

MEDIA INFORMATION

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on the occasion of the Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Austria

The Federal Press Service assists the Austrian Bishops' Conference with the media service during the pope's visit. The following information was put together to inform you about all relevant aspects for your work. We kindly ask you to read this information carefully in order to make your work at the pope's visit as convenient as possible.

ACCREDITATION:

Only accredited representatives of the media may **attend** the press events connected with the Pope's visit and use the press centres in Vienna and Mariazell.

The closing date for applications was Sunday, 26.8.2007.

Accreditation badges will be issued in the Federal Press Service's media accreditation office in Vienna's Hofburg Palace (Innerer Burghof, 1010 Vienna). Please note that when you go to **pick up** your badge, you must present the **confirmation of accreditation** that was sent to you electronically **and** a valid **press pass or** the original **letter of endorsement** given to you by the media organization engaging you **as well as** some form of official **photo identification** (personal ID card, passport, driver's license).

Opening hours of the **accreditation desk** in **Vienna**:

Mon	3.9.2007:	9am - 5pm
Tue	4.9.2007:	9am - 5pm
Wed	5.9.2007:	9am - 5pm
Thur	6.9.2007:	9am - 8pm
Fri	7.9.2007:	8am – 12 noon

For representatives of the media only attending the program items in **Mariazell** or only starting their work there, the Federal Press Service has set up an accreditation office in Mariazell's secondary school.

WARNING: On the day of the Pope's visit to Mariazell (Saturday, 8 September 2007), all access routes to Mariazell will be closed to non-accredited persons, public transport and private vehicles, and so **you can only pick up your accreditation in Mariazell on Friday, 7 September 2007.**

Opening hours of the **accreditation desk** in **Mariazell**:

Fri 7.9.2007: 9am - 8pm

Accreditation badges are non-transferable and must always be worn visibly during events. In addition, representatives of the media must be able to prove their identity at any time by means of an official ID card with photograph. If you lose your accreditation badge, you must report this immediately to the accreditation desk.

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POOL EVENTS:

The Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Austria will generate enormous interest among both the public and the media. Owing to the large numbers of pilgrims who are expected and the restricted spatial circumstances, the Austrian Bishops' Conference, which is organizing the visit, is obliged to **limit the number of people attending the press events.**

The closing date for applications was Sunday, 26.8.2007.

Please read for this purpose the document "Information about Media Pools".

PRESS CENTRES:

The Austrian Bishops' Conference and the Federal Press Service have set up **fully equipped press centres** for the Pope's visit both in **Vienna** and in **Mariazell**.

These are equipped with workstations, telephones, fax machines, a limited number of Internet-capable PCs (running MS Windows XP and MS Word software), printers (b&w), photocopiers, mains connections (220 V), TVs with pool signal, cloakrooms, lockers, and a cafeteria. Internationally standardized LAN, ISDN and analogue connections are provided for Internet and data links for equipment brought along by media representatives. A Wireless LAN network has also been installed.

VIENNA PRESS CENTRE:

The **Vienna** press centre is set up in Vienna's Hofburg Palace. It is accessed from **Heldenplatz**. Only accredited representatives of the media may enter the press centre.

Opening hours:

Thur	6.9.2007:	9am - 8pm
Fri	7.9.2007:	8am - 10pm
Sat	8.9.2007:	6.30am - 10pm
Sun	9.9.2007:	6.30am - 10pm

Radio and TV booths:

A limited number of work booths are available free of charge for TV and radio stations. All these are already assigned.

Information desk:

If you require information or assistance, please contact the general information desk in the press centre (ground floor, Prinz Eugen Saal).

News system - closed circuit TV (CCTV):

The latest information about events will be announced on screens or TV monitors throughout the entire press area. The CCTV will also transmit all highlights of the programme live and split boxes will be available.

Catering:

The press centre contains a cafeteria.

Smoking:

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the area of the press workstations or in the cafeteria. A smoking zone has been set up in the entrance area of the press centre.

MARIAZELL PRESS CENTRE:

The Mariazell press centre is accommodated in Mariazell's secondary school. Only accredited representatives of the media may enter it.

Opening hours:

Fri 7.9.2007: 8am – 10pm limited services, reserved for setup - radio/TV
Sat 8.9.2007: 6am – 10pm

Radio and TV workstations:

A limited number of workstations are available free of charge for TV and radio stations. All these are already assigned.

Information desk:

If you require information or assistance, please contact the general information desk in the press centre.

Catering:

The press centre contains a cafeteria.

Opening hours cafeteria on the 2nd floor:

Sat 8.9.2007: 6am – 8pm

Smoking:

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the area of the press workstations or in the cafeteria. A smoking zone has been set up in the schoolyard, on the ground floor.

