

# FLAVOUR HUNTER

## Eat the street

Vienna may be known for the operas and waltzes of its inner ring, but now the outer districts are setting their own pace. Foodies are crossing the canal to zone in on newly hip Leopoldstadt and its restaurant-lined Praterstrasse



### 9AM: COFFEE

#### **Balthasar, No 38**

Start the day at this part-gallery, part-café, run by bearded owner Otto Bayer. Crumbled-gold-foil pendant lights dangle above the blue-tiled bar and coffee beans are sourced from Africa and South America. Buy the house blend, No 11, by the bag. [www.balthasar.at](http://www.balthasar.at)

### 10AM: BREAKFAST

#### **Café Ansari, No 15**

This pared-back bistro takes its culinary cues from husband-and-wife team Nasser and Nana Ansari: he has Lebanese roots; she's from Georgia. Tuck into spelt semolina porridge or go the whole hog with the Georgian breakfast – egg-topped dumplings with a cherry-tomato salad. [www.cafeansari.at](http://www.cafeansari.at)

### 11.30AM: SMOOTHIE

#### **Perlavia, No 27**

For a mid-morning health kick, head to this colourful Ayurvedic café. Owner Manuela Sipos practised Hindu medicine in Sri Lanka before returning to her Austrian hometown, and now whips up nutritious smoothies with chia, wheatgrass, acai and raw cacao. [www.perlavia.com](http://www.perlavia.com)

### 2PM: LUNCH

#### **Stewart, No 11**

There's an industrial vibe to the little lunch-only restaurant, with long wooden benches beneath exposed air ducts and chalk boards

announcing the day's curry. Choose from tandoori chicken with almond rice or peanut-crusted mahi-mahi, before picking up a pot of green- or red-curry sauce to take home. [www.stew-art.at](http://www.stew-art.at)

### 4PM: SHOP AND SNACK

#### **Supersense, No 70**

Be transported from Vienna to Venice inside the ornate 19th-century palazzo, *above*, modelled on the Grand Canal's Ca' d'Oro. There's a deli serving iced coffees, a quirky concept store, a recording studio and a printmakers where you can make postcards and posters. Rent one of the bikes that come with a Polaroid camera. [the.supersense.com](http://the.supersense.com)

### 8PM: DINNER

#### **Mochi, No 15**

As night falls, red lanterns illuminate the trees in front of this Asian hotspot, set up by two young chefs who worked at an innovative Japanese restaurant in Berlin. Book a table at least two weeks in advance for dishes including tempura prawns with chilli mayo and crispy soft-shell crab. The restaurant also has a takeaway across the street. [www.mochi.at](http://www.mochi.at)

### 10.30PM: DRINKS

#### **Das Loft, No 1**

Take the lift up to the 18th floor of the Sofitel hotel for a Martini beneath a glowing, gradually shifting ceiling, designed by multimedia artist Pipilotti Rist, and look out at the dramatically sparkling spire of St Stephen's Cathedral. [www.dasloftwien.at](http://www.dasloftwien.at) LAURA HOLT