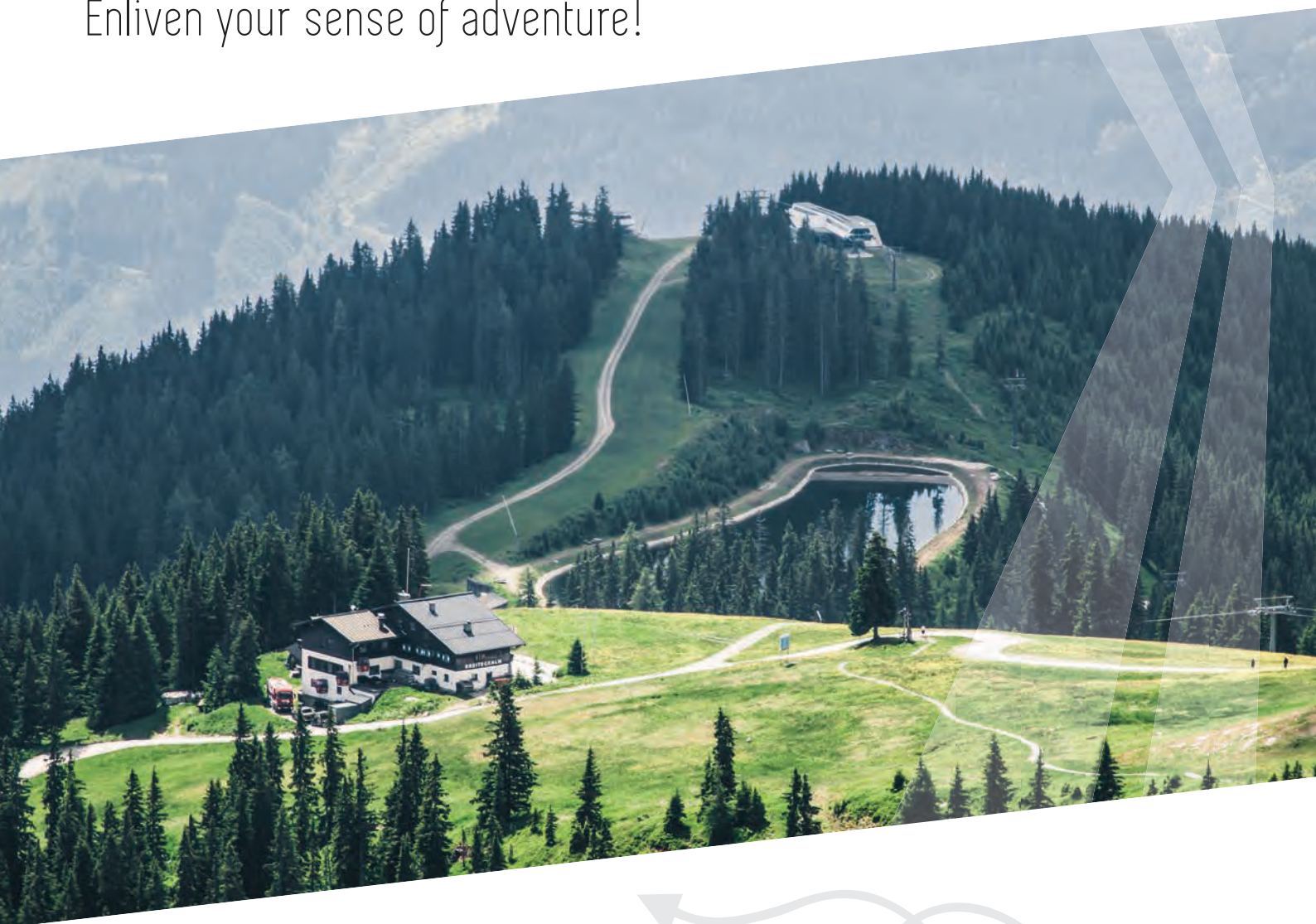


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Viticulture Training in **Austria**

Austria can be found in the East Central part of Europe and borders on countries like Switzerland, Germany and the Czech Republic. It has a vast variety of untouched natural beauty that stretches from the Austrian Alps to scenic lakes. 62% of Austria land is covered in the Austrian Alps, which makes Austria a breathtaking sight to see. Besides the Austria's striking natural elements, it's also rich in culture and history. Austria is very underrated, which makes it just so much more beautiful to discover.



