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# Winter News 2022

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## Feel the Winter Love in Austria – Now for Real!

Imagine standing on a snow-covered summit early in the morning. The exhilaration when whisking down the freshly groomed slopes before everyone else, the pit stop at a mountain hut at lunch time. And the mulled wine and crackling fire awaiting you at your cosy hotel after a fun-packed day out.

Austria holds firm as a top skiing destination for British holidaymakers. And it's easy to see why: Skiing breaks in Austria are fun and authentic, the mountain resorts are great value for money, and many have snow-sure pistes well into springtime. And let's not forget about the traditional mountain restaurants, the Kaiserschmarren and the legendary Austrian "Gemütlichkeit".

This year we invite you – and your audience – to embrace everything winter has to offer with all your senses, on and away from the slopes. We don't just want to tell our guests about Austria's dreamy winter wonderland, we want them to experience the real deal first-hand, to hit the famous slopes or go off-piste, try out snowshoe hiking, husky sleigh riding and igloo building and mingle with the locals over mulled wine at night - or relax in a hot tube in the midst of the snow-covered Alps.

Thanks to [additional non-stop flight connections](#) between Austria and the UK throughout the winter as well as TUI's new overnight Ski Express from Amsterdam and Utrecht to the Austrian Alps, Austria's ski resorts are easier – and in the latter case more sustainably – to reach than ever.

The Austrian National Tourist Office Team

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## Cable Cars

### Tirol

#### **New Gletscherexpress in Pitztal**

The new Gletscherexpress in Pitztal has been in operation since mid-July 2022. It connects the Mittelberg valley station with the 2,840 m high mountain station on the Pitztal Glacier. The futuristic-looking funicular with eight compartments runs on electricity from the Pitztal Glacier's photovoltaic system. An information system provides passengers with updates and live images from the journey.

St. Leonhard im Pitztal

Since mid-July 2022

[www.pitztaler-gletscher.at/en/pitztal-glacier-und-riffelsee/service-und-info/gletscherexpress-neu.html](http://www.pitztaler-gletscher.at/en/pitztal-glacier-und-riffelsee/service-und-info/gletscherexpress-neu.html)

#### **New Hornbahn lift and observation tower in the Ski Juwel Alpbachtal Wildschönau**

The Ski Juwel Alpbachtal Wildschönau ski area is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2022. To mark the occasion – and to offer its guests even more comfort – the valley is replacing the Hornlift 2000 with a detachable 6-seater chairlift with weather protection hoods and heated seats. The new Hornbahn will go into operation at the beginning of the winter season 2022/23. Having reached the top, skiers will find a modern mountain station with the "Top of Alpbachtal" observation tower.

Ski Juwel Alpbachtal Wildschönau

December 2022

[www.skijuwel.com/en](http://www.skijuwel.com/en)

#### **New 10-seater gondola in Axamer Lizum**

From winter 2022/23, it will take winter sports enthusiasts in Axamer Lizum just six minutes to reach the 2,340 m Hoadl sunny plateau from the car park. A new 10-seater gondola with two sections will replace the Schönboden and Hoadl I+II chairlifts. The new valley station includes a shop and ski rental. The construction of a hydroelectric power plant on the Axamer Bach is also planned. The electricity generated there could cover the needs of the Axamer Lizum systems to a large extent.

Axamer Lizum

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[www.axamer-lizum.at](http://www.axamer-lizum.at) (German only)

#### **Leppleskofelbahn in the Defereggental ski centre**

East Tirol's highest cable car system will open in St. Jakob im Defereggental in December 2022. The new 6-seater Leppleskofel chairlift with heated seats and weather protection hoods leads from the valley station of the former Almispitz lift up to 2,683 m above sea level. At the same time, three new slopes will be opened in time for the winter season, making the St. Jakob ski area in the Defereggental even more attractive.

St. Jakob im Defereggental

December 2022

[www.osttirol.com/en/](http://www.osttirol.com/en/)

### **New Kühtaile 6-seater chairlift in the Hochoetz ski area**

The family-friendly Hochoetz ski area in the Ötztal is characterised by its guaranteed snow, many viewpoints and great number of sunny days. From winter 2022/23, skiers will be able to reach the top of the mountain even more comfortably and quickly. The new Kühtaile 6-seater chairlift, equipped with a child lock and boarding conveyor belt, replaces the previous 3-seater chairlift.

Hochoetz  
December 2022  
[www.oetz.com/winter.html](http://www.oetz.com/winter.html)

### **New 8-seater Furglerblick gondola in the Paznauntal**

The new 8-seater Furglerblick gondola will go into operation in the family-friendly See ski area in the Paznaun Valley at the beginning of the winter season 2022/23. It will take skiers to an altitude of 2,570 m and thus directly to the start of a new blue run with a length of 1.2 km. The new gondola will not just expand the offer for winter sports enthusiasts, but also free up the ski area's 4-seater chairlift.

See im Paznauntal  
December 2022  
<https://www.see.at/en/More/Bergbahnen-See>

### **New Kapauns 8-seater chairlift in the Zillertal Arena**

From winter 2022/23, skiers will be able to access the Gerlos ski area more comfortably from the slopes near Zell am Ziller. The new Kapauns 8-seater chairlift with an extended route replaces the 2-seater chairlift. It is equipped with weather protection hoods and heated seats. In the next construction phase, which should be completed by winter 2023/24, the Krimml X-Press will be renewed.

Zell am Ziller  
December 2022  
[www.zillertalarena.com/en/winter/](http://www.zillertalarena.com/en/winter/)

## **Salzburg**

### **New Asitzkogelbahn**

Construction work has been underway on the Asitzkogel, Leogang's local mountain since April 2022. The resort is part of the Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn. The new Asitzkogelbahn is due to go into operation at the beginning of the 2022/23 winter season. The 8-person chairlift will shorten any waiting times and offer plenty of comfort. It is equipped with heated seats, protective hoods, and automatic restraining bars. The new lift replaces the 6-seater L7 Sportbahn.

Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn  
November 2022  
<https://www.saalbach.com/en/winter/ski-resort/innovations>

## Vorarlberg

### Early booking pays off: Skipool Montafon-Brandnertal

The mountain railways in the Montafon and Brandnertal region will be introducing dynamic prices for day and multi-day tickets from this winter. Early bookers can take advantage of lower prices. Tickets are available online, which does not only save money, but also time queuing at the ticket office. This is particularly beneficial for families. Details will be available from the beginning of October.

[www.shop.montafon-brandnertal-card.at/de/webshop](http://www.shop.montafon-brandnertal-card.at/de/webshop) (German only)

### Bergbahnen Brandnertal's green ticket

The climate-friendly way to hit the slopes: from this winter, the Bergbahnen Brandnertal offer a green ticket for day guests who opt for an environmentally friendly arrival and departure. It includes train and bus travel as well as the ski pass for one day. The train and bus ticket are valid from all border stations and for journeys from all over Vorarlberg. Further details to be announced in autumn 2022.

<https://www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/en/brandnertal/bergbahnen-brandnertal.html>

### Ski Arlberg's new webshop

From this winter, skiers will be able to buy their Ski Arlberg day and multi-day ski passes online, getting them on the slopes quicker and easier. Those who already have a Ski Arlberg chip card can simply book the ski pass onto it. Alternatively, you can collect your ticket from the pickup boxes or ticket machines on site.

<https://www.skiarlberg.at/en/Ski-Arlberg/Ski-tickets/Webshop>

### Ski Arlberg App with price draw

As of winter 2022/23, the Ski Arlberg App will make it easier for skiers to navigate their way around the slopes. Simply enter your desired starting point, stops and destination to receive suggestions for the best routes. Weather, snow, and avalanche reports will also be available, and you will be able to track the "White Ring" ski circuit on the app. Anyone taking advantage of this feature will automatically be entered into a prize draw with two White Ring design belts by fashion label Luis Trenker raffled off every week.

