

## Summer News 2022

### Accommodation – New Openings

#### Burgenland

##### **Historic Ambience: Burghotel Schlaining**

The revitalised 3-star superior Burghotel Schlaining opened its doors in February 2022 in the heart of Stadtschlaining. It boasts 64 single and double rooms and is just a few minutes' walk from Schlaining Castle, with which it shares stylish seminar and event rooms of different sizes. These include a chapel as well as the castle garden and courtyard that offers ample space for 1,000 guests.

Stadtschlaining

End of February 2022

<https://burghotel-schlaining.at/>

##### **Pure Pleasure: Scheiblhofer Wein-Wellness-Erlebnis-Resort**

Family Scheiblhofer has built up a well-known wine estate in Andau and the "Wein-Wellness-Erlebnis-Resort" is their next big venture. The hotel, which opens in May 2022, has 118 rooms, a 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> wellness area, and a restaurant. Its architecture and building concept are based on sustainability and well-thought-out design. Surrounding the long building and its flat roof, there is a fruit, vegetable, and herb garden, plus a wine and nature trail. A further new addition since last year is the estate's own Heuriger (wine tavern) "The Quarter", where guests can tuck into traditional Heurigen dishes and the wines from the estate, of course.

Andau

May 2022

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

##### **Pannonian Style: Das Pauls**

This summer, the Esterházy establishments will be launching the new, modern 4-star superior hotel "Das Pauls" in Eisenstadt. There will be 120 high-end rooms and suites to choose from, plus a spa and gym, restaurant, bar, event rooms for up to 300 people, and Burgenland's first rooftop bar. From the bar, which will be open to the public, you will be able to enjoy views of Esterházy Palace.

Eisenstadt

Summer 2022

[www.hotelpauls.info/](http://www.hotelpauls.info/)

#### Carinthia

##### **By the Lake: Kantor Lodges at Lake Millstatt**

The Kantor Lodges opened in a quiet location on Lake Millstatt's southern shore in October 2021. Hostess Silke Schuster of Schifffahrt Schuster has created a delightful little retreat with her 5 lodges, each of which is 36 m<sup>2</sup> in size and has two bedrooms and a bathroom. Perfect for those who like boating: all stays include boat shuttles provided by the hosts.

Rothenthurn / Lake Millstatt

October 2021

[www.kantorlodges.at/de/](http://www.kantorlodges.at/de/)

##### **Happy Holidays: Tomtegl Chalets on the Hochrindl**

11 new mountain chalets will be opening their doors at an altitude of 1,500 m on the Hochrindl in the Carinthian Nockberge in July 2022. They are equipped with a designer kitchen, a living-dining area with an open fireplace, a balcony, 2 spacious bedrooms with terrace, and a bathroom with a freestanding

bathtub and walk-in rain shower. There is also a private Finnish sauna, 2 toilets, and a utility room with washing machine and tumble dryer.

Hochrindl

July 2022

[www.tomtegl-bergchalets.com](http://www.tomtegl-bergchalets.com)

## Lower Austria

### **Uncomplicated: Motel XL Lounge**

The Motel XL Lounge opened in Traisen, a few kilometres south of St. Pölten on the Traisental cycle path and Via Sacra pilgrimage trail, in December 2021. It offers 18 stylishly furnished rooms and 2 apartments. Guests can arrive around the clock using the self check-in system, with an in-house bakery and the nearby Event Lounge providing food and drink.

Traisen

December 2021

[www.gastro-event.at/xllounge.html](http://www.gastro-event.at/xllounge.html)

### **High-Class Alpine: Ötscher Lodge**

At the foot of the almost 2,000 m Ötscher, the classy Ötscher Lodge opened in Lackenhof at the end of 2021. It is in close proximity to the ski lifts and also a great base for hikers. The comfortably furnished apartments for 2 to 4 and for 6 people range between 50 and 97 m<sup>2</sup> in size. They all have a balcony or terrace. Open fireplaces, whirlpools, and infrared cabins complete the relaxing stay. There are charging stations for electric cars at the nearby car park in Weitental.

Lackenhof am Ötscher

End of 2021

[www.oetscher-lodge.at](http://www.oetscher-lodge.at)

### **Past Meets Present: sgrafit hotel**

The listed Sgraffithaus on the main square of Retz in the Weinviertel and its also listed neighbouring building are being transformed into the sgrafit hotel, which will open in summer 2022. The beautiful facade of the Sgraffithaus, dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, will remain, but the interior will be completely renewed and modernised. A real highlight will be the roof terrace with views over the town of Retz and the surrounding hills. The building will also be home to a bike shop offering rentals.

