

Summer News 2024



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Dear readers,

The Austrian "Lebensgefühl" is the reason why guests spend their holidays in Austria. A sense of serenity, ease and enjoyment that you experience when meeting the locals and then take home with you.

Austria also understands the importance of offering its guests something new each time. Thanks to new services you can now hike along the Alpe-Adria-Trail through Carinthia with almost zero emissions, for example. Cyclists draw on their own energy to complete the new Donau-Veltliner circuit in Lower Austria's Weinviertel and the Sebaldu Trails in Upper Austria even make bike pilgrimages possible.

A number of bike parks have launched new trails, such as those in Saalfelden-Leogang in SalzburgerLand or in Brixental and Galtür in Tirol. Adventure trails which – similar to escape rooms – set tasks and require you to solve puzzles via smartphone are adding to the fun in the Tiroler Zugspitz Arena, Villach in Carinthia and Bludenz in Vorarlberg.

The new mountain station on the Dachstein in Styria ticks both boxes in terms of appearance and sustainability. The "Energy Crystal" will open in May 2024.

Relaxed summer days can be spent at the newly designed lidos at Lake Constance and on the shores of Lake Neusiedl in Breitenbrunn. At Lake Millstätter See in Carinthia, a total of three lidos are being updated.

The new meeting place for culture vultures is the TangenteStPölten festival. The Albertina is opening its third location in the former Eszl Museum in Klosterneuburg whilst the House of Strauss has opened in Vienna, which will celebrate 200 years of Johann Strauss in 2025. But there are plenty of anniversaries to celebrate this year too: from 950 years of Admont Abbey in Styria to 20 years of the Museum der Moderne in Salzburg and 10 years of Bus:Stop Krumbach in Vorarlberg.

There are numerous new accommodations, from stylish chalets in the wine-growing regions of Burgenland and Styria to resorts by lakes such as the Klopeiner See in Carinthia or the Walchsee in Tirol. Many hosts have modernised their rooms and suites or extended their wellness areas.

We also introduce you to some particularly wonderful personalities. The Carinthian Summer festival is being led by versatile artistic director Nadja Kayali as of late. Lukas Nagl, Gault&Millau Chef of the Year 2023, is cooking up a storm at Lake Traunsee in Upper Austria. Master butcher Hans Walter produces the original Bosna in Salzburg and Styria is home to organic flower farmer Margit de Colle.

Are you particularly interested in one or more of the topics? We would love to arrange a press trip for you.

Happy reading!

The Austria Tourism Team



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Discover the Austrian "Lebensgefühl" in summer!

Holidays in Austria 2024

Summer at last! Escape from the everyday, feel life and find ease again. Austria's most spectacular high-altitude paths and bike trails cater for the athletic, whilst families discover their happy place between mountain adventures and crystal-clear bathing lakes. And city trips and excursions into the countryside promise to stimulate the mind and delight the palate.

Family time. Mountains of opportunities

Austria's pristine mountains are the perfect place to try out something new and have a great time together. On the high plateau of **Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis** in Tirol, for example, plenty of child-friendly hiking tours, bike park action and Adventure Mountains riddles await. Families that love to cycle feel right at home in the **Tiroler Zugspitz Arena**. In addition to leisurely routes and fast-paced trails there is extensive "gravel" here. Varied holiday programmes for kids and teens also mean that everyone gets some time to themselves. In the neighbouring **Alpbachtal** the mountains are gentler with peaks that even the little ones can climb. In between there are cool forest playgrounds and mysterious gorges to explore. Yes please: dive into Tirol's warmest bathing lakes. In Styria, river valleys, pine forests and lofty heights become a discovery zone. "Take a bike" is the motto in the **Murtal**, whilst exciting themed trails provide fun and adventure in **Murau**.

Summit moments. Personal, authentic, unforgettable

Take a deep breath and gather new strength where earth and sky meet. In the Tirolean **region of Seefeld**, for example, this can be done in the picturesque alpine pastures of the Gaistal or by e-biking to the source of the Isar. Rustic huts and excellent restaurants guarantee tasty treats along the entire high plateau. Those looking for vertical thrills should head to the legendary via ferratas of the **Achensee region**. Tirol's largest lake also offers water sports ranging from swimming to kitesurfing. The Styrian holiday region of **Schladming-Dachstein** impresses with its variety of landscapes too. Mountain lakes, waterfalls and streams invite you to hike by the water – all the way up to the summit of the Dachstein. Award-winning alpine cuisine spoils you along the way. There is literally no end of culinary highs in Tirol's **Zillertal** either. The valley of the "three-thousand-metre peaks" enchants visitors with its top tables, including in the High Alps Nature Park Zillertal Alps. Mountain fans are drawn to the **Montafon** in Vorarlberg too. The "Alpine Mosaic Montafon" leads through fantastic valleys and heights. In the **Bregenzerwald** there are lovely long-distance hiking trails that take the curious to old and new wooden architecture or to fabulous cheeses. And with the "Stoneman Taurista", the hiking paradise **Altenmarkt-Zauchensee** in Salzburg is a tip for real MTB cracks.

City, country, pleasure. Pure joy of life

Austria's unique "Lebensgefühl", serene and well grounded, can also be found on city trips and excursions into the countryside. The **UNESCO World Heritage City of Salzburg**, for example, inspires with plenty of culture and a love of life. Its DomQuartier is celebrating its 10th anniversary and there are festivals to suit all tastes here in the City of Mozart. **Carinthia** inspires with its variety of both leisurely and more challenging (long-distance) cycling routes as well as Austria's warmest bathing lakes. **Klagenfurt** awaits you on Lake Wörthersee with renaissance flair, music festivals and flavoursome Alpe-Adria cuisine. In neighbouring **Southern Styria**, idyllic hiking routes or e-bike tours lead to delicacies such as pumpkin seed oil and Schilcher wine. Open-air photo exhibition NATURAL HERITAGE puts the charming thermal spa town of **Baden bei Wien** on the pulse of time. Further explorations in **Austria's Small Historic Towns** lead to beautiful gardens, beer tastings or imperial flair such as in the salt town of Bad Ischl, the vibrant centre of the European Capital of Culture Salzkammergut in 2024. The motto: "Culture is the new salt".

Further information about **summer holidays in Austria and a range of hotel tips** can be found on www.austria.info/summer or in our e-magazine "Lebensgefühl".

Web: press.austria.info

Hiking



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Burgenland

Alpannonia long-distance hiking trail

The 125 km long Alpannonia long-distance hiking trail leads from Fischbach in Styria through Lower Austria and Burgenland to Kőszeg in Hungary. From this summer there will be two new bookable offers for the Burgenland section. The 44 km long Two Castle Tour leads to the castles of Schlaining and Lockenhaus, and the 55 km long Three Castle Tour also takes hikers to Bernstein Castle. The packages include two or three overnight stays with breakfast. You can also book a luggage transfer service.

Web

www.alpannonia.at
(German only)

Carinthia

Hike along the Slow Trail to Lake Meerauge

Carinthia has been developing Slow Trails for some years now, which invite you to embark on leisurely hikes and nature observations by lakes. As of this summer, the 5 km long Slow Trail Meerauge in the Bodental will be added to the collection. The highlight of the trail with a walking time of about one and a half hours is the "Meerauge" (sea eye), a crystal-clear, shimmering turquoise lake at 1,000 m above sea level which was formed by a glacier during the last ice age.

Web

www.woerthersee.com

Carinthia

Hiking without a footprint

Starting this summer, the environmentally aware will be able to hike along the Alpe-Adria-Trail through Carinthia for a week with almost zero emissions. The package is designed for arrival and return journey by train and includes overnight stays in sustainably managed partner establishments with regional and seasonal Alpe-Adria cuisine. Luggage is transported exclusively with electrically powered vehicles and hikers use public transport for local transfers. At the end of the trip, the climate protectors receive a personal climate report with their emissions balance. The "Hiking without a footprint" package can be booked in two variants: either from Hohe Tauern National Park to Lake Millstätter See or from Lake Millstätter See to Bad Kleinkirchheim.

Web

www.alpe-adria-trail.com

Bee nature trail St. Jakob im Rosental

In autumn 2023, the Maria Elend Beekeeping Association created a bee nature trail. The 5.8 km long trail leads from Greuth to the Carnica beekeeping station on the Maria Elender Alm. Twelve boards provide information about the Carnica bee along the way. The beekeeping association offers guided hikes from the beginning of June to the end of August. The approximately two-and-a-half-hour hike ends at the beekeeping station where participants learn more about the breeding of queen bees and enjoy a traditional "Jause" platter.

Web

www.bzv-mariaelend.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

Donau-Resonanzweg

Keen walkers will be able to set off along the new Donau-Resonanzweg (Danube Resonance Trail) from April 2024. It is located by Waldkirchen near the Schlägener Schlinge loop of the Danube river and enables hikers to feel the might of the four elements of water, air, fire and earth. The trail runs across meadows and through forests, with stunning views opening up time and again. The Donau-Resonanzweg is designed for all those who want to find balance through a conscious experience of nature and thus learn more about themselves.

Web

www.donauregion.at

Tirol

Even more comfortable: the Höfe Trail East Tirol

The Höfe Trail in East Tirol, which previously led from farm to farm in five daily stages, each with a length of around 10 km, will have two additional stages from May 2024. These stages will lead hikers to the neighbouring Lesachtal Valley in Carinthia. From mid-May there will also be new offers to simplify hiking adventures, especially for families. There will be bookable packages with two to six overnight stays, some of which include luggage transfer. What's more, there will also be the option of staying at one accommodation and heading to the starting points of the Höfe Trail stages by public transport each day.

Web

www.osttirol.com

Schützensteig panoramic tour

The newly created panoramic circular hiking trail on the Glungezer in the Hall-Wattens region has been accessible since the end of September 2023. The 4.5 km long trail, on which hikers overcome around 250 m of altitude up and downhill, runs at 2,100 m above sea level. Walking time is one and a half to two hours, depending on how quickly you can tear yourself away from the beautiful views of the valley and the Karwendel mountains.

Web

www.hall-wattens.at

Sunnenseite'n Trail

On the sunny slopes of the Stubai Valley, the new 7.5 km long Sunnenseite'n Weg leads along a forest path from Fulpmes to Neustift. Hikers cross a more than 100 m long suspension bridge on the way, which gives spectacular views of Neustift and the Stubai Glacier. Thanks to its sunny location at medium altitude, the Sunnenseite'n Weg (Sunny Side Trail) is accessible almost all year round.

Web

www.stubai.at

Tirol

Wipp Traverse

The Wipp Traverse leads in five daily stages from the Stubai Valley to South Tirol. What makes it unique: hikers spend the first five nights at the same hotel in the valley and can thus set off with a light daypack. The bus takes you to the starting point of the respective stage in the morning and back to the hotel in the evening. For the last night a stay in a hut at 1,900 m above sea level is planned. The stages are designed to cater for leisure hikers. The daily walking time is between four and six and a half hours.

Web

www.wipptal.at

Vorarlberg

Quiz along the Wäldletobelweg

Since summer 2023, the 3.4 km long Wäldetobelweg has been leading hikers on the trail of Klösterle's history. Eight stations provide insights into significant events such as the construction of the Arlberg Railway and the Wäldletobel bridge in the 19th century. From this summer, a quiz will further enhance the experience. Questions relate to the historical events and are aimed at children as well as adults.

Web

www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Information

More about hiking can be found online.

www.austria.info/en/summer
www.austria.info/en/active-outdoors/summer/walking-hiking
www.austria.info/en/active-outdoors
press.austria.info/uk
press.austria.info/uk/summer-2024



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Burgenland

Secrets in paradise

Since summer 2023, small groups of two to five people have been able to cycle their way around three- to four-hour adventure pleasure tours in Southern Burgenland. Similar to an escape room, there are puzzles to solve along the way. The tours have names such as "The Great Magician's Trial" or "On the Trail of the Archaeologist". The routes are mainly flat and between 23 and 29 km long. Depending on the tour, there are seven to ten stations. An e-bike rental service is available on site.

Web

www.ebikesuedburgenland.at
(German only)

Carinthia

lake.bike pump track at Lake Faak

From May 2024, the new skill pump track at Panoramabeach Village will be adding to the action in Drobollach by Lake Faak. The track, which is suitable for beginners as well as advanced riders, can be used in all weathers thanks to its roof. Ride over waves and through steep curves by bike, scooter or skateboard. There are also some jumps to master.

Web

www.lake.bike

Wine bike tour through Central Carinthia

Carinthian wines are still amongst the insider tips. If you would like to get to know some local wineries, you will be able to head for them by bike from spring 2024. The 52.5 km long wine bike tour is a circular route that leads from the train station in St. Veit to several wineries in Central Carinthia. Stops along the way include the Karnburg and Trippelburg wineries as well as Glanegg Castle with Lassnig wine tavern. Cycling time is just under four hours without breaks.

Web

www.outdooractive.com
(German only)

Lower Austria

Donau-Veltliner wine cycle route

The new 46 km long Donau-Veltliner tour completes the range of Weinviertel wine cycle routes. The circuit leads from Langenzersdorf via Bisamberg, Korneuburg, Leobendorf, Harmannsdorf, Manhartsbrunn, Enzersfeld im Weinviertel, Hagenbrunn and Stammersdorf back to Langenzersdorf. The new wine cycle route is named after the Donau-Veltliner grape variety which is a new, fungus-resistant grape and white wine variety. The wine is a cross between Grüner Veltliner and Seyval Blanc. As a young wine it tastes fruity and as a mature wine it is very similar to the Grüner Veltliner.

Web

www.weinviertel.at

Cycle around St. Pölten

St. Pölten, the capital of Lower Austria, impresses with a wide range of cultural events and architectural treasures. The spectrum spans from baroque to art nouveau and contemporary architecture. Since spring 2023, a package bookable via Mostviertel Tourism has been inviting visitors to explore the cultural highlights of the city and its surroundings by bike. In addition to three overnight stays with breakfast, the offer includes the Museum Card for five museums in St. Pölten, a trip on the Mariazell Railway and guided tours of nearby Herzogenburg Monastery and natural cosmetics manufacturer Styx. Rental bicycles and e-bikes are available at various "nextbike" stations across St. Pölten.

Web

www.mostviertel.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

A cycling pilgrimage along the Sebaldus trails

Since summer 2023, there have been seven cycle routes that lead from Weyer or Gafrenz in a star shape through the countryside of the Kalkalpen National Park region. The routes are between 60 and 70 km long and run mainly along cycle paths, side roads with little traffic and well-developed freight roads. Their lengths and elevation gain are such that the day tours are easy to manage on e-bikes or trekking bikes.

Web

www.steyr-nationalpark.at
(German only)

Danube Limes World Heritage tour

The new, approximately 80 km long cycle route will be ready to ride from summer 2024. It is being created in cooperation with the three UNESCO World Heritage Sites along the Danube Limes and connects Passau in Germany with Oberranna and Schlögen in Upper Austria. The innovative concept is to convey Roman (cultural) history and its rich heritage to cyclists along the way.

Web

www.donauregion.at

Bike & Hike in the Pyhrn-Priel region

Since the summer of 2023, the Pyhrn-Priel region has been offering a new service for cyclists who enjoy hiking. According to the motto "Bike & Hike", there are ten different stations to park or charge bikes, all of which are starting points for hikes of varying degrees of difficulty. The tours, including the journey by bike, are between two and eight hours long. Recommendations for hikes from the ten stations can be found online.

