

“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.**

## National Day in Austria

### Is National Day a Public Holiday?

National Day is a public holiday. It is a day off for the general population, and schools and most businesses are closed.



The Austrian Parliament Building in Vienna.

*Every year on October 26 Austrians celebrate their country's declaration of permanent neutrality after World War II and its regained status as an independent and sovereign nation on October 26, 1955.*

### Background

October 26 has been the date of Austria's National Day since 1965. Ten years earlier, the country had declared its permanent neutrality, which has since become one of the fundamental values of Austrian foreign policy. One day before the declaration, on October 25, 1955, the last foreign troops left the country, which had been occupied by the four allied powers (Soviet Union, United States, Great Britain and France) since the end of World War II.