Retz

Summer 2022

[www.sgrafit.at](http://www.sgrafit.at) (website coming soon, March 2022)

## Upper Austria

### **Holistic: Ayurveda-Haus SOMA**

The Soma opened in Geboltskirchen in February 2022. The new centre for Maharishi Ayurveda and holistic medicine offers on-site health retreats, outpatient treatments, and webinars. The building surrounded by countryside accommodates medical practices, yoga and meditation rooms, therapy rooms for cleansing therapies and thermal water treatments as well as 5 guest rooms.

Geboltskirchen

February 2022

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

### **Practical: Parkhotel Hagenberg**

The 4-star Parkhotel Hagenberg will open in Hagenberg in the Mühlviertel on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The new-build houses 93 rooms with balcony for holidaymakers, professors, and scientists, as Hagenberg is home

to one of the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria's campuses. Business category rooms have a bedroom and living room, and can also be rented on a long-term basis. Facilities include a 240 m<sup>2</sup> wellness area, gym, and restaurant.

Hagenberg

April 2022

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

### **Central: Parkhotel Braunau**

Parkhotel Braunau will open in Braunau, right on the Mattigtal bike path, in mid-2022. It will offer a mix of affordable double and multi-bed rooms as well as higher end rooms and suites. There will also be a restaurant, bar, and gym. Charging stations will be available for electric cars and a secure storage room for bikes.

Wo fehlt

Wann fehlt

[www.parkhotel-braunau.at](http://www.parkhotel-braunau.at)

## **SalzburgerLand**

### **Top Location: myDAHOAM**

At the foot of the Eben im Pongau mountains you will find the newly built apartments of myDAHOAM. They are furnished to a high standard in a modern alpine style and offer plenty of space in 4 different sizes for up to 6 people. Each apartment has a fully equipped eat-in kitchen with a comfortable dining area and, depending on size, 1 to 2 bedrooms and bathrooms. In addition, each unit has a balcony or terrace. Cots, high chairs, and a daily bread service are available upon request.

Eben im Pongau

December 2021

[www.ferienwohnung-eben.at](http://www.ferienwohnung-eben.at)

### **Great Moments: THE MATTHEW**

Hotel THE MATTHEW is located in the sunny Kirchboden part of Wagrain. Mathias, the current owners' great-grandfather, laid the foundation for it in 1913. He bought the land on which his great-grandchildren Sandra and Rainer have now created a place of high spirits and comfort. The building is inspired by his architecture, a combination of wood, water, concrete, steel, and iron, and a range of choice when it comes to the space required. There are rooms for 2 people, apartments with kitchens, and two-storey suites that can accommodate up to 10 people. All rooms are equipped with high-quality interiors and handcrafted details. There is also a wellness area with both a nude and a textile sauna, heated indoor and outdoor pools, and a swimming pond.

Wagrain

December 2021

<https://hotel-wagrain.eu/>

### **Classy: Max Relax Boutique Chalets**

The 3 brand new, luxurious Max Relax Boutique Chalets are located outside of Zell am See. They are all equipped with an open-plan kitchen and large dining table for 12 people, an open fireplace, and a comfortable sofa corner. The sleeping area includes 4 bedrooms, 2 of which can accommodate 4 people. There are also 3 bathrooms and a room with a washing machine and tumble dryer. Each chalet has its own sauna. The reception area, a lounge, a breakfast and common room as well as the ski cellar can be used by all guests. There is also an optional bread service or breakfast served in the chalet.

Zell am See

December 2021

[www.maxchalet-zellamsee.at/](http://www.maxchalet-zellamsee.at/)

### **Young & Fresh: ever.grün Kaprun**

Hotel ever.grün opened near Kaprun in December 2021. It is designed for open-minded people from all over the world, active families, and easy-going friends who want to exchange city life for alpine life for a while. Rooms can be booked in sizes ranging from XS to XL, all with a balcony. The in-house Levante & Alpen Restaurant combines Levantine cuisine with regional delicacies from the Alps, and there is a further culinary focus on vegetarian and vegan dishes. In the wellness area there is a Finnish sauna, a bio sauna, and a textile sauna as well as a rooftop outdoor pool.