Web

www.urlaubsregion-pyhrn-priel.at

SalzburgerLand

Gravel tour SalzburgerLand

Gravel bikers will be able to explore the scenic beauty of SalzburgerLand on two new circuits from May 2024. The city of Salzburg is a good place to start both tours. On the gentler tour, 460 km and 6,700 m of altitude have to be overcome. The harder tour includes additional mountain sections and passes, covering a total of 650 m and an impressive 12,700 m in altitude. The individual sections can also be combined with each other.

Web

www.salzburgerland.com
(German only)

SalzburgerLand

AlteSchmiede Trail

Since September 2023, Austria's largest bike region Saalfelden-Leogang has had an additional single trail: the 3.35 km long AlteSchmiede Trail, which starts above the mountain station on the Asitz. Curves, obstacle sections and easy technical passages alternate skilfully. As of 2024, the new single trail will be open annually from 1st June to 15th October.

Web

www.saalfelden-leogang.com

Styria

The complete MTB package in Schladming-Dachstein

The Friedenskircherl, voted most beautiful place in Austria, is located next to the new Haus-Aich trail park in the centre of the Schladming-Dachstein region with a sophisticated traffic concept. This means that in addition to the Reiteralp Trails, from 1st July the region will offer the complete MTB package for beginners and pros alike.

Web

www.schladming-dachstein.at

Tirol

The Marchkopf circuit

There is a new tour for road cyclists in the Zillertal. The 43.6 km long Marchkopf circuit leads across the Sidanjoch and the Zillertaler Höhenstraße. Cyclists must climb around 1,980 m on the challenging tour. Cycling time is about five and a half hours and ambitious bikers can extend to a mega loop that includes five passes across 76 km and 3,720 m of altitude.

Web

www.best-of-zillertal.at

Bike trail park "Silva Trails"

From summer 2024, the new "Silva Trails" bike trail park in Galtür will offer everything from simple flow trails to technically demanding single trails and designated routes for children and families. With a circuit, practice area, two jump lines, a pump track and four trails, the park is ideal for beginners and experienced bikers alike. The trails start at an altitude of 1,970 m and end at 1,630 m above sea level.

Web

www.galtuer.com

First official bike routes in the Kaunertal

Summer 2024 will see the launch of the first officially signposted and approved mountain bike routes in the Kaunertal in the Tirolean Oberland. The predominantly leisurely tours lead along forest roads to scenic spots and huts. You can choose the 10 km long tour to the Aifner Alm, for example, the almost 8 km long tour to the Langetsberg or the almost 20 km long Kaltenbrunn pilgrimage circuit.

Web

www.kaunertal.com

Bachl Trail and Erspähe Schlägle Trail

In the Tiroler Zugspitz Arena, a new and a redesigned trail extend the offer for downhillers. From the middle station of the Grubigsteinbahn, the 2.8 km long Bachltrail leads down into the valley in several bends and jumps. It is also suitable for beginners. The quality of the 2.8 km long Schlägle Trail has been improved. It is categorised as "difficult" and therefore only suitable for experienced bikers.

Web

zugspitzarena.com

Information

More about cycling can be found online.

www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/cycling-and-biking
press.austria.info/uk
press.austria.info/uk/summer-2024

Nature experiences



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Carinthia

National Park partner establishments offer new services

The Carinthian partner establishments in Hohe Tauern National Park were reconstituted in 2023. Together they are committed to natural, gentle and ecological tourism and offer a number of benefits. Guests can take part in the national park's extensive hiking and excursion programme free of charge, for example. They can also visit the Ibex House in Heiligenblut am Großglockner and the BIOS National Park Centre Mallnitz for free once during their stay.

Web

nationalpark-hohetauern.at

Picnic in nature

Under the motto "Nimm Platz" (take a seat), the Nassfeld-Pressegger See, Weissensee and Lesachtal holiday regions launched a picnic service in autumn 2023. This service will be bookable again from 20th May 2024. All those who want to explore the region's beautiful nature by bike or on foot can equip themselves with a picnic basket beforehand. The package also gives tips on the prettiest picnic spots along the way. These include the meditative places at Lake Wolayer, refreshing ones such as by the waterfall in the Lesachtal Valley or particularly enjoyable ones like the "edible landscape" rest area on the Gailtal Cycle Path R3 in Kirchbach.

Web

www.nassfeld.at
(German only)

Carinthia

Nature adventures with the "Green Experience" seal

As part of the "Most Sustainable Region in Austria" project, the holiday regions of Nassfeld-Presegger See, Lesachtal and Weissensee are launching the summer season with a new feature. The newly introduced "Green Experience" seal distinguishes guided nature and adventure programmes that set themselves apart through authentic encounters and local natural treasures or delicacies, are accompanied by specially trained guides and meet the specified criteria. They include trips on the Weissensee raft, for example, the "Fascination of bees" morning and the "Let there be light" journey through time.

Web

www.nassfeld.at
(German only)

New Weissensee raft

For more than 40 years, a raft has been in use at Lake Weissensee. The raft, which has been pushed by a motorboat up until now, is mainly used for culinary trips in summer, such as the popular breakfast cruises. From summer 2024, a new eco-friendly raft will glide across Lake Weissensee – powered by electricity.

Web

www.weissensee.com

Wellness at Millstätter Alm

In autumn 2023, Lake Millstätter See introduced "AlmZEIT" with its sumptuous programmes. From 9th May 2024, guests will once again be able to unwind at the AlmBad on the AlexanderAlm above the lake. Two wooden tubs filled with warm water invite you to relax at the lovely lookout point. A glass of Carinthian Prosecco and a selection of cheeses from the organic alpine dairy are positioned on a board above the tubs for bathers to enjoy.

Web

www.millstaettersee.com
(German only)

Upper Austria

SUP safari in the Salzkammergut

Lake Attersee, Lake Fuschl, Lake Hallstatt, Lake Mondsee and Lake Wolfgangsee: since early summer 2023, the "SUP Safari Salzkammergut" has been inviting you on a stand-up paddle board holiday to the region's most beautiful spots. The package was developed by SUP Box, which has three sites in the Salzkammergut. Led by experienced guides, participants travel from lake to lake for five days, discover the idyllic settings from the water on the guided SUP tours and acquire plenty of expert tricks to take home with them.

Web

www.sup-box.at

SalzburgerLand

Forest bathing on the Mountain of Senses

A new trail will open in the mountains of Saalfelden Leogang in spring 2024 that encourages forest bathing. Along the 6 km long hiking trail, 14 stations invite you to take a little break, meditate and relax amidst the trees. One of the stations is ideal for practicing yoga whilst another awaits you with a "treetop bed" from which you can observe the sky. A little waterfall also provides an energy boost along the way. Hikers should plan three and a half hours for the trail on which around 1,000 m of altitude have to be overcome, including breaks.

Web

www.saalfelden-leogang.com

National Park Worlds Mittersill

After several months of renovation, the National Park Worlds in Mittersill will reopen in May 2024 with upgraded existing attractions such as the 360-degree panorama cinema and the eagle flight panorama as well as modernised building systems and restaurant. In the National Park Worlds, visitors embark on a journey of discovery through Hohe Tauern National Park. The exhibition with experience stations leads through the alpine world around Austria's highest peak, the 3,798 m high Grossglockner, to another 266 three-thousand-metre peaks, across 342 glaciers and to one of the mightiest waterfalls in the world, the Krimml Waterfalls.

Web

www.nationalparkzentrum.at

Tirol

Digital adventure trails in the Zugspitz Arena

Six digital adventure trails await hikers of all ages in the Tiroler Zugspitz Arena from summer 2024. They will extend across the entire region, so that guests in Ehrwald, Lermoos, Biberwier, Bichlbach, Heiterwang and Berwang will all be able to enjoy a trail. Explorers set off with a smartphone, with fictional characters such as Cora, Mia, Castor, Augustus, Johann and Finn accompanying them through the various adventure worlds and revealing more about the region's history, culture and nature.

Web

www.zugspitzarena.com

Escape trails in the Zugspitz Arena

From summer 2024, families will be able to embark on three new escape trails in Berwang in the Tiroler Zugspitz Arena. The necessary equipment will be available from the local tourist office, such as a basket for the kids to carry what is needed to solve the puzzles along the way. Each escape trail tells a different story with reference to regional legends, culture or history. The puzzles, which are hidden in different places on the mountain, must be solved as a team in order to get to the next location. The tours can be booked online and lead explorers young and old through nature for up to five hours.

Web

www.zugspitzarena.com

Alpbachtal storytelling benches

The new Alpbachtal storytelling benches will be places to stop and listen in Reith im Alpbachtal from summer 2024. Before visitors can listen to the stories, however, they have to generate the necessary power by turning the crank at the respective station. They will then hear or be able to read interesting facts about the location in Braille. The new storytelling benches will be positioned in barrier-free places such as the Hildegard von Bingen herb garden, by the Reitherkogelbahn or at Lake Reith.

Web

www.alpbachtal.at

Themed circular trail at Burgschrofen

From summer 2024, families will be able to dive into the legends, myths and stories of the village on a new, partly interactive themed circular trail in the protected landscape of Burgschrofen in Schwendau in the Zillertal. Six stations will tell tales about the devil, knights, a great treasure and people being forced into exile. In addition, visitors will have to find out who once lived on Burgschrofen Hill and which buildings were located there.

Web

www.mayrhofen.at

Kofele's bee nature trail

Families will be able to embark on Kofele's bee nature trail on the Patscherkofel near Innsbruck from summer 2024. On the way from the mountain station to the Hochmahdalm, explorers will learn more about bees at seven stations and solve various tasks. Having collected all the facts about the hard-working insects, they will receive a little surprise if they answer the puzzle correctly.

Web

www.patscherkofelbahn.at
(German only)

Vorarlberg

New look for Natursprünge Path

Since the end of summer 2023, the 4.7 km long interactive Natursprünge Path in Brandnertal has been offering new attractions. All eleven stations have been given a new look. They inform both children and adults about the secrets of nature, set tasks and ask questions. The clever fox Brandolin now accompanies youngsters along the trail. Equipped with his Amulet Pass, available at the Dorfbahn ticket office, little explorers can set off and learn new things.

Web

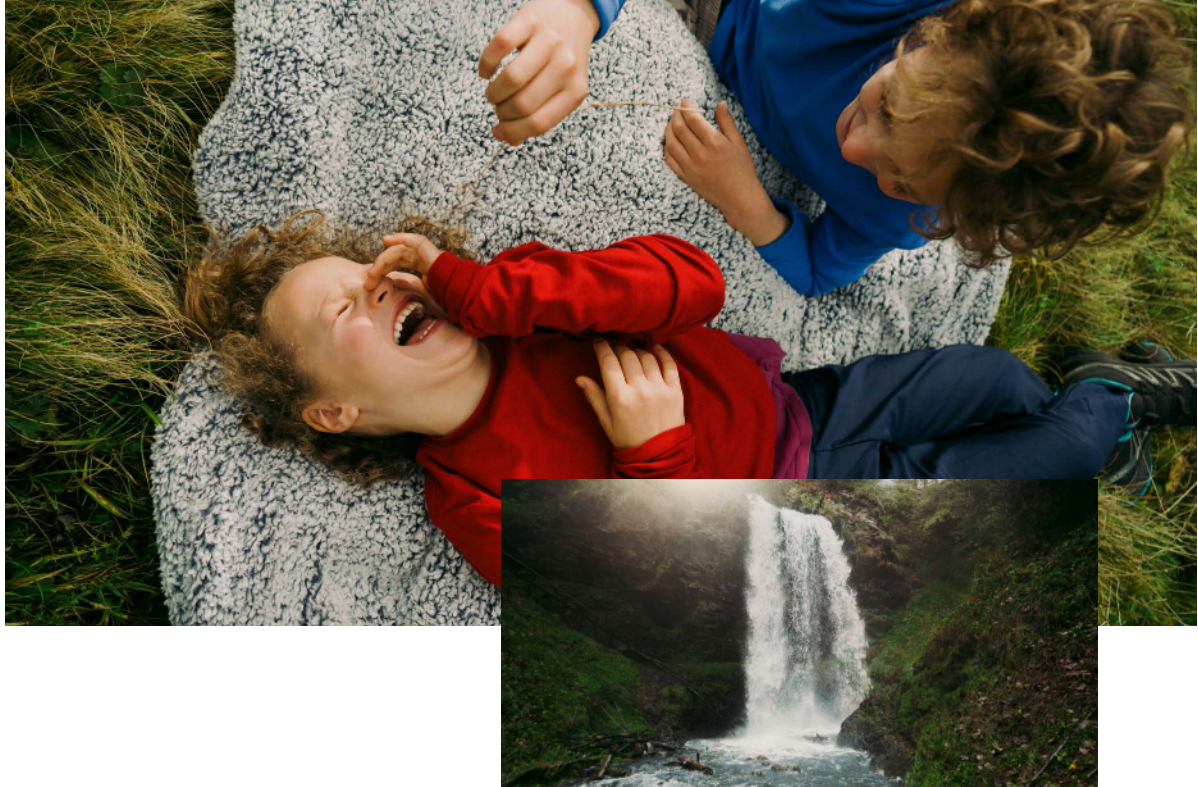
www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Information

More experiences in nature and relaxing tips from Austria can be found online.

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press.austria.info/uk
press.austria.info/uk/summer-2024

Further experiences



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Burgenland

Through Southern Burgenland in an e-carriage

For a few years now it has been possible to discover Southern Burgenland comfortably on trips in an electric horse-drawn carriage. Austria's first electric hybrid carriage can accommodate up to 14 people. From mid-May 2024 the Eisenberg DAC Tour will be an additional excursion option. The tour around the Eisenberg wine-growing region with a stop and tasting at a winegrower takes about two and a half hours. An e-carriage weekend will also take place from 26th to 28th April 2024 on which visitors will be able to choose from various round trips. From Güssing the tours lead to the nearby vineyards, to fish ponds and to Gerersdorf open-air museum. It is advisable to register in advance.

Web

www.ekutsche.info
(German only)

Burgi the digital travel guide

Which cycling and hiking trails are nearby, what events are taking place? Burgi, Burgenland's digital travel guide, has the answers. Since October 2022 overnight guests have been able to consult Burgi via app. And since the beginning of 2024 Burgi has also been providing day visitors and locals with useful tips. If you would like to make use of Burgi's top tips, simply register on the website to receive immediate access.

Web

www.burgenland.info

Burgenland

"The new beach" in Breitenbrunn

"Der neue Strand" (the new beach), which opens June 2024 on the shores of Lake Neusiedl in Breitenbrunn, is modern and chic despite its natural design. The complex is located on the enlarged site of the former swimming area. In addition to extensive sunbathing and green areas, the resort includes a large restaurant with a terrace, beach bar and shop. There is also space for campers and nature lovers who would like to spend the night in one of the glamping tents. "Der neue Strand" is ideal for those who want to explore the lake by sailboat or SUP board too. The boat hire and marina are just a few metres away. Surf lessons are offered by the local surf school. And if you prefer to stay on land, you can rent bicycles and e-bikes on site.