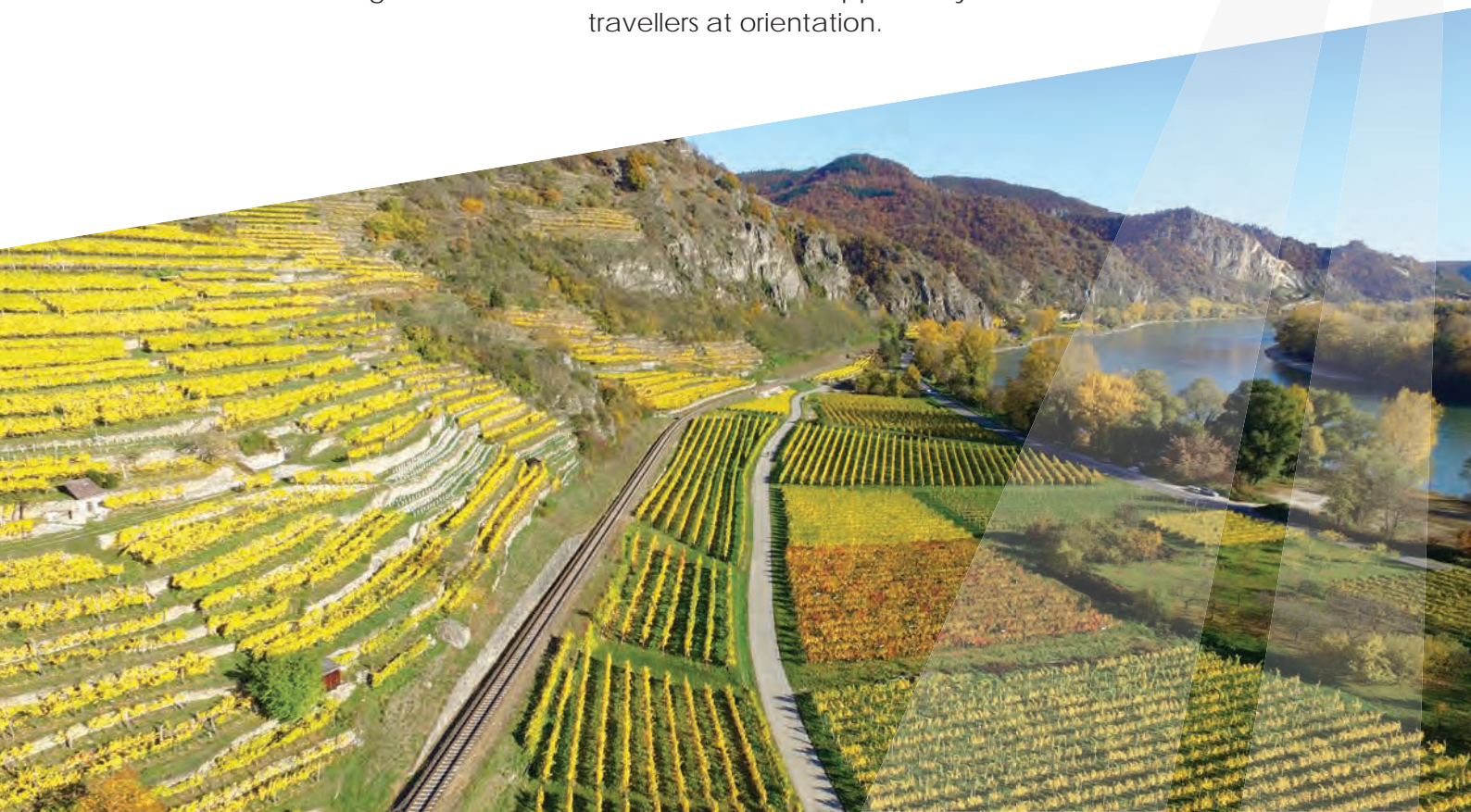
Program overview

Working in the Viticulture field in Austria, we ensure that you will fall in love with the country's scenery, their way of life and most of all the people you meet along the way. From the scenic views to the unique culture, you will be mesmerised.