Kaprun  
December 2021  
[www.evergruen.at](http://www.evergruen.at)

### **Barrier-Free: Lisal Appartement**

The newly built Lisal Appartementhaus in the centre of Altenmarkt offers 6 inviting apartments in different designs. Each bears the name of one of the surrounding mountains and is equipped with a modern living and dining area, spacious bathroom, comfortable bedroom(s), and a terrace or balcony. There is a ski and bike storage room, straightforward 24h check-in, flexible and contact-free service plus good connections to a variety of excursion destinations. All of the apartments are also barrier-free.

Altenmarkt  
January 2022  
[www.lisal-appartements.at](http://www.lisal-appartements.at)

### **New Chalet: "VILLA WOSSA" Priesteregg**

The mountain village of Priesteregg in Leogang, surrounded by meadows, woods, and the Leogang Mountains, has redesigned one of its 16 chalets. The one-storey chalet number 13, formerly named after the "Legend of the Mountains" Luis Trenker, has been given a new ambience and is now called "Villa Wossa". It comfortably accommodates 2 to 6 people, offering unobstructed views of the valley and mountains. The exclusive Villa Wossa provides stylish chalet comfort and big glass windows overlooking crystal clear "Wossa" (water) that can be used as a private pool. The two metre deep pond in front of the building is concealed from view by lush grass and long reeds, home to plenty of fish.

Leogang  
June 2022  
[www.priesteregg.at/chalets/villa-wossa-neu-ab-juni-2022/](http://www.priesteregg.at/chalets/villa-wossa-neu-ab-juni-2022/)

### **A Tiny Bit of Luxury: Das Seehäuser**

The stylish TinyHouses on the shore of Lake Mattsee have a minimalist design and are made of wood. A total of 37 lake and tree houses of solid wood, all with their own terrace and garden, form the eco-resort. There are TinyHouses and TinyLofts, intended for 1 to 2 guests, and TinyVillas for 2 to 4 people. All have a cosy mezzanine level, panoramic windows, kitchen, bathroom with rain shower and view of the surrounding countryside, comfortable living room with adaptable furniture, and additional sleeping for 1 to 2 children. There is also a sauna and a bathhouse on site, with meals available from the Food Truck.

Mattsee (Salzburg Lake District)  
July 2022  
[www.das-seehaeuser.com](http://www.das-seehaeuser.com)

### **Mountain Village: Hotel Zaglgut**

Take a front row seat at Bergdorf Hotel Zaglgut, built above Kaprun with a view of Lake Zell and the peaks of the Hohe Tauern. The site consists of 12 chalets and 13 premium suites inside a building reminiscent of a Pinzgau farmhouse from the outside. The units combine exclusive comfort with the cosy atmosphere of an alpine hut. The suites range from 30 to 60 m<sup>2</sup>, accommodating up to 4 people. The chalets are suitable for 2 to 8 people, with living areas between 45 and 120 m<sup>2</sup>. The larger ones have their own sauna.

Kaprun  
Sommer 2022

## Styria

### **Environmentally Friendly: Chalet Tauplitz**

The new Chalet Tauplitz is aimed at eco-conscious summer visitors. The wooden frame holiday home is centrally located in the village of Tauplitz, with three apartments named Louis, Felipe, and Belinda. Two of them can accommodate 2 to 4 people, and the third extends over 2 levels and is suitable for 4 to 6 people. A common room with a large dining table, wardrobe, and wooden stove as well as the ski and bike storage room can be used by all guests. As can the sauna made of reclaimed wood and natural stone and the drying room with washing machines, tumble dryers, and boot dryers. Those looking for some time out or a refreshing dip will enjoy the garden and its swimming pond.

Bad Mitterndorf  
Winter season 2021/2022  
[www.chalet-tauplitz.at](http://www.chalet-tauplitz.at)

### **Wood and Light: Voisthalerhütte**

The newly built Voisthalerhütte with sun terrace in the Hochschwab region combines comfort and enjoyment. Landladies Lisi and Maja are proud of their "larch palace" and see themselves with their young, mountain-loving team as the ideal base for hiking and climbing tours. The cuisine ranges from typical hut fare to vegetarian and vegan alternatives. The hut can sleep up to 50 guests in multi-bed rooms and its dormitory. There is a laundry room and drying room, plus plenty of books and games. Large windows provide magnificent views of the Hochschwab massif. The design is simple, the technology environmentally friendly with pellet heating.

