

“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.**

Austrian National Day



When is Austria's National Day?

Austria's national holiday on 26 October commemorates the Declaration of Neutrality.

History of Austria's National Day

The Declaration of Neutrality was a declaration by the Austrian Parliament declaring the country permanently neutral. It was enacted on 26 October 1955 as a constitutional act of parliament.

The declaration was a direct result of the allied occupation by the Soviet Union, the United States, the United Kingdom and France between 1945 and 1955. The Soviet Union would not have agreed to the signing of a State Treaty in May 1955 if Austria had not committed itself to declare its neutrality after the allied forces had left the country. The final foreign troops left Austria on 25 October 1955.

Since 1955, neutrality has become a deeply ingrained element of Austrian identity. Legally, Austrian neutrality is both part of the Austrian constitution and of international law. There are some debates as to whether Austria could change this neutral status on its own account and whether Austria is still truly neutral, given it is a member of the EU.

How long until National Day?

This holiday next takes place in **360** Days.

Dates of National Day

Year	Weekday	Date
2020	Monday	October 26th
2019	Saturday	October 26th
2018	Friday	October 26th
2017	Thursday	October 26th
2016	Wednesday	October 26th

Duration

1 Day

Local Name

Nationalfeiertag

Summary

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