Web

www.neuerstrand.at
(German only)

Carinthia

On the trail of crime through Villach

On the new "Die Lei Leiche" crime trail you not only solve a murder case, but also learn a lot about the history and culture of the city of Villach. The "crime file" can be accessed with a smartphone. Then it's a matter of putting two and two together and solving the case with the help of clues. A maximum of five people can set off on the 4 km journey together. You receive a discount on the crime trail with the Villach holiday region Erlebnis CARD or Kärnten Card.

Web

www.visitvillach.at

Lower Austria

MaXi and the Time Machine

From mid-June, families can embark on a new escape tour in Wiener Neustadt via app. The tour called "MaXi and the Time Machine" combines fun minigames and tricky puzzles. Chase a nifty rabbit through the city as you put together the pieces of a mysterious time machine. The app will be available to download for free in the App Store from 15th June 2024.

Web

tourismus.wiener-neustadt.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

In the footsteps of Saint Wolfgang

Lake Wolfgangsee is celebrating the 1,100th birthday of its patron saint in 2024. To mark the anniversary, the region is offering a package that takes you in the footsteps of Saint Wolfgang to its most beautiful spots. These include the Gut Aich monastery, the pilgrimage church of St. Wolfgang and the Falkenstein, a rock that towers high above Lake Wolfgangsee. A visit to the Falkenstein church and Durchkriechstein as well as the opportunity to bottle your own healing spring water round off the programme. The package includes three overnight stays with breakfast, a boat trip on Lake Wolfgangsee, a bottle of Wolfgang wine and a voucher for the monastery farm shop Gut Aich.

Web

wolfgangsee.salzkammergut.at

3D archery course

Since October 2023, a new 3D archery course has been complementing the "Seehof Club 3D" archery centre in Hochburg-Ach in the Entdecker-viertel. The course covers an area of five hectares and includes 28 stations with life-size 3D animal replicas. Those who want to try their hand at archery are given an introduction.

Web

www.entdeckerviertel.at
(German only)

Literature Trail in Freistadt

Since October 2023, those with a love of literature have been able to take a closer look at the life and work of Brigitte Schwaiger on the Literature Trail in Freistadt. The author, who wrote the 1977 bestseller "Why Is There Salt in the Sea?", grew up in Freistadt and died in 2010. The 2 km long fully accessible path leads through Freistadt's old town. Along the way you can stop and read or listen to quotes from her books, letters and interviews in ten places that were of great importance in Brigitte Schwaiger's life.

Web

www.brigitte-schwaiger.at

Upper Austria

Watch the baker at work

Under the motto "Wir sind Brot" (We are bread), bakers and millers in Upper Austria's Entdeckerviertel offer site visits followed by tastings. You can choose from "Early morning in the bakery", "Visit to the miller" and "Visit to the baker" tours. There are also new "With the baker to the Gai" trips, on which participants accompany the bakers for a few hours as they deliver to individual households or small grocers, getting to know the region and its people in a truly unique way.

Web

www.entdeckerviertel.at
(German only)

A different kind of hike

Since May 2023 the Mühlviertel has been offering a new tour for horse lovers who would like to start trail riding. It is called "HoamatRITT" (home ride), is about 60 km long and can easily be completed in two to three days. The circular route across the Mühlviertel Almen begins and ends in St. Georgen am Walde, although riders can choose to start at any other place along the circuit.

Web

www.muehlviertel-almfreistadt.at
(German only)

SalzburgerLand

Kodok's adventure on the Reiterkogel

The Reiterkogel in Hinterglemm is home to the goblin Kodok. Over the years, he has changed from a cheeky goblin to a guardian of the mountain, using his magical powers to keep harm and disaster away. But a troll has stolen Kodok's magic tools. The aim is to find them along the approximately 3 km long adventure trail which opened in July 2023. Eleven stations provide clues along the way. Those who would like to set off in search can collect their adventure pass at the Reiterkogelbahn valley station. The path is suitable for children up to the age of twelve and is also accessible with buggies.

Web

www.saalbach.com

Katschi's alpine playground

In the summer of 2024, "Katschi's Almspielplatz" and the first Lungau ball track will open on the Aineck right by the Aineckbahn mountain station. Kids can climb and balance on the wooden towers and bridges. There are also swings, a roundabout plus a sand and water play area with a water spiral and water wheels. A large tunnel slide takes the little ones from the alpine playground to the ball track.

Web

www.katschi.at

Suitable for children: 3D hunting bow course

From May 2024, a new 3D hunting bow course will add to the fun at Erlebniswald Altenmarkt-Zauchensee. In addition to the forest high ropes course, a course with 15 stations will open. What's special about it is that children from the age of six can also try their hand at archery here. First they learn how to use a bow and arrow correctly on the shooting range. After that they follow the 1.5 km long forest and meadow path which leads to the 15 stations with animal figures as targets. Information boards at the stations reveal interesting facts about the fauna of the local mountains.

Web

www.erlebniswald-altenmarkt.at

Styria

Unusual lookout point in Bad Loipersdorf

Since summer 2023 a lookout in the shape of a wine bottle and glass has been the new wine landmark of Bad Loipersdorf. The oversized 13 m high wooden wine bottle and the 8 m high stainless steel wine glass, which also serves as a viewing platform, sit enthroned on a small hill in Bad Loipersdorf. From here visitors can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view towards Graz. The unusual lookout point can be reached on the 17 km long Wine Experience Trail and by bike.

Web

www.loipersdorf.at

Styria

Enjoy the view in Unterlamm

A few kilometres from Bad Loipersdorf, the town of Unterlamm also received a new landmark in the summer of 2023. The old lookout has been replaced with a new tower which is slightly higher at 15 m. It was designed by architects from the region and made by a local timber construction company. The lookout post can only be reached on foot, which takes around 15 minutes from the village centre.

Web

www.unterlamm.gv.at
(German only)

"Energy Crystal" on the Dachstein

The refurbished mountain station of the Dachstein cable car will open at 2,700 m above sea level at the end of May 2024. Under the motto "Energy Crystal", the station has been undergoing extensive exterior and interior renovations. A particular focus has been placed on the photovoltaic cladding on its east, west and south sides, which will make it possible for the mountain station to generate up to 80 percent of the energy it requires itself. Guests can enjoy a 280-degree view from the newly designed restaurant with table service as well as a self-service area and terrace. A new bar is being built on the top level of the building with the best views of the southern walls of the Dachstein. There will also be a new viewing platform, which will rise spectacularly above the rocks.

Web

www.derdachstein.at

Tirol

Alpine Life open-air museum

After trial operation last summer, the now completed Alpine Life open-air museum in Innervillgraten East Tirol will open on 3rd July 2024. Various buildings provide insights into the local building and working culture of yesteryear and the museum also looks at innovations. Highlights include a mill, a farmhouse and an alpine hut. Centrepiece is the restored Wegelate sawmill. It was built in 1883 and is the last Venetian sawmill in Austria.

Web

www.innervillgraten.at

Tirol's first indoor padel club

Padel is the name of an emerging racket sport. It is a combination of tennis and squash. There has been a dedicated site in Seefeld for those who would like to practice the sport or give it a go since November 2023. Tirol's first indoor padel club opened in the WM Hall with six courts, a shop and a tapas bar. The courts can be used by beginners as well as pros.

Web

www.casapadel.at

Climbing area in the Wipptal

Since autumn 2023, a family-friendly climbing area at Stafflacher Wand in St. Jodok has added to the leisure opportunities in the Wipptal. With routes spread across six sectors in difficulty levels ranging from three to nine, the climbing area is suitable for beginners as well as pros. Thanks to the proximity to the train station, it is also easy to reach by public transport.

Web

www.wipptal.at
(German only)

Cross trail routes in the Paznaun Valley

"Cross trail" is the name of the original form of trail running, which combines brisk hiking with running in challenging terrain. From summer 2024 there will be nine new signposted cross trail routes in the Paznaun-Ischgl region. Starting at cable car stations or bus stops, the routes will lead mostly along rocky paths through the high mountains. The choice will range from medium routes with a length of 3.7 km and an altitude difference of about 790 m to challenging routes on which around 13 km and 1,200 m of altitude have to be overcome.

Web

www.paznaun-ischgl.com

Tirol

New attractions for families

There's plenty of new attractions for adventurous families in the SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser Brixental – Kitzbühel Alps region. On the Alpinorama circular trail in Westendorf, newly created resting places invite you to enjoy the silence and allow the panorama to work its magic on you. From summer 2024 the "Spoggolino" ball track at Alpinolino Discovery Park will offer two tracks on which children can compete against one another in races. A new viewing platform is also being built at the Zinsbergbahn mountain station. And there's even more fun to be had at the adventure playground in Ellmi's Zauberwelt by the Ellmau cable car.

Web

www.skiwelt.at

Vorarlberg

Via ferrata Großes Walsertal

A new, moderately difficult category C via ferrata will open on the Wandfluh in Sonntag-Stein in the Großes Walsertal Biosphere Reserve in early summer 2024. Over a length of 200 m, climbers overcome around 150 m in altitude in about an hour. Fabulous views of the alpine valley and its mountains open up along the way. The starting point is an approximately 30-minute walk from the mountain station of the Sonntag-Stein cable car.

Web

www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Crime trail in Bludenz

A get together of old school friends is rudely interrupted when a stone with a menacing letter is thrown through the window. Who is threatening the women and, above all, why? This is what you need to find out on the new crime trail through the city of Bludenz, which was launched in December 2023. Small groups of two to five people can head out in search of clues. The adventure takes place outdoors, lasts about two hours and can also be booked online.

Web

www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at
(German only)

Strandbad Hard has been redesigned

Strandbad Hard is one of the most popular and largest lidos at Lake Constance. Now it has been refurbished and converted. Guests can enjoy the improvements from June 2024, including the redesigned entrance area, changing rooms and sanitary facilities. There is also a new children's pool with a slide and fun pool. The technology has also been modernised and supplemented by a photovoltaic system.

Web

hard.at

Vienna

Heartbeat Streets. Vienna's vibrant neighbourhoods

Vienna is celebrating its "Grätzl" in 2024, as the districts are called here. The word comes from the obsolete "gereiz" which meant "perimeter" and described a small, inner-city unit consisting of several streets. Whether Karmelitermarkt, Spittelberg, Servitengasse, Brunnenmarkt or new neighbourhoods such as Seestadt: they all have their own character, are places of encounter, exchange and creativity. They are diverse, multicultural and authentic. Grätzl tour suggestions and a Grätzl personality quiz for those who want to find the right Grätzl for them can be found on the Vienna Tourist Board website.

Web

www.wien.info

Information

The "Inclusive-Cards" of the federal states and regions include countless sights, events, and public transport for free or at a greatly reduced price.

www.austria.info/de/aktivitaeten/stadt-und-kultur/bundeslaendercards
(German only)

Cuisine



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Lower Austria

New opening: Bioweingut Gruber Rösschitz

On 1st March 2024, the certified organic Weingut Gruber Rösschitz opened its new site in the Keller-gasse of Rösschitz. The new building of sustainable timber construction connects three old wine cellars with the outside world. The cellar was built 8 m deep in order to cool completely naturally. The clay plaster with clay cooling ceiling and the photovoltaic system with storage also contribute to the winery's energy self-sufficiency. Tastings can be enjoyed in the airy new building all year round and there are cellar tours every Friday.

Web

www.gruber-roeschitz.bio

Rehtanz in the Waldviertel

A special culinary event will take place from 23rd to 25th May in Litschau in the Waldviertel. Michael Kolm from Restaurant KOLM and Klaus Hölzl from Dorfwirt Litschau will serve a five-course menu with venison specialties, aptly named "Rehtanz" (deer dance). The accompanying wines come from certified Weingut Allram in the Straßertal in Lower Austria. A package can be booked with overnight stays, a guided herb hike and the venison menu. There is also the option of watching the quartering of the deer, which takes place in the forest of Litschau Castle.

Web

koenigsleitn.at
(German only)

Vorarlberg

Award-winning: "Zu Tisch im Muntafu"

"Zu Tisch im Muntafu" (Muntafu means Montafon in the regional dialect) received an award at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2023. The cookbook contains 41 recipes contributed by 29 chefs from the Montafon, private individuals and students from the host school for tourism professions. It also looks at the history and culinary / cultural features of the valley. The book's concept, stories and design come from Dornbirn-based agency zurgams, and the imagery from Vorarlberg photo studio Matak. It was published by Montafon Tourism.

Web

www.montafon.at

Green Gault&Millau Toque for Walserstuba

In 2024, gourmet guide Gault&Millau first awarded a Green Toque to businesses that attach particular importance to sustainability. The first Green Toque went to Jeremias Riezler and his wife Bettina from Biohotel Walserstuba in Kleinwalsertal. Both have been following a "radically biological and regional path" for years. The couple thus not only uses exclusively certified organic and seasonal produce, but also revives breeds, varieties and recipes. In addition to the Green Toque, the Walserstuba kitchen has three classic Gault&Millau Toques.

Web

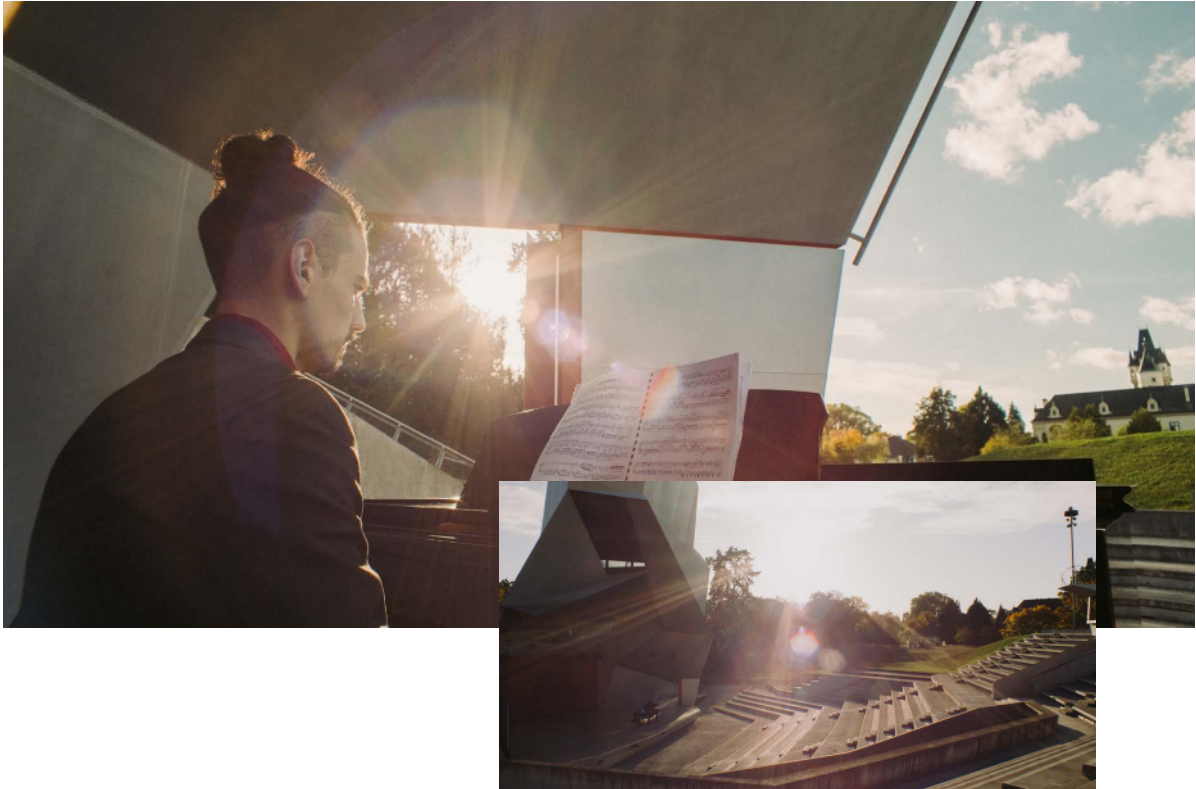
www.walserstuba.at

Information

More culinary tips as well as producers from Austria can be found online.

www.austria.info/en/food-and-drink
www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/food-and-drink/recipes
press.austria.info/uk
press.austria.info/uk/summer-2024

Museums and culture



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Lower Austria

New festival: TangenteSt. Pölten

St. Pölten, the capital of Lower Austria, has a new festival for contemporary culture named TangenteSt.Pölten. It will take place at several venues across the city from 30th April to 6th October 2024. The programme combines visual arts, theatre, performances, music, literature as well as science and discourse formats. The focus is on contemporary themes such as ecology, memory and democracy.

