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Dear reader,

It is with full of hope that we are gearing up for the coming summer season, and the same can be said for our partners in Austria. Never before have we had so much news to tell you about, which not only delights us, but also makes us want to go on holiday in Austria.

Numerous new hotels, chalets and apartments have been built across the country. Guests can sleep under the stars of the Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal in the mobile Dream.Alive-Lodge, a glass-enclosed hotel room. Existing establishments are investing in conversions and extensions with great attention to detail, such as Hotel Salzburger Hof in Leogang. The building has been extended and now includes a 1,200 m² panoramic wellness area with a 20.5 m long outdoor infinity pool.

The new (long-distance) hiking trails are sure to be popular amongst those who can't wait to get active outdoors this summer. Ambitious hikers can opt for the Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail, for example, which will be offering stunning views of Austria's highest mountains from mid-May. Quite fittingly, Hohe Tauern National Park is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. And there are new options for cyclists too. Some of the SalzburgerLand regions have picked up on the gravel biking trend and are offering tours. In the Kitzbüheler Alpen, the KAT Bike trail is being updated.

There are also nature and animal experiences to look forward to. Weissensee Nature Park will be introducing "Batnight" as part of its ranger programme this summer, an opportunity to explore the fascinating world of bats.

New excursion destinations are emerging as well, such as the Familien-Erlebniswelt Podersdorf at Lake Neusiedl, which will open with water features, an enormous sand playground and a 57 m long motor skills climbing route in mid-May. And there's culinary news too: there will be a Heuriger (wine tavern) at Schönbrunn Palace from autumn, located between the orangery and the main entrance.

One of many anniversaries in 2021 is the 95th anniversary of the Raxseilbahn in Lower Austria, which was Austria's first cable car when it opened in 1926.

You will find all of this and more in our Summer News 2021. Let us inspire you today and we will be delighted to help you turn your plans into reality as soon as it is possible to travel again.

Have fun browsing and stay well!
The Austrian National Tourist Office team

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ACCOMMODATION



NEW OPENINGS

BURGENLAND

Neat: Weinberg-Chalets

In the middle of the vineyards of Deutsch Schützen, three chalets in traditional “Kellerstöckl” wine cellar style will be opening in autumn 2021. Each has a living space of 70 m², spread over two floors. All three chalets are equipped with an infrared cabin and charging stations for e-bikes and electric cars. Outside there is a swimming pool. Guests can opt for a breakfast package with regional produce that the hosts deliver to the doorstep.

WHERE
Deutsch Schützen
WHEN
Autumn 2021
WEB
www.weinberg-chalets.at

Pure pleasure: Scheiblhofer Wein-Wellness-Erlebnis-Resort

In Andau, Family Scheiblhofer has established a well-known wine-growing estate. The Scheiblhofers are now taking another big step with the “Wein-Wellness-Erlebnis-Resort”. The hotel, which is due to open in autumn 2021, has 115 rooms, a 3,000 m² wellness area and restaurant. The architectural and building concept is based on sustainability and well thought out design. A fruit, vegetable and herb garden as well as a wine and nature trail extend around the long building with its flat roof. A further new addition is the estate’s own Heuriger “The Quarter”, which opened last year. Guests can enjoy typical Heurigen dishes and the wines from the estate, of course.

WHERE
Andau
WHEN
Autumn 2021
WEB
www.theresort.at

CARINTHIA

By the lake: Seewirt-Apartments

The newly built Seewirt-Apartments-Haus will open on the shores of Lake Klopein in June 2021. The luxurious apartments are 50 to 70 m² in size with a kitchen, bathroom and balcony terrace looking out across the lake. Guests can use the wellness area that includes a lake sauna as well as the private bathing area with its own jetty where two loungers are reserved per apartment.

WHERE
St. Kanzian
WHEN
June 2021
WEB
www.seewirt.at

New abode: Gourmet Restaurant Hubert Wallner

Hubert Wallner earned himself four Gault Millau toques with his See Restaurant Saag by Lake Wörthersee, but because he was unable to extend the lease, he is opening a new restaurant in June 2021. The Gourmet Restaurant Hubert Wallner is also located at Lake Wörthersee, in Dellach. Hubert Wallner and his wife already run the Bistro Südsee there, and Wallner’s signature cuisine will remain the same, with his specialty being highly refined Austrian-Mediterranean creations.

WHERE
Dellach am Wörthersee
WHEN
June 2021
WEB
www.hubertwallner.com

Hidden: Possegger Hideaways

Guests of the Egger family will be able to “encounter nature in a new way” from early summer 2021. The Eggers are building four fully equipped “hideaways” near their farm in modern, tiny-house style. They have a prime panoramic position on top of the Laufenberg above Radenthein at 1,160 m above sea level. From the terraces of the houses you can see all the way to the Carinthian Nockberge and the Gegendtal.

WHERE
Radenthein
WHEN
Early summer 2021
WEB
www.possegger-hideaways.at

And breathe: Vivea Bad Bleiberg

Vivea Hotel Bad Bleiberg will open its new staff building in spring 2021. Construction will then continue with renovations of the 25-year-old hotel’s main building and a new therapy wing to provide more therapy rooms. The hotel’s special features include a treatment cave 27 m below the ground and therapies for respiratory diseases.

WHERE
Bad Bleiberg
WHEN
September 2021
WEB
www.vivea-hotels.com

UPPER AUSTRIA

Refined: Lesehotel Predigstuhl

“Books are food. They give life”, it says on the new hotel’s website. April 2021 saw the opening of the Lesehotel Predigstuhl in the former Berggasthof am Predigstuhl, which has devoted itself to reading and literature. The 20 rooms are dedicated to 20 publishers, whom they feature new publications from. The centrepiece of the building is the vertical library that runs through all floors. Readings, seminars and workshops are held on everything to do with writing, reading and listening.

WHERE
Bad Goisern
WHEN
April 2021
WEB
www lesehotel.at

Bursting with youth: Stadtgut Hotel Steyr

The Stadtgut Hotel will be opening in Steyr in the late spring of 2021 under the Aiden by Best Western brand. With 90 rooms, restaurant, bar and meeting rooms, it combines the contemporary comfort of a mid-range hotel with unconventional design. Its interior is based on materials that are closely related to Steyr. Wood and glass stand for nature, concrete for the city and metal for the centuries-old tradition of metalworking.

WHERE
Steyr
WHEN
Late spring 2021
WEB
https://accenthotels.com

Charming: Boutiquehotel Strand in Hallstatt

Right on the shores of Lake Hallstatt, Boutiquehotel Strand will be opening in spring 2021 with ten exclusive junior suites, all with a view of the lake. Its panoramic and quiet location by the water is quite remarkable. A few years ago, owner Sibylle Scheuchl-Vasquez took over her parents’ legendary beach café with the intention of transforming it into a modern boutique hotel.

WHERE
Hallstatt
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
www.meinbezirk.at

Inviting: eee Hotel Gunskirchen

“easy.extra.enjoyable” is the motto of the eee-Hotels. They are mostly centrally located, offer simple, modern rooms and reduced service, but affordable prices. Guests use the check-in terminal upon arrival, for example, and settle their bill there. The eee Hotel Gunskirchen with 42 rooms will open in spring 2021.

