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBTHgOdWjhc>

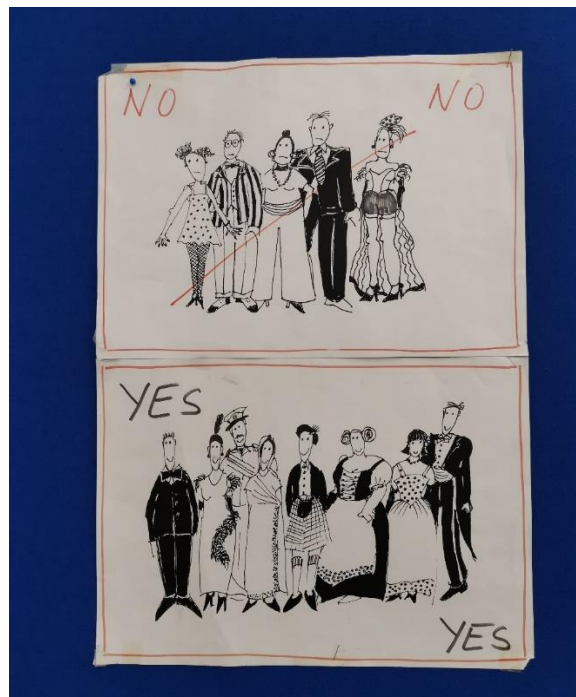
Tickets: <http://www.tu-ball.at/en/karten/>

(We highly recommend purchasing tickets before Christmas as Balls often sell out quickly.)

For more information, please contact: tu-ball@tuwien.ac.at

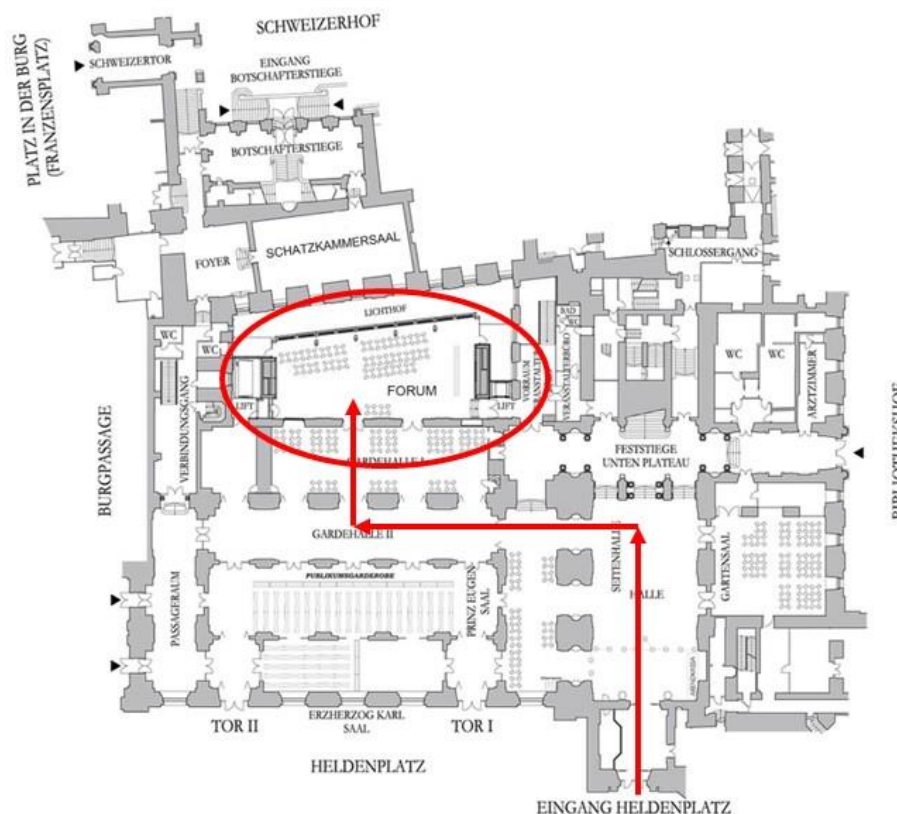
Dress code: <http://www.tu-ball.at/en/home/>

The dress code at the Vienna Polytechnic Ball (Hofburg) is highly formal. Men are expected to wear a tailcoat (white tie), a tuxedo or a black suit with bow tie (no regular tie!). Women should wear a long evening gown of any colour; it is highly recommended to avoid white as this colour is reserved for the “debutantes” (an idea for dancing the Argentine tango is to wear a dress as shown in the photographs below). National traditional clothes are also accepted, so if you have an attire representing your national traditions, you're welcome to wear it. However, please double-check with the above official website to avoid any misunderstanding.



Here are some recommendations for your attendance at the Vienna Polytechnic Ball:

- Your arrival between 8:00 - 8:30 PM is advisable since the opening ceremony is scheduled to start at approximately 9:00 - 9:30 PM.
- Expect a queue at the entrance, given that approximately 2000 - 2500 people are estimated to attend the Ball.
- Upon your arrival, head to the cloakroom on your left to leave your coat and larger bags and to change from walking shoes to dancing shoes.
- The opening ceremony takes place in the Festsaal on the first floor. Given the expected crowd, aim for a spot in the front row for a better view.
- Once the opening ceremony concludes (around 10:00 - 10:30 PM), various rooms in the palace will open, each featuring a different music genre (e.g. rock n' roll, jazz, disco music etc.). Enjoy exploring the diverse rhythms in each room.
- Please note that **the Argentine Tango starts at 11:15 PM in the Hofburg Lounge**, situated on the ground floor opposite the cloakroom. If you attended the opening ceremony, you'll need to descend to the ground floor.



Ground floor

- TENTATIVE PROGRAM for the Argentine tango room is:
Room: Hofburg lounge (groundfloor)
DJs: To be determined
22h30 - 23h15 Salsa (1h)
23h15 - 23h45 TANGO ARGENTINO (Milonga) - (30 Min)
23h45 - 00h30 Salsa (45 Min)
00h30 - 1h30 TANGO ARGENTINO (Milonga) - (1h)
1h30 - 2h15 Salsa (45 Min)
2h15 - 2h45 TANGO ARGENTINO (Milonga) - (30 Min)
2h45 - 3h30 Salsa (45 Min)
3h30 - 4h00 TANGO ARGENTINO (Milonga) - (30 Min)



Hofburg Lounge

Ground floor