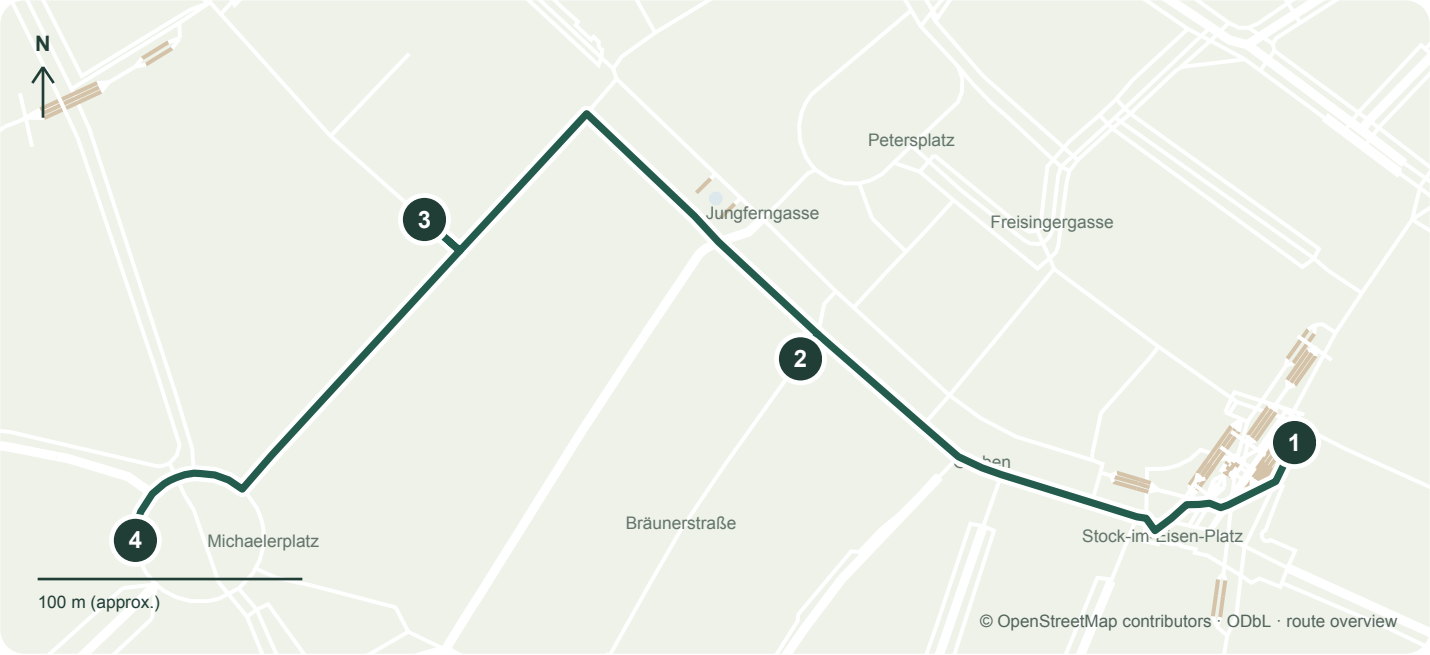
A FIRST WALK · FREE PRINTABLE GUIDE

From St Stephen’s to the Hofburg

Walk the short central sequence of Stephansplatz, Graben, Kohlmarkt and Michaelerplatz. Look at roof patterns, public monuments and changing façades without committing to palace or church interiors.

0.65 km / 4 stops / 40-65 min with pauses / one way



1. Stephansplatz

2. Graben

3. Kohlmarkt

4. Michaelerplatz

Start & finish

Start on Stephansplatz outside St Stephen’s Cathedral. Finish in Michaelerplatz at the Hofburg’s exterior entrance. Confirm your own public-transport connection from the centre.

Make it shorter

Finish on Graben after the cathedral square. Continue along Kohlmarkt only if you want a longer look at the palace approach.

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Look closer at each stop

01 Stephansplatz

Look at the cathedral’s patterned roof and tall stonework from the public square. Let the roofline act as your first landmark before entering the shopping streets.

Next: 233 m to stop 2. Route includes Stock-im-Eisen-Platz, Graben, Bräunerstraße.

02 Graben

This broad pedestrian street offers a different scale from the cathedral square. Compare the street’s central monument with the regular façades along its sides.

Next: 221 m to stop 3. Route includes Bräunerstraße, Graben, Kohlmarkt.

03 Kohlmarkt

Look toward the Hofburg at the far end of the shopping street. The straight view is part of the experience; stop beside the main flow of people to take it in.

Next: 195 m to stop 4. Route includes Wallnerstraße, Kohlmarkt, Michaelerplatz.

04 Michaelerplatz

Finish before the Hofburg’s curved entrance façade. Notice the contrast between the palace front, church and other buildings around the square.

Underfoot & access

Mostly paved pedestrian shopping streets, with crowds, occasional service vehicles and uneven stone. Watch for vehicle and carriage movement around Michaelerplatz. No tower climb is required.

Before you go

Cathedral, palace, museum and performance access are separate. Keep entrances clear. Check local signs for any temporary works or ceremony restrictions around the Hofburg.

Sources & route review

Vienna city: Michaelerplatz public space

Vienna Tourism: Kohlmarkt

Map: OpenStreetMap / Valhalla pedestrian routing. Distances follow the mapped line; suggested visit times include pauses and are editorial estimates, not a timed on-site walk.