Thörl am Hochschwab  
May 2022  
[www.voisthalerhuette.com](http://www.voisthalerhuette.com)

### **Premiere: Motel One in Graz**

Motel One will be opening its first hotel in Styria on the first floor of the Dorotheum auction house on Jakominiplatz, one of the largest squares in Graz. It will have 160 rooms and open in autumn 2022. As in all of the chain's hotels, rooms are available in the categories "The One", "Cosy One", and "Special One". They are all air-conditioned and equipped with either queen-size (160 x 200 cm) or king-size (180 x 200 cm) beds, a granite bathroom with shower and WC as well as a workspace with chair, flat screen, and free WiFi.

Graz  
Autumn 2022  
[www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/coming-soon/](http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/coming-soon/)

## Tirol

### **Sieghard Suites Mayrhofen**

In the centre of Mayrhofen in the Zillertal, the new Sieghard Suites have been providing luxurious 4-star comfort and stylish design combined with alpine lifestyle elements since summer 2021. The design elements are glass, exposed concrete, old wood, and fine fabrics. There are 5 suites to choose from, which can accommodate up to 7 people. All suites have 2 bathrooms and a balcony or terrace.

Mayrhofen  
Summer 2021  
[www.sieghardsuites.at](http://www.sieghardsuites.at)

### **Timelessly Elegant: All-Suite Resort Zwieselstein-Sölden**

The new All-Suite Resort is located in the heart of the little village of Zwieselstein in the Ötztal. Its architecture is timelessly elegant, underlining the beauty of the surrounding mountains. Guests can choose from spacious double rooms as well as All-Suite apartments with 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms and fully equipped kitchens. All units are of a high standard and practically furnished in a reduced design with luxury textiles.

Sölden  
July 2021

[www.appartments-soelden.com](http://www.appartments-soelden.com)

### **The Scent of Pine: Wochenbrunner Chalets**

The new chalets in Wochenbrunn at the foot of the Wilder Kaiser ooze alpine charm, built from high-quality local natural raw materials. They are all equipped with a generous cooking-dining-living area, 3 bedrooms with stone pine beds, 2 bathrooms, and a stone pine sauna. Each chalet also has a garden terrace and a carport for 2 vehicles.

Ellmau / Wilder Kaiser  
July 2021

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

### **In the Middle of It All: Haus Zum Wilden Kaiser**

The newly built "Haus Zum Wilden Kaiser" is centrally located in Ellmau with a stunning view of the Wilder Kaiser. It consists of 10 apartments between 42 and 60 m<sup>2</sup> in size and with 2 bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen and – depending on size – one to two balconies. The building also has a wellness room with sauna and infrared cabin as well as a room for sports equipment. Ellmau's ski lifts and cross-country trails plus a golf and tennis court are in close proximity.

Ellmau / Wilder Kaiser  
July 2021

[www.wilderkaiser.info/de/ellmau/unterkuenfte/details/ferienwohnung-apartement/haus-zum-wilden-kaiser.html](http://www.wilderkaiser.info/de/ellmau/unterkuenfte/details/ferienwohnung-apartement/haus-zum-wilden-kaiser.html)

### **Contemporary: Hotel Coolnest**

Stefan Eder, who runs the Zillertal's trendy mountaintop Kristallhütte, opened a new boutique and design hotel in a sunny valley location in December 2021. Hotel Coolnest guests can look forward to 30 "cool nests"; i.e. chic rooms with a terrace and mountain view, the finest cuisine, and a cool rooftop pool. Upon entering the lobby, brightly coloured furniture sets the tone for the carefree days ahead. The hosts are committed to sustainability and more than half of the hotel's energy is geothermal. In winter, guests can make use of a shuttle service to the ski lifts, and in summer there are complimentary e-bikes and e-scooters to hire.

Ramsau / Zillertal  
December 2021

<https://coolnest.at/>

### **AlpenParks Apartment Montana**

The AlpenParks apartments opened their doors in Matrei in East Tirol in December 2021. The new building with a wooden facade is located just 500 m from the Goldeckbahn lift. Inside there are 14 apartments that can accommodate 2 to 5 people. Guests can either cater for themselves or enjoy traditional Tirolean food next door at Restaurant Alte Mühle.