JOURNEY TO VIENNA:

By air:

From Vienna's international Schwechat Airport (www.viennaairport.com), there is a direct connection to the city centre with the City Airport Train (CAT) (www.cityairporttrain.com). Alternatively, taxis are available at the airport, or you can use public transport.

By rail:

Vienna's central railway stations, the Westbahnhof and Südbahnhof (Western Station and Southern Station), are well connected with the city's public transport network. You can inquire about individual rail connections via the website of Austrian Federal Railways (www.oebb.at) or by calling their telephone information office (+43 5 1717).

By car:

For reasons of space, **no** separate **parking spaces** are available in front of the press centre for representatives of the media. These are reserved exclusively for outside broadcast vehicles (parking permits for such vehicles can be obtained from the Host Broadcaster).

The international press centre is within walking distance of subway stations Herrengasse (U3) and Volkstheater (U2/U3). You can obtain timetable information by visiting the website of Wiener Linien (www.wienerlinien.at).

JOURNEY TO MARIAZELL:

Representatives of the media can only travel to Mariazell on their own using either public transport or their own private vehicles on the days before or after 8 September 2007. **On the actual day of the Pope's visit, all access routes to Mariazell will be closed to non-accredited persons, public transport and private vehicles.**

In addition **accommodation in Mariazell** is fully booked.

For these reasons, we recommend that representatives of the media use the offered transfers.

TRANSFER TO PRESS EVENTS:

Transfers are provided for the following **events**:

Fri	7.9.2007:	Vienna Airport, arrival
Sat	8.9.2007:	Mariazell and Mariazell/Airfield
Sun	9.9.2007:	Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Sun	9.9.2007:	Vienna Concert Hall
Sun	9.9.2007:	Vienna Airport, departure

These events can only be reached with the coaches specially laid on for the representatives of the media. It is not possible to travel to the events on your own.

Currently the following **departure times** are scheduled:

Date/time	Route
Fri, 7.9.2007: 9.30am	Vienna (press centre) to Schwechat Airport, Vienna
Sat, 8.9.2007: 4.30am	Vienna (press centre) to Mariazell
Sat, 8.9.2007: 5am	Bruck/Mur (railway station) to Mariazell
Sat, 8.9.2007: 7.30am	Mariazell (press centre) to Mariazell Airfield
Sat, 8.9.2007: from 3pm onwards	Mariazell to Vienna (press centre) For exact times, please see the notice boards in the Mariazell press centre. In any case, the departures of the coaches will be staggered to take into account the different working times.
Sat, 8.9.2007: 7pm	Mariazell to Bruck/Mur (railway station)
Sun, 9.9.2007: 2.00pm	Vienna (press centre) to Heiligenkreuz Abbey
Sun, 9.9.2007: 4pm	Vienna (press centre) to Vienna Concert Hall
Sun, 9.9.2007: 5.30pm	Vienna (press centre) to Schwechat Airport, Vienna; Return after the press conference

WEBSITES:

Website of the General Secretariat of the Austrian Bishops' Conference on the occasion of the Pope's visit: www.papstbesuch.at

Website of the Host Photographer (APA): papstbesuch.picturedesk.com

HOTELS/ACCOMMODATION:

If you require accommodation in Vienna, please get in touch directly with the Tourism Office of the City of Vienna:

Vienna Hotels & Info
1025 Vienna
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www.wien.info

In Mariazell itself all rooms are already booked. The local tourism office will be happy to help you find overnight accommodation in the **surrounding area**:

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Wiener Strasse 24
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SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HOST BROADCASTER (ORF) / EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION AND BY THE HOST PHOTOGRAPHER:

TV stations will be jointly supported by the host broadcaster (ORF) and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

Radio stations will be supported exclusively by the host broadcaster (ORF).

The host broadcaster (ORF) and the host photographer (APA - Austria Presse Agentur) will cover all pool events. Their **video and photo material** will be made available **free of charge** and can be published on condition that the source is indicated and that the general copyright provisions relating to news reporting are observed.

Digital photos of all pool events in print quality can be downloaded free of charge from the website papstbesuch.picturedesk.com.

PARKING SPACES FOR OUTSIDE BROADCAST (SNG) VEHICLES:

Parking spaces for outside broadcast (SNG) vehicles will be allocated by the host broadcaster (ORF). Please note that outside broadcast vehicles may only arrive on 6.9.2007 up to 6pm.

In **Mariazell**, **outside broadcast vehicles park CANNOT be parked** in the immediate area of the Basilica or of the press centre.

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