

Revised and updated February 2023
New update/release will be in January 2024

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2023
FROM: American Embassy
Consular Section
Vienna, Austria
SUBJECT: CASC: Disposition of Remains Report 2023
TO: Department of State (CA/OCS/ACS/EUR)
REF: (a) 7 FAM 260; (b) Disposition Remains Report 2021

Since there has been no change in Austrian regulations and procedures concerning the disposition of human remains, we are submitting below only a revised list of costs. The prices quoted are based on exchange rate of US \$ 1.00 equals Euro 0.95

a. LOCAL BURIAL (with ten-year lease on grave, renewable)

City of Vienna \$ 6500

Cost of Shipping to the U.S.:

East Coast/South Coast/Central U.S./West Coast: \$2900/\$2,900/\$2,900/\$3,200

Lower Austria \$ 4800 7200

Upper Austria \$ 4800 8400

Styria \$ 4200 5000

Carinthia \$ 4800 6000

Burgenland \$ 4200 6000

Salzburg \$ 6000 7200

Tyrol \$ 6000

Vorarlberg \$ 6700 8400

b. PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

Vienna \$ 6000

Incl. embalming \$ 6,500

Lower Austria \$ 6000 8900

Upper Austria \$ 6000 8400

Styria \$ 6000 8400

Carinthia \$ 4800 6000

Burgenland \$ 4800 7200

Salzburg \$ 6000

Tyrol \$ 6000

Vorarlberg \$ 8900

c. COST OF SHIPPING PREPARED REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES

East Coast \$ 2900

South Coast \$ 2900

Central \$ 2900

West Coast \$ 3200

Shipping costs are based on an average weight of the casket with remains to be 150 kilos.

d. CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL OF URN

Vienna \$ 5800

Lower Austria \$ 9000

Upper Austria \$ 3400 6700

Styria \$ 4200 5000

Carinthia \$ 5000

Burgenland \$ 4200 5900

Salzburg (city) \$ 4200 5900

Salzburg (province) \$ 5500

Tyrol \$ 5900

Vorarlberg \$ 8400

e. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF URN TO THE UNITED STATES

Vienna \$ 3600

Lower Austria \$ 4800

Upper Austria \$ 3600

Styria \$ 3600

Carinthia \$ 4800

Burgenland \$ 4800

Salzburg \$ 3600

Tyrol \$ 4200

Vorarlberg \$ 6000

e. above includes shipping costs, which are approximately \$ 750, regardless of where in the United States (nearest international airport closest to final destination) the urn is sent.

f. EXTRA COSTS

(1) Jewish rites: between \$ 2300 and 14500, depending on the site of the burial.

g. MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL:

Austrian law does not place a time limit within which burial or funeral arrangements must be made. Remains are held for a fee at a mortuary pending receipt of the next of kin's instructions.

h. EMBALMING:

There is not a time limit within which remains must be embalmed, nor a requirement for embalming remains for export from Austria or for import into the United States.

i. CREMATION:

There is no time limit within which remains must be cremated.

j. CASKET AND CONTAINERS:

Coffins/caskets and air trays that are suitable for cremation, local burial, or international shipment of remains are available.

k. EXPORTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS:

Whole remains must be contained in a zinc-lined, hermetically sealed coffin/casket. To facilitate the export of whole remains from Austria to the United States, the Embassy prepares a Consular Mortuary Certificate which includes flight details and other important information (e.g., local health certificate, embalmer's statement etc.).

l. EXHUMATION:

Applications for exhumation must be made to the responsible legal department of the owner of the cemetery. Exhumed remains and the original casket/coffin must be contained in an outer casket/coffin for shipment. Exhumations may only be carried out by cemetery administration. The cemetery charges a fee to open the grave.

m. AUTOPSIES:

An autopsy is mandatory in Austria when there is reasonable cause to suspect that the deceased died a violent or unnatural death or a sudden death of which the cause is unknown.