Matrei  
December 2021

[www.alpenparks.at/de/hotel-apartment-montana-matrei/](http://www.alpenparks.at/de/hotel-apartment-montana-matrei/)

### **Close to the Cable Car: Black Forest Lodges**

December 2021 saw the launch of the 3 Black Forest Lodges in Tulfes. Each of the 3 modern apartments, furnished with lots of wood, has its own balcony or terrace and sauna with a view of the majestic Tirolean mountains. And the valley station of the Glungezer skiing and hiking area is right next door.

Tulfes

December 2021

[www.hall-wattens.at/de/tulfes/unterkuenfte/details/ferienwohnung-apartement/black-forest-lodges.html](http://www.hall-wattens.at/de/tulfes/unterkuenfte/details/ferienwohnung-apartement/black-forest-lodges.html)

### **In the Forest: Chalets Santner**

The 3 chalets in a quiet forest location, surrounded by 50 three thousand metre summits and Europe's largest stone pine forest, are one-storied and about 100 m<sup>2</sup> in size. On the ground floor you will find the living and dining area with a fully equipped kitchen plus a heated ski and bike storage room with a ski boot dryer. Upstairs there are 2 bedrooms and a bathroom with a freestanding bath. Each level has cable TV and WiFi. The chalets are furnished for 4 to 6 people. Cots and high chairs for children are provided free of charge upon request.

St. Jakob im Defregental

December 2021

[www.chalets-santner-stjakob.at](http://www.chalets-santner-stjakob.at)

### **With Garden and Mountain Views: SIMA Apartments**

The 5 SIMA Apartments in Längenfeld in the Ötztal convey a modern alpine lifestyle. Four apartments have 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, two of which are on the ground floor with access to the garden terrace. The penthouse apartment has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a panoramic terrace with mountain views. There is a lift that takes you straight up to the penthouse apartment.

Längenfeld in the Ötztal

December 2021

[www.sima-apartments.at](http://www.sima-apartments.at)

### **Alpine Comfort: Lebe'oetz**

In the centre of Oetz, 5 new holiday apartments combine modern architecture with a feel-good atmosphere and tradition. Named Zita, Sopl, Fränz, Michl, and Traudi, the Lebe'oetz apartments are luxurious and furnished with loving details. Modern interior design adds that certain something. The apartments can be individually adapted and, depending on the size you opt for, accommodate up to 7 people. All of them have a covered terrace with an outdoor sauna, an infrared cabin, and a bathtub in the bedroom.

Oetz in the Ötztal

February 2022

<https://lebe-oetz.at/>

### **Renovated Farmhouse: Heissangerer Apartments**

In an extensively renovated, listed farmhouse there are 3 new rustic yet luxurious holiday apartments. They are suitable for 2 to 4 people and offer between 84 and 100 m<sup>2</sup> of living space. In line with their location and view, they bear the names "Sonneneck" (sunny corner), "Gipfelblick" (summit view), and "Bergparadies" (mountain paradise). The apartments come with a comfortable living and dining area, 2 bedrooms with separate bathrooms, and fully equipped kitchens.

Tulfes

February 2022

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

### **Rustic: The H-ALM**

The Hafele holiday resort in St. Jakob im Defereggental will see the addition of the H-ALM from summer 2022. This is a private, two-storey alpine hut with around 110 m<sup>2</sup> of living space, built from natural local

wood in a sustainable manner. The living and kitchen area with a large glass facade and wonderful view of the surrounding mountains plus 2 bedrooms can be found on the upper floor. Downstairs there is the spacious bathroom area with shower, WC, and double sink.

St. Jakob im Defereggental

June 2022

<https://urlaubsresort-hafele.com/die-h-alm/>

## Vorarlberg

### Zapfig Living

The new Zapfig Living building opened in Wald am Arlberg in October 2021, offering fully equipped suites with 8 beds and a balcony. On the ground floor there is a café, a 24-hour vending store, and a gym with a sauna.

Wald am Arlberg

October 2021

<https://zapfig-living.at/>

### Masura Cabins

The 3 Masura Cabins, built in environmentally friendly wooden construction, opened their doors in Bürserberg in the Brandnertal in December 2021. Each cabin is 45 m<sup>2</sup> and has 2 bedrooms for up to 4 guests. From the terrace you can enjoy a stunning view of the surrounding mountains.