Web

www.tangente-st-poelten.at

KinderKunstLabor set to open

The KinderKunstLabor will open in St. Pölten on 28th June 2024. The new exhibition space for contemporary art will display video art, photography, painting, sound art, performance, design and architecture in two changing exhibitions per year. The exhibitions as well as the range of workshops and projects are aimed primarily at a young audience up to the age of twelve. In workshops and creative groups, for example, children will be able to contribute their ideas for future exhibitions and programmes.

Web

www.kinderkunstlabor.at
(German only)

Lower Austria

New Albertina Klosterneuburg

The Albertina will open another location on 9th April 2024, in the former Essl Museum in Klosterneuburg. On the one hand, the museum will show works of contemporary art from the extensive Essl family collection. And on the other hand, the new emphasis will be on sculptures, on display both in the museum and in the sculpture garden. The building, an award-winning project by recently deceased architect Heinz Tesar, is worth seeing in itself. The museum will be open from Thursday to Sunday throughout 2024 until 2nd November.

Web

www.albertina.at

Stadttheater Wiener Neustadt reopens

The Stadttheater Wiener Neustadt will reopen after fundamental renovation in autumn 2024. Work on the theatre includes modernisation of the entrance portal, foyer and technology, as well as making it fully accessible. The team will present the new programme in autumn or on the reopening weekend from 8th to 10th November 2024.

Web

stadttheater.wiener-neustadt.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

Shoe Museum Linz

In January 2024, shoemaker Siegfried Hain opened the Shoe Museum Linz. There, the passionate collector displays around 800 pairs of shoes from different cultures and eras. From the practical, everyday model to extravagant designs, each exhibit tells its own story. Siegfried Hain also offers seminars on looking after shoes.

Web

www.schuhmuseumlinz.com

Museum of Bad Ischl

Following a year-long renovation, the Museum of Bad Ischl will reopen its doors at the beginning of April 2024. After 34 years, the permanent exhibition in one of the oldest salt merchants' houses in Bad Ischl which belonged to the Seeauer family has been restructured and takes up new themes. The focus is on the history of the town of Bad Ischl after 1914. Special exhibitions with works by local artists or on seasonal themes such as nativity scene construction complete the programme.

Web

www.stadtmuseum.at

Lehár Villa Museum

After a general renovation, the museum in the former villa of operetta composer Franz Lehár (1870–1948) will reopen in May 2024. The building is now barrier-free. The exhibition gives a deep insight into the life of the father of the "Silver Operetta". Another new feature is the audiovisual transfer of knowledge, which is aimed specifically at children and young people. The renovated building will also house a comprehensive archive, which will be available for research purposes.

Web

www.stadtmuseum.at
(German only)

Styria

The Erzherzog Johann Museum opens

The new Erzherzog Johann-Museum will open in Schloss Stainz as part of the Universalmuseum Joanneum on 11th May 2024. Archduke Johann (1782–1859) of the House of Habsburg played a significant role in the modernisation of industry and agriculture as well as culture and education in Styria. With the help of many original objects, the new museum explores the ideas of Archduke Johann, presents models, paintings, documents and sheds light on the political and social environment of the time.

Web

www.museum-joanneum.at

Vorarlberg

Bregenz Festival: "Der Freischütz" on the lake stage for the first time

The 78th Bregenz Festival launches on 17th July 2024 with a premiere: for the first time in the history of the festival, Carl Maria von Weber's opera "Der Freischütz" will be performed on the lake stage this season, which runs from 17th July to 18th August 2024, and also next summer. The lake stage will be transformed into a barren winter landscape with wooden huts and bare trees for this new production. Another first is the performance of "Tancredi" at the Festspielhaus, composed by Gioachino Rossini when he was just 20. The opera will be performed twice more after its premiere on 18th July 2024.

Web

bregenzfestspiele.com

Vienna

House of Strauss

Vienna will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the "Waltz King" Johann Strauss in 2025. The House of Strauss opened as a venue for concerts and exhibitions in October 2023. It is located in the former Casino Zweifelitz, an elegant building from the Biedermeier period. The House of Strauss includes a Strauss museum, restaurant and the 350 m² Strauss concert hall.

Web

www.houseofstrauss.at

KunstHausWien open again

After six months of renovation, the KunstHausWien reopened its doors on 29th February 2024. Colourful surfaces, irregular shapes and sprawling greenery characterise the building, which was designed by artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The KunstHausWien, which is now also more climate-friendly, will be hosting the Vienna Climate Biennale from 5th April to 14th July 2024.

Web

www.kunsthausewien.com

Information

More about artists and culture in Austria can be found online.

www.austria.info/en/culture/artists-and-masterpieces
press.austria.info/uk

Anniversaries



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Burgenland

50 years of concerts at Halbtorn Castle

For 50 years, the baroque Halbtorn Castle in Burgenland has been hosting concerts. In its anniversary year, the schedule from 23rd May to 19th September will include pianist Paul Gulda, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the Feuerbach Quartett. In addition to the castle's Freskensaal, its inner courtyard and the parish church of Halbtorn will be venues for the concerts.

Web

www.halbturner-schlosskonzerte.at

30 years of musicals at Güssing Castle

Güssing Castle in Southern Burgenland is celebrating 30 years as home of lively musical theatre classics every summer. The musical "Anatevka - Fiddler on the Roof" will be back on the stage in the anniversary year from 2nd to 17th August 2024. The touching story of the milkman Tevye and his village Anatevka has captivated crowds in Güssing several times before.

Web

musicalguessing.com

Carinthia

800 Years of the "Turnier zu Friesach"

The "Turnier zu Friesach" looks back on a long history. An 800-year-old testimony comes from the minnesinger Ulrich of Liechtenstein. In a song he describes how knights fought in Friesach. This event has been commemorated for many years by the "Specatuculum zu Friesach", a medieval festival. It will take place on 27th and 28th July this year and is dedicated to the 800th anniversary of the "Turnier zu Friesach".

Web

www.spectaculum-friesach.at
(German only)

Lower Austria

200 years of the Museum St. Peter an der Sperr

In 1824, a "Cabinet of Antiques and Memorabilia" opened in the town hall of Wiener Neustadt. Highlights of the collection were valuable objects such as the Corvinus cup from the 15th century, a gospel book of the Teutonic Order from 1325, paintings and documents. After several relocations, the museum is now based in the former monastery of St. Peter an der Sperr. Inside the renovated and modernised building, visitors can learn about the more than 800-year history of Wiener Neustadt. Concerts, interactive exhibitions for families, special displays on cultural history and presentations of national and international art further enhance the visit.

Web

www.museum-wn.at

200 years since the premiere of Symphony No. 9

Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 was premiered in 1824 and major parts of it were composed at Rathausgasse 10 in Baden bei Wien. The town is commemorating its famous resident and his work with 200-year anniversary celebrations. The programme includes a series of concerts and events. On the day of the premiere, 7th May, for example, a "Cloud of Sound" will float over Baden. There will also be a special exhibition from 27th April to 3rd November 2024 at the Beethoven House Baden.

Web

www.tourismus.baden.at

120 years Museum Carnuntinum

Austria's oldest Roman museum is located near the Danube in Bad Deutsch-Altenburg. Since 1904 Museum Carnuntinum, built in the style of a Roman country villa, has been providing insights into the times when the Romans lived here. Since 1997 you have also been able to visit the Roman City of Carnuntum near the museum. It includes true-to-the-original buildings of the former civilian and military town of Carnuntum, a significant Roman metropolis on the border of the Roman Empire from the 1st to the 4th century AD with about 50,000 inhabitants.

Web

www.carnuntum.at

60 years of Blockheide Nature Park

Mighty granite stones characterise the landscape in the Upper Waldviertel. A particularly large number can be found in the "Blockheide" near Gmünd. Thanks to its protection-worthy nature and the coexistence of stones, birch groves, ponds and stretches of water, the Blockheide was declared a conservation area in 1960. It was then designated a nature park in 1964. The Blockheide has been a European protected area since 1999. It can be explored on hiking trails and themed tours.

Web

www.blockheide.at

50th anniversary of the Schallaburg exhibition centre

The Schallaburg near Melk in Lower Austria combines a medieval castle with a renaissance one. It has been an exhibition centre since 1974, last renovated in 2023. With a completely renewed roof and better air-conditioned exhibition area, the castle will launch the annual exhibition "Renaissance – once, now & here" on 13th April 2024. The exhibition runs until 3rd November 2024 and takes visitors back to an era of revolutionary ideas and groundbreaking discoveries.

Web

www.schallaburg.at

Lower Austria

35 years of Mohndorf Armschlag

Poppy seeds are one of the Waldviertel's regional specialities. They mainly refine desserts such as poppy seed pancakes, poppy seed cakes and "Mohnzelten" (flat pastries filled with poppy seeds). A particularly large number of poppies thrive around Armschlag in the Southern Waldviertel, which gave the village the idea of calling itself the "Poppy Village" of Armschlag 35 years ago. In the meantime, there is a poppy nature trail, a poppy garden, a poppy farm shop and a designated poppy restaurant. Guided tours will take place regularly between 1st May and 31st October 2024. The best time to see the poppy blossom is July.

Web

www.mohndorf.at

35th anniversary of the Burg Gars opera festival

The opera festival at Burg Gars in Gars am Kamp in the Waldviertel is launching its anniversary year with new artistic director and chamber singer Clemens Unterreiner. The inner courtyard of the castle ruins has been transformed into an open-air opera stage with the best acoustics every July and August since 1990. Around 1,250 spectators can be seated in the stands. In 2024, the first summer of the new artistic director, the opera festival will be bringing "L'Elisir d'Amore" (The Elixir of Love) by Gaetano Donizetti to the stage. Performances will take place between 13th July and 3rd August 2024.

Web

operburggars.at
(German only)

30 years of the Lower Austria Theatre Festival

Three decades ago a number of artistic directors joined forces to promote summer theatre in Lower Austria. In the meantime the Lower Austria Theatre Festival connects 20 venues throughout the province. The participating festivals, which take place between June and September, include Operklosterneuburg, the Raimundspiele Gutenstein, Musical Sommer Amstetten and the Bühne Baden-Sommerarena.

Web

theaterfest-noe.at
(German only)

30 years „Falco Symphonic“

30 years ago, well-known Austrian musician and singer Falco gave a concert at the Domplatz in Wiener Neustadt. A revival concert will take place on 6th June 2024 to commemorate. This time the venue will be the square in front of the city's military academy. The conductor and organiser will be the same as 30 years ago: Raoul Herget, now professor and leader of the Wiener Neustädter Stadtkapelle. A 100-piece orchestra as well as the original band from back then will be there with well-known singers taking over Falco's vocals.

Web

tourismus.wiener-neustadt.at
(German only)

30 years of the Eggenburg Medieval Festival

From 7th to 8th September 2024, Eggenburg in the Waldviertel will be the meeting place for medieval fans from near and far for the 30th time. At over 200 market stalls, traders offer handicrafts and culinary delights. Within the 2 km long old town wall, more than 250 artists, jugglers, minstrels and musicians enchant their audience. There are dance and theatre performances as well as acrobatics and show fights.

Web

www.waldviertel.at

25th anniversary of the Wachau Marathon

The race through the Wachau World Heritage Region is one of Austria's most popular running events. Around 10,000 participants enjoy running along terraced vineyards, through picturesque villages and with a view of the Danube each year. In addition to the 42.195 km marathon, there is a half and a quarter marathon as well as relay events. The 25th anniversary marathon will take place on 14th and 15th September 2024.

Web

www.wachamarathon.com

Lower Austria

25 years of the "Wilde Wunder Card"

For 25 years, the "Wilde Wunder Card" has been the ticket to numerous excursion destinations in the Mostviertel Alps. It is also valid for half-price journeys on selected trains such as the Mariazell Railway and on buses. You can't buy the "Wilde Wunder Card" anywhere; anyone who stays at a "Wilde Wunder Card" accommodation provider receives it free of charge for the duration of their stay. Currently the card is valid as an admission ticket for 56 attractions across the Ötscher, Hochkar and Gemeindealpe mountains as well as in Mariazell and the Pielach Valley.

Web

www.mostviertel.at

20 years of the taste of Lower Austria

The culinary initiative "So schmeckt Niederösterreich" (The taste of Lower Austria) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Since 2004 the team has been implementing various projects in cooperation with its partner establishments and cooperating partners from across the food and drink, economic and tourism sectors. The website provides information about events, typical Lower Austrian places to eat as well as shopping opportunities at markets, local producers and in shops.

Web

www.soschmecktnoe.at
(German only)

Looking towards 2025

120 years of the Mariazell Railway from St. Pölten to Laubenbachmühle

35 years of Kulturpark Eisenstraße

25 years of Thayatal National Park

Upper Austria

100 years of the Mariendom

In 1862, the foundation stone for the Mariendom (New Cathedral) was laid in Linz. After a construction period of 62 years, the church was finally consecrated in April 1924. The neo-Gothic building is the largest church in Austria in terms of capacity. It didn't quite make the record for the tallest church in Austria, its towers being 2 m shorter than those of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna. A series of church celebrations are scheduled for the anniversary year. April 2024 will also see the opening of the new Domcenter, a welcome room built mainly of glass.

Web

www.dioezese-linz.at

30 years of Steyr Music Festival

Since 1995, the Steyr Music Festival has been organising concerts and bringing musicals to life on stage in the summer. The moat of baroque Lamberg Castle has been the venue for the open-air performances since 2004. "The Rocky Horror Show" is on the programme for the anniversary year with performances taking place from 25th July to 10th August 2024.

Web

www.musikfestivalsteyr.at

SalzburgerLand

100th anniversary of the Folklore Museum

The Folklore Museum in Salzburg is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2024 with an extensive programme. The museum is located in the Monatsschlössl Hellbrunn. In its anniversary year, it is taking a contemporary look at objects that were part of the inaugural exhibition in 1924. "Masks, traditional costumes, cult objects" is the title of the exhibition, which can be visited from 4th May to 1st November 2024. At the same time the museum is putting on artistic interventions in Hellbrunn Park and on the hill under the motto "tradition2go: between culture and madness".