Austria is known to combine traditional viticulture with modern vinification processes. The tradition of winemaking and the cultivation of grapevines can be found in the same regions for thousands of years. What better way to ensure the best quality of wines by combining the old and the new? This program gives anybody, that has studied enology and has at least one harvest season experience in viticulture, a chance to explore Austria's way of viticulture.

Placements offered are anywhere between 2 to 4 months, where you can live like a local, work and holiday in Austria and surrounding areas with support of our program and staff. An Austrian experience that you don't want to miss out on!

The program will include step by step assistance throughout the whole process from completing the necessary paperwork, interview guidance, assistance with visa application, as well as assistance with flights, travel insurance, as well as the opportunity to meet other adventurous travellers at orientation.





Placement categories

Wineries with focus on red wine

Wineries with focus on white wine

Wineries with focus on sparkling wine
(few placements)

Wineries with focus on sweet wine
(few placements)

Conventional wineries

Organic wineries
(few)

Bio-dynamic wineries
(few)

What makes the Austrian wine culture so significant is the diversity, from lively, light-bodied examples to monumental, opulent white wines, as well as charming, fruity to full-bodied, red wines with long cellaring potential. Last, but not least, a wide variety of enticing and elegant sweet wines that are certainly amongst the world's best. What wine critics across the globe appreciate the most is that Austrian wines are exceptionally appetising and pair wonderfully with food, making Austrian wine sheer drinking pleasure.

The wine-growing area in Austria consists of approximately 45.000 ha and is well known for varieties like "Grüner Veltliner", being the most important. 70% of the wine-growing area is planted with white wines, there are 22 different white quality grape varieties used. The amount of red grape varieties - 14 different varieties are grown in Austria - has been grown in the last few years. The average amount of harvest is 2,5 million hectolitres, of which the biggest part is consumed within the country.

Austria is a country with around 15.000 comparably small winegrowers, 6500 with an own label. Most of the wineries are successfully selling their high quality wines directly to the customer. More than half of the wine-growing area is cultivated by winegrowers who cultivate more than 5 ha; those wineries are successful in exporting their wines.





In order to qualify

- Be between the ages of 18 and 32 (must still be 32 when making the initial application).
- Be in good mental and physical health.
- Free of any criminal record.
- Have at least one harvest season experience, as well as education in Enology.
- Be able to understand and communicate in English or German. For social reasons basic German will be beneficial.
- Be mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to adjust (weather, culture, food, temperature, etc.).
- Be motivated and interested in winemaking.

What can we offer

- ▶ Placements from 2 to 4 months, training starting in August/September until November/December. Applications close on April, the same year as departure.
- ▶ Professional training in winemaking from viticulture management, harvesting grapes, pressing, fermenting and cellar management.
- ▶ Support throughout your program.

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens
to you, and 95% how you
react to it ”



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude. You also need to be physically and mentally fit.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program from completing all required paperwork to obtain the necessary paperwork to legally work in Austria for up to 4 months
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation - Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime
- ▶ In-country orientation - Incoming trainees will receive training at the Austrian Wine Academy
- ▶ In-country excursion or visit from the Austrian Wine Challenge
- ▶ Assistance with all travel arrangements to get to host winery
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

If you are accepted on the program then its because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in Austria will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing Austria firsthand is something you would like to do then, get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

Costs

Please refer to separate budget for full breakdown of costs

Wages

A trainee will earn around € 1,346.00 per month, based on 40-hour work week and 16 hours overtime per month included. The host will pay you for your overtime or you will receive off time if you work more than 16 hours overtime in a month. The wage amount changes every year in June, the above amount is based on the 2018 minimum wage regulations.

Accommodation and meals

You will either be living in your host's house with a private room and share meals and facilities with your host family, or you will have a separate house or caravan and be responsible for your own food. Your living arrangements will be discussed in advance.

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