<https://www.skiarlberg.at/en/Ski-Arlberg/Ski-Arlberg-App>

## Styria

### Gondola on the Galsterberg

On the Galsterberg, a popular family ski area in the Schladming-Dachstein region, the new Galsterbergbahn will go into operation in December 2022. The 10-person gondola with individual upholstered seats replaces the 30-year-old group gondola lift, which will increase transport capacity and comfort significantly. The valley and mountain stations are also being rebuilt with wooden shingle facades establishing a connection to the region.

Michaelerberg-Pruggern

December 2022

[www.galsterberg.at](http://www.galsterberg.at)

### Combination lift and high-altitude trail on the Rittisberg

A new combined lift equipped with gondolas and 6-seater chairs will open on the Rittisberg near Ramsau in the Schladming-Dachstein region at the beginning of winter, replacing the 4-seater chairlift. With this new lift the Rittisbergbahn operators are expanding their offer for non-skiers. From this winter, a 5.5 km long high-altitude trail will be accessible. A path for winter hikers and snowshoe hikers runs parallel to the trail, unveiling breath-taking views of the Dachstein and the Ennstal time and again along the way.

Ramsau am Dachstein

December 2022

[www.rittisberg.at](http://www.rittisberg.at)

## Carinthia

### Wörthersee-Freeride-Jet

The new, 450 m long Wörthersee-Freeride-Jet will go into operation on the southeast side of the Gerlitzen Alpe in December 2022. The 4-seater chairlift is replacing a button lift, making it easier for ski and snowboard beginners to get to this side of the mountain. The new lift is also ideal for freeriders. It leads directly to the starting point of natural snow descents such as the Finsterbach freeride slopes.

Annenheim

December 2022

[www.gerlitz.com](http://www.gerlitz.com)

## Upper Austria

### New service building in Wintersportarena Liebenau

A new building will open on the Mühlviertler Alm by the Liebenau ski lift at the start of the winter season 2022/23. Across an area of 650 m² it houses a restaurant with 70 seats, a ski rental and ski school as well as toilets, changing rooms and shower facilities. Wintersportarena Liebenau is a popular ski area for families with young children. For cross-country skiers there is a 100 km network of trails.

Liebenau

December 2022

[www.wintersportarena-liebenau.at](http://www.wintersportarena-liebenau.at) (German only)

### Hössbahn in Hinterstoder

The new Hössbahn will go into operation in Hinterstoder in the Phyrn-Priel region at the end of 2022. The 10-seater gondola lift will replace the 6-person lift, taking skiers from the valley station's new location – right by the large car park in Hinterstoder – up the Höss and back down to the valley. The ski holders are installed on the inside of the cabins, saving a significant amount of time when boarding. The lift will also be in operation in summer.

Hinterstoder

End of December 2022

[www.urlaubsregion-pyhrn-priel.at/en/](http://www.urlaubsregion-pyhrn-priel.at/en/)

## Hotels – New Openings

### Tirol

#### Old town hotel: Platzhirsch Kufstein

In a historic townhouse in the heart of Kufstein, the Drastil family has created a little gem in the old town. The lovingly refurbished building accommodates 15 rooms and suites. Some rooms have a view of Kufstein Fortress. Guests can enjoy breakfast, a lunchtime snack or afternoon coffee made with beans from the Platzhirsch's own roastery in the on-site Viennese coffee house.

Kufstein

Since June 2022

[www.platzhirsch-kufstein.com/en/](http://www.platzhirsch-kufstein.com/en/)

#### Work and play: harry's home

The Ultsch family opened harry's home in Telfs for business travellers and anyone who wants to combine their holidays with work. The hotel is located at the foot of the Hohe Munde, just a 20-minute drive from Innsbruck. All 90 rooms and apartments are comfortable and equipped with a small workspace. Most also



have a kitchenette. The hotel has a breakfast service and drinks and snacks are available 24/7 from a vending machine.

Telfs

Since July 2022

<https://harrys-home.com/telfs/en/>

### **Cosy: Chalet Urscheler**

Family Hörtnagl has renovated a building next to their farm in the quiet Schmirntal and turned it into Chalet Urscheler. With a floor area of 100 m<sup>2</sup>, there are three bedrooms – one of which has bunk beds – a living room, kitchen and two bathrooms and toilets. The chalet can accommodate up to ten guests. Wooden floors and furniture create a pleasant atmosphere. There is also a terrace and large garden.

Außerschmirn

Since August 2022

[www.urscheler.at](http://www.urscheler.at) (German only)

### **Central und modern: Motel One**

From October 2022 onwards, Innsbruck will have a Motel One. The modern hotel is located in the new high-rise building next to Innsbruck's main station. The Motel One Tower will have 234 rooms, furnished in the typical Motel One style. The highlight in the truest sense of the word will be the bar on the 14th floor with the best view of the city and nearby mountains.

Innsbruck

October 2022

<https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/coming-soon/>

### **Space: All-Suite Paznaun**

Whether with friends, family or alone to work: the new All-Suite Paznaun in Galtür is the ideal place to stay for every occasion thanks to its fully equipped apartments. The newly built complex will be ready from November 2022. It comprises 36 units with one, two or three bedrooms. All apartments have a balcony or terrace. A sauna, steam bath and heated outdoor pool complete your stay. The ski lifts are within walking distance.

Galtür

November 2022

<https://www.apartments-galtuer.com/en>

### **Together time: Hotel Zalwonder**

"Zalwonder" is an old word from the Paznaun dialect and means "in pairs" or "together". The Häusler family is opening new Hotel Zalwonder just in time for the start of the Christmas holidays in Ischgl and some real together time. There are 36 stylishly furnished rooms and suites to choose from. Guests can also look forward to a 32°C infinity pool on the terrace on the fourth floor.

Ischgl

From 23rd December 2022

[www.zalwonder.com](http://www.zalwonder.com) (German only)

## **Salzburg**

### **New chalets: DAS Hintersee**

DAS Hintersee, a well-known hotel and restaurant in the Salzkammergut, opened five new chalets and four "Zuahäuser" in July 2022. The chalets can accommodate up to four people, the "Zuahäuser" up to eight. All chalets are equipped with a sauna and there is a hot tub on the terrace. "Zuahäuser" guests can warm themselves up in an infrared cabin. An underground car park and four e-charging stations have also been added.

Hintersee (Fuschlseeregion)

Since July 2022

[www.hintersee.at/en/](http://www.hintersee.at/en/)

### **Comfortable: Aparthotel Golden Lodges Rauris**

In Rauris, at almost 1,000 m above sea level, the newly built Aparthotel Golden Lodges opened in September 2022. It consists of three buildings, which together house 26 apartments for two to eight guests. The luxuriously furnished apartments in alpine style either have access to the garden, a balcony, or a terrace. Some of the large apartments also have their own sauna. Guests can dine at Bistro "Die Stube" and those who would like to self-cater can order their groceries via the Golden Lodges Rauris app.

Rauris

Since September 2022

[www.goldenlodgesrauris.com/en](http://www.goldenlodgesrauris.com/en)

### **Ski in & ski out: AlpenParks im Glemmtal**

There are already twelve AlpenParks Apartment & Holiday Resorts in Austria. Number 13 is set to open at the beginning of the 2022/23 winter season in Glemmtal, ideally located between the holiday regions of Zell am See-Kaprun and Saalbach Hinterglemm, where AlpenParks has taken over and expanded an existing chalet village. The resort consists of 160 apartments, 34 of which have been newly built. They can accommodate two to ten people. There is a spacious spa with saunas, a steam room and heated outdoor pool. Little ones can let off steam at the ALPI kids club and in the indoor play area. The breakfast buffet, a bread service and restaurant tables can be booked separately. Guests can reach the

zellamseeXpress on skis from the hotel and there is a ski bus stop for trips to Saalbach-Hinterglemm right in front of the chalet village.