Web

www.salzburgmuseum.at

SalzburgerLand

100 years of Haus der Natur

Haus der Natur, one of the most popular museums in the city of Salzburg, has been around for 100 years. It houses an aquarium with 38 display tanks as well as a science centre with experiment stations. The permanent collection and special exhibitions revolve around natural history. To mark its anniversary, the museum is redesigning its reptile zoo. The reopening is scheduled for summer 2024.

Web

www.hausdernatur.at

50 years of Salzburg Christmas Market

When it comes to Christmas markets, it doesn't get more atmospheric than at the Cathedral and Residence Squares of the city of Salzburg. Visitors can enjoy the wonderful ambience for the fiftieth time from 21st November 2024 to 1st January 2025. Cathedral Square has been a meeting place as a market square since the 15th century. A pre-Christmas market was held there from the 17th century. The Christmas market as we know it has existed since 1974.

Web

christkindmarkt.co.at

40th anniversary of the Salzburg Open-Air Museum

The Salzburg Open-Air Museum will mark its 40th anniversary with a big celebration on 8th June 2024. The museum with the largest surface area in SalzburgerLand is located in Großgmain. It displays around 100 rebuilt original farmhouses from six centuries. A new visitor centre is also to be unveiled in the course of 2024.

Web

www.freilichtmuseum.com

25 years of the Golling Festival

In 1999, innkeeper Hermann Döllerer had the idea of treating his regular guests to both culinary and musical delights. He founded the Golling Festival, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2024. The anniversary year programme combines concerts and readings from 21st June to 29th August. Well-known artists such as Angelika Kirchschrager, Alfred Dorfer, Karl Markovics and Tobias Moretti will present around 21 performances. The Döllerer family will provide culinary delights with a four-course "Alpine Cuisine" dinner before or after the performances.

Web

festspielegolling.at
(German only)

20 years Museum der Moderne Salzburg

Twenty years ago the Museum der Moderne opened in an extraordinary location on the Mönchsberg above the city of Salzburg. The modern building was designed by Munich-based architectural firm Friedrich Hoff Zwick. For the past ten years the museum has also housed one of Austria's most important private art collections on permanent loan: the Generali Foundation Collection. Works from this collection are on display at the "Breaking Down Walls! The Collections" exhibition, which will run from 2nd February to 9th October 2024.

Web

www.museumdermoderne.at

20th Alpine Summer opening

SalzburgerLand has been celebrating the Alpine Summer for 20 years. A particularly lavish opening event awaits visitors in the anniversary year. The celebration will take place on 16th June 2024 at the Maurach Alm in Grossarlal. Musicians will play up on the mountain and there will be regional and alpine food and drink. Guests can watch craftsmen at work or partake in lively alpine dancing. When the large Alpine Summer bells echo across the mountain pastures, the new season has officially begun.

Web

www.salzburgerland.com

SalzburgerLand

10th anniversary of the DomQuartier

The DomQuartier was founded in the centre of the city of Salzburg in 2014. It combines ecclesiastical and secular buildings, mainly museums, which provide insights into the long history of the city. These include the Residenz with its state rooms and the Residenzgalerie, the Cathedral Museum and the Museum of St. Peter's Abbey. A number of celebrations are on the agenda for the anniversary year. The DomQuartier invites you to an open day on 11th May 2024, for example, and to a Venetian festival on 31st August. From 21st June 2024 to 6th January 2025, the Residenzgalerie will present the exhibition "The Colours of La Serenissima: Venetian Masterworks from Titian to Canaletto" in cooperation with the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna

Web

www.domquartier.at

Looking towards 2025

60 years of "The Sound of Music"

30 years of the Harvest Festival

Styria

950 years of Admont Abbey

Admont Abbey in Styria celebrates its 950th anniversary in 2024. Its highlight is the monastery library, one of the great masterpieces of European late baroque. Other attractions include museum rooms that exhibit art and natural history. The abbey was rebuilt in neo-Gothic style after a major fire in the 19th century. Its outdoor facilities with various gardens and a literature trail are also worth a visit. Concerts and church festivals will take place throughout the year, such as the Vienna Boys' Choir concert on 23rd August 2024. The special exhibition "950 Years of a Living Monastery" launched on 19th March 2024.

Web

stiftadmont.at

25 years of UNESCO World Heritage Graz

With the best-preserved historic city centre in Central Europe, the capital of Styria made it onto the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1999 – exactly 25 years ago. Schloss Eggenberg followed in 2010. The architectural styles of all successive eras are represented and harmoniously intertwined in the urban fabric of the "City of Graz – Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg" by typical buildings, some of them masterpieces.

Web

www.graztourismus.at

Vorarlberg

200 years of boat trips on Lake Constance

Lake Constance will be celebrating 200 years of boat trips with a fleet rally on 27th April 2024. The first passenger steamboat went into operation on Lake Constance on 10th November 1824. The "Wilhelm" operated between the German city of Friedrichshafen and Romanshorn as well as Rorschach in Switzerland. To this day, scheduled sailings and cruises adorn Lake Constance with the Austrian, German and Swiss flags. Vorarlberg Lines with their home port of Bregenz operate six ships of different sizes. The "MS Austria", the largest passenger ship on Lake Constance, can accommodate up to 1,200 people.

Web

www.vorarlberg-lines.at

150 years of the Bezau craftsmen's guild

Craft guilds have a long tradition in the Bregenzerwald. Just think of the Bregenzerwald baroque master builders' guilds from the 17th and 18th centuries. Most of the members were based in Bezau and Au at that time. In 2024, the Bezau craftsmen's guild looks back on 150 years of history with two major events to celebrate the anniversary year. On the one hand, the guild will find a new home in Bezau's extended local history museum, which will open in April 2024. And on the other it will play an integral role at the 11th Crafts Exhibition, which will take place from 4th to 8th September as part of the Dornbirn Autumn Fair.

Web

www.handwerksausstellung.at
(German only)

Vorarlberg

100 years of the Kästle ski brand

Racers such as Toni Sailer and Primin Zurbriggen achieved victory on Kästle skis. The company founded by Anton Kästle in 1924 with its headquarters in Hohenems has enjoyed international success for many years. After changes of ownership from the 1990s onwards, the brand lost its appeal, but Kästle has been experiencing a revival since 2019. The company is once again producing small series for alpine skiers and cross-country skiers. Kästle also made a comeback at the Ski World Cup. From 24th March 2024, the story of the well-known Vorarlberg ski brand will be told in a special exhibition at the FIS Ski Museum Damüls with the theme "100 years of Kästle".

Web

www.damuels.at
(German only)

10 years of BUS:STOP Krumbach

Ten years ago the village of Krumbach in the Bregenzerwald launched a remarkable project. Seven architecture teams from seven countries designed seven bus stops and then architects and craftsmen from the region implemented their designs on site. Since then the original buildings called "Buswartehüsle" (covered bus stops) in Vorarlberg dialect have not only been places to get on and off the bus, but also popular sights. The plans for the designs were drawn up by Sou Fujimoto from Japan, Alexander Brodsky from Russia, Smiljan Radic from Chile, architects De Vylder Vinck Taillieu from Belgium, Ensemble Studio from Spain, Rintala Eggertsson Architects from Norway and Wang Shu and Ly Wenyu from China.

Web

www.krumbach.at

Alpin8 in Brand for the first time

Alpin8 is a mountain running event in which participants take on 8,848 m in altitude – the equivalent of the height of Mount Everest – uphill by foot. The organisers call this challenge "Everesting". Alpin8 will take place in Brand im Brandnertal for the first time from 21st to 23rd June 2024 when a maximum of 250 participants will run up the mountain seventeen times within 36 hours.

Web

www.alpin8.eu

Looking towards 2025

50th Schubertiade Hohenems

Vienna

150 years of Arnold Schönberg

Vienna is celebrating the great composer Arnold Schönberg with concerts, lectures and an exhibition. The founder of the twelve-tone technique and atonality would have turned 150 years old this year. He was born in Vienna in 1874 and died in Los Angeles in 1951. Venues for the events include the Musikverein, the Wiener Konzerthaus and, above all, the Arnold Schönberg Center. The anniversary exhibition "Arnold Schönberg & Karl Kraus" will be on display there until 10th May 2024.

Web

www.schoenberg150.at

Looking towards 2025

200th anniversary of the birth of Johann Strauss

Information

More anniversaries can be found online.

www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/cities-and-culture/events

Events



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Burgenland

Keys To Heaven

"Keys To Heaven" is the name of the new piano festival at Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt. It will take place from 26th to 28th April 2024. The programme includes classical piano concerts, a jazz jam session and some real one-offs. These include a night concert which starts at 10 pm, a tango crash course, a one-day yoga retreat with music and meditation and a silent movie night with piano improvisation.

Web

www.pianofestival.at
(German only)

Carinthia

SeeDuroWeeks May 2024

On three weekends in May, the Villach - Faaker See - Ossiacher See region will be the venue for the SeeDuroWeeks for the first time. The programme is aimed at mountain bike enthusiasts of all levels. From 1st to 5th May 2024 the focus will be on the opening of the mountain bike season at Lake Ossiach. At the Bucketride Festival from 9th to 12th May 2024 at Lake Faak, participants will learn how to improve their riding technique. And between 16th and 19th May 2024 there will be guided tours and races at Lake Faak.

Web

www.lake.bike

Carinthia

Circle Jam Festival: Beatbox Festival 2024

The Circle Jam Festival will take place at bathing lake Ressnig near Ferlach from 26th to 27th July 2024. It will see the world's most renowned beatboxers perform in Carinthia for the first time. Beatboxing is the art of imitating various sounds with the mouth, tongue or surrounding muscle groups that resemble a drum kit or drum machine. Visitors can spend the night at the natural bathing lake with camping grounds. Camping is included with the ticket.

Web

circlejamfestival.com

KÜCHENKULT-KUEFA European Championship 2024

For many years the Villach chefs have been demonstrating their skills at the KÜCHENKULT gourmet festival. This year the event is based on the European Football Championship, which is taking place at the same time, to become the "KUEFA European Championship 2024". Various gourmet evenings will take place at partner establishments from 24th May to 28th June 2024. The programme kicks off with its highlight at the Lind stadium on 24th May when gourmets have the task of crowning the KÜCHENKULT chef. The culinary artists, in turn, cook a dish from a European country that they have drawn beforehand. The respective dishes are combined to form a ten-course menu with delicacies from across Europe. Tickets for the event on 24th May have been available since the end of February. No more than 150 guests can attend. There is a package that includes two overnight stays and a ticket for the KUEFA European Championship 2024.

Web

www.kuechenkult.at

Upper Austria

Salzkammergut has a uniform ticketing system

In time for the start of the European Capital of Culture year 2024, Salzkammergut Tourismus Marketing GmbH has introduced a uniform ticketing system. Visitors who want to book an event can buy their tickets online or at the local tourist offices. The Salzkammergut is thus the first tourist region in Austria with a uniform ticketing system.

Web

www.salzkammergut-2024.at

European Music & Mobility Day

The "Fête de la Musique" is an international street music festival that takes place every year on 21st June in more than 540 cities around the world. In 2024, the Salzkammergut will be a venue for this event for the first time. Amateur and professional musicians will play in all 23 Salzkammergut villages and city centres. There will be live music not only on squares, but also in restaurants and cafes. Visitors are invited to move between locations on foot or by bike.

Web

www.salzkammergut-2024.at

Upper Austria and SalzburgerLand

Wolf – the Mystical

St. Wolfgang by Lake Wolfgangsee is celebrating 1,100 years of Saint Wolfgang this year. The anniversary is bringing numerous celebrations and a premiere to the town, with the mystical "Wolf" being presented on the new Salzkammergut lake stage from 23rd May to 22nd June. The libretto was written by well-known Austrian writer Franzobel and the music was composed by Gerd Hermann Ortler. Watching a performance on the lake stage will be a unique experience in itself. It is mobile and can be dismantled after the performances. Both the stage and the audience area are covered.

Web

www.wolfmystical.at

SalzburgerLand

Spartan European Championship 2024

Zell am See-Kaprun has been the venue for Spartan Race obstacle courses since 2022. From 6th to 8th September 2024, the region will host the Spartan European Championships for the first time. The programme includes various competitions, from the 21.1 km half marathon with 30 obstacles to the 5 km sprint with 20 obstacles. Spartan Races, the world's largest series of obstacle races, have been held worldwide since 2010.

Web

www.zellamsee-kaprun.com

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2025 in Saalbach Hinterglemm

Ticket sales have begun. Anticipation is ever growing, preparations are underway and tickets have been available since March 2024: the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships will be held in Saalbach Hinterglemm from 4th to 16th February 2025. 34 years after the last World Championships in Saalbach in 1991, ski stars and ski fans are coming together for a joint celebration of the sport. Sustainability plays a central role for the organisers, so it will therefore be a World Championship of short distances. All races will be held on the Zwölferkogel in Hinterglemm and all World Championship slopes lead to a single finish area.

Web

www.saalbach.com

Tirol

Alpbach e-bike Genusstour

E-bike events have a long tradition in the Alpbachtal. This year there is a new event that is primarily aimed at pleasure cyclists. The e-bike Genusstour will take place on 14th September 2024. It invites participants to cycle along a beautiful panoramic path to enjoy a regional menu and delightful programme along the way.

Web

www.alpbachtal.at

Lechtal 4 Elements

From 12th to 16th June 2024 the Lechtal will be the venue for a new event for outdoor enthusiasts. The focus is on the four elements air, water, earth and fire. Surrounded by these elements, participants can experience new adventures every day, whether climbing, hiking, rafting, canyoning or enjoying the "Grill & Chill" around the campfire in the evening. There will also be a fun supporting programme with culinary delights and music.

Web

www.lechtal.at
(German only)

Wingfoil & SUP Festival Achensee

Lake Achensee offers the best conditions for water sports enthusiasts. From stand-up paddling to sailing, everything is possible. The lake is also very popular with those who let themselves be carried across the water by wing foil. The Wingfoil und SUP Festival will take place at Lake Achensee for the first time from 21st to 23rd June 2024, catering for wing foil and SUP fans alike. Participants can benefit from free taster courses and the opportunity to test new equipment. The "Duotone Young Blood Camp" will be held at the same time, offering young talents between the ages of 7 and 17 the opportunity to develop their wing foiling skills under the guidance of "Pro Riders".

Web

www.3stylekitesurfing.com

Arlberger Wadlbeisser

"Sightseeing the hard way" is the motto of a unique obstacle course that will take place in St. Anton am Arlberg for the first time on 31st August 2024. At the Arlberger Wadlbeisser, trail runners can choose from two variants. On the 7.5 km route between mountain and village they overcome 350 m of altitude and 15 obstacles. For those up for even more of a challenge there is the 13.5 km course with 700 m altitude difference and 24 obstacles.

Web

arlberger-wadlbeisser.at

Vorarlberg

Old town magic in Bludenz

The picturesque alleys with arcades and small squares are ideal for festivals. On 5th and 6th July 2024, Bludenz will be transformed into a town of magicians and jugglers for the first time. Performances will take place at numerous locations in the old town throughout these two days and on the evening of 5th July. There will be light shows, music and culinary delights.