WHERE
Gunskirchen
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
www.eee-hotel.at

With climate in mind: Hotel "Das Zeit"

3-star-plus Hotel "Das Zeit" will be opening near the Attersee and not far from the Westautobahn in September 2021. There will be nine double rooms, 14 superior rooms and seven family rooms to choose from, plus a club lounge, restaurant, bar, sauna and fitness area. Climate initiative "klimaaktiv" awarded the planning of the building gold for its use of environmentally friendly materials. In terms of sustainability, the hotel will also be equipped with five electric car charging stations and charging stations for e-bikes.

WHERE
Lenzing
WHEN
September 2021
WEB
https://attersee-attergau.salzkammergut.at

SALZBURG

Dignified and chic: The Maximilian Hotel by Heym Collections

After extensive renovation, host Maximilian Heym opened "The Maximilian" in a 19th century villa in Salzburg. It is here that he would like to offer city trippers and business travellers from all over the world a stylish place where they "sleep well, eat well, can orientate themselves quickly and feel welcome". "Lean Luxury" is the motto, which is reflected in the high-quality materials and great design. All of the rooms have a French balcony and the bioclimatic architecture is not just sustainable, but also creates a pleasant living environment. On the doorstep there are e-bikes to borrow, charged with green power.

WHERE
City of Salzburg
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
https://themaximilian.at

Plenty of room: Carpe Solem Rauris by Alps Residence

The Carpe Solem Rauris by Alps Residence will be opening at the valley station of the Rauriser Hochalmbahnen family ski area on 1st July 2021. The complex houses 70 apartments between 35 and 105 m² in size, offering space for two to ten people. Amenities also include a 700 m² wellness area with saunas, an alpine roof garden, a heated infinity pool and a

children's pool. Guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in the on-site restaurant or cater for themselves. All of the apartments are equipped with a kitchen.

WHERE
Rauris
WHEN
July 2021
WEB
www.alps-residence.com

Bliss: Hotel Goldstück

Well-travelled hoteliers Madlen and Andreas offer a cosy retreat for holidaymakers seeking both action and comfort with the new Hotel Goldstück in their home town of Saalbach. Urban flair, cool design and large loggias distinguish the establishment, which describes itself as a "B B, B, B&B" (Beautiful Boutique, Bar, Bed & Breakfast) on its dapper website. The rooms are all double and there is an extensive breakfast and a house bar with a selection of drinks. The kitchen is happy to conjure up a hearty dish for guests who feel peckish in the evening and the wellness facilities include a year-round outdoor infinity pool, two panoramic saunas and a relaxation room.

WHERE
Saalbach
WHEN
Summer 2021
WEB
www.goldstueck-saalbach.at

TIROL

Central: All-Suite Resort Fieberbrunn

The newly built "All-Suite Resort Fieberbrunn" with 36 apartments is located in the centre of town. The luxuriously furnished holiday homes with balcony are between 45 and 137 m² in size. There is also a sauna and a fitness room in the building. Guests can start the day with the breakfast box that is delivered to the apartment or enjoy brunch at the Brotkultur bakery. Come dinner, there are Tirolean specialities at the delicatessen shop Genusskultur or a delivery service.

WHERE
Fieberbrunn
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
www.all-suite.com

Mountain view: Kraftalm on the Kleine Salve

At the middle station of the new Salvistabahn in the heart of the Hohe Salve hiking and skiing area, Kraftalm guests enjoy the best views of the Kitzbühel Alps and the Wilder Kaiser. The inviting, newly designed wooden building stands at 1,305 m above sea level and houses 29 rooms of different categories. Warm up in the panoramic sauna or cool down in the outdoor infinity pool. The kitchen spoils guests with regional alpine cuisine, fish from its own pond and fruit from grandma's garden.

WHERE
Itter
WHEN
Early summer 2021
WEB
www.kraftalm.at

VORARLBERG

Original: Erlebnisbaumhaus Sulzberg

In Sulzberg in the Bregenzerwald, Family Baldauf has created a very special space: a wooden tree house with a living space of 50 m², kitchen, shower and toilet. It is made of "Rüster", which is what you call elm wood in the Bregenzerwald. The ceilings, walls and floors are made of rough sawn wood, and the furniture of oiled wood. The entire family helped with its construction, which took around a year and a half. The plans were drawn up by architect Georg Bechter from Hittisau. Any work the family didn't carry out was allocated to local businesses. At the foot of the tree house, which is hidden next to a large birch, there is a barbecue area.

WHERE
Sulzberg
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
https://buchen.sulzberg-bregenzerwald.com

Comfortable: Apartment Holderschauden

Apartment Holderstauden is being built in Schoppernau in the Bregenzerwald. The 70 m² apartment with a 17 m² terrace is located right by the Diedamskopfbahn valley station. It can accommodate up to five people and is equipped with all of the comforts. There is even a room for bikes and skis, plus a ski boot heater.

WHERE
Schoppernau
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
www.holderstauden.com

View: Ferienwohnung z'übrmello

In the newly built wooden house in Mellau, which was designed in the style of a traditional Bregenzerwald house, Ferienwohnung z'übrmello provides accommodation for two to three people. The apartment is 60 m² in size and has floors and walls made of wood. From the balcony and rooms, guests enjoy delightful views of the mountains. The address of the house is Übermellen, and "z'übrmello" is the local dialect for it.

WHERE
Mellau
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
www.zuebrmello.com

Sleeping under the stars: Dream.Alive-Lodge

In the middle of the mountain solitude and yet very comfortable, guests will be able to spend the night in the Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal from June 2021. The glass-enclosed hotel room named Dream.Alive-Lodge is mobile and can be placed where desired. The Samina sleeping concept bed can be positioned as desired too: either under the glass roof or on the terrace outside. The lodge is also equipped with a table, fridge, shower and toilet. Its prototype is based next to the Alpenresort Walsertal fishpond, meaning that guests can take advantage of the hotel's amenities, from the spa area to its cuisine. Dream.Alive is a start-up that was founded in Vorarlberg in 2020. The idea is to give more importance to sleep and relaxation via unique sleeping experiences in special outdoor places.

WHERE
Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal
WHEN
June 2021
WEB
www.dreamalive.world

The smell of wood: Alpin Aparts

Alpin Aparts will open in the centre of Mellau in the Bregenzerwald this June. The wood-shingled building houses four comfortably furnished apartments that range from 65 to 80 m² in size. Two of the apartments are on the ground floor and have a little garden. The other two are on the floor above. In the 80 m² apartment, all rooms have balcony access. In the second apartment, the living / dining room leads onto the balcony.

WHERE
Mellau
WHEN
June 2021
WEB
www.alpin-aparts.at

High-end: PURE Resort Schruns

The Mountain Residences group is building an aparthotel with 28 apartments and a wellness area with an outdoor pool. It is close to the Hochjoch Bahn car park and scheduled to open its doors in June 2021. The new aparthotel focuses on quality as well as high-end architecture and interior design. The building will have a wooden facade and gable roof.

WHERE
Schruns
WHEN
Autumn 2021
WEB
www.mountain-residences.com

VIENNA

Casual and inviting: Rioca Vienna Posto 1 + 2

Brazilian warmth welcomes guests at the new Rioca-Vienna-Posto-Apartmenthotels. The aparthotel with terrace in the 20th district has already opened. The second in the 3rd district will open in the first half of 2021. Guests can choose from single, double or family apartments at both locations. There is a café, bar and the possibility of renting coworking spaces.

WHERE
Vienna
WHERE
Spring 2021
WEB
www.rioca.eu

Made from wood: Hotel The Wood

The “calming hotel for an exciting city” will open near the Westbahnhof in spring 2021. The six-storey hotel built from wooden modules boasts a green courtyard and 50 rooms. Choose from 20 m² double rooms, 28 m² superior rooms with a terrace or suites of different sizes and also with a terrace. All rooms are equipped with a desk.