Rehrenberg-Viehofen

December 2022

<https://www.alpenparks.at/en/apartment-holidayresort-rehrenberg/>

### **Modern retreat: the cōmodo**

In Bad Gastein a former clinic is being transformed into a chic design hotel with 70 rooms and suites. The cōmodo describes itself as a modern mountain retreat for savvy travellers and the creative community. Its kitchen serves imaginatively prepared dishes made from regional and seasonal ingredients and the spa and wellness area with an indoor and outdoor pool, saunas and treatment rooms invites guests to relax with a view. The Bad Gastein hotel is the debut for the cōmodo brand with further establishments to be built around the world in the coming years.

Bad Gastein

End of January 2023

[www.thecomodo.com](http://www.thecomodo.com) (German only)

## **Vorarlberg**

### **High-class: am Greben Apartments**

Artur and Erich Kaufmann opened the "am Greben Apartments" in Bezau in August 2022. The building with a wooden shingle facade was designed by an architect from Bregenzerwald while local craftsmen constructed and furnished it. Inside there are seven apartments (33 m<sup>2</sup> to 71 m<sup>2</sup>), equipped with wooden floors, wooden furniture, and high-quality materials. From the apartments you can enjoy the surrounding landscapes and mountains. There are also an underground car park and e-bike charging stations.

Bezau

Since August 2022

[www.amgreben.at](http://www.amgreben.at) (German only)

### **Cosy alpine style: Brandnerhus**

The new Brandnerhus with twelve apartments for 2 to 8 guests is located close to the Palüdbahn cable car in the Brandnertal. The modern and functionally furnished apartments feature rooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms. The kitchens are fully equipped and have a comfortable dining area. From the balcony, guests have a beautiful view of the mountains. The Brandnerhus also offers a spa area with bio and Finnish sauna, steam bath and infrared cabin. Massages can be booked separately.

Brand

Autumn 2022

[www.brandnerhus.at](http://www.brandnerhus.at) (German only)

### **Skilful architecture: Flint Hotel**

The Flint Hotel, designed by well-known Vorarlberg architects Marte.Marte, will open right by Dornbirn train station in December 2022. The hotel consists of a renovated listed villa and a new ten-storey building. There are ten suites in the villa and 70 rooms in the new building, plus a spa area, restaurant, bar, library, and seminar rooms for groups of up to 20 people.

Dornbirn  
December 2022  
[www.dasflint.at/](http://www.dasflint.at/) (German only)

### **Consistently sustainable: Heuberg1014**

On the Heuberg, just above Schwarzenberg in the Bregenzerwald, the Feurstein family has rebuilt "Heuberg1014" with a firm focus on sustainability. The building, which will open for guests at the beginning of the 2022/23 winter season, is made of exposed concrete and wood, some of which comes from the nearby forest. Some of the furniture was even crafted out of the forest's own maple wood by a carpenter from the Bregenzerwald. Plates and bowls were made by hand as part of a local social project. The heating uses geothermal energy and electricity is supplied by a photovoltaic system. "Heuberg1014" has six holiday apartments. The small ones are suitable for one to two guests and the largest offers space for up to twelve guests.

Schwarzenberg  
December 2022  
[www.heuberg1014.at/en](http://www.heuberg1014.at/en)

### **Luxury for families: Falkensteiner Hotel in the Montafon**

At the beginning of the winter season 2022/23, Austrian hotel group Falkensteiner will open its first hotel in Vorarlberg. The 5-star family hotel in Tschagguns in the Montafon can accommodate nearly 500 guests in its 130 rooms and suites. The complex, built with a focus on sustainability and regionality, also houses the Acquapura Spa, a pool area with a water slide and attractions for children as well as a restaurant. Little ones from the age of three are well looked after in Falky-Land while the hotel's extensive activity and sports programme are suitable for all ages. The "ecotainment" excursions take guests on sustainability-focused hikes in the region.

Tschagguns  
December 2022  
[www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel-montafon](http://www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel-montafon)

### **Focused on the essentials: Tinn Naturchalet**

The newly built Tinn Naturchalet will open in Mittelberg in the Kleinwalsertal in December 2022. It invites guests to experience Vorarlberg's simple but luxurious architecture and craftsmanship. Untreated spruce and ash wood as well as natural materials set the tone inside the three apartments and the outside of the building is covered in shingles made of untreated spruce wood. Two of the apartments are 96 m<sup>2</sup> in size and equipped with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The third offers 45 m<sup>2</sup> of space for one to two guests. All apartments have a balcony.

Mittelberg/Kleinwalsertal  
December 2022  
[Link](#)

### **New location: DreamAlive Sleep Lodge Brandnertal**

For some time, the mobile DreamAlive Sleep Lodge was located in the Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal. From winter 2022/23, the glass hotel room will be based on the Tschengla high plateau near Bürserberg mountain in Brandnertal. The lodge is equipped with a bed, table, fridge, shower, and toilet. Hotel Dunza, where guests can have breakfast, dinner and use the wellness area if they wish, is just a four-minute walk away.

Hochplateau Tschengla, Bürserberg  
December 2022

[www.dreamalive.world/standort/brandnertal](http://www.dreamalive.world/standort/brandnertal) (German only)

### **Pure nature: Die Lecherin**

On the Omesberg just above Lech, Michelle and Michael Huber will open "Die Lecherin" in December 2022. The wooden building, made of sustainable larch, ash, spruce, and stone pine, features four stylish apartments. The 74 m² units with two bedrooms and two bathrooms can accommodate up to four guests. From the spacious loggia and outdoor infrared cabin, guests enjoy views of the Omeshorn, Lech or the Lech River.

Lech Zürs am Arlberg  
December 2022

[www.die-lecherin.at](http://www.die-lecherin.at) (German only)

## **Styria**

### **Energy self-sufficient: Hi5-Hotel Seiersberg**

In June 2022, the Hi5 Hotel with 20 rooms and six apartments opened in Seiersberg, a ten-minute drive from Graz. The new building is energy self-sufficient and considered to be the first zero-emissions hotel in Austria. Rooms are cooled and heated with concrete core activation and the energy for this system is supplied by the in-house canteen. When it comes to style, the hotel combines Styrian charm with American nonchalance. Pastel wall colours, floral patterns and soft wood tones convey a holiday vibe. Guests can make use of the hotel's e-bike rental and eight e-charging points. There is also a restaurant, small wellness area, seminar room and supermarket on site.

Seiersberg-Pirka  
Since June 2022  
[www.hi5-hotel.at](http://www.hi5-hotel.at)

## Upper Austria

### Strength in serenity: Königswieser Hof

The Königswieser Hof will open in spring 2023 in Königswiesen, located between the Mühlviertel and Waldviertel. Several tenants will share the new building, each with three lower and upper floors. It will house a hotel with 32 rooms, six suites and a spa with an infinity pool. There will also be a down-to-earth inn, café, and bakery plus space for modern seminar and event areas as well as a hall with a 360-degree panoramic view on the top floor.

Königswiesen

Spring 2023

[www.koenigswieserhof.at](http://www.koenigswieserhof.at) (German only)

## Lower Austria

### By the water: Seehäuser Dobra

The nine Seehäuser Dobra by Dobra Reservoir in the Waldviertel have been welcoming guests since June 2022. The 50 m<sup>2</sup> chalets made of wood and natural materials are located on a hill from which the view extends over the lake landscape. Each has a double room, a bedroom with bunk beds, a living-dining area with Swedish stove and a terrace with a view of the lake. Guests have free access to Dobra Reservoir.