Web

www.bludenz-events.at
(German only)

Footprint Kleinwalsertal

The Kleinwalsertal aims to become the leading platform for nature development. In line with this, the valley will host a nature education festival for the first time from 6th to 7th June 2024 called Footprint Kleinwalsertal. The programme includes lectures by experts from the fields of behavioural biology, geoecology, climate communication and biodiversity research. As part of the festival, the Footprint Kleinwalsertal Awards will also be presented for the first time in the categories of science and practice.

Web

footprint.kleinwalsertal.com

Vienna

Vienna Climate Biennale 2024

The first Vienna Climate Biennale will take place from 5th April to 14th July 2024. During this time, a large number of art, design and architecture projects will be implemented at several locations across Vienna which artistically and creatively deal with climate issues in the broadest sense. In addition, there are planned collaborations between artists and selected municipal departments as well as Viennese companies. The Biennale headquarters are located in the KunstHausWien and the festival site is on the Nordwestbahnhof grounds.

Web

biennale.wien

Vienna to host EuroGames for the first time

Since the beginning of the 1990s, the EuroGames have been held at a different location each year. The major sporting event is organised by the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF). Vienna will be its venue for the first time from 17th to 20th July 2024. Around 3,000 athletes will take a stand against discrimination in sport under the motto #EmbraceDiversity. The centre of the action will be the Resselpark at Karlsplatz, which will be transformed into a colourful EuroGames Village for the four days. In addition to a large main stage in front of the Karlskirche where competitions will take place daily from 4 pm to 10 pm and a side programme with stand-up comedy, concerts and drag shows, food trucks, drinks stands and chill out areas are also planned.

Web

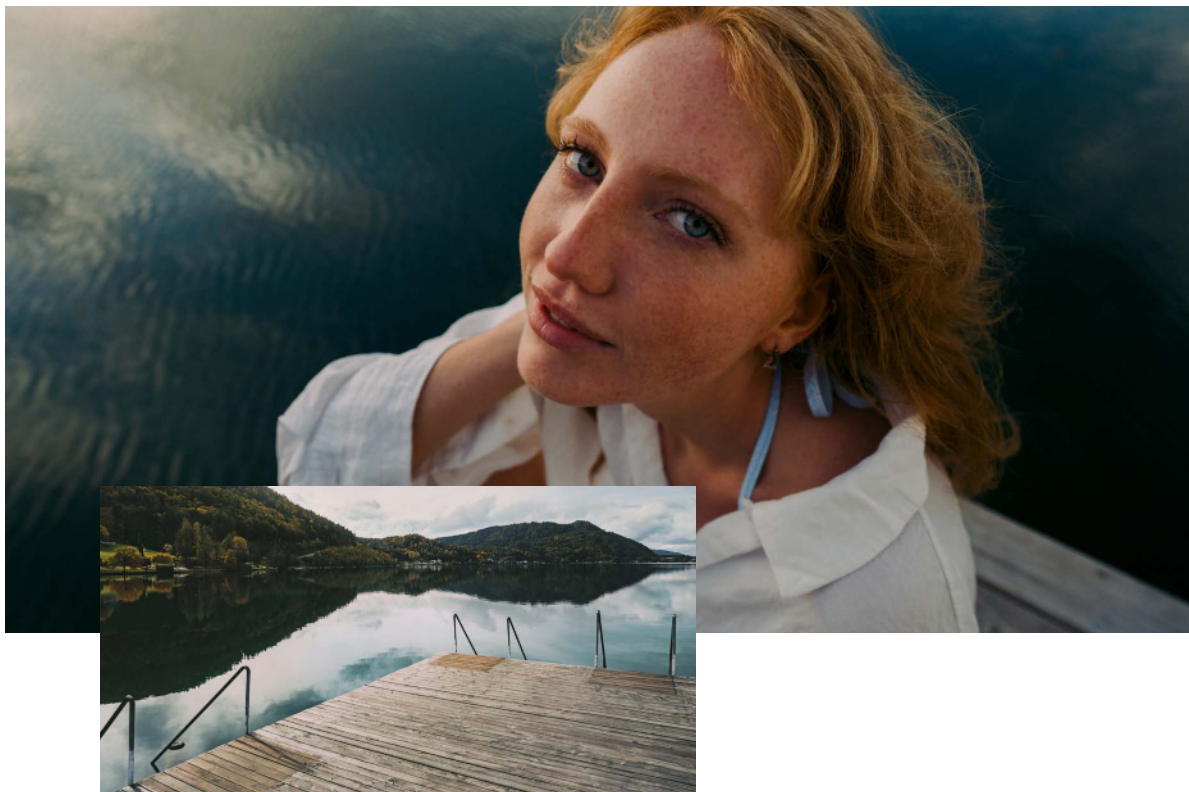
eurogames2024.at

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Hotel openings



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Burgenland

The perfect little package: Mein Weinstöckl

The newly built Mein Weinstöckl opened autumn 2023 in Neudauberg in Southern Burgenland. The building with a wooden facade houses two holiday apartments. The "Magdalena" can accommodate up to four guests whilst the "Johanna" has space for up to eight people. Both apartments have a covered terrace and are surrounded by meadows and fields.

Where

Neudauberg

When

Since autumn 2023

Web

www.mein-weinstoeckl.at

In the countryside: Finy Homes

Four Finy Homes opened in Stegersbach in Southern Burgenland in February 2024. The four holiday homes, built in sustainable timber construction with cellulose insulation, provide a living space of 42 m². Their names refer to the preferred holiday activities in this region: "Golf", "Bike", "Wine" and "Aqua" are equipped with a sleeping corner, small kitchen, bathroom and an infrared cabin. In addition, they each have a 28 m² partially covered terrace. There is a barrel sauna, whirlpool, garden and sunbathing area on site. Guests are welcomed with a basket of regional delicacies. A breakfast service is available on request.

Where

Stegersbach

When

Since February 2024

Web

www.finy-homes.at
(German only)

Burgenland

Creative:
Gästehaus StooB

A new guest house opened on the grounds of the ceramics school in StooB in September 2023. The modern building with a flat roof boasts 49 rooms with a size of 20 m². Nine of them can be booked by hotel guests all year round. The remaining rooms are occupied by students of the ceramics school. During the school holidays they are also available for external bookings. Overnight stays can be booked with breakfast or lunch.

Where

StooB

When

Since September 2023

Web

www.gh-burgenland.at
(German only)

Carinthia

With lake view:
SeeStrandResort Klopeiner See

The newly built SeeStrandResort will open in St. Kanzian at Lake Klopeiner See in spring 2024. It comprises 40 apartments with one, two or three bedrooms. They range from 60 m² to 83 m² in size. Each apartment also has one or two sofa beds, meaning the large units can accommodate up to eight guests. Facilities include a kitchen and each unit has a terrace with a view of the lake.

Where

St. Kanzian

When

Spring 2024

Web

www.seestrandresort.com
(German only)

Lower Austria

Central:
B&B Hotel St. Pölten

A new B&B hotel will be opening just a few steps away from St. Pölten train station at the end of 2024. The 105-room accommodation is being built in the new Mitte district, which will also be home to apartments and shops. Internationally represented budget hotel group B&B Hotels currently operates eight hotels in Austria, with the location in St. Pölten making it nine.

Where

St. Pölten

When

End of 2024

Web

www.hotel-bb.com

Peaceful:
Silent Villas at Therme Laa

The Therme Laa hotel in the Northern Weinviertel is extending its offer with 10 luxurious Silent Villas scheduled to open their doors in summer 2024. They are grouped around a newly created natural swimming pond. Each Silent Villa can accommodate two people. The barrier-free villas are equipped with a bedroom and living area as well as a spa with thermal water pool, sauna, steam shower and free-standing bathtub. Guests can reach the approximately 3,000 m² natural swimming pond via a jetty. Breakfast or a candlelit dinner can be brought to the villa by the hotel butler at your request.

Where

Laa an der Thaya

When

Summer 2024

Web

www.therme-laa.at

Upper Austria

Self-check-in:
Zeit und Raum-Hotel

The Zeit und Raum-Hotel opened in Eggelsberg in March 2024. The centrally located hotel comprises twelve apartments and twelve double rooms. Thanks to the self-check-in system, guests can arrive and depart as they wish. There is a lockable garage for cyclists and four charging stations for e-car drivers.

Where

Eggelsberg

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.zeitundraumhotel.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

Flexible: Novapart

The Novapart in Wels is the new option for short trade fair visits or longer stays. The building, which will open in April 2024, comprises 52 accommodation units. They are between 23 m² and 36 m² in size and have a work space, kitchenette, balcony or covered terrace. Guests can check in and out via smartphone or at the start terminal in the entrance area. The nearest restaurant is located in the adjacent novum seminar and event centre.

Where

Wels

When

April 2024

Web

novapart.at
(German only)

Smart: Motel Schlafraum24

The sustainably built Motel Schlafraum24 will open in Weng im Innkreis in the summer of 2024. It offers 5 apartments with kitchen, infrared cabin and terrace, 19 double rooms with infrared cabin, 12 double rooms with double bed and 10 single rooms. The motel also has a seminar room for 20 people, a lounge and a gym. There are vending machines for snacks and drinks, a launderette, a bicycle parking area with workshop and 16 e-charging stations. An energy showroom provides insight into the ongoing energy generation and utilisation.

Where

Weng im Innkreis

When

Summer 2024

Web

www.schlafraum24.at

Styria

Idyllic: Camping Resort Riegersburg

There has been a new campsite in the Thermen- & Vulkanland region of Styria since March 2024. Camping Resort Riegersburg is located in the immediate vicinity of the historic castle, surrounded by vineyards. In addition to around 100 pitches for motorhomes and caravans in three different categories plus a field for tents, the site also offers fully equipped mobile homes for up to two, four or six people as well as log cabin barrels that can accommodate up to four people. Guests can use the nearby lakeside resort of Riegersburg free of charge. Regional specialities are offered in the neighbouring restaurant.

Where

Riegersburg

When

Since March 2024

Web

rieegersburg-camping.com
(German only)

In the vineyards: Steirerblicke holiday homes

From May 2024, four new winegrowers' houses in Gamlitz on the Southern Styrian Wine Trail will complement the range of Steirerblicke holiday homes, a project by three young, innovative Styrians. They launched their first holiday home, the "Schilcherhaus", in Southwestern Styria in 2017. The collection now includes 11 chalets and holiday homes. All of them are lovingly renovated old buildings. The four winegrowers' houses in Gamlitz each offer space for two people as well as spectacular views of the hilly landscape and vineyards. They are equipped with a panoramic sauna and hot tub. Guests can order breakfast or barbecue ingredients as well as wine, juices and pumpkin seed oil. Traditional wine taverns are within walking distance.

Where

Gamlitz

When

May 2024

Web

www.steirerblicke.at
(German only)

Styria

On the mountain: Chalet Hauser Kaibling

In May 2024 the Steirerblicke holiday home providers will open two luxurious, alpine-modern chalets on the Hauser Kaibling in the Schladming-Dachstein region. They are located at 2,000 m above sea level and can be reached by cable car. The chalets named "Picea" and "Abies" are two-storied and have two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Up to six people can stay in the elegantly furnished chalets with sauna, terrace and outdoor pool.

Where

Hauser Kaibling

When

May 2024

Web

www.steirerblicke.at
(German only)

Central: Radisson Graz

The new Radisson Graz will open in June 2024 in an existing building in the station district of Graz. It has 232 rooms, a restaurant and a bar in the covered courtyard. There are rooms covering a total area of 150 m² for meetings and events. The hotel also boasts a fitness area with views of Europaplatz. The old town of Graz is within walking distance.

Where

Graz

When

June 2024

Web

www.radissonhotels.com

Tirol

Alpine warmth: the Feiserhof

Nestled within the alpine Navistal, the Feiserhof, which opened in December 2023, is located at 1,400 m above sea level. Host family Garber has completely renovated the old farm and set up three holiday apartments for adults. "Stadl 1" and "Stadl 2" can accommodate up to four guests, while "Stadl 3" has space for two guests. Freshly baked cakes and drinks are available at SiMi's farm shop which also has a terrace to kick back on.

Where

Navis

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.feiserhof.at
(German only)

Around the world: Zellrooms

Guests can embark on a trip around the world in the four new apartments at Zellrooms in Zell am Ziller. They are named "Arctic", "Amazon", "Serengeti" and "Pacific". Apartments "Arctic" and "Amazon" are 34 m² in size and ideal for couples or small families, whilst "Serengeti" and "Pacific" provide 44 m² of living space for up to four people. The furniture and colours match the corresponding part of the world, as do the wallpapers with exotic animal and plant motifs. For each night a guest stays in one of the apartments the host family plants a tree in its name-giving region.

Where

Zell am Ziller

When

Since December 2023

Web

zellrooms.at
(German only)

Tirol

Mountain view: Big Seven holiday apartments

In Fieberbrunn in Tirol's Pillerseetal, close to the Fieberbrunn mountain lifts, a new building houses the two Big Seven Ferienwohnungen Seiwald. The holiday apartments are 43 m² and 58 m² in size with sleeping facilities for two to four people. They are modern in design and equipped with box-spring beds, a bathroom with rain shower and kitchen. Both apartments also have a private balcony sauna with views of the surrounding mountains. Guests can book additional services such as fresh bread rolls, lift tickets or rental bikes on request.

Where

Fieberbrunn

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.fieberbrunn-ferienwohnungen.at
(German only)

Comfortable: Alpenstyle Resort Fieberbrunn

The Alpenstyle Resort Fieberbrunn launched in December 2023 with 13 comfortably furnished apartments containing two or three bedrooms. They range from 45 m² to 120 m² in size. The largest apartment can accommodate up to nine guests and all units have one or two balconies. There is also a sauna, steam bath and restaurant on site.

Where

Fieberbrunn

When

Since December 2023

Web

alpentravel.com

Stylish: SeeFelds Bed & Breakfast

SeeFelds Bed & Breakfast opened opposite Seefeld train station in December 2023. It comprises 44 rustic-chic, welcoming rooms. The hosts describe them as rooms without unnecessary frills, modern and comfortable with style and class. In addition to double rooms, there is a choice of junior suites and superior suites for up to four guests. At the breakfast buffet you will find classic, regional and international treats.

Where

Seefeld

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.seefelds.at

Homely: Wolf Apartments

The four new Wolf Apartments invite guests to Padaun, a beautiful high valley at 1,600 m above sea level in the Wipptal. The apartments "Lärche" and "Fichte" are 49 m² in size and have been available for overnight stays since February 2024. The 32 m² apartment "Altholz" will be ready from April and the 60 m² "Eiche" will be added in June. Guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at neighbouring Berggasthof Steckholzer.

Where

Padaun

When

Since February 2024

Web

wolf-apartments.at
(German only)

High quality: Kitzbüchel Suites Oberndorf

The Kitzbüchel Suites opened in Oberndorf in February 2024. The new building comprises 20 high-quality apartments with one, two or three bedrooms. The apartments range from 48 m² to 107 m² in size. The smaller units can accommodate up to four people, while those with three bedrooms can accommodate up to eight. The building also has a wellness area with saunas.

