

[Read free ebook] Xenophobe's Guide to the Austrians

Xenophobe's Guide to the Austrians

Louis James

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*

Xenophobe's[®] guide to the AUSTRIANS



 Download

 Read Online

#4265121 in Books 2000-06-01Ingredients: Example IngredientsOriginal language:EnglishPDF # 1 .20 x 5.05 x 7.09l, .0 #File Name: 190282518792 pages | File size: 40.Mb

Louis James : Xenophobe's Guide to the Austrians before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Xenophobe's Guide to the Austrians:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All the essentials to understand the AustriansBy WilmingtonThis is my 10th book in the Xenophobe's guide series, and it might well be the best I have read so far. Most of the content is

really interesting and I didn't detect any blatant mistake or nonsense as in some other books (France, Japan). I decided not to give five stars to any book in this series though because 86 pages really is too short. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A not-so-xenophobic view
By Christine Marwick
ABOUT the title: it is distinctly tongue-in-cheek -- something which I feel I ought to mention because a friend, seeing it on my table, was horrified that I would be reading hate-literature. ABOUT the content: I suppose it can be hard for us Americans to get a handle on the fact that other peoples do not necessarily see everything the same way we do. And this is what makes the book a charming little add-on to our necessary standard travel guides. ABOUT Austria: I loved the place and must go back.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Short, readable, humorous
By John C. Minor
A good little book, providing a quick traveler's introduction to the Austrians. It is written with a pervasive sense of humor, and offers insights into local custom and character. It is not a substitute for either a true guide book or for a good history (both of which we would strongly urge one to have). Read this first, then consult the travel guide books and read *The Austrians*.

We cannot be moved
The Austrian needs lots of persuading to have his traditions tampered with in the name of modernization and efficiency. He is attached to his sausage, his insipid beer, and the young white wine that tastes so remarkably like iron filings. He prefers the familiar, tried, and tested to the novelty, the latter almost certainly being an attempt by persons unknown to make money at his expense. Kitschy, kitschy, koo
Home life for the Austrians is a never-ending quest for *Gemütlichkeit* or coziness, which is achieved by accumulating objects that run the gamut from the pleasingly aesthetic to the mind-blowingly kitsch. Austrian autonomy
In Austria detonating pretension is a national pastime. It has to do with attitudes to power that date back to an absolutist form of government and with the self-irony developed by people who were (or thought they were) more talented than the authority to which they had to defer. A grave issue
The paradoxical character of the Austrian mingles profoundly conservative attitudes with a flair for innovation and invention. This creative tension usually takes the form of official obstructionism to good ideas, but sometimes the other way round. For example, the population were outraged by Josef II's attempt to make them adopt reusable coffins with flaps on the underside for dropping out the corpses. (The Emperor was forced to retreat, grumbling as he did so about the people's wasteful attitude.)

"An enlightened new series, good natured, witty and useful. The *Xenophobe's Guides* to different nations deserves a real cheer." --The European
"Light-hearted guides well worth reading before you visit any of the countries or, if you have relatives that hail from those parts of the world, they can explain a lot." --Burton Mail