WHERE
Vienna
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
https://thewood-hotel.com

Live and work: ZOKU

In the 2nd district, near the Prater and the University of Economics and Business, the ZOKU Hotel will be opening in spring 2021. A company from the Netherlands is behind the ZOKU concept. Their hotels and apartments are designed to combine living and working. ZOKU Vienna will accommodate 131 ZOKU lofts.

WHERE
Vienna
WHEN
Spring 2021
WEB
https://livezoku.com

Functional comfort: LetoMotel

The LetoMotel will be opening in the 6th district in the first half of 2021. It belongs to the German city hotel group Leto and is the chain's first hotel outside of Germany. LetoMotels are characterised by their convenient location and functional comfort. There are 211 rooms in the new eight-storey building as well as a restaurant on the ground floor.

WHERE
Vienna
WHEN
First half of 2021
WEB
https://letomotel.de

For longer stays: SMARTments Ari Rath Haus

A new building named after Ari Rath will open in the 19th district in June 2021, close to underground stations and universities. Ari Rath was an Israeli journalist and publicist. He grew up in Vienna, but had to flee the city in the late 1930s. In addition to almost 150 housing units for students, the SMARTments include 166 apartments with sizes ranging from 22 to 30 m². They are intended for business travellers, who are staying in the city for several weeks or months.

WHERE
Vienna
WHEN
June 2021
WEB
www.smartments-business.de

Charming: Hotel Gilbert

Hotel ViennART near the MuseumsQuartier in the 7th district will be reopening in the course of 2021 under the new name “Gilbert” and visually much greener. Plants keep things cool on the facade and in the covered courtyard. Hotel Gilbert will offer 57 rooms of different sizes and loft apartments. There will also be new seminar rooms.

WHERE
Vienna
WHEN
In the course of 2021
WEB
www.hotel-gilbert.at

THINGS TO DO

HIKING

CARINTHIA

The Carnic Milky Way

The Carnic Milky Way is a cross-border project. The long-distance hiking trail, which is currently being expanded, connects Austrian and Italian (cheese) pastures, which are scattered in the landscape like stars. You have been able to explore the first constellation since summer 2020. The “Lips of Europe” run from Hermagor to Tarvisio in Italy and, from a bird’s eye view, the landscape forms “lips” there. At the beginning of the hiking season 2021, two more constellations will be added: the “Lighthouse” in the Nassfeld region and the “Red Planet”, which extends into the upper Gail Valley. You should be able to walk along all seven constellations of the Carnic Milky Way by 2022.

WEB
www.nassfeld.at

Barrier-free nature experiences at Lake Weissensee

Barrier-free hiking trails are being created on the Egger Alm and Dellacher Alm and on the western shore of Lake Weissensee. They should be accessible from June 2021. This development has been made possible thanks to funding from a leader project and the State of Carinthia. You will find further information on barrier-free travel in Carinthia – from guided nature experiences to bathing opportunities and accommodation – on the Carinthian Tourist Office website.

WEB
www.kaernten.at

New Slow Trails

Leisurely hiking on easy paths, relaxing and slowing down: this is possible on Slow Trails across Carinthia. They are a maximum of ten kilometres long, mostly flat and equipped with benches. Three new Slow Trails will be added to the existing nine in summer 2021 in the Villach – Faaker See – Ossiacher See region. The 4.6 km long Slow Trail Afritzer See leads through a conservation area. Hikers can explore an ornithologically interesting area on 2.6 km long Slow Trail Wernberg Drauschleife. And the 2.7 km long Slow Trail Faaker See is located on the edge of the Drobollacher Moor. A further new addition is the Slow Trail Turnersee in the Klopeiner See region.

WEB
www.kaernten.at/slowtrails

Via Paradiso at Lake Millstatt

The new approximately 50 km long Via Paradiso hiking trail invites you to feel the magic of nature at Lake Millstatt. The trail leads around Lake Millstatt in four comfortable stages. Walking times of around three to just under five hours leave enough time to take breaks, enjoy nature, stop at a lakeside terrace or take a refreshing dip.

WEB

www.millstaettersee.com

Trail der Horizonte

The new Trail der Horizonte invites you to “consciously wander”. The 82 km long-distance hiking trail leads through Carinthia’s undiscovered heart. Six daily stages lead from Turracher Höhe in the Nockberge Biosphere Reserve to Malschacher See. The trail leads up and down through larch and pine forests, quiet villages, to springs and along rivers. There are between 600 and 1,500 m of altitude to overcome per day. Those who wish to travel lightly can book a package with luggage transfer.

WEB

www.weitwanderwege.com

Even longer: the Nockberge-Trail

The Nockberge-Trail, which begins on the Katschberg and ended in Bad Kleinkirchheim up until now, is being extended by three stages this year, leading hikers from Bad Kleinkirchheim to Lake Millstatt. The Nockberge-Trail now has a total of eight stages. The daily walking times in consistently mountainous terrain are between three and seven hours. It’s a good idea to book a package with accommodation and luggage transfer.

WEB

www.nockberge-trail.com

Experience “Magic Moments”

“Magic Moments” provide special nature experiences across Carinthia from May to October. There are two new additions to the programme this summer. An around one and a half hour hike leads from the Urbansee to cheese dairy Höfer in St. Urban. There, owner Christoph Höfer provides an insight into milk processing and serves up delights with names such as “Bunter Hund im Morgenland” (colourful dog in the Orient) and “best friend filled with happiness” to taste. For the second new experience, Nature Active Guides lead participants on an approximately three-hour hike through the Drau Valley in search of fossils, i.e. imprints of fossilized sea creatures and plants. The tour ends with delicious tastings in Slow Food Village Berg.

WEB

www.kaernten.at

SALZBURG

Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail

The new Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail will offer ambitious hikers a new challenge and sensational views of Austria’s highest mountains from mid-May. It comprises ten daily stages, is 150 km long and overcomes 7,000 m in altitude. Hikers begin their tour at the foot of the Krimml Waterfalls and their goal is the Schmittenhöhe high above Zell am See. The walking times are between four and seven hours per day. Depending on where the day’s stage ends, the long-distance hikers spend the night in a hut on the mountain or in accommodation of their choice in the valley. Mountain lifts, shuttle services at the end of each stage and a bookable luggage transfer offer maximum comfort. Hohe Tauern National Park is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

WEB

www.nationalpark.at

TIROL

The Secret of the King of Steinberg

New interactive family adventure “The Secret of the King of Steinberg” opened in the Pillerseetal in summer 2020. The aim is to find the right code word at each station to defeat the king, who has the magical power to turn everything into stone. A further station will be added to the existing eight this summer, located at a picturesque viewpoint in Hochfilzen.

WEB

<https://steinbergkoenig.at>

KAT Walk Family in the Kitzbühel Alps

KAT Walk Family, the new long-distance hiking trail, combines fresh air, exercise and enjoyable experiences in the great outdoors. On the way, children can visit a petting zoo, climb, swim in the mountain lake and enjoy various other fun stations. Should energy levels be running low, there are mountain lifts and buses to shorten the walk. Families cover 76 km and 5,000 m in altitude in five days on this route in total. The trail leads from Hopfgarten via Kitzbühel to St. Ulrich in the Pillerseetal across the Kitzbühel Alps. You can also book packages with the accommodation of your choice.