Where

Oberndorf

When

Since February 2024

Web

alps-resorts.com

Spacious: harry's Home

The new harry's Home will open in the centre of Lienz with 85 rooms in three different categories in April 2024. The Family & Friends rooms are 40 m² in size and can accommodate up to six people in double and bunk beds. The 36 m² apartments are suited for two to four guests, while the barrier-free 26 m² rooms can accommodate one to two people. All rooms are equipped with parquet floors, walk-in wardrobes and a kitchenette. They are also sound-proofed and air-conditioned. In the morning harry's Breakfast spoils you with culinary delights.

Where

Lienz

When

April 2024

Web

harrys-home.com

Tirol

Destination health: IQ Mountain Health Resort

The former Kellerwirt in Oberau, an 850-year-old building, will reopen in May 2024 as an IQcure health resort. The property houses 60 rooms and suites, 8 dining rooms and a 3,300 m² spa and health area. IQ stands for "Intelligent Curing" and encompasses the areas of diagnostics, treatments and transformation. The resort focuses on beauty and aesthetics, mental resilience, detox, mobility and fitness.

Where

Oberau, Wildschönau

When

May 2024

Web

www.iq-mountainhealthresort.com

By the water: Walchsee Lakeside

Those who dream of having their own beach need look no further than the suites at new Walchsee Lakeside. This branch of the Pletzer Aktivresort will open in mid-May 2024. The new building with 22 suites is located on the shores of the lake. The 54 m² comfortably furnished apartments can accommodate up to four guests. For those who love to swim, there is a sunbathing lawn and a bathing jetty.

Where

Walchsee

When

May 2024

Web

www.daswalchsee.at

Sustainable relaxation: Kurbldhof

Bio-Landpension Monika in Leutasch is expanding its offer and opening the Kurbldhof in summer 2024. The sustainably built wooden house with a silver fir facade has seven holiday apartments. On the top floor of the new building there are saunas and a relaxation room with a view of the Kurbldhang viewing platform. The host family is also setting up a farm shop, yoga and exercise room, massage room and ski and bike room at the Kurbldhof. In summer guests can unwind in the large garden.

Where

Leutasch

When

Summer 2024

Web

www.monika-leutasch.com
(German only)

Great location: ADEA Lifestyle Suites Fieberbrunn

The ADEA Lifestyle Suites will open in Fieberbrunn this summer. The largely newly built resort is being erected on the site of former Sporthotel Fontana. The modernised building with annexes will comprise 124 suites ranging from 30 m² to 180 m² in size with between one and four bedrooms. Some suites will also have their own sauna. The resort will have a wellness area for relaxation and a stylish restaurant serving culinary delights. Thanks to its location by the valley station, guests can easily reach the top of the mountain in summer and head straight to the slopes in winter.

Where

Fieberbrunn

When

Summer 2024

Web

opening.adea-fieberbrunn.at

Vorarlberg

Uncomplicated: Motel by Maier

Vorarlberg-based property group Maier operates several business hotels in Vorarlberg. Their latest addition is the Motel by Maier in Feldkirch, which opened in September 2023. It comprises 12 double rooms in 2 categories. You can choose between 18 m² or 30 m² rooms with a balcony and small kitchen. Check-in kiosks mean that you can arrive at any time of day and there is free parking for guests. Feldkirch station is a 15-minute walk away.

Where

Feldkirch

When

Since September 2023

Web

motel-bymaier.at
(German only)

Individual: Blaue Rose Feldkirch

The self-check-in Boutiquehotel Blaue Rose opened in Feldkirch in December 2023. This small hotel is located in a carefully renovated, 500-year-old house in the centre of town. All work was carried out by craftsmen from the region. The Blaue Rose has 8 individually furnished rooms, ranging from the 10 m² economy single to the 21 m² family room. One of the double rooms is wheelchair accessible.

Where

Feldkirch

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.blauerose.at
(German only)

With a view of the Bregenzerwald: Hotel Marvia

Hotel Marvia on the Bödele above Dornbirn celebrated its opening in mid-December 2023. It is located in the former Berghof Fetz which closed its doors in the summer of 2023. The Metzler family, who also run Hotel Gretina in Bezau, have modernised the restaurant and kitchen. From spring 2024 the 10 rooms are to be redesigned. All of them have a balcony with beautiful views of the Bregenzerwald. The hotel also includes the legendary party location "Felsenkeller" which can be used for events of all kinds.

Where

Dornbirn/Bödele

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.berghoffetz.at
(German only)

Architectural jewel: Stadthotel kleiner Löwe

The new Stadthotel kleiner Löwe will open on the centrally located Kornmarktplatz in Bregenz at the beginning of April 2024. The designs for the narrow, five-storey building, which houses only eight rooms, were drawn up by award-winning Basel architects Herzog & de Meuron. The eye-catching feature of the building is its curved roof made of over 30 wooden arches. On the ground floor, overlooking the inner garden, there is the breakfast bar for hotel guests as well as the salon, which is also open to external visitors. The hotel takes its name from the brewery to the adjacent guesthouse "Zum Goldenen Löwen", which was located here in the 19th century.

Where

Bregenz

When

April 2024

Web

www.kleinerloewe.at

Vorarlberg

New apartments: Camping Dornbirn

From the beginning of June 2024, 14 new apartments are to be ready for occupancy at the Dornbirn campsite. They are located in two pavilion-like wooden buildings and can accommodate a total of 56 guests. The apartments are fitted with wooden floors and furniture. They have a sleeping area, kitchenette, bathroom, toilet and indoor and outdoor seating. When it comes to meals, guests can head to the campsite's restaurant Frischluft.

Where

Dornbirn

When

June 2024

Web

camping-dornbirn.at

Vienna

Flourishing: Urban Jungle Apartments

In the former Hotel Praterstern, a building that is over 200 years old, twelve designer apartments in four different categories have been built using ecological construction methods. They can accommodate four to five people each and the entire booking process through to check-in and check-out is completely contactless. Two apartments are barrier-free and can be equipped with care beds on request. In addition, the hall is equipped with a stair lift. Plants play a central role throughout the building and there are even televisions from the 1950s and 1960s that house plant artwork. The lush inner courtyard, the Urban Jungle Garden, is a great place to unwind after exploring the city. There is also a 60 m² room that can be used for workshops and parties.

Where

Vienna

When

Since September 2023

Web

www.urban-jungle.at

Austrian Premiere I: lyf Schönbrunn Vienna

Young brand lyf (live your freedom) from The Ascott Limited portfolio opened a new aparthotel near Schönbrunn Palace in November 2023. It has 162 apartments in 3 different categories. They are between 22 m² and 34 m² in size, equipped with comfortable beds, bathrooms and modern amenities. The hotel's facilities also include a co-working lounge. There are opportunities to meet other guests on the communal terrace, in the launderette with table football, in the games room or fitness area and in the social kitchen where a breakfast buffet is served in the morning.

Where

Vienna

When

Since November 2023

Web

www.discoverasr.com

Austrian Premiere II: Somerset Schönbrunn Vienna

Somerset, a brand by The Ascott Limited, is predestined for intergenerational family holidays. The new building near Schönbrunn Palace houses 175 apartments. They are between 40 m² and 72 m² in size with wooden floors and natural textiles. All of the apartments have fully equipped kitchens, bathrooms with showers and separate living/dining and sleeping areas. A 24-hour reception, children's playroom, fresh breakfast menu, restaurant and bar as well as weekly cleaning of all apartments are amongst the services. Somerset also offers free bike hire.

Where

Vienna

When

Since November 2023

Web

www.discoverasr.com

Vienna

With a view: Citadines Danube Vienna

The 4-star Aparthotel Citadines Danube Vienna, a brand by The Ascott Limited, is located near the Old Danube, offering beautiful views of Vienna and the Danube. There are 244 rooms to choose from, as well as one- and two-bedroom apartments. The rooms are soundproofed and fitted with parquet floors and air conditioning. There's a fitness centre and rooftop bar. Dining options include breakfast.

Where

Vienna

When

Since November 2023

Web

citadines-danube-vienna.hotelsinvienna.org

Premiere: Austria's first H2 Hotel

Close to Schönbrunn Palace, the H-Hotels Group will open Austria's first H2 Hotel in spring 2024. The H2 Hotels see themselves as innovative design hotels that offer fair prices to city holiday-makers. The H2 Hotel in Vienna comprises 265 double and four-bed rooms in a modern building complex. Facilities include a shop where drinks and snacks are available as well as a shopping mall.

Where

Vienna

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.h-hotels.com

Up high: Arcotel AQ

In the 9th district, on the site of the Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof, the Althan Quartier is currently emerging. In addition to residential buildings the quarter includes a hotel, the Arcotel AQ, which will open in May 2024. The 157 rooms and suites are located on the 5th and 6th floors of a new building, offering a fantastic view over the rooftops of Vienna. There is also an open-designed lobby, a bar and restaurant, four seminar rooms and a fitness area.

Where

Vienna

When

Summer 2024

Web

aq.arcotel.com

Futuristic design: Hotel by Kent

Renowned architect Günther Domenig (1934–2012) designed the building with a facade made of arched stainless steel panels. It used to be the seat of a bank and a cultural centre. As of late the Domenig House has been home to the Turkish-Levantine Kent Restaurant and the Hotel by Kent will open in March 2024. It comprises 14 rooms as well as a suite on the top floor and a terrace with a view of Vienna. Guests can check in and out contactless.

Where

Vienna

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.kenthotel-domenig.at

Information

More new hotels and guest houses can be found online.

press.austria.info/uk
press.austria.info/uk/summer-2024

Hotel renovations



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Burgenland

Practical:
Youth Hostel Neusiedl am See

After a break of several years and renovation, the youth hostel in Neusiedl am See will reopen on 1st May 2024. Its new operator is the Austrian Youth Hostel Association. The accommodation for young people includes 22 rooms with 86 beds, common rooms plus a large dining hall and garden with a fun court and barbecue area. Guests staying at the youth hostel can reach nearby Lake Neusiedl and other excursion destinations in the area by bus. The bus stop is right in front of the building.

Where

Neusiedl am See

When

May 2024

Web

www.oejhv.at

Carinthia

Inviting:
Hotel Kärntner Hof

In 2023 Carinthia-based TOMAS Group took over Hotel Kärntner Hof and completely renovated it. Since December 2023 guests have been staying in 40 modernised rooms and suites. All of them have wooden floors and some have a balcony. The double rooms are between 20 m² and 30 m² in size, while the suites offer a living space of around 40 m². Some can be enlarged to include adjoining double rooms. The restaurant serves specialities from Carinthia and Austria.

Where

Heiligenblut

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.hotel-kaerntnerhof.com
(German only)

Lower Austria

With a view of the Danube: Hotel Schachner

High above the Wachau the 4-star seminar and wellness Hotel Schachner graces the pilgrimage site of Maria Taferl. After extensive renovation of the spa area in 2022 the hotel is now updating 37 rooms. The new rooms will have south-facing four-poster beds whilst the Honeymoon Suite and Wachauf Spa Suite will have their own sauna and free-standing bathtub. The Schachner family has also decided to dispense with minibars in all 80 rooms as a contribution to saving energy.

Where

Maria Taferl

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.hotel-schachner.at
(German only)

More space: Zum Goldenen Löwen

Located in the pilgrimage site of Maria Taferl above the Wachau, Zum Goldenen Löwen is a bit of an institution. The cuisine is classic Austrian and accompanied by local wines or beer from the establishment's own brewery. The Frey family is currently redesigning the rooms. From autumn 2024 five new rooms and the "Schutzhaus" holiday apartment will be ready for guests. There will also be a new seminar room.

Where

Maria Taferl

When

Autumn 2024

Web

www.freyswirthaus.at
(German only)

Modernisation: Hotel Schloss Zeillern

Hotel Schloss Zeillern in the village of the same name near Amstetten looks back on a long history. In recent years it has been a seminar hotel with 13 conference rooms of different sizes as well as the headquarters of the Lower Austrian Brass Band Association. It will reopen in autumn 2024 after major renovation. All 58 rooms and the kitchen are being modernised. In the course of 2025 a new, additional event hall will also open, accommodating up to 400 guests and ideal for concerts thanks to its modern acoustics.

Where

Zeillern

When

November 2024

Web

schloss-zeillern.at
(German only)

Upper Austria

Newly renovated: the Seevilla by Lake Wolfgangsee

The Seevilla in St. Wolfgang looks back on a hundred years of history. The building has been undergoing renovation since October 2023 and its reopening is planned for May or June 2024. By then eight rooms and suites on the upper two floors will be modernised. These include the 32 m² Lake Charm rooms with terrace and lake view as well as the 44 m² Azur Suite and 41 m² Lake Loft with their own sauna and terrace. There will be a new rooftop fitness and yoga room. The Restaurant Ledererhaus terrace will be covered so that it can be used all year round.

Where

St. Wolfgang am Wolfgangsee

When

May/June 2024

Web

www.seevilla-wolfgangsee.at

SalzburgerLand

Vibrant: KAPOOM carpe solem

In Kaprun the former Hotel Toni was transformed into pop-up hotel KAPOOM carpe solem in November 2023. The hotel is colourful in every way. Pink, purple and mint liven up the 50 rooms and suites, whilst pink and glitter dominate in the après-ski bar. KAPOOM will remain a pop-up hotel until 2026. In the course of 2027 it will reopen as part of the carpe solem Circle Collection.

Where

Kaprun

When

Since November 2023

Web

kapoom.carpesolem.at

Adults-only-spa: Hotel Rivus

Boutique Hotel Rivus in Leogang has extended its wellness area. In addition to the Family Spa, which can be used by guests aged 10 and over, the Nature Spa opened in December 2023. This spa area with views of the surrounding countryside includes a whirlpool, a brine steam bath, an infrared cabin, a bio sauna and a Finnish sauna. The Nature Spa can be used by guests aged 16 and over.

Where

Leogang

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.rivus.at

Family-friendly: Hotel Kesselgrub

Hotel Kesselgrub in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee has undergone major renovations and made its facilities even more family-friendly. The Kinderhotels establishment has updated most of its rooms and suites. Since March 2024 a large indoor and outdoor pool, a water play park with slides and Kesselino's children's club have been adding to the fun for little ones. Adults have been equally well catered for with a new Mountain Adults Spa with Skyroom and a gym.

Where

Altenmarkt-Zauchensee

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.kesselgrub.at

Stylishly equipped: Priesteregg Premium Refugium

The Premium Eco-Resort Priesteregg in Leogang is always offering its guests something new. From summer 2024 seven stylishly furnished lake huts will expand the offer. Each has private access to the lake, a panoramic sauna on the shore and its own bay with loungers. With a living space of 150 m², the lake huts can comfortably accommodate up to four people. Large windows provide spectacular views of the surrounding nature.

Where

Leogang

When

Summer 2024

Web

www.priesteregg.at

Styria

Conferences in the countryside: Steiermarkhof

The Steiermarkhof is located on the outskirts of Graz. It is the education and conference centre of the Styrian Chamber of Agriculture and boasts 3,000 m² of event space. From September 2024 the convention centre will offer 66 additional rooms. In terms of furnishings and design, the new rooms draw inspiration from the 11 regions of Styria, from urban Graz to the colourful Ausseerland and picturesque Southern Styria.

