



SCHOTTENSTIFT

# Welcome to Schottenstift Abbey, the monastery in the heart of Vienna!

The name "Schottenstift" refers to the founding of the monastery in 1155, when the Babenberg Duke Heinrich II. Jasomirgott summoned Irish monks (the so-called "Schotten") to his new capital, Vienna. Originally located out of town, the Schottenstift monastery soon became part of Vienna and is now located in the city center. This determines our self-image as a monastery in the heart of the city.

As Benedictines we strive to seek God in community. The center of all activities is the monastic life with its central elements of "ora et labora et lege": prayer, work and reading.

From there we attach great importance to the Liturgy of the Hours. In our church, the Schottenkirche, this prayer is open to the public and mostly chanted. We pray and sing the psalms in German, only the Vespers on Sunday evenings are sung in Latin. For Compline, the final prayer of each day, we gather in the Romanesque chapel, where the last remains of the original Romanesque church can still be seen. The fields of activity of the monks are quite diverse and varied: pastoral care and activities for people who are spiritually connected to us; education, including the Schottengymnasium grammar school, the kindergarten and the accompaniment of adolescents and young adults; science; and, finally, management of the business activities of the monastery.

Hospitality is one of the principles of every Benedictine community, and our house too is open to guests from all over the world. Whether you have a cultural interest in our monastery, want to participate in one of the church services, or wish to stay at our guest house (Benediktushaus), you can find all the information you need here, as well as the contact details of persons who will be able to help you further.

We welcome you most cordially to Schottenstift Abbey!  
Abbot Nikolaus Poch OSB

**Church services, the museum, the monastery shop and much more: The most essential information at a glance**

## **Worship in the abbey church (Roman Catholic)**

We will be glad to welcome you if you wish to take part in our services at the abbey church. Here you can get an overview:

### **Sundays and holy days**

#### VIGIL SERVICES

6.00 p.m. Lucernarium, first vespers and conventual mass

8.00 p.m. Sunday Vigil

#### DAYTIME SERVICES

07.00 a.m. Lauds

09.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

09.30 a.m. Children's service (in St. John's Chapel)

11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12.00 noon Midday Prayer

6.00 p.m. Choral Vespers

7.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

8.00 p.m. Compline and (on Sundays) Eucharistic adoration (Romanesque Chapel)

### **Monday to Friday**

06.00 a.m. Vigil and meditation

06.40 a.m. Lauds

12.00 noon Midday Prayer

6.00 p.m. Vespers and conventual mass

8.00 p.m. Compline (Romanesque Chapel)

### **Saturday**

06.00 a.m. Vigil

06.40 a.m. Lauds

12.00 noon Midday prayer

All church services are conducted in German (with the exception of the Sunday Vespers, which are held in Latin).



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## Schottenstift Abbey Museum

The museum is accommodated in the rooms of what used to be the abbot's apartments and is entered via the monastery shop (Freyung 6). Its collections are of particular interest, since Schottenstift Abbey was one of the few monasteries never to be dissolved. The most beautiful pieces – which include paintings, liturgical implements, precious liturgical garments, valuable antique furniture, books, manuscripts and documents – are exhibited in the museum. The most precious treasures are the panels of the so-called Schotten Altar, which is a major work of Gothic panel painting. Two of the panels show how Vienna looked in 1470; they are the oldest existing topographical representations of the city.

Guided tours of the abbey are conducted every Saturday (at 2.30 p.m., except public holidays). As part of the guided tour you can see not only the museum but also the Schottenkirche church (including the crypt and the Romanesque Chapel), as well as the Prelates' Hall and the Abbey Library.

### Address

Freyung 6, 1010 Vienna

Access to the museum is via the monastery shop, to the left of the main entrance of the church.

### Opening hours

Thursday/Friday: 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Saturday: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Closed on Mondays to Wednesdays, Sundays and public holidays

### Entrance prices

Entrance tickets can be purchased in the monastery shop.

Adults Euro 8

Reduced rate\* Euro 6

Children (6-15 years of age) Euro 2

With guided tour Euro 12

Audio guides German & English Euro 3

Entrance ticket incl. audio guides Euro 10

Reduced entrance incl. audio guide Euro 8

\*OAPs, students, guided tours and groups of at least 10 persons

More information: [www.schotten.wien/stift/museum](http://www.schotten.wien/stift/museum)

### Guided tours of the abbey

Every Saturday (except public holidays) at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting point is in the monastery shop

### Contact

Tel.: +43 1 534 98 600

E-Mail: [museum@schottenstift.at](mailto:museum@schottenstift.at)

## How to find us

### Schottenstift (Schottenstift Abbey)

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E-Mail: [schotten@schottenstift.at](mailto:schotten@schottenstift.at)

### Benediktushaus (guest house of Schottenstift Abbey)

[www.benediktushaus.at](http://www.benediktushaus.at)

Freyung 6a, 1010 Vienna

Tel.: +43 1 534 98 900

E-Mail: [benediktushaus@schottenstift.at](mailto:benediktushaus@schottenstift.at)

### Monastery shop

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E-Mail: [klosterladen@schottenstift.at](mailto:klosterladen@schottenstift.at)

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and public holidays

The monastery shop will be closed on Monday in July and August.

### Schottenstift Abbey Archive and Library

The archive and library may be used in cases of a legitimate interest (such as official, pastoral or scientific purposes) upon prior written appointment. Detailed information about holdings of the archive can be found at <http://www.schotten.wien/stift/stiftsarchiv>, information about those of the library at <http://www.schotten.wien/stift/stiftsbibliothek>

Please address all enquiries to: abbey archivist and librarian

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