Bürserberg

December 2021

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

### Josefsheim Schruns

After more than 400 days of renovation, the Josefsheim, formerly a care home, is reopening its doors in the middle of Schruns. Montafon's first and only hostel provides spacious bunks made of pine wood. There are 13 double and multi-bed rooms in total plus a restaurant with open kitchen for guests to meet for meals.

Schruns

Spring 2022

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

### W-40.COM Apartments

The two new 103 m<sup>2</sup> W-40.COM holiday apartments in the centre of Riezlern offer plenty of space for individual living. Each apartment has 2 bedrooms and therefore lots of room for a holiday with family or friends. Through the large panoramic windows you can see the Kleinwalsertal mountains.

Riezlern

April 2022

<https://w-40.com/>

### Revier Mountain Lodge Montafon

Austria's first Revier Hotel will be opening at the valley station of the Valisera Bahn in June 2022. There will be 107 rooms with panoramic windows and it will be the group's first European hotel to have a large seminar area and fitness centre. The Revier bar, a casual dining restaurant with open kitchen, co-working spaces, and a wellness area complete the stay.

St. Gallenkirch

June 2022

[www.revierhotels.com/de/detail/montafon-at.html](http://www.revierhotels.com/de/detail/montafon-at.html)



### **Chalet Dorf Mäder**

A small chalet village will be opening in Mäder in June 2022. Each of the 5 chalets will provide a living space of around 45 m<sup>2</sup>.

Mäder  
June 2022  
No website yet

### **Pfänderglück**

The 4 "Pfänderglück" holiday homes will be opening on the Pfänder, the 1,064 m local mountain of Bregenz, in summer 2022. Each can accommodate up to 8 people, with wooden floors and modern alpine furnishings creating a delightful atmosphere.

Lochau  
Summer 2022  
<https://pfaenderglueck.at/>

### **Berghaus Schröcken**

Family Schwarzmann will be launching Berghaus Schröcken in July 2022, a stylish holiday resort for hikers and winter sports enthusiasts. The new complex consists of three buildings. Facilities include the "Alwins Stammtisch" inn, a wellness area, and an outdoor pool. There are 22 studios and 18 apartments to choose from with wooden furniture and alpine materials. 2 apartments, 2 chalet apartments for up to 20 people, and 2 self-catering units for up to 16 guests have already been accommodating guests since winter 2021/22.

Warth-Schröcken  
July 2022  
[www.berghaus-schroecken.at](http://www.berghaus-schroecken.at)

### **Lech Valley Lodge**

The Lech Valley Lodge will be opening in Warth in August 2022. The newly built establishment with a wooden facade offers spacious lodges, rooms, and suites, furnished in alpine style. There is also a restaurant, spa, and soul food shop, plus a garden to catch some rays.

Warth-Schröcken  
August 2022  
[www.lech-valley.com](http://www.lech-valley.com)

### **Halwina**

The Halwina Hideaway in Sibratsgfall, which was built with great finesse using traditional techniques, has two large holiday apartments, ideal for families or groups of friends. Apartment "Hanna" is 250 m<sup>2</sup> with 4 bedrooms. The 110 m<sup>2</sup> apartment "Alwin" has 2 bedrooms.

Sibratsgfall  
Monat? 2022  
[www.halwina.at](http://www.halwina.at)

### **Gabriela Apartments**

"Tanne" (fir) and "Eiche" (oak) are the names of the apartments in the new Gabriela with shingle facade in Mellau. Wooden floors and furniture create a pleasant atmosphere in the 52 and 57 m<sup>2</sup> modern apartments. There is also a sauna on site.

Mellau  
Monat? 2022  
[www.gabriela-apartments.com](http://www.gabriela-apartments.com)

## Freiraum Apartments

Unpretentious, practical, and sophisticatedly beautiful is how the 7 new Freiraum apartments present themselves in Mellau. The building with a wooden facade is located at the foot of the Gopfberg and includes a sauna.

Mellau

Monat? 2022

[www.freiraum-apartments.at](http://www.freiraum-apartments.at)

## Vienna

### In a Baroque Jewel: The Leo Grand Hotel Vienna

Just a few steps away from St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Lenikus group is transforming a listed baroque jewel into a luxury hotel with 76 rooms and suites. Its opening is scheduled for April 2022. Head designer Gabriele Lenikus and her team have courageously reimagined baroque design and spectacularly translated it into the present. Quite fittingly they have incorporated the figure of the eccentric, fun- and art-loving Emperor Leopold I, who can be felt here as a host and encourages you to go on a journey of discovery through the building and the city. The hotel's character is also reflected across its dining options, whether seated at what must be one of Vienna's most exclusive outdoor tables, in the winterproof courtyard, an elegant bar or one of the private dining areas.