WEB

www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com

The Path of Songs in Wildschönau

“Singa is insa Freid” (singing is our joy) the Wildschönau locals in the Kitzbühel Alps know. People have always sung, played and danced in their homes and on the pasture, at work and on every occasion here. Hikers can find out what that sounds like on the new “Path of Songs” in Oberau. From this summer there will be twelve stations along the village hiking trail. With a smartphone and QR code, you can listen to a song and watch a video on it at each board, featuring local music groups and choirs.

WEB

www.wildschoenau.com

Through two provinces: Arlberg Trail

The new long-distance Arlberg Trail leads once around the Arlberg Pass, which connects Tirol and Vorarlberg. It is 40 km long and a real alpine challenge, as hikers are on the road for a total of 15 hours. From St. Anton the trail leads to Zürs via Stuben, over the Seekopf to Lech and then back to St. Anton. Hikers can skip sections by mountain lift and the tourist offices offer packages that include accommodation and luggage transfer.

WEB

www.stantonamarlberg.com

Cross-border: on the trail of smugglers

The Smugglers' Trail Klobenstein runs between Bavaria and Tirol. Originally used to bring goods such as cigarettes and coffee across the border without paying customs duties and taxes, the eight-kilometre path has now been turned into a premium hiking trail. The second suspension bridge should be accessible from early summer 2021, and there will also be several viewing platforms and infotainment points.

WEB

www.schmugglerweg.com

Tirolean Castle Trail

Hiking from castle to castle; the new 50 km Tirolean Castle Trail makes it possible. It leads to Landeck Castle, Biedeneegg Castle, Wiesberg Castle, Schrofenstein Castle and the Kronburg. Hikers can find out interesting facts about the castles, other sights and the natural and cultural landscape via an app. To avoid an overload of signposts, the trail is purely digital.

WEB

<https://tirolwest.at>

Oswald Kollreider themed path in East Tirol

In Kartitsch in East Tirol, the new artist path reminds of the painter Oswald Kollreider (1922–2017). Kollreider grew up in Kartitsch, had an international presence and maintained a strong connection to his hometown. He is best known for his sacred works. There are seven boards with paintings by the artist along the almost four kilometre long path, which leads leisurely through meadows. Seven authors took a closer look at an Oswald Kollreider painting and captured their thoughts in short texts or poems. They are not art historical analyses, but far more literary reflections.

WEB

www.osttirol.com

KulTOUREN Alpbach

In the Alpbachtal, new, leisurely hiking trails lead to the cultural sights of the valley. There are currently three KulTOUREN. The 13 km long "Heilwasserweg" (curative water themed path) leads through Kramsach on the trail of water. You can also follow the path by bike. The "Burgenweg" (castle themed path) leads keen explorers around 2.5 hours from the parish church in Rattenberg over the Schlossberg to Brixlegg and the Matzen and Lipperheide castles. The third tour is themed around discovering marble. It is 12.4 km long and one of its highlights is the Kramsach marble quarry.

WEB

www.alpbachtal.at

CYCLING

New mountain bike routes around Lake Ossiach

For several years now, the Villach – Faaker See – Ossiacher See region has been expanding its lake.bike mountain bike route network. 2021 will see the arrival of two new tours. The 1.3 km Challenger Tour, on which mountain bikers tackle around 120 vertical metres uphill and down, is a challenging circuit that can be ridden several times for training purposes. The 16.7 km Castle Tour, on the other hand, is an easy circuit covering just short of 500 m in altitude along the southern shore of Lake Ossiach. With this tour, Landskron Castle and its popular excursion destinations have finally been connected to the cycle path network.

WEB

www.lake.bike

Pump track in Weissensee

From spring 2021, the practice area for mountain bikers will be getting even bigger at Lake Weissensee with a new 200 m long pump track. The approximately 900 m² site is close to the Weissensee chair lift, which takes mountain bikers and their wheels to the starting point of several trails and mountain bike routes.

WEB

www.weissensee.com

Mountain and e-bike territory on Turracher Höhe

The Trail Area opened on Turracher Höhe last summer. It offers several practice trails and the 6 km long Kornock Panorama Flowtrail. Two more single trails will be added this summer, which are expected to be open from July. There should also be another mountain bike route from summer. The network of signposted mountain bike trails currently comprises three tours with a total length of around 65 km.

WEB

www.turracherhoehe.at

LOWER AUSTRIA

Environmentally friendly lift for mountain bikers in the Vienna Alps

The Wexl Trails in St. Corona am Wechsel in the Vienna Alps are a popular and diverse trail area. Children and beginners will find the perfect training grounds here, whilst pros curve downhill along attractive trails or ride one of the mountain bike routes. A new drag lift has recently started taking bikers up the mountain, which is far more environmentally friendly than the journey which had to be made by bus until now.

WEB

www.wexltrails.at

UPPER AUSTRIA

Pleasure cycling in the Mühlviertel

From spring 2021, there are two new beer cycle tours to be sampled in the Mühlviertel. The ambitious "Beer & Nature" route is 143 km and overcomes 3,000 m in altitude. On the four daily stages, cyclists learn more about the Braucommune Freistadt brewery and the region's nature and bird reserves. The "Beer & Culture" tour is around 80 km long, covering 1,500 m in altitude. This tour also begins in the brewing town of Freistadt and leads to castles, palaces and churches, such as the Kefermarkt parish church with its famous winged altar. Both tours can be done by e-bike.

WEB

www.muehlviertel-almfreistadt.at

SALZBURG

Learn to Ride Park in Saalbach

How do you curve through trails on a mountain bike? From May 2021, there will be the Learn to Ride Park in Saalbach for adults and children who wish to learn. The park combines miniature versions of Saalbach Hinterglemm's most popular trails. Beginners take the "Magic Carpet" to the beginning of Little Monti, Little Pro Line, Little Panorama and even to the mini edition of the legendary (Little) Hacklberg. The practice trails are between 180 and 340 m in length and lead across gentle terrain. Use of the Learn to Ride Park and its "Magic Carpet" is free of charge.

WEB

www.saalbach.com

Gravel biking in SalzburgerLand

Gravel biking is the cycling scene's new trend and you need a bike with knobby tyres that can be used in a variety of ways to get on board. Because gravel bikers ride on asphalt as well as gravel and even on easy bike trails. Some regions in the SalzburgerLand have already prepared for the new off-road adventurers and are offering them their own gravel routes. The selection in summer 2021 comprises 20 routes of all difficulty levels.

WEB

www.salzburgerland.com

Bike Trail Wildkogel

The Bike Trail Wildkogel leads from Neukirchen via the Gensbichl valley station to the Wildkogelbahn mountain station. From summer 2021, this circular route will provide the final link in the chain of uninterrupted biking from Neukirchen and Bramberg to the top of the Wildkogel and back. The maximum gradient of the trail is 13 % and e-bikers can charge their bike at the Wildkogelbahn mountain station.

WEB

www.wildkogel-arena.at

STYRIA

Trans National Park with a new route

Trans National Park is the name of the mountain bike tour that connects the Kalkalpen National Park with the Gesäuse National Park in several stages. Instead of the previous eight, there are now six stages that lead from Reichraming to Johnsbach. Each section is a maximum of 40 km long and the altitude difference is no more than 1,400 m. The route runs through alpine terrain to pastures, lakes and along mountain streams, accompanied by impressive views.