Dobra Reservoir

Since June 2022

[www.ottenstein.at/gut-ottenstein/tourismus/seehaeuser-dobra/](http://www.ottenstein.at/gut-ottenstein/tourismus/seehaeuser-dobra/) (German only)

### Fragrant retreat: Kittenberger Chalets

The Kittenberger gardens in Schiltern, Lower Austria, are among the most impressive show gardens in Austria. From October 2022, visitors will also be able to stay overnight there. High above the Kamptal, amidst sweet-smelling nature and right by the garden lake, the Kittenberger family has built 20 chalets in four different styles. Guests can choose from chalets surrounded by vines and dedicated to viticulture, alpine country houses, modern studios, and maritime villas. The units are between 40 and 80 m<sup>2</sup> in size, with each one having private access to the large natural bathing pond. The reception, a meeting room and regional market can be found in the main building in the centre of the complex.

Schiltern

October 2022

<https://www.kittenberger-urlaub.at/en/>

## Burgenland

### Hotel Galántha

Offering the highest standards of design and service combined with culture and Pannonian lifestyle, Hotel Galántha in Eisenstadt considers itself as the gateway to the Pannonian world, a base for discovering a region full of sun, joy, wine, and indulgence. Culture and history, nature, music, and unity flow into one another in and around the hotel. Fitted out at the highest level, experience Burgenland's warm hospitality, whether enjoying "grill & greens" made from internationally interpreted regional ingredients at the hotel's "Paulgarten" restaurant or extraordinary drinks and breathtaking views at rooftop bar "The Top".

Eisenstadt

Since September 2022

<https://hotelgalantha.at/> (German only)

### Family holiday: Sonnentherme Lutzmannsburg's chalets

From 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, there will be 22 new premium family chalets at Sonnentherme Lutzmannsburg. They will accommodate up to five people across a living space of more than 40 m<sup>2</sup> with two bedrooms and a 28 m<sup>2</sup> sun terrace. An adventure playground and central barbecue area can also be found on the extensive park grounds. Those staying at the chalets will be able to access the water and sauna world from 8:30 a.m., which is half an hour before non-overnight guests. In addition to many amenities inside the chalets, the overnight rate includes bicycles rental (city bikes, mountain bikes, e-bikes), rickshaws and the green fee for the golf course just 300 metres away.

Lutzmannsburg

Since 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

[www.thermenchalets.at/](http://www.thermenchalets.at/) (German only)

## Hotels – Renovations

### Tirol

#### Modernisation in the old monastery: Hotel Klosterbräu

Hotel Klosterbräu in Seefeld has further modernised its historic monastery rooms. The expanded in-house brewery has included its own beer pub since May 2022. In the wellness area, families can now warm up in the textile sauna. There are additional relaxation areas in the so-called "Garden of Eden" and a new yoga platform with a 360-degree view. The new active cellar provides space for skis and bikes.

Seefeld

Since May 2022

<https://www.klosterbraeu.com/en>

### **Peaceful: Alpengasthof Hohe Burg**

Traditional Alpengasthof Hohe Burg is located in the mountaineering village of Trins in the Wipptal. Since May 2022, there have been four new, modern apartments. They are between 35 m<sup>2</sup> and 70 m<sup>2</sup> in size and equipped with kitchens. All apartments are furnished in a modern alpine style and have a balcony or terrace. Apartment guests who don't fancy cooking can enjoy regional specialities in the restaurant.

Trins

Since May 2022

<https://www.hoheburg.at/en/>

### **Alpine charm: Alpenhotel Karwendel**

Since July 2022, Alpenhotel Karwendel Relax & SPA, a 4-star hotel in Leutasch, has been welcoming its guests with even more alpine charm. The reception and restaurant of the family-run, adults-only hotel have been given a fresh look, and 16 of the 48 rooms have also had a facelift. The new sauna and water world extends over three floors. It comprises several saunas, a new panoramic pool with indoor-outdoor connection and the sky terrace.

Leutasch

Since July 2022

[www.karwendel.com/en/](http://www.karwendel.com/en/)

### **With a view: Dolomitenhof Tristach**

A newly built apartment house with 15 suites opened in the garden of the Dolomitenhof Tristach in East Tirol in September 2022. There is a range of 40 m<sup>2</sup> suites to choose from, either with a sauna or children's room. All suites have a kitchenette, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a 10 m<sup>2</sup> terrace with a view of the Lienz Dolomites. They are furnished with wooden floors and high-quality natural materials. When it comes to mealtimes, guests can cater for themselves or enjoy regional specialities in the hotel restaurant.

Tristach

Since September 2022

[www.dolomitenhof-tristach.at/en/](http://www.dolomitenhof-tristach.at/en/)

### **New feel-good dimension: the Grünerhof**

The Grünerhof Obergurgl will reopen in October 2022 after a full revamp. The hotel rooms as well as the restaurant have been given a new look that interprets Tirolean tradition in a modern way. Wooden floors and wool and loden fabrics create a warm atmosphere in the rooms, and the floor-to-ceiling windows allow guests to enjoy the mountains views. Inside the restaurant, head chef Maximilian Grüner invites you on a culinary journey of discovery.

Obergurgl

October 2022

[www.gruenerhof.at](http://www.gruenerhof.at) (German only)



### **New shine: Hotel Enzian**

The smallest 4-star hotel in Obergurgl in the Ötztal will reopen in November 2022 after a complete renovation. Hotel Enzian is also changing its concept and becoming an adults-only accommodation. The 26 rooms present themselves in a new style and most of them have a balcony. New additions are a rooftop sky pool with a 360-degree view, a larger fitness room and a comfortable ski cellar.

Obergurgl  
November 2022  
[www.hotelenzian.at/en/hotel.html](http://www.hotelenzian.at/en/hotel.html)

### **Sophisticated: Hotel Riml**

In the highest hotel in Hochgurgl in the Ötztal, host family Riml wants to focus even more on aspects such as peace, relaxation, and enjoyment from now on. The hotel, which is located directly on the ski slopes, will switch to adults-only from November 2022 and welcome guests aged 14 or over. The kitchen team, headed by a creative young chef from the region, is also treading new paths. Part of the new "three-quarter board" is a gourmet five-course evening menu.

Hochgurgl  
November 2022  
[www.hotel-riml.com/en/](http://www.hotel-riml.com/en/)

### **New name: Alpin Resort Sacher**

The 5-star Astoria Resort Seefeld was already owned by the Gürtler family, who, in addition to the Hotel and Café Sacher in Vienna, also run the Hotel Sacher in Salzburg and the Café Sacher in Graz. Since September 2022, the hotel's connection to the established company has become clear with a new name: it is now called Alpin Resort Sacher Seefeld-Tirol.

Seefeld  
Since 1st September 2022  
<https://seefeld.sacher.com/en/>

## **Salzburg**

### **Swimming with a mountain view: Hotel Steiner**

Hotel Steiner in Obertauern remains true to its tradition as a family hotel. The Rooftop-BergSPA, an adults-only area, will be completed by December 2022, giving grown-ups additional space to unwind. Its special features include an infinity pool, which enables guests to swim towards the mountains. There are also new adult-only suites with glass fronts that reach the floor. The lobby presents itself in a new, modern look with plenty of wood. For children there is a new adventure world with a wood workshop, forest playground and sand play oasis – all indoors.

Obertauern  
December 2022  
[www.hotel-steiner.at](http://www.hotel-steiner.at) (German only)

### **Wellness deluxe: the Seekarhaus**

Over the past 20 years, host family Krings has successively enlarged and embellished the Seekarhaus in Obertauern. From December 2022, the establishment will offer its guests even more luxury and amenities. 13 rooms and suites with a beautiful view will increase the choice of accommodation. The wellness area will include an infinity pool, steam bath, event sauna and two new relaxation rooms. On top, 16 additional employee apartments will be built.

Obertauern  
December 2022  
[www.seekarhaus.at/en/](http://www.seekarhaus.at/en/)

### **Iconic spa: Hotel Krallerhof in Leogang**

5-star Hotel Krallerhof in Leogang is one of Austria's most renowned wellness hotels. Now the owners, the Altenberger family, is developing the building even further and expanding the spa. The wellness area, designed by internationally successful architect Hadi Teherani, will open in spring 2023. The element of water plays the central role in the purist building, which is carefully integrated into nature. A 50 m long infinity pool flows almost seamlessly into the newly created 5,500 m<sup>2</sup> lake. Several saunas provide warmth. From the relaxation rooms and new café guests can enjoy mountain views.