Vienna

Spring 2022

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

### In the Heart of the City: Rosewood Vienna

The 5-star Rosewood Vienna, the group's fifth hotel in Europe, is scheduled to open its doors on the Graben in the heart of the city centre in summer 2022. But not just its prime position is special. The hotel with 99 rooms and suites is set within a historic bank building from the 1830s, which is elaborately being renovated. Guests will be able to enjoy the best views of the city from the rooftop bar. There will also be a restaurant, spa, and event rooms.

Vienna

Summer 2022

[www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/vienna](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/vienna)

### Trendy Meeting Place: BASSENA Wien Donaustadt

The Bassena Wien Donaustadt will be opening in the trendy new district of Vienna Twentytwo in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022. Similar to the existing Bassena Wien Messe Prater, the 4-star hotel will serve as a buzzing hotspot as well as a relaxing retreat. 198 rooms of almost 17 m<sup>2</sup> in size are spread across 9 floors. The first floor accommodates the public spaces including a library, Bassena Kitchen, living room, conservatory, and terrace with sidewalk café. The interior design by Kitzig Design Studios is young, dynamic, and full of life. The local recreation areas Donauinsel, Donaupark, and Alte Donau are only a few minutes away, which incidentally explains the meaning of "Bassena" in Vienna: the communal water tap of a shared building – a typical Viennese meeting place.

Vienna

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022

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

### Sustainable and Social: magdas Hotel Vienna City

magdas Hotel is Austria's first social business hotel with the concept of giving people with a refugee background access to jobs and training them to become professional hosts. The first magdas location in the Prater will be moving to the third district in September 2022. With 85 rooms, 2 event rooms, a restaurant, and a chapel, the new magdas Hotel Vienna City will offer plenty of space for encounters far beyond the traditional boundaries of a hotel. Architects BWM took on the project of adapting the 1960s building. In the rooms, the combination of new designer furniture with re-use and upcycling elements

reflects the colourful diversity of magdas. When it comes to construction and energy, the focus is on sustainability, with a blossoming garden (formerly the car park), facade, and terraces.

Vienna

Autumn 2022

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

## Accommodation – Renovations

### Burgenland

#### **Enjoyable All Round: Wohnothek**

In addition to a vinotheque, the property on the Ratschenberg in Deutsch Schützen boasts a restaurant that specialises in high-end regional cuisine and the "Wohnothek". On top of the existing 10 wooden bungalows for 2 people, there will be 12 more plus 3 units for up to 4 people from early summer 2022. The hosts are also adding a breakfast room and wellness area.

Deutsch Schützen  
Summer 2022  
[www.ratschen.at](http://www.ratschen.at)

### Carinthia

#### **Summit Meeting: Mountain Resort "Die Kanzlerin" on the Gerlitz**

Since August 2021, the Almresort Gerlitz has had the new name "Die Kanzlerin" and has also changed its appearance. All 94 apartments and suites have been completely refurbished in a modern alpine look, and the wellness and spa area has been updated too. The kitchen focuses on regional and seasonal specialities, with the restaurant now also offering luxury boxes to enjoy in your apartment.

Treffen am Ossiacher See  
August 2021  
[www.bergresort-diekanzlerin.at/](http://www.bergresort-diekanzlerin.at/)

#### **For Bikers: Bike Boutique Hotel Lindenhof in Feld am See**

The Lindenhof in Feld am See in the Carinthian Nockberge reopened after a complete transformation in February 2022. The establishment now presents itself as Carinthia's first bike boutique hotel, with spacious rooms and suites and plenty of expertise when it comes to bikes. Host Hannes Nindler contributes to the latter as a passionate mountain biker and mountain bike guide himself. The gourmet dining room holds two Gault Millau toques and revolves around Slow Food. Lighter bites can be found at the Radlerei, which is a bistro and little village shop combined.