WEB

www.transnationalpark.at

TIROL

New line in the Bike Republic Sölden

Bike Republic is the name of the large trail and mountain bike park in Sölden. From June 2021, the “Olm Volle Line” will be extending the choice of shaped lines. “Olm Volle” means “always full speed” in local dialect, which is what bikers can go at on the 1.5 km long, steep and winding route. It is a black (= difficult) route and covers 362 m in altitude.

WEB

<https://bikerepublic.soelden.com>

Bike Area Streuböden in the Pillerseetal

One trail, two lines and a pump track extend the choice for bikers in the Pillerseetal this summer. The new 4 km long, easy Schweinestberg Trail is being built between the middle and valley station of the Gondelbahn Streuböden. The new Easy Park Obingleiten is just right for anyone who has never been to a bike park before or wants to improve their technique. The Hänsn Line, Obing Line and pump track are ideal to get some practice in.

WEB

www.fieberbrunn.com

Bikepark Leutasch

A new bike park with three different single trails, an uphill trail, a pump track and practice area is opening right by the valley station of the Katzenkopf Leutasch in summer 2021. The single trails are between 0.6 and 2.1 km long and marked blue (easy) and red (intermediate). You can learn how to ride the trails in the new bike school. The bike park also has a bike shop with rental and workshop, plus a bike wash station. The first Katzenkopf Leutasch downhill competition is due to take place on 13th August 2021.

WEB

www.seefeld.com

News from the KAT Bike tour

From summer 2021, mountain bikers and e-bikers will be able to choose from two KAT Bike options. There is a route for the fittest, covering 180 km and up to 6,250 m in altitude, usually in three daily stages. The stages of the easier KAT Bike pleasure tour are designed so that e-bikers can comfortably manage them too. There are also KAT Bike packages that include accommodation and luggage transport.

WEB

www.kat-bike.at

NATURE AND ANIMAL EXPERIENCES

BURGENLAND

The reading tree house on the changing perspective path

Family Zeilinger, farmers and “Holidays on the Farm” hosts, will open the “Perspektivenwechselfad” (changing perspective path) with a reading tree house five metres above the ground. The path should encourage you to broaden your horizons and learn from nature. You can busy yourself with questions such as “Why do woodpeckers not get headaches?” and “What can we learn from an anthill?” along the way. The reading tree house is in an approximately 110 year old ash tree and made of reclaimed wood. Many wooden parts of the tree house come from an old mill by the stream. The interior is minimalistic with a multifunctional piece of furniture that is suitable for lying and sitting. You are meant to focus on reading and looking here. It goes without saying that phones are not permitted in the reading tree house.

WEB

www.natur-gut-lassen.at

CARINTHIA

Help the reeds in Weissensee Nature Park

Non-native plants such as the Himalayan balsam, Canadian goldenrod and the invasive Japanese knotweed pose a major challenge at Weissensee Nature Park. These fast-growing, undemanding plants populate the habitat that suits them very quickly and overgrow the local vegetation. Those responsible for the Nature Park have set themselves the goal of combating these plants that are not suitable for the location, at least in the lakeside area. On guided tours, which will take place for the first time in summer 2021, participants will learn more about the effects of invasive neophytes.

WEB

www.naturparke.at

Sunny stops in the Glantal

“Catch the sun” is the name of a new project in the Glantal. Throughout the course of 2021, sunny resting places are to be erected in special outdoor spots. Hikers have been able to take a break at the first resting place since December 2020. The oversized bench at Glanegg castle is named “Monologue” and was created by artist Nino Strohecker, who flamed, brushed and oiled the wood using the Japanese method. The next resting place is due to be built at the Kitzelkapelle in Steuerberg this spring. It’s called “Like on Cloud Nine”.

WEB

www.kaernten-mitte.at/glantal

Batnight at Weissensee Nature Park

Weissensee Nature Park’s ranger programme offers something new every year. This summer, participants can discover the fascinating world of bats with a Nature Park ranger for the first time. You set off equipped with torches and bat detectors that make the bats’ ultrasonic calls audible to the human ear. On the “Emerald eye of the Alps” tour, which has been taking place since 2020, participants take a closer look at the Weissensee wetlands. They search for wild plants and taste some of them. They also listen to the calls and songs of the birds. “Fossils – face to face with the primordial ocean”, also new since 2020, leads on the trail of fossilized creatures. These and other interesting tours will be taking place on set dates and with a limited number of participants.

WEB

www.naturparke.at

UPPER AUSTRIA

Naturium am Inn

In the European nature reserve Unterer Inn, which stretches between Bavaria and Upper Austria, the cross-border Naturium am Inn has been presenting newly designed exhibitions in Ering (Bavaria) and Schloss Frauenstein (Upper Austria) since 2020. Above all, visitors learn more about the fascinating bird life in the alluvial forests along the River Inn. In addition, six adventure stations are being built in the river’s floodplains, which will be accessible in the course of 2021. They can be explored individually or on guided tours, accompanied by experts from the Naturium.

WEB

www.naturium-am-inn.eu

TIROL

Alpine ibex centre in Pitztal

65 years after the Alpine ibex was successfully reintroduced to the Pitztal, the Tirolean ibex centre opened its doors in St. Leonhard in July 2020. The visitor centre, a monolithic, reddish concrete building, impresses with its unusual architecture. It houses an interactive exhibition, which stretches over two floors, a café-restaurant with terrace and an information area with a shop. Visitors can observe marmots and ibex in a freely accessible wildlife enclosure.

WEB

www.pitztal.com

The Drachental Family Park in Wildschönau

A large adventure world for families will open in the Wildschönau in spring 2021, offering plenty of fun, games and action. The new Drachenflitzer, for example, is one of the most spectacular alpine coasters around. The 1,355 m long track leads downhill through three high loops, numerous curves and across bridges. Further attractions include a 10 m high dragon play area, a motor skills park, a trampoline, a jump tower, practice trails and play elements by the pond.

WEB

www.wildschoenau.com/drachental

Exploring nature in Karwendel Nature Park

At the foot of the impressive Karwendel Mountains, Austria's largest nature park, the Seefeld Plateau, offers one-of-a-kind outdoor experiences. In 2021, an exclusive programme put together by the local tourist board will take guests to the unknown highlights of this special natural environment for the first time. Excursions such as wildlife watching or walks through the forest by night will provide unforgettable holiday moments.

WEB

www.seefeld.com

VORARLBERG

Vorarlberg Nature Picnics

Following last year's Covid-friendly "Culture Picnics", this year will see the launch of the "Vorarlberg Nature Picnics". They are planned to take place from April 2021 with a maximum of twelve participants. Options include birdwatching at Lake Constance, looking for traces of beavers on the Old Rhine river, herb walks or tours through the rural town of Dornbirn. Proceeds go to the inatura Dornbirn "Vielfalter" summer programme, a nature education programme for children.

WEB

www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/naturpicknicks

EXCURSION DESTINATIONS AND MUSEUMS

BURGENLAND

Family adventures in Podersdorf am See

The 18,000 m² Familien-Erlebnisswelt will be opening in Podersdorf by Lake Neusiedl in mid-May, which – according to those responsible for it – will offer something truly unique in Austria. Water features, an enormous sand playground and a 57 m long motor skills climbing route will carefully be interwoven with nature. Attractions in the play area include a 40 m wave-shaped wooden ball run as well as 7 m high replicas of a water lily and a pair of birds that can be played in.

WEB

www.podersdorfamsee.at

CARINTHIA

Modernised: Heinrich Harrer Museum

Heinrich Harrer (1912–2006) grew up in Hüttenberg, where a museum is now dedicated to the life and research of the well-known mountaineer. The museum will be boasting a complete modernisation this year, fully refurbished and with a contemporary update of its approximately 5,000 exhibits.