Leogang  
Spring 2023  
[www.krallerhof.com/en](http://www.krallerhof.com/en)

## **Vorarlberg**

### **Rich history: Walserhaus Sonnhof**

The Sonnhof is a traditional Walser house with its history dating back to the 17th century. The pretty wooden building in a sunny location was the home of Resi Hammerer, the first woman from Kleinwalsertal to win a medal at the Winter Olympics. From winter 2022/23, the self-catering establishment will offer space for 16 to 24 guests. Across 300 m<sup>2</sup> it has seven bedrooms, six showers and toilets as well as amenities such as a sauna and an activity room in the former cheese cellar.

Hirschegg/Kleinwalsertal  
Since May 2022  
[www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Search-and-book/Book-accommodation/Accommodation-List/Sonnhof-Kleinwalsertal-Walserhaus\\_ad-24256777](http://www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Search-and-book/Book-accommodation/Accommodation-List/Sonnhof-Kleinwalsertal-Walserhaus_ad-24256777)

### **More space: Brandner Hof**

After extensive renovation, the Brandner Hof in Brand in the Brandnertal reopened its doors in new splendour in autumn 2022. The Schedler family redesigned the popular restaurant, which is now brighter and more exclusive with fewer seats than before. The two existing holiday apartments were renovated, with three further apartments added. They are 42 m<sup>2</sup> in size and feature wooden furniture.

Brand  
Since September 2022  
[www.restaurant-brandnerhof.at/en/](http://www.restaurant-brandnerhof.at/en/)

### **Extended: Hotel Walisgaden**

Hotel Walisgaden in Damüls, located directly on the slopes and owned by the Madlener family, will start into the winter season in December 2022 significantly extended and with 50 additional beds. The new building with a wooden façade houses ten family suites, two wellness suites, three comfort rooms and five staff rooms. Their new two-story #monti BOHO wellness & spa features saunas, a steam bath, an indoor pool, adventure showers, hay beds, infrared loungers, and relaxation areas with mountain views. Foodies can look forward to the new fine dining restaurant.

Damüls  
December 2022  
[www.walisgaden.at/en](http://www.walisgaden.at/en)

### **Historic & new: Hohenegg Appartement**

For the new, 110 m<sup>2</sup> two-bedroom apartment in Mittelberg in the Kleinwalsertal, the owners used wood from an 18th-century alpine hut and reworked a panelled ceiling from 1927. The interior furnishings were designed by workshops in Kleinwalsertal and neighbouring Oberstdorf. The family-owned apartment has room for up to four people and is equipped with oiled oak floorboards. In addition to the custom-made furniture, its special features include a sun terrace and a sauna with a beautiful view.

Mittelberg/Kleinwalsertal  
December 2022  
[www.hoheneck.at/ferienwohnung.html](http://www.hoheneck.at/ferienwohnung.html) (German only)

### **Original and sophisticated: Posthotel Taube**

The "Taube" in Schruns is an institution. It gained international fame because Ernest Hemingway spent the winter of 1925/26 here. Since the beginning of 2021, the building has been completely renovated by multi-award-winning Vorarlberg architect Bernardo Bader. Together with the builders, he developed a concept that rekindles the Taube's original character. The hotel remains true to its Montafon heritage, while at the same time being sophisticated and cosmopolitan. There will be two small outbuildings, connected to the main building underground. One will house a spa area and the other is designed as a hunting lodge. A pool and Japanese onsen bath are being built in the garden.

Schruns  
First half of 2023  
[www.posthotel-taube.at](http://www.posthotel-taube.at) (German only)

## **Carinthia**

### **Energy neutral: Petschnighof**

The Kitz family spent twelve months renovating the Petschnighof family hotel in Diex before reopening in May 2022 with significant extensions. 44 family suites of different sizes – and all of them with balconies – replace the 17 family rooms. The family water world with infinity pool is also new, as is the alpine wellness area with saunas, an indoor play paradise for children and the foyer with bar and farm shop. What's more, the hotel is now energy neutral. All its energy is produced from hydroelectric power, a wood chip heating plant, and a photovoltaic system on site.

Diex  
Since May 2022  
<https://petschnighof.at> (German only)

### **Modernised: Mountain Resort Feuerberg**

Mountain Resort Feuerberg entered summer on the Gerlitzten Alpe with a series of upgrades at the end of May 2022. Host family Berger had furnished 50 rooms with new beds and armchairs. Fresh fabrics and new lighting had been introduced to give the rooms an even more pleasant atmosphere and four suites had been completely refurbished and modernised. Relaxation room "Höhenflug" and its panoramic views extend the wellness area, and the bar has also been stylishly revamped.

Bodensdorf/Gerlitzten Alpe

Since May 2022

<https://www.feuerberg.at/de/english/>

## **Upper Austria**

### **Wellness world: Almtal Camping Pettenbach**

The new wellness world opened at Almtal campsite in Pettenbach in July 2022. It includes a Finnish sauna, an outdoor sauna with a beautiful panoramic view, a bio steam sauna, an infrared cabin, an adventure steam bath, and relaxation areas. Other new attractions include a 32°C heated swimming pool with a large Aqua Movie Wall. The wellness world is open to campsite guests as well as external visitors.

Pettenbach/Traunsee Almtal

Since July 2022

[www.almтал-camp.at/wellness](http://www.almтал-camp.at/wellness) (German only)

### **New outdoor pool: Hotel Rockenschaub**

Hotel Rockenschaub in Liebenau on the Mühlviertler Alm will open its new, heated outdoor pool in October 2022. The 9 m long pool will be open all year round. As part of the conversion, a new relaxation room with indoor access to the pool and an additional sun terrace will be created, too. The owners, the Rockenschaub family, are also expanding the existing photovoltaic system and installing a new geothermal system.

Liebenau

October 2022

[www.hotel-rockenschaub.at/](http://www.hotel-rockenschaub.at/)

## Offers, activities and events

### Tirol

#### Ötztal's first slope ski touring route

Starting from the valley station of the Ochsengartenbahn in Hochoetz in the Ötztal, a newly created 5 km long tour leads along groomed forest paths to the 2,020 m high mountain station. Ski tourers overcome 520 vertical metres on this route, which takes around two hours uphill. The Panorama Restaurant and Kristall Bar invite you to stop for a break at the top, before heading back down to the valley on the ski slopes.

<https://www.oetz.com/winter/ski-area-hochoetz/highlights-in-the-ski-area/slope-ski-touring-route.html>

#### Alpaca hike in the Wildschönau

Alpaca hikes will be offered in the Wildschönau for the first time from winter 2022/23 on a tour leading around the Thierbach hilltop. The 5.5 km path runs without major differences in altitude and is easy to manage for children. The calm disposition of the animal companions and beautiful views of the snow-covered mountains is sure to captivate along the way, and the traditional Gasthof Sollererwirt is a great place to stop off.

[https://www.wildschoenau.com/en/tours/around-the-thierbach-hilltop\\_tour\\_4684](https://www.wildschoenau.com/en/tours/around-the-thierbach-hilltop_tour_4684)

#### Schatzberg Zwergenland and fun area in the Wildschönau

The new Schatzberg Zwergenland in the Ski Juwel Alpbachtal Wildschönau guarantees lots of fun in the snow. It is located right by the middle station of the Schatzbergbahn and is perfect for children trying out skiing for the first time. Attractions include a snowball playground, the large Schatzberg igloo, a ski carousel, a photo wall and three magic carpets. There is also a new fun area with an XL magic carpet, T-bar lift and wave track with fun elements.

