# Austria

**Austria** ([German](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_language): *Österreich*, [Czech](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_language): *Rakousko*, [Slovenian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenian_language): *Avstrija*; [Croatian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Croatian_language): *Austrija*; [Serbian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serbian_language): Aустрија; [Hungarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_language): *Ausztria*; see also [other languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_country_names_in_various_languages_%28A-C%29)) is a [landlocked](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landlocked) country in [Central Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Europe). It borders [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) and the [Czech Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Republic) to the north, [Slovakia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovakia) and [Hungary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary) to the east, [Slovenia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenia) and [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) to the south, and [Switzerland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Switzerland) and [Liechtenstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liechtenstein) to the west. Its capital [city](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City) is [Vienna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna).

Austria is a parliamentary representative democracy consisting of nine federal states and is one of six European countries that have declared permanent neutral country neutrality and one of the few countries that included the concept of everlasting neutrality in their constitution. Austria is a member of the United Nations and the European Union since 1995.