WEB

www.huettenberg.at

New opening: Liebenfels Castle

The Liebenfels castle ruins stand in the middle of Carinthia and their new owner has been renovating the castle since 2020. He tells visitors all about the work and its progress on guided tours. The highlight – in the truest sense of the word – is the observation tower, which has a new staircase and can now be climbed. From the top you can see out across the Carnic Alps and the Karawanken.

WEB

www.burgliebenfels.at

St. Rosalia Grotto to reopen

The St. Rosalia Grotto on Mt. Hemmaberg near Lake Klopein has been closed for almost seven years. A rock fall caused damage and the grotto had to be renovated and secured. It will be accessible again from spring 2021. The grotto's main attraction is the Rosalia Chapel, which is built into the rock, and the water from its spring is said to have healing properties.

WEB

www.museum-globasnitz.at

LOWER AUSTRIA

Mozart Experience Park

Schloss Stuppach calls itself "Mozart's Last Castle". The castle owner, Count Franz von Walsegg, had commissioned a requiem from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to express his infinite love for his wife Anna, who died at an early age. The original manuscript of the requiem remained in the castle for a long time. Today, the valuable piece is in the possession of the Austrian National Library, but the Mozart theme remains present at the castle, of course, in the form of concerts and, more recently, with scenographic tours. In spring 2021 these two-hour tours will lead through approximately two dozen rooms across three levels on the trail of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

WEB

<https://mozart-schloss.com>

UPPER AUSTRIA

Museum patron Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner

How does it feel between heaven and earth, on the steep rock face of a 8,000 m peak, for example? Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner has many answers. She was the first woman in the world to climb all fourteen 8,000 m peaks without the use of supplementary oxygen. Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner grew up in Spital am Phyryn and gained her first climbing experiences in the nearby mountains. For several years now, the "Between Heaven and Earth – Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner and the world of 8,000ers" museum has been providing insights into extreme mountaineering in her home town. Gerlinde's passion remains the mountains, but she is also involved in aid projects and works as a professional speaker and seminar leader.

WEB

www.gerlindekaltenbrunner.at

VORARLBERG

Installation on the Silvretta-Bielerhöhe

From June 2021, visitors will be able to admire an installation by Swiss sculptor Roman Signer on the 2,032 m high Silvretta-Bielerhöhe. Signer has developed a work for the east side of the reservoir for Bielerhöhe. A stream that flows into the lake under a bridge will be dammed and fed back into the lake as an arched fountain across the path,

simultaneously creating an arch of water and a bridge. "Installation am Bielbach" is a joint project between Kunsthaus Bregenz and illwerke vkw AG. The latter is Vorarlberg's energy producer and primarily uses hydropower.

WEB

www.kunsthhaus-bregenz.at

Panning for gold in the Brandnertal

Is there something glittering in the stream? From this summer, those hoping to strike gold can go panning for it in the Brandnertal. You head from Brand to the scene of the action in small groups. After an introduction, the participants try their luck. The programme takes place once a week from 16th May to 2nd September 2021 and lasts around three hours. Those with a Brandnertal Guest Card receive a discount on tickets.

WEB

<https://goldfieber.at>

New attractions along Golmi's family hiking trail

"Golmi" accompanies little explorers on a fun hiking trail on the Golm, which is Tschagguns in Montafon's local mountain. From summer 2021, further game, movement and riddle stations will be added to the existing 21. The water feature station is being refurbished and extended. There will be a new balance and milk jug jumping course as well as a large ball run. At the end of the trail, children can have their picture taken with Golmi and his friends.

WEB

www.golm.at

CUISINE

UPPER AUSTRIA

New restaurant above the roofs of Steyr

A new restaurant will be opening at one of Steyr's top locations this May: in the "Taborturm" above the city. The historic landmark has been enthroning the old town of Steyr since around 1840. Originally, the building was used as a watch tower for the fire station. The restaurant can be reached comfortably from the city with the new panorama lift or – requiring a little bit more energy – via the covered staircase. Its spacious sun terrace with a unique view of the confluence of the Enns and Steyr rivers is a real crowd drawer. Christian Mayr of Landgasthof Mayr in St. Ulrich will be managing the new establishment.

WEB

www.stadtkult-steyr.at

STYRIA

Route 66: The Culinary Highway

A new road leads connoisseurs and explorers through the Thermen- & Vulkanland Styria. As "The Culinary Highway", Route 66 connects around 100 wine growers, taverns, inns and restaurants, plus a considerable amount of experience manufacturers. More than 50 artisans open their doors to visitors and allow them to participate in creating the regional delights. Amongst the most renowned are Vulcano World of Ham, the Zotter Chocolate Factory, Berghofer Mill and a number of wine producers.

WEB

www.thermen-vulkanland.at/route66

TIROL

Marketplace Wilder Kaiser

Where can you get sheep's milk yoghurt, speck, fish or schnapps? If you are looking for local delights in the Wilder Kaiser region, you can now take a look around the digital marketplace. The new site tells you who offers which specialities and an interactive map leads you to the right address and opening times.

WEB

www.wilderkaiser.info

WIEN

Neni Rooftop on the "Superbude"

Neni Rooftop Restaurant will be opening at the top of the young Hotel Superbude close to the Prater in spring 2021. Neni is an institution in Vienna and has made itself a name outside of the country too with its Israeli-oriental street food. From the panoramic roof terrace you can see directly into the Prater's amusement park whilst enjoying your food and drink.

WEB

<https://neni.at>

New Mochi in the middle of town

The popular Mochi is realising a new project on Hoher Markt in the heart of the 1st district. Lovers of Japanese cuisine can look forward to a modern restaurant including takeaway and a showroom in the course of 2021. Alongside the classic takeaway delights, there will also be packaged food – a Japanese "grocery store" so to say. Excellent coffee and a fine selection of craft beers complete the offer.

WEB

www.mochi.at

Heuriger at Schönbrunn Palace

From autumn 2021, there will be a new culinary goal for visitors of Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens in Vienna. A Heuriger (wine tavern) will be opening between the orangery and main entrance. The Gardens will remain open for longer so that guests can enjoy the Heuriger atmosphere into the evening. Up until now the gates closed at 8 pm in September.

WEB

www.schoenbrunn.at

OTHER

UPPER AUSTRIA

Trail running on the Donausteig

The Donausteig long-distance hiking trail celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020 and is not just popular amongst hikers, but increasingly also amongst trail runners. With its steep riverbanks and a total 20,000 m of ascent and descent, the Donausteig is a real insider's tip for this trend sport. In spring and late autumn in particular, when higher locations are covered in snow, the Danube region makes a particularly good training region for trail runners. Even if the focus is on the sport, there is still time to enjoy the landscape – be it the impressive Schlägener Schlinge, the wildly romantic gorges and valleys or the countless spots to feel the force of nature. A trail running challenge with a professional running guide is planned for mid-May.

WEB

www.donauregion.at

STYRIA

Interactive Graz

“Grazer Grazien” is the name of the new interactive city guide app for Graz. It enables visitors to explore the city from a distance. As a personal travel companion, the multimedia guide on your smartphone leads to 17 strong women – the “Grazer Grazien” (graces of Graz). From Vesta and Minerva – to be seen on a fresco in Herrengasse – to the iron Lady Liberty and the Glockenspiel’s Styrian maiden. The tour begins at what is probably the most popular meeting point in town: the Weikhard clock on the main square. There is a nice touch for those who enjoy quizzes too: answer a tricky question after each station to reveal the mystery word. There’s a little surprise as a reward.