[https://www.wildschoenau.com/en/news/news/new-the-schatzberg-zwergenland\\_news\\_2840042](https://www.wildschoenau.com/en/news/news/new-the-schatzberg-zwergenland_news_2840042)

#### Young family ski pass in the Pitztal

To make skiing as affordable as possible for the whole family, Pitztal is introducing a young family ski pass in winter 2022/23. Parents with young children who are not yet skiing (born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020) receive a special rate. Depending on high, low, or base season, a 3-day ski pass starts at 106 Euro and a 6-day ski pass at 184 Euro. Children under ten years of age receive a free Bambini ski pass in the Hochzeiger ski area when one parent purchases a ski pass. Families who are staying in the Pitztal can also take advantage of free ski courses for children under the age of six on selected dates.

<https://www.pitztal.com/en/winter/prices/ski-ticket-rates>

### **Culinary Craft Tours in Innsbruck**

What's there to know about Tirol's beer history? What are the hippest cocktails in Innsbruck's bars? And who produces the best gin in Tirol? The new Culinary Craft Tours lead participants through Innsbruck, teaching them all about local producers and offering tastings, of course. The focus of the approximately three-hour tour, which is offered in German and English, is on regionally produced beers and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Participants also find out about the "Top 10 things to do in Innsbruck" and the best restaurants in town.

<https://culinarycrafttours.com/>

### **Opening of the Silvretta spa in Ischgl**

The new Silvretta spa in Ischgl is spectacular both inside and out. The four-story building with its curves blends into the town like a silver cloud. Special features of the Silvretta spa, which is scheduled to open in December 2022, include the 300 m² outdoor pool on the rooftop and an ice rink that runs along the entire circumference of the building's upper floor. In addition to several swimming pools, saunas and relaxation areas, there is a medical spa, fitness center, bistro, and pizzeria as well as event rooms. The spa runs exclusively on green electricity, and it is mainly heated by geothermal energy and groundwater pumps.

[www.silvrettatherme.at/en](http://www.silvrettatherme.at/en)

### **Tirolean piste tour guidance system in the Pillerseetal**

The Buchensteinwand is a popular area for ski tours in the Pillerseetal in the Kitzbühel Alps. Three marked routes lead from the valley station to the Jakobskreuz, which can be seen from afar on the summit. From winter 2022/23, the Buchensteinwand-Bergbahnen Pillersee will introduce the Tirolean piste tour guidance system to provide tourers with the best possible information. The standardised boards show tourers the way to go, the metres in altitude to be overcome and the distance to the destination.

[www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/pital/wi/skitouring/tours.html](http://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/pital/wi/skitouring/tours.html)

### **Renovation of the Snowpark Steinplatte Waidring**

The snowpark on the Steinplatte Waidring in the Pillerseetal has had a complete refurbishment for winter. There are four lines of varying difficulty for freestylers and creative elements for all skiers. Daredevils can have fun on different set-ups along the 1.5 km route. The line is equipped with 15 to 18 elements such as boxes, tubes, rails, hips, kicks, and corners.

[www.snowpark-steinplatte.tirol/en/](http://www.snowpark-steinplatte.tirol/en/)

### **New Biathlon centre in Kufsteinerland**

A new biathlon centre will open in Schwoich near Kufstein at the beginning of the winter season 2022/23. It will serve as a place for up-and-coming athletes as well as hobby athletes to train. The centre is the starting point for cross-country ski trails of various lengths and intended to become the heart of a trans-regional cross-country skiing area. Part of the area is a modern shooting range, and the multifunctional planning means the facility can also be used for summer training.

<https://www.kufstein.com/en/tyrol-nature/winter/cross-country-skiing.html>

### **New cross-country-parcours: Leutasch**

Thanks to snow farming, the cross-country skiing season is guaranteed to start on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Leutasch. A new parcours near the A1 trail at the Seekirchl completes the 245 km trail network. The modest course offers cross-country skiers of all levels excellent training opportunities with its curves, climbs and descents. Barrier-free cross-country skiing is also possible here.

<https://www.seefeld.com/en/winter-3/cross-country-skiing-tyrol/cross-country-ski-tracks>

## **Salzburg**

### **New high-altitude trail: Pillsteinrunde**

From this winter, cross-country skiers will be able to take their rounds on the Zwölferhorn, which rises above Lake Wolfgangsee. The new 2 km long Pillstein high-altitude trail runs along the circular hiking trail of the same name. It caters for both classic cross-country skiing and skate skiing. Beautiful views of Lake Wolfgang open up time and again along the trail, which begins around 1 km from the mountain station.

[www.zwoelferhorn.at/en/winter/](http://www.zwoelferhorn.at/en/winter/)

### **BioArt Campus**

The village of Seeham in the Salzburg Lake District is particularly committed to the production of certified organic food. Eighty percent of local farmers work according to organic principles. The BioArt Campus, Austria's first organic competence centre, opened in September 2022. The new building houses an organic shop, gourmet manufactories, the BioArtrium gourmet workshop with a kitchen for courses and tastings, the BioArt think tank for seminars and an organic café.

[www.bioartcampus.at](http://www.bioartcampus.at) (German only)

### **Vienna Boys' Choir in Oberndorf**

The Silent Night town of Oberndorf near Salzburg is looking forward to a special premiere: the Vienna Boys' Choir will be giving two concerts in the village where the Christmas carol "Silent Night" was first performed in 1818. The world-famous boys' choir can be heard on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The Christmas concerts will take place in the town hall in Oberndorf.

[www.salzburger-seenland.at/en/lakes-resorts/resorts/oberndorf.html](http://www.salzburger-seenland.at/en/lakes-resorts/resorts/oberndorf.html)

### **Ice4Life in Gastein**

For the seventh time – and for the first time in the Gastein Valley – the Ice4Life event will be picking up on the trend of training in the cold and the associated breathing technique. From 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the competitions will combine one hour each of running and cross-country skiing with scanty clothing. Participants then spend around 10 minutes in ice-cold water. What might sound crazy at first glance actually has positive effects on the immune system and boosts energy.

[www.gastein.com/en/events/winter/ice4life-in-gastein/](http://www.gastein.com/en/events/winter/ice4life-in-gastein/)

## **Witch Funline**

Child-safe chairlifts and great deals make Almenwelt Lofer a popular winter destination for families. From this winter the "Hexen Funline" (Witch Funline) will be a further draw for the ski area. The easy funline runs along a forest path by the SenderExpress chairlift, with three- to four-metre-high witch figures surprising you along the way. As soon as a skier whizzes by, the figures react with sound effects.

[www.skialm-lofer.com/en](http://www.skialm-lofer.com/en)

## **Vorarlberg**

### **Horizont Winter Summit**

The Horizont Winter Summit will take place in Lech Zürs am Arlberg for the first time from December 8th to 11th 2022. The event, initiated by Austrian specialist paper Horizont, sees itself as an industry get-together and networking platform for those working in advertising, the media or marketing. In addition to expert talks and panel discussions it also features ski excursions.

Lech Zürs am Arlberg

8th to 11th December 2022

<https://horizont-winter-summit.com/about/>

## **Styria**

### **Wolli's Kids Park Hauser Kaibling**

There is a new attraction for children at the valley station of the 8-seater gondola lift that runs up the Hauser-Kaibling in the Schladming-Dachstein region. Wolli's Kids Park is the practice area for ski and snowboard beginners, equipped with a button lift, three magic carpets and beginner-friendly slopes. Game and fun elements ensure variety and restaurant AlmArenA is the ideal place to warm up with food and drink.

[www.hauser-kaibling.at](http://www.hauser-kaibling.at)

### **Lumagica – the magical light park**

"Lumagica", the magical light park, will open for the first time on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Murhof golf course near Frohnleiten. Luminous objects and installations line the 1.5 km circular trail. Giant figures, abstract elements and interactive scenes create an enchanting setting. There are more than 300 light objects to admire in total, with atmospheric music to accompany you along the way. "Lumagica" runs until 8th January 2023.