Feld am See  
February 2022  
[www.landhotel-lindenhof.at](http://www.landhotel-lindenhof.at)

#### **Prevention: Bleib Berg Health Retreat in Bad Bleiberg**

Since February 2022, the Bleibergerhof in Bad Bleiberg has had a new name and concept. The BLEIB BERG Health Retreat provides medically supervised therapies that encourage holistic health. These include blood laser therapy according to Dr. Weber, CellAir altitude training which is done lying down, cold therapies according to Wimhof, and icy cold, refreshing sessions in the PANACOOOL cold chamber which is minus 110 degrees. The sports equipment and facilities for performance checks have also been updated, and all of the rooms have been given a facelift.

Bad Bleiberg  
February 2022  
[www.bleib-berg.com](http://www.bleib-berg.com)

#### **Refreshing: Romantikhof Seefischer in Döbriach**

Guests of the Romantikhof Seefischer at Lake Millstatt can look forward to some upgrades from May 2022. A new sun deck is being built on the roof of the pool and two junior suites are being added. Restaurant Seefischer will have a new interior design with a redesigned, larger buffet and open cooking area, as will the wine presentation area in the Seesalon. There will also be an "iBikeBox" for e-bikers with 10 top quality e-bikes for rent.

Döbriach / Lake Millstatt  
May 2022  
[www.seefischer.at](http://www.seefischer.at)

#### **Lake Flair: The Karnerhof at Lake Faak**

From 6th May 2022, the Karnerhof at Lake Faak will be surprising its guests with some changes. An extension houses the new spa area that boasts lake and mountain views. The facilities include a 20 m long heated outdoor infinity pool, new relaxation rooms, and a large exercise and relax room. Blue, turquoise, and beige set the tone in the newly designed entrance area, at the reception, and in one of the restaurants. In the lobby area there will be an additional terrace with a view of the lake.

Drobollach am Faaker See  
May 2022  
[www.karnerhof.com](http://www.karnerhof.com)

#### **More Space: Hotel Hochschober on the Turracher Höhe**

Hotel Hochschober has been busy. A panorama restaurant for 40 guests is being added to the existing restaurants with a beautiful view of Lake Turrach. The indoor pool is being extended to include a relaxation zone. There will be a new wooden building with a glass front next to the hotel with a 125 m<sup>2</sup> hall for yoga and events plus a gym. The hotel is also renewing all heating and ventilation systems, which will reduce energy consumption significantly.

Turracher Höhe  
June 2022  
[www.hochschober.com](http://www.hochschober.com)

### **Lower Austria**

#### **Swimming With a View of the Danube: Hotel Schachner**

High above the Wachau, the 4-star seminar and wellness hotel Schachner graces the pilgrimage town of Maria Taferl. Its owners only recently extended the restaurant to include a bar and buffet area. Now the wellness area has been completely renewed and given an extra floor. The highlight of the new "Wachau Spa" is its 21 m long infinity pool with a view of the Danube valley and the foothills of the Alps. 15 m of the pool are indoors, 6 m are outdoors. You can also enjoy views of the Danube and mountains from the new panorama sauna.

Maria Taferl  
March 2022  
[www.hotel-schachner.at](http://www.hotel-schachner.at)

### **Upper Austria**

#### **At the Edge of the Forest: Naturhaus Innviertel**

The new Naturhaus chalet is located in Franking in the Innviertel, near the Holzöstersee lake and on the edge of the forest. Built of stone and wood, it provides a living space of 138 m<sup>2</sup>. There are 3 double bedrooms and 2 sofa beds, 2 bathrooms, an eat-in kitchen, and a living room. In front of the chalet there is a terrace and a garden.

Franking  
Spring 2021  
[www.naturhaus-innviertel.at](http://www.naturhaus-innviertel.at)

#### **Lummersdorf Holiday Huts**

The holiday huts in St. Johann am Wimberg are a delightful natural jewel surrounded by countryside. You have everything you need for an enjoyable stay here: a comfy place to sleep in a rustic wooden hut, the

tools to cook or barbecue, and plenty of space for outdoor adventures, but also to relax after an eventful day. Ideal for sporty holidaymakers, families, and nature enthusiasts.

St. Johann am Wimberg

June 2021

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

### **Made of Wood: Balthasar Volcano**

Four new premium apartments in the midst of nature and with a view of Lake Wolfgang enrich the range of holiday homes in St. Wolfgang. Timber construction pioneer Günther Kain developed the Balthasar Volