

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

OCTOBER 26, 1955—AUSTRIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 1918—AUSTRIAN HISTORICAL HOLIDAY

der 26. Oktober: **Austria's Independence Day / Österreichs Staatsfeiertag**

- **National Holiday in Austria, when it declared its neutrality.**
- **This day commemorates the founding of the Republic of Austria in 1955, when the country became physically free of foreign occupation.**
- **Last Allied soldiers left the country on the night of 10/25, ending 17 years of foreign occupation, first by Germany and then the 4 Allied countries.**

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The name Austria derives from a Germanic word meaning 'eastern realm'.

Austria is a neutral country and the only continental European Union nation that is not a member of NATO.

The Austrian flag is one of the oldest national flags. The red and white stripes are first recorded in 1191, when Duke Leopold V fought in the siege of Acre during the Third Crusade. It was officially adopted as the national flag in 1918.

62% of the land area of Austria is covered by the Austrian Alps.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Hollywood actor and former governor of California, was born and raised in Austria.

Vienna has the oldest zoo in the world. The Tiergarten Schönbrunn was founded as an imperial menagerie in 1752.

Austrian people work the longest in Europe, toiling for an average of 45 hours per week.

Stiftskeller St. Peter is said to be the oldest continually run restaurant in the world, opening its doors in 803 AD.

About a quarter of all Austrians live in Vienna.

Reaching a height of 380 metres, the Krimml Falls (Krimmler Wasserfälle), in High Tauern National Park in Salzburg state, Austria, are Europe's tallest waterfalls.