[www.lumagica.at](http://www.lumagica.at)



## **Steirarodl Park**

The Steirarodl Park with 40 attractions and devices opened in Modriach in July 2022. One of its highlights is the Fly-Line, of which there are only two in Austria to date. It is a combination of flying fox and roller coaster, on which daredevils can whizz down the slope. The slide sees little adventurers conquering mountain and valley passages, whilst the trampoline and jumping pillows have them flying high. Coordination and skill are required on the climbing frames and bouldering wall. The park is open at weekends from November to February, subject to weather conditions.

[www.steirarodl.at](http://www.steirarodl.at)

## **Carinthia**

### **Slow Food Travel Region Central Carinthia**

Central Carinthia has been one of Carinthia's Slow Food Travel regions since August 2022. It is thus the third region to establish itself as a destination for those who value regional and sustainable culinary delights after the Lesach-, Gail- and Gitschtal with Lake Weissensee and the Lavanttal. Highlights of Central Carinthia include the Glantal, the Gurktal, the town of Friesach and St. Georgen am Längsee.

[www.mittelkaernten.at](http://www.mittelkaernten.at) (German only)

## **Upper Austria**

### **"Rauhnächte" at Lake Wolfgang**

The "Rauhnächte" between Christmas and 6th January are closely linked to customs and superstitions. According to popular belief, unusual things happen during these twelve nights as the connection between this world and the world beyond is said to be stronger than usual. From 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the region around Lake Wolfgangsee will be celebrating the theme of the "Rauhnächte" for the first time with church concerts, incense and herbal workshops, storytelling evenings and torchlight hikes.

Lake Wolfgangsee

24th December 2022 to 6th January 2023

<https://wolfgangsee.salzkammergut.at/en/activities/winter-at-lake-wolfgangsee.html>

### **Gentle winter in the Dachstein Salzkammergut region**

A "gentle winter" pilot project is currently running in the Dachstein Salzkammergut region, which has resulted in new and newly signposted routes for ski tourers and snowshoe hikers. The new routes for ski tourers include the Kornbrand tour, which is a good four kilometres long, and the Almenweg tour (nearly five kilometres). Ski tourers and snowshoe hikers can now also reach the Goiserer Hütte alpine hut on a

five-kilometre-long tour. The Rosenkogel Runde, Rossmoos Runde and Hütteck tour are also great for winter adventures on snowshoes or skis.

<https://dachstein.salzkammergut.at/en/erlebnisse/winter/gentle-winter.html>

## Burgenland

### **Bahntrassenradweg cycle path**

On 9<sup>th</sup> September, Southern Burgenland will celebrate the opening of the 40 km long Bahntrassenradweg cycle path. As the name "Bahntrasse" suggests, it runs along an abandoned railway line. The starting point is the old, now renovated train station in Oberschützen. Work for the cycle path was also carried out along the tracks last year, including the construction of two new bridges. The cycle path is mostly flat, making it ideal for families. There are various attractions for children and viewing platforms along the way.

<https://www.burgenland.info/en/experience/sporty-and-active/by-bike>

### **Burgenland Trails**

In mid-September, a new hotspot for the mountain bike scene opened on the Geschriebenstein (884 m), Burgenland's highest mountain. Burgenland Trails offers eight single trails of different difficulty levels over a length of 40 kilometres, with flow as well as uphill and downhill trails. The big advantage: thanks to the many hours of sunshine in Burgenland, the trails can be used all year round.

<https://trails.burgenland.info> (German only)

## **Anniversaries (in 2023 and looking towards 2028)**

## Salzburg

### **20 years of Wolfgangsee Advent**

The Wolfgangsee Advent is taking place for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this year from 18<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December. Visitors can stroll past market stalls in all three villages on the lake shore – in St. Gilgen, Strobl and St. Wolfgang. Warming drinks and food are available at several stands. Highlights also include the 16-metre-high floating lantern in front of St. Wolfgang.

[www.wolfgangseer-advent.at](http://www.wolfgangseer-advent.at)

### **15th Gamsleiten Criterion**

Austria's largest treasure hunt in the snow, the Gamsleiten Criterion, will take place in Obertauern for the 15<sup>th</sup> time from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Participants dig in the snow to find treasures, accompanied by music. The main prize is a car from a well-known German brand, more than 30 other treasures await, including non-cash prizes and travel vouchers.

<https://www.obertauern.com/en/events/gamsleiten-criterion.html>

## 25th Mountain Attack

Renowned ski touring marathon Mountain Attack takes place in Saalbach Hinterglemm for the 25th time. The competitions, in which more than 1,000 athletes take part, will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. There are four routes to choose from. Juniors tackle 50 metres in altitude while 1,017 metres must be overcome on the Schattberg Race. The Route Tour leads up and down across 2,036 metres in altitude and the marathon route covers 3,010 meters in altitude and runs over several peaks.

[www.mountain-attack.at/en/](http://www.mountain-attack.at/en/)

## Upcoming anniversaries

- Bad Gastein will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Snowboard World Cup in 2025. Competitions usually take place on two days in January. [www.gastein.com/en/](http://www.gastein.com/en/)
- In 2028 Bad Gastein will celebrate its 70th anniversary as an Alpine World Ski Championships venue. [www.gastein.com/en/](http://www.gastein.com/en/)

## Vorarlberg

### 25 years KäseStrasse Bregenzerwald

The KäseStrasse Bregenzerwald (Bregenzerwald Cheese Road) was founded in 1998 as an "association for the promotion of cheese culture". It is not a road in the traditional sense, but rather an association of experts from different disciplines. The approximately 180 members include alpine dairies, inns, farms, and rural cheesemakers who share the secrets of cheese production. Many also offer tastings. Together, the members organise events such as the Herbst.Genuss.Zeit in autumn.

[www.kaesestrasse.at/en/](http://www.kaesestrasse.at/en/)

## Upper Austria

### 2023: 20 years of the Steyr night watchmen

City walks, accompanied by a night watchman, have been taking place in Steyr for 20 years. The tour takes you to the top of the parish church spire and tells the tales and legends of times gone by.

[www.steyr-nationalpark.at/en/](http://www.steyr-nationalpark.at/en/)

### 2024: 1100 years of Saint Wolfgang

Various celebrations are taking place at Lake Wolfgangsee to mark the anniversary.

<https://wolfgangsee.salzkammergut.at/en/>

### **2024: Salzkammergut to be European Capital of Culture**

For the first time in the European Capital of Culture's 37-year history, 23 municipalities in rural areas are joining forces to form the Capital of Culture. Bad Ischl will be at the centre of the events, but the programme will take place across all participating locations.

[www.salzkammergut-2024.at/en/](http://www.salzkammergut-2024.at/en/)

### **2024: 30 years of Steyr Music Festival**

The music festival presents open-air performances at Lamberg Castle and in the municipal theatre of Steyr. Its programme focuses on operas, operettas, and musicals.

[www.musikfestivalsteyr.at](http://www.musikfestivalsteyr.at) (German only)

### **2024: 200 years of Anton Bruckner**

Upper Austria is celebrating the 200th birthday of the great composer. Anton Bruckner grew up in Ansfelden and went to school at St. Florian Monastery, where he also took music lessons.

[www.bruckner200.com](http://www.bruckner200.com) (German only)

### **2024: 135 years of the Steyrtalbahn**

The narrow-gauge railway, now in use as a heritage railway, travels along a 40 km route from Garsten to Klaus.

<https://www.oegeg.at/startseite/english-summary/>

### **2026: 300 years of the church at Schlierbach Abbey**

The monastery itself has existed since 1355 and the magnificent baroque church was inaugurated in 1726.

