

Graz – a love that remains

A city for all senses.

Graz is like an invitation to all senses: the Mediterranean lifestyle, the stunning viewpoints, architectural gems, art spaces, trendy festivals, hip design shops and lots of bars and restaurants for culinary pit stops – Graz is manifold and divers and touches your heart.

Graz is the city with the tower on the mountain: right in the centre of the historic old town the Schlossberg reigns the city with its historic landmark, the Clock Tower. When you have a close look at it one might think, something is not right. Are clocks ticking differently in this city? Yes – they are indeed!

In Graz the past merges into the future, best seen in architecture. Elegant courtyards, yaw-dropping houses, porticos, cupolas, cobble-stone alleys, and unique, red-covered roof-tops, all protected by UNESCO as a world cultural heritage site: the charismatic historic old town blends perfectly into the city's contemporary architecture of international fame. Right in the city centre, floating on the river Mur, another architectural monument catches your eye: an island, a ship, a viewing point and meeting space for visitors and locals alike, showing off with bright colours at night.

Graz – UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, Music, Art, and Design Events

Opposites attract, this is also true in terms of culture in Austria's second biggest city – tradition and classic meet innovation and exciting futuristic projects. There are classical music festivals, jazz events and electronic music festivals with political discussions and forums. This diversity continues in the countless art spaces of the city: museums and galleries, a Renaissance castle being part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site and the world's largest and originally preserved Armoury exchange with hip art galleries, exhibition space for contemporary art and media and of course with the „friendly alien“, the city's most extravagant museum of modern art. Art lovers wander easily between history and present time! Design buffs will also fall in love with the city: Graz is a City of Design and offers a lively creative scene, inspiring showrooms, small shops selling accessories, fashion, ceramics and jewellery, and of course trendy hotels adding to this title. Because in Graz we know that nice things make life much nicer.

Graz – a City for Gourmets, Connoisseurs and Bon-Vivants

Graz is Austria's Capital of Culinary Delights and welcomes you with culinary moments of bliss: the numerous farmers 'markets invite you to come and taste fresh fruits and vegetables, cured meat, crispy dark bread, honey, home-made juices, jams and cakes. Small bars, street cafés, excellent restaurants, outdoor bars, and deli shops round off the manifold culinary offering throughout the city.

The enthusiastic chefs of Graz's restaurants can pick and choose from an abundance of local produce to enchant their guests and gourmets over and over again.

After all this amazing food you are ready for your next city adventure. But no need to worry: most of the city's attractions are conveniently located within walking distance from one another. This will be the moment when you finally realize that clocks in Graz are ticking differently. Simply go with the flow – there's no rush, lots of time to watch, to be amazed and to be overwhelmed by this relaxed Mediterranean lifestyle: Graz is a love that remains.