WEB

www.locandy.com

EMX-Park reopened and extended

The EMX-Park has reopened in Gleisdorf near Graz after a two-year break. EMX stands for “electric motocross”. One new addition is a 7 ha wooded area with a motocross track for adults and a children’s track. An endure track, a pump track and a mountain bike area are also new. The motocross and enduro tracks can be used from 14 years of age. The children’s track can be used from the age of 7. Mountain bike or motorbike experience is of advantage, but you do not need a driving licence to use the site.

WEB

www.emx-park.at

TIROL

Learn more about biathlon

Hochfilzen has developed into a biathlon centre in recent years. The 15 km long biathlon theme trail with 16 stations provides insights into the sport that combines cross-country skiing and shooting. As of this summer, some of the stations will include augmented reality elements. Hikers can use their mobile phones to call up information on biathlon via QR codes.

WEB

www.biathlon-wm-pfad.at

Panorama via ferrata Seefeld

The Olympiaregion Seefeld will have one more attraction from mid-June 2021 when the new via ferrata to Seefelder Spitze opens. It is 475 m in length, has an altitude difference of 260 m and a difficulty level of C/D (mainly C, individual sections D). It will take climbers around 1.5 hours to complete the route, plus the 30-minute ascent from the Rosshütte station and the 20-minute descent to the Seefelder Joch station. The entrance is at an altitude of approximately 1,960 m and the exit at 2,220 m.

WEB

www.seefeld.com

Take a virtual walk through Hall

What does the town of Hall look like and what can you discover there? You can now take a virtual look, thanks to a 360 degree walk that leads through the medieval streets of the city to buildings of interest. Visit the Johanneskirche, for example, the Georgskapelle and Hasegg Castle. Text inserts display interesting facts about the buildings and the works of art inside.

WEB

www.hall360.tirol

Photo points on the Wilder Kaiser

Photo points have recently been added to particularly stunning viewpoints on the Wilder Kaiser – Brixental. At the mountain station of the new Salvistabahn above Itter, oversized hiking sticks are the perfect backdrop for a holiday snapshot. In Scheffau, the new “Imperial Platform” offers the best views of the surrounding mountain world. At the

highest point at 1,892 m above sea level in Westendorf, two old chairs invite you to take a seat, enjoy the view and capture this special spot by camera.

WEB

www.skiwelt.at

Green Deal Seefeld

With its Green Deal, Seefeld has launched a pilot project for sustainable tourism. The aim is for Seefeld to become truly sustainable, which initially means climate-neutral. Seefeld hopes to have achieved this by 2035, and the project is thus focusing on five pillars: redesigning mobility, conserving natural resources, increasing local value, nature and species protection and the development of tourist products that place greater emphasis on the respectful handling of nature.

WEB

www.seefeld.com/nachhaltigkeit

VORARLBERG

Energy tunnel and viewing platform Silvretta-Bielerhöhe

“kunstraum2032silvretta” is the name of the project that Vienna-based light technician Werner Zotter is realising on the 2,032 m high Silvretta-Bielerhöhe. From summer 2021, the energy tunnel will provide visitors with a weather forecast. With the help of light and noise, the art project will depict weather conditions such as sun, clouds, fog, rain, snow and moon phases. In winter it will visualise the avalanche warning levels. There will also be a new viewing platform, from which visitors will be able to see Vorarlberg’s highest mountain, the 3.312 m Piz Buin, and the climbing park on the dam wall of the Silvretta lake. What’s more, the platform will display the sources of Europe’s major rivers and the European watershed. Rivers can be selected at the touch of a button and light technology will then show where the river originates and where it flows to.

WEB

www.qsl-tourismus.at

ANNIVERSARIES

BURGENLAND

100 years of Burgenland

There is plenty of reason for Austria’s easternmost province to celebrate in 2021 as it marks 100 years of belonging to the Republic of Austria. One of the highlights of the anniversary year is the “We make history” exhibition at Schlaining Castle. After several years of renovation, the castle will be reopening its gates to visitors in summer 2021. There will also be exhibitions on the history of the province at the Landesmuseum Burgenland, the Landesgalerie and Güssing Castle. Visitors can discover just how lovely and diverse Burgenland is at its 100 most beautiful places where picture frames will be installed in spring. Those who visit as many of the 100 places as possible, take a photo and share it on social media are in with a chance of winning a prize at the end of the year.

WEB

www.burgenland.info
www.wirsind100.at

20 years of World Cultural Heritage Lake Neusiedl

Burgenland is not just celebrating 100 years of belonging to the Republic of Austria in 2021. It is also the anniversary of Lake Neusiedl being declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Austria’s only steppe lake has had this title for 20

years now. The new World Heritage area in the National Park Centre Illmitz provides an insight into the developments of recent years. Visitors can learn more about the fascinating flora and fauna on guided tours offered by the National Park team. An anniversary event is planned for autumn.

WEB

www.neusiedlersee.com

LOWER AUSTRIA

95 years of Austria's first cable car

When it opened in 1926, the Raxseilbahn was Austria's first cable car. Thanks to its proximity to Vienna, it was well used from the start. In the meantime, the cable car has been modernised several times. It takes hikers from the valley station to the high plateau of the Rax at 1,546 m in just a few minutes all year round. The Rax has also made a name for itself as a climbing area. Viktor Frankl, the founder of logotherapy, often climbed the rock faces of the Rax and saw the mountain as a mentor of life. Sigmund Freud, who spent several summers in Reichenau, discovered his "Katharina case" in the Ottohaus on the Rax, which he described in one of his first books on psychoanalysis.

WEB

www.raxalpe.com

UPPER AUSTRIA

950 years of the St. Florian Monastery and the St. Florian Boys' Choir

The Augustinian monastery of St. Florian, founded in 1071, is celebrating its 950th anniversary this year, and it has been home to the St. Florian Boys' Choir from the beginning. Probably the most well-known "Florianer" was the composer Anton Bruckner, who attended the school from 1837 and worked as a teacher in the monastery for a time. A series of concerts and celebratory masses are planned for the anniversary year. The highlight is to be the anniversary concert on 11th June 2021 under the direction of conductor Franz Welser-Möst. There will also be a special exhibition in the monastery from the beginning of May until the end of October, showing writings and art treasures from the past centuries.

WEB

www.stift-st-florian.at

SALZBURG

400 years of the Augustiner Brewery Mülln

When in Salzburg, a trip to the Augustiner Bräu is a must. The huge beer garden alone is worth seeing. The Augustiner Bräu was founded by Augustinian canons in 1621. It is located in Salzburg's Mülln neighbourhood at the foot of the Mönchsberg. Today, the Bräustübl is Austria's biggest beer tavern. Inside the building, it extends across several halls covering around 5,000 m² in total. There is space for up to 1,400 guests under the chestnut trees in the garden. The beer still comes in traditional wooden barrels and is served in stone pitchers. Accompanying dishes can be purchased at the stalls in the "Schmankerlgang".

WEB

www.augustinerbier.at

50 years of Hohe Tauern National Park

In 1971, the governors of Salzburg, Carinthia and Tirol signed an agreement: they wanted to establish a joint national park in the Hohe Tauern. It took a number of years before the project could be realised. In the meantime, the Hohe Tauern National Park has become a household name and a natural space that has many distinctive features. Austria's highest mountain, the 3,798 m Großglockner, towers in the national park. There are also more than 300 peaks that are over 3,000 m high. The national park protects 342 glaciers and 279 streams flow through it, of which 57 are glacial streams. 26 waterfalls plunge into the depths, including the famous Krimml Waterfalls. There are 551 lakes to walk around and the Hohe Tauern National Park is also home to about 20,000 animal species, 3,500 plant species and 4,000 types of mushroom. The new Hohe Tauern Panorama Trail will be presenting ambitious hikers with a fresh challenge from mid-May and breathtaking views of Austria's highest mountains.

WEB

<https://hohetauern.at>

100 years Salzburg Festival

Last year the Salzburg Festival celebrated its 100th anniversary. Due to the Coronavirus, the planned programme could only take place in a reduced form. For this reason, summer 2021 will be all about the anniversary. From the 17th July to 31st August 2021, the Salzburg Festival will once again be presenting top-class opera performances, concerts and theatre. And until 31st October, the Salzburg Museum will be hosting the “Great World Theatre – 100 Years Salzburg Festival” exhibition.

WEB

www.salzburgerfestspiele.at

20 years of Bikepark Leogang

Bikepark Leogang celebrated its opening in 2001 and has continued to develop throughout its 20-year history. For beginners, for example, there is the 10,000 m² practice area; the largest in Europe. The Elements Outdoor Sports bike school, founded and managed by Sabine Enzinger, is also located there. Since 2020, the Bikepark can say it is located in Austria's largest bike region. Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn offers more than 70 km of lines and trails on seven mountains. They are connected by nine mountain lifts, for which a joint bike ticket is available. In addition, there are hundreds of kilometres of touring routes for mountain bikers.

WEB

<https://bikepark.saalfelden-leogang.com>

VORARLBERG

20 years of the Hittisau Women's Museum

Austria's only women's museum is located in Hittisau in the Bregenzerwald. It is marking its 20th anniversary with an exhibition titled “birth culture. giving birth and being born”. Because birth (like death) concerns us all. The exhibition is running until 31st October 2021, with some of the programme elements being offered virtually.

WEB

www.frauenmuseum.at

EVENTS

CARINTHIA

Weissensee e-mountain bike trial day

The Weissensee Trail and Trial Days for mountain bikers take place every September, this year from the 10th to 12th. For the first time, one of the days is to be dedicated entirely to e-biking, namely the 12th September. One of four E-Bike Cup events is also scheduled to take place by Lake Weissensee on this Sunday. This competition is open to amateurs and pros alike.

WEB

www.weissensee.com

Cycle Marathon Carinthia Bad Kleinkirchheim

After a 3-year break, the Cycle Marathon Carinthia will be taking place again from 4th to 6th June 2021. From Bad Kleinkirchheim, participants take two attractive routes. The courses are 65 and 110 km long and lead through the Nockberge Biosphere Reserve. The longer route includes the Nockalmstraße, one of the most beautiful alpine roads.

WEB

www.kaernten-radmarathon.at

The artists' town of Gmünd celebrates

There is plenty of reason for Gmünd to celebrate in 2021. Gmünd has enjoyed a town charter for 675 years, the friendship treaty with Osnabrück has existed for 50 years, the Gmünd culture initiative was founded 30 years ago and the Pankratium "House of Amazement" opened 15 years ago. The anniversary event is scheduled to take place from 13th to 15th August 2021. From 1st May to 26th September 2021, the Stadtturmalerie will present etchings, lithographs and colourful linocuts by Pablo Picasso. The programme also includes an arts and crafts market from 31st July to 1st August 2021 as well as the artistic workshops and courses of the summer academy.

WEB

<https://kuenstlerstadt-gmuend.at>

Austrian Pump Track Series

The small town of Drobollach near Villach is delighted to host a Pump Track Series competition for the first time on 1st May 2021. Drobollach created the necessary infrastructure for this and built a covered pump track. Young talents from all Austrian provinces as well as neighbouring countries take part in the competition.

WEB

www.matchlap.at

LOWER AUSTRIA

10 years of Klangraum Dobra

Klangraum Dobra in Franzen, which celebrates its 10th anniversary from 2nd to 4th July 2021, is dedicated to the music and culture of the Middle Ages. Under the motto "Apocalypse now", the three evenings in the Dobra castle ruins will take a closer look at "Prophecies, predictions and future prognoses". Texts and poems that deal with astrological constellations and prospects for the future provide inspiration for the performances.

WEB

www.waldviertel.at

10th Genussmeile – the longest bar in the world

Every year on the first two weekends in September, the Vienna Woods thermal region turns into the longest bar in the world. This year it will be the 4th to 5th and 11th to 12th September when around 90 wine growers along the 10 km long pleasure mile provide their guests with wine, cider, Sturm and delicacies from the Vienna Woods. There are tractor shuttles and little trains from the nearby stations. The Genussmeile opens between Mödling and Bad Vöslau on both Saturday and Sunday from midday until the sun sets.

WEB

www.genussmeile.info

SALZBURG

10 years of Red Bull X-Alps

A new route and a new destination, namely Zell am See-Kaprun in SalzburgerLand, await the 33 participants of the Red Bull X-Alps. The extraordinary competition, in which athletes are only allowed to walk or paraglide, begins on 20th June 2021 on the Gaisberg in Salzburg. From there on they have to cross the Alpine range, whilst only taking the most

necessary breaks. Turnpoints lead the way across Bavaria, Vorarlberg, Switzerland, France and South Tyrol. At least one athlete has to reach the new destination Zell am See-Kaprun by 2nd July 2021. In previous years, Monaco was the destination.

WEB

www.zellamsee-kaprun.com

TIROL

E-Bike world championship for everyone

Whether professional or amateur athlete, young or old: all e-bikers are welcome at the E-Bike World Cup that takes place in Ischgl for the first time on 13th and 14th August 2021. The active weekend begins with a pasta party on the evening of the 13th August. The race and award ceremonies will take place on 14th August. The "Jedermann" (everyone) track is 24 km long and overcomes 700 m in altitude. The "Elite" track is 32 km long and overcomes 1,025 m in altitude.

WEB

www.ebikewm.com

Tschirgant Sky Run

The Tschirgant Sky Run will take place in Imst for the first time on 12th June 2021. Everything revolves around the 2,370 m high Tschirgant, from where runners can look down into the Gurgltal and Inntal opposite. There are four different trail runs to choose from. Ultrarun participants have to be sure-footed with a head for heights, as they tackle a 52 km long route that covers 3,500 vertical metres. The 26 km route with 1,900 vertical metres is no walk in the park either. Participants can expect easier terrain on the 16 and 42 km runs.

WEB

www.imst.at

VORARLBERG

Trail Trophy Brandnertal

The Trail Trophy is a series of competitions for experienced trail riders and downhillers. It takes place at four different locations in Austria and Germany. Brandnertal is one of the event locations for the first time in 2021. Between 9th and 11th July 2021, participants will take part in various competitions in the Bikepark Brandnertal. A maximum of 450 bikers can take part.

WEB

www.trailtrophy.eu

Literaricum Lech

From 2021, the new literary meeting and conference will take place in Lech am Arlberg, from 8th to 10th July. The Literaricum promises education and entertainment at the highest level. The focus is always on a classic from world literature, on which an author gives impulses in the opening speech. Daniel Kehlmann will take on this task for the premiere and talk about his relationship with Grimmelshausen and his "Simplicissimus". Participants will then use the following days to grapple with questions the novel raises.

WEB

www.lechzuers.com