<https://www.upperaustralia.com/en/oesterreich-poi/detail/400653/cistercian-monastery-of-schlierbach.html>

## **Lower Austria**

### **2023: 20 years of the Weinviertel Wine Tour**

As part of the Weinviertel Wine Tour, around 250 winegrowers along the Weinviertel Wine Route open their doors every year on the weekend after Easter and invite to a big tasting. The Weinviertel Wine Tour will take place for the twentieth time in 2023, on 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> April. The wristband, which is available at a set rate, is valid for tastings on both days. Taxis and shuttle services operate between the wineries.

[www.weintour.at/en](http://www.weintour.at/en)

## **2023: 20 years of Betty Bernstein**

Betty Bernstein, the children's and family mascot of the Weinviertel, is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2023. The girl with the red pigtails and magic amber is THE Weinviertel travel guide for the whole family. Whether at castles or palaces, thermal spas, museums or nature, national and wildlife parks: Betty Bernstein has a story to tell and makes history come alive.

[www.betty-bernstein.at](http://www.betty-bernstein.at) (German only)

## **Personalities**

### **Salzburg**

#### **Eco fashion designer Sabine Wagenhofer**

A few years ago, Sabine Wagenhofer had a burnout. It was around this time that she rediscovered spinning, which she had learned from her grandmother as a child. She was soon knitting her first jumpers and decided to devote herself entirely to wool and the craft. Many of the clothes we wear have become disposable models and Sabine Wagenhofer wants to counteract this with suitably durable clothing. In Nußdorf am Haunsberg she produces jumpers and sweater vests for children and adults from hand-spun wool dyed with natural colours. The materials she uses all come from the local area, from the sheep's wool to the alpaca wool.

[www.sawa-ecofashion.at](http://www.sawa-ecofashion.at) (German only)

### **Vorarlberg**

#### **Mountain butcher Johannes Gassner**

Even as a child, Johannes Gassner knew that he wanted to be a butcher. After training to become a master butcher and several years of professional experience, he took the plunge into self-employment in 2021. He set up a slaughter and butchering room next to his childhood home in Raggal in the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal where he fulfils his dream of producing sustainable food. His range currently includes various types of sausages such as salami, Landjäger, Kaminwürsten, veal and barbecue sausages.

[www.derbergmetzger.at/](http://www.derbergmetzger.at/) (German only)

#### **Chef Julian Stieger**

From October 2022, 28-year-old Julian Stieger will be cooking at the Rote Wand Chef's Table in Zug near Lech am Arlberg. The gourmet hotspot has earned four Gault Millau toques, making it one of Austria's best restaurants. And Julian Stieger is one of the country's best chefs. He learned and mastered his trade in well-known restaurants such as the Steirereck in Vienna, the Landhaus Bacher in Lower Austria and

most recently in the Geranium in Copenhagen. The latter tops the list of the 50 best restaurants in the world.

[www.rotewand.com/en/](http://www.rotewand.com/en/)

## Upper Austria

### Experimental chef Kevin Manzenreiter

"Alte Geschichte – neue Gerichte" (ancient history – new dishes) is one of Kevin Manzenreiter's cooking mottos. He grew up at his parents' inn in Waldburg near Freistadt. After training as a chef, he worked in New Zealand, Canada, and Switzerland. In recent years he has always been drawn home in the summer. He opened a pop-up restaurant named "ma.ke" and surprised his guests not only with fresh food creations, but also with the concept: eating like at your grandma's house. The dishes were served together for the entire table, meaning everyone could try a bit of everything. Kevin Manzenreiter has been living in Waldburg permanently again since September 2022 and runs the kitchen at Gasthaus Manzenreither. In addition to classic tavern dishes, he also offers surprise menus that invite you to taste and enjoy together.

[www.gasthaus-manzenreiter.at](http://www.gasthaus-manzenreiter.at) (German only)

### Wellness and romantic hotelier Tamara Winzer

Hotel Winzer by Lake Attersee is one of the leading spa hotels in Austria. It has been an "adults only" hotel for several years now and invites its guests to enjoy some cosy romantic time. The Winzer family has been running the establishment for around 50 years and Tamara Winzer has been involved for several of them. She originally decided to study law and completed the first phase. But then she discovered her passion as a hostess and she and her husband have dedicated themselves towards the further development of the family business ever since.

[www.hotel-winzer.at](http://www.hotel-winzer.at) (German only)

### Sports manager Karl Posch

"Moving and amazing people has always been my greatest motivation", says Karl Posch. The trained technician and quality assurance officer organised his first sports event in 1994: the "Dachstein Gletscherlauf", a high alpine ski touring race on the Dachstein glacier in his hometown of Gosau in the Salzkammergut. In the years that followed, the enthusiastic ski mountaineer made a significant contribution towards the professionalisation of the sport. As an independent consultant, he also works for tourist regions that want to optimise their gentle winter offerings.

<http://sportconsult.cc> (German only)

## Lower Austria

### Winemaker couple of the year 2022: Marion and Manfred Ebner-Ebenauer

Marion and Manfred Ebner-Ebenauer of the wine estate in Poysdorf in the Weinviertel with the same name are celebrating a great award: Gourmet magazine Falstaff named them Austria's "Winemakers of the Year 2022". According to the judges, Marion and Manfred Ebner-Ebenauer set new standards. With their unconventional style and feel for nature, they produce particularly refreshing and delicate world-class wines that remain true to the region. The couple has been running the winery in line with organic principles since 2016. They produce their own humus, promote biodiversity, and keep beehives in their vineyards. The vines are their greatest treasure, some of which are 30 to 70 years old and all of which tell their own story. The couple produces excellent Grüner Veltliner, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Blanc, and various red wine varieties from the hand-harvested grapes.

<https://ebner-ebenauer.at/?lang=en>

## Special features

### Vorarlberg

#### Eco-friendly travel in Vorarlberg

In winter, the ski and local buses are free of charge for all guests holding a multi-day ski pass and those staying in the Alpenregion Vorarlberg benefit from a further bonus. In addition to their own holiday resort, they can enjoy eco-friendly travel throughout Vorarlberg. The guest card for the Brandnertal, Alpenstadt Bludenz and the Klostertal includes free use of all train and bus connections throughout Vorarlberg from just one overnight stay.

[www.vorarlberg.travel/en/activity/inclusive-cards-vorarlberg/](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/activity/inclusive-cards-vorarlberg/)  
[www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/en/guest-cards/mobility.html](http://www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/en/guest-cards/mobility.html)

#### Golm: climate-neutral ski area

The Golm ski area is taking various measures to become more sustainable. One example is the Hüttenkopfbahn, which is the world's first photovoltaic chairlift. Another is the resort's ingenious drainage system which collects the snowmaking water and uses it to generate hydroelectric power.

[www.golm.at/en](http://www.golm.at/en)

#### PIZ Montafon

PIZ Montafon was founded in 2022 aiming to promote awareness for sustainable tourism. Tourist enterprises are to be involved to form a network of experts and the next generation. Together they are to develop practical solutions with success stories opening up new opportunities for the region.

[www.linkedin.com/showcase/piz-montafon/](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/piz-montafon/) (German only)

## Styria

### Christmas Wonderland Gartenhotel Klopferkeller

Every Advent, the garden of Hotel Klopferkeller in Eibiswald is transformed into a magically illuminated Christmas Wonderland. It takes the Zwanzleitner-Michelitsch family many hours of work to set the festive scene of little houses and figures. Visitors can warm up by fireplaces with homemade mulled wine, baked apple, or berry punch. The Christmas Wonderland will be on display from 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December this year.

[www.klopferkeller.at/index.php](http://www.klopferkeller.at/index.php)

## Upper Austria

### Europe's first underwater crib for divers

Europe's first underwater nativity scene is located in Lake Attersee in the Salzkammergut. It has been launched into the water on the first Sunday of Advent every year since 2019. Divers can visit it until February.

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### Austria's largest floating Christmas angel

11.8 m tall Angel Aloysius has been making Advent at Lake Attersee extra magical since 2006. The handmade angel floats on a raft at Unterach pier.

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