Where

Graz

When

September 2024

Web

www.steiermarkhof.at
(German only)

Tirol

Elegant: Vaya Resort Seefeld

The Vaya Resort Seefeld opened at the end of October 2023. It is located in the completely rebuilt former Hotel Veronika. Accommodation ranges from deluxe rooms to junior suites and two-bedroom family suites. Those looking for something truly special will love the 192 m² five-room apartment deluxe with private sauna. Natural materials such as wood and leather, clean lines, black metal and glass shape the interior. The hotel also has a spa with an indoor pool and sauna, a restaurant and a bar.

Where

Seefeld

When

Since October 2023

Web

www.vayaresorts.com

Alpine-chic: Vaya Resort Nauders

The Vaya Resort Nauders launched in December 2023. It unites the former, completely renovated hotels Victoria and Margarethe Maultasch. The newly designed complex comprises 97 rooms and suites that can accommodate up to four guests. There is also a spa with two indoor pools and saunas, a restaurant and lounge.

Where

Nauders

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.vayaresorts.com

For groups: Gruppenhaus Alpenglück

Since December 2023 groups of up to 35 people have been able to stay at the newly renovated Gruppenhaus Alpenglück in Kirchdorf in Tirol. The centrally located house with a view of the Wilder Kaiser has 12 bedrooms. There is a communal kitchen on the ground floor. Guests can also make use of a lounge with a bar plus dining and seating areas as well as a ground-level terrace.

Where

Kirchdorf in Tirol

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.gruppenhaus-tirol.at

Stylish: AQUA DOME Längenfeld

In Längenfeld in the Ötztal, spa hotel and thermal baths AQUA DOME is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2024. The resort has undergone a stylish transformation in time for the anniversary. The lobby, bar and fireplace room have been given a new look. Wooden floors and natural tones give the rooms a chic yet cosy atmosphere. A new glass extension opens up the view to the mountains outside.

Where

Längenfeld

When

Since December 2023

Web

www.aqua-dome.at

Alpine delights: Peer Alm

The family-run mountain hut with overnight accommodation sits wonderfully secluded at 1,663 m above sea level in Navis near Innsbruck. Family Löffler took over the business in autumn 2023 and has been very busy since. Three 35 m² apartments were added in December 2023, each accommodating up to four people, and the double and family rooms as well as the dormitory have been given a new look. There is also a new culinary focus on fresh Tirolean delicacies. The alpine pasture can be reached along an approximately 3 km long path from the valley.

Where

Navis

When

Since December 2023

Web

peeralm.at
(German only)

Sweet: Petit Madlein

In 2023 the Aloys family took over a bed & breakfast in Ischgl and opened the Petit Madlein in the building at the end of January 2024. The chalet houses 16 comfortable double rooms and apartments, some with balcony. Guests can enjoy both the family charm of a bed & breakfast and the advantages of neighbouring Hotel Madlein, which is also owned by the Aloys family.

Where

Ischgl

When

Since January 2024

Web

www.petit-madlein.com

Tirol

By the lake: Family Resort Buchau

Right by Lake Achensee with a view of the Rofan and Karwendel mountains lies Family Resort Buchau. An indoor pool was added to the resort which comprises four buildings since December 2023. An infinity pool with wind-protected sun deck will open in April 2024. For the kids there is a new water slide with three lanes. The private beach on the shore of Lake Achensee is also being expanded. In addition, some new suites will be added, most notably a 50 m² and a 95 m² penthouse suite with balcony and lake view.

Where

Buchau

When

April 2024

Web

buchau.com

Even more comfort: Der Engel

The Engel in Grän am Haldensee in the Tannheimer Tal is a wellness hotel that is particularly committed to regional cuisine and sustainability. In order to offer guests and employees even more comfort, the hotel has big plans in just ten weeks of construction. By June 2024 there will be a new staff building with 51 apartments. In the hotel, 24 of the 98 rooms are getting a new look. The bar and hotel lobby are being renovated and the heart of the hotel, the 8,000 m² "Organic" Spa, will become even bigger.

Where

Grän

When

June 2024

Web

www.engel-tirol.com

Deeply rooted: Hotel Penzinghof

The Penzinghof in Oberndorf is almost like a village. The traditional property includes the hotel, holiday apartments, a farm, pond, distillery, cheese dairy and much more. A number of improvements are being made by July 2024. Around 30 rooms are to be modernised, the dining room will be extended and the entrance area with hall and hotel bar will be given a new look.

Where

Oberndorf

When

July 2024

Web

www.penzinghof.at

Rustic yet modern: SoLu Appartements

The former Sonnhof in Mösern near Seefeld will be reopening with a new name and concept in the summer of 2024. The SoLu Appartements are made up of nine accommodation units in three categories and set in a quiet location. The rustic yet modern apartments can accommodate up to three people. Guests can choose between apartments with balconies or private gardens.

Where

Mösern

When

Sommer 2024

Web

solu-apartments.com
(German only)

Vorarlberg

Radiant: Sonne Mellau

Hotel Sonne Mellau in the Bregenzerwald will reopen in mid-July 2024 after major renovation. Four extra-large suites are being created. There will also be new workout and yoga rooms with direct access to the new sun deck with pool and lounge. An exclusive private spa area with a large whirlpool tub, infrared cabin, steam bath and daybed will complete the wellness offer. The hotel bar will also be getting a central place.

Where

Mellau

When

July 2024

Web

sonnemellau.com

Vienna

Keep dancing: Hotel Altstadt Vienna

A new, luxurious suite has taken centre stage at Hotel Altstadt Vienna since October 2023. The 80 m² two-bedroom suite is a tribute to the former dancer and great-aunt of the owner, Grete Wiesenthal. Its décor conveys a vivacious atmosphere with tables, handmade in Vienna, that can be arranged flexibly. In the library guests will find literature on Viennese dance modernism. The rhythmic movements of body and fabric can be found on flowing curtains and textiles throughout the suite, graphically abstracted and applied by screen printing.

Where

Vienna

When

Since October 2023

Web

www.altstadt.at

Charming: Hotel Zur Wiener Staatsoper

In March 2024 the Hotel Zur Wiener Staatsoper celebrated its reopening after renovation. As its name suggests, the hotel is located only a few steps away from the Vienna State Opera. The traditional establishment has hosted famous guests such as Enrico Caruso, Leonard Bernstein and Herbert von Karajan. The historic building houses twelve elegant rooms and suites, including a two-bedroom penthouse suite. The interior exudes the charm of Viennese Wilhelminian architecture. In the so-called "Schmuckstückchen" on the ground floor, guests can enjoy their breakfast, get into the ball mood over a glass of champagne or end the day in style.

Where

Vienna

When

Since March 2024

Web

www.hotel-staatsoper.at

Information

More renovations can be found online.

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Personalities



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Carinthia

The versatile artistic director Nadja Kayali

Nadja Kayali grew up in Vienna and studied musicology. For many years she has been overseeing and staging projects that combine art disciplines in unusual ways. She is also a lecturer and presenter and produces radio programmes. Since October 2023 Nadja has had another role: she is the artistic director of the Carinthian Summer. Her goal is to turn this series of events, which will take place from 4th July to 6th August 2024 in Ossiach and Villach, into a vibrant festival of European dimensions, a festival of diversity and encounters. Performances will include pianist Rudolf Buchbinder (19th July 2024), cellist Anastasia Kobekina with the Basel Chamber Orchestra (20th July 2024) and the Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra which will play "A Soundtrack to the Stars" at the finale on 4th August 2024.

Web

www.nadjakayali.com
(German only)

Professional cyclist Johnny Hoogerland

He used to smash the Tour de France and win road races, but nowadays former Dutch road racing cyclist Johnny Hoogerland prefers to cycle on the roads around Lake Wörthersee. Since 2018 he has also been running Pension Hoogerland with his family in Velden am Wörthersee – much to the advantage of keen road biker guests. They can book cycling packages which include guided road bike tours with Johnny in addition to the overnight stay with a full cyclist's breakfast.

Web

www.pensionhoogerland.com

Lower Austria

Talented winemaker Markus Huber

Markus Huber, who lives in the Traisental wine-growing region north of St. Pölten, is one of Austria's top winemakers. His certified organic wines have won national and international awards. Another award will be added to the collection in 2024 as Markus will supply this year's Capital City Wine for St. Pölten. Each year the provincial capital of Lower Austria selects a wine that always comes from a different wine-growing region in the province. The Capital City Wine of the Year 2024 is a typical Grüner Veltliner with a twist: the grapes come from all nine renowned winegrowers in the Traisental valley.

Web

www.weingut-huber.at

Upper Austria

Gault&Millau Chef 2023: Lukas Nagl

After stints in Switzerland, New York and at top addresses such as the Steirereck in Vienna, Lukas Nagl, who was born in Upper Austria, returned to his home province twelve years ago. Today the 36-year-old father of three heads the kitchen teams at the Traunseehotels and is head chef of the Boothaus restaurant at Lake Traunsee. The lake is also what inspires him in the kitchen. Lukas sources many of his ingredients from the lake and from local producers. In 2023 Gault&Millau named him Chef of the Year. The young award-winning chef is also a member of the JRE (Jeunes Restaurateurs Europe), an association of top European chefs, and has won the Trophée Gourmet for creative cuisine.

Web

www.dastraunsee.at

SalzburgerLand

King of the Bosna Hans Walter

The Bosna is one of the typical Salzburg specialties. It is a bratwurst served in a sliced white bun, garnished with mustard or ketchup, curry powder and onions. The original Bosna is made by master butcher Hans Walter. His father took over the well-known Balkan-Grill in the 1970s and with it the recipe for the original Bosna which remains a well-kept secret to this day. Only Hans knows the ingredients, all of which come from regional producers. This even applies to the bread, made by a local bakery according to exact specifications. To try the original Bosna for yourself, head to the Balkan-Grill in Getreidegasse in Salzburg.

Web

www.hanswalter.at

Styria

Organic flower farmer Margrit de Colle

Margrit de Colle has an unusual profession. She is a flower farmer and works according to organic principles. Originally she attended fashion college and studied sociology. Margrit became acquainted with the Japanese art of flower arranging, ikebana, whilst abroad. She loved working with flowers so much that she passed the master craftsman's examination to become a florist in Austria and began growing flowers in Southeastern Styria. Today her "Vom Hügel" fields are a hub for flower lovers. Cut flowers, edible flowers and herbs are available in the farm shop or to order and there are regular guided tours and workshops. Participants learn how to tie bouquets, weave wreaths or the art of decorating with flowers, twigs and grasses. Margrit also runs a little vegetarian garden café and provides the right floral decorations for events on her farm.

Web

www.vomhuegel.at

Styria

The cheese artist Bernhard Gruber

When it comes to food, Bernhard Gruber has seen it all. As a chef he has worked in many countries, including the royal court of Bhutan. Lungau-born Bernhard eventually moved back to Austria where he completed his training as a cheese sommelier after his first attempt as a dairyman. Without further ado the cheese artist and his wife Martina founded the Fromagerie zu Riegersburg. In this cheese stronghold in the Vulkanland region Bernhard works on the most extraordinary cheese creations. From Uhdler grape essence to Zotter chocolate, the cheese artist doesn't shy away from anything that might give his cheese that certain something. Visitors can immerse themselves in the wonderful world of cheese for a few hours during guided tours and tastings.

Web

www.thecheeseartist.at

The kitchen artist Harald Irka

Harald Irka made a name for himself in the culinary world at an early age. Not long after having completed his training he took over the kitchen of the well-known Saziani Stuben in the Vulkanland region where he was able to demonstrate his skills. Just one year later the so-called "Mozart of cuisine" was awarded two toques by Gault&Millau, followed a little later by the third. He was 20 years old at the time, making him the youngest three-touque chef in the world. Further awards followed and Harald, who celebrates his 33rd birthday in 2024, has recently received his fourth toque. In addition, he has written his own cookbook "Terroir". The master chef currently spoils guests at the Pfarrhof in Sankt Andrä im Sausal with his "Ostrea" (Latin for oysters) fine dining.

Web

www.ampfarrhof.com
(German only)

Tirol

Young award-winning chef Viktoria Fahringer

Viktoria Fahringer was 21 years old when she received her first Gault&Millau toque in 2021. She was Austria's youngest award-winning chef at the time. Since 2023 the expert has two of the renowned toques. Cooking with regional ingredients has always played a major role in Viktoria's life. She grew up on a farm in Kufstein and her father is also an award-winning chef. The young woman took over her parents' farm in 2019 and converted it into Viktoria's Home with five apartments. Guests are spoilt for choice at gourmet tavern Tiroler Hof where Viktoria prepares fine dining menus and her father Fritz cooks hearty classics. In addition, the chef with TV experience runs a cooking school and has created another line of business with VEATZZ. The company produces a vegan "magic powder" without flour, milk and egg that can be used as a base for cooking and baking.

Web

viktoriashome.at
www.veatzz.com (German only)

The rosary lover Josef Stoll

The Tirolean mountain farmer Josef Stoll has a rare hobby. High up on the Reither Kogel he has built the Rosary Chapel. Upon entering the chapel you are welcomed by a series of sacred works of art that Josef decorated the church with. Amongst the statues and paintings there is a metal box: a kind of rosary prayer jukebox that can play four different recordings. The Rosary Chapel is considered an insider tip amongst the faithful. From here you can enjoy magnificent views of the Alpbachtal and Inntal.

Web

www.alpbachtal.at

Feather quill embroiderer Georg Leitner

Georg Leitner is one of the last of his craft in Tirol, skilfully embroidering leather belts, braces and bags with the quills of ostrich feathers. Those who want to have a belt embroidered by him often have to wait months until the masterpiece is finished. And quill embroidery is very much back in fashion. From nifty denim miniskirts and cheeky hot pants to traditional costume pieces and modern designer models, the age-old handicraft adorns all kinds of wardrobe staples.

Web

federkielstickerei-leitner.at

Tirol

The rent a chicken provider Gerda Rebitsch

A few years ago Gerda Rebitsch from Brixlegg in Tirol came up with a truly unique farm concept: to rent out chickens that provide fresh eggs. There are currently 180 hens living on her farm, including their fluffy offspring and 20 roosters. They include old breeds of chickens that are threatened with extinction. Those who rent a chicken from Gerda get a lot of eggs for 15 to 30 euros a month. Gerda also offers bees and ponies for rent. For her innovative farm concept, which is intended to bring consumers closer to the cycle of nature, Gerda received the silver medal at the Tirolean Innovation Awards 2019.

Web

ihobanvogel.at
(German only)

The Prügeltorte maker Hermann Mader

"Prügeln" may mean to beat something or someone in German, but there is nothing violent about the sweet treat made by family-run Konditorei Mader. In Kramsach, "Prügel" is the name given to the spit that rotates over an open fire. Layer by layer, Hermann pours a thick batter over the spit, creating the Prügeltorte. The Mader family has been running the only commercial Prügeltorte business in Austria since 1989. You can sit down and enjoy a piece of Prügeltorte with a cup of coffee at the café on site.

Web

www.pruegeltorten.at

Information

Over the past years we have portrayed many people who achieved something extraordinary and whose stories are worth telling. Meet locals who have mastered a special craft, preserved traditions or have come up with something innovative.

www.austria.info/en/things-to-do/cities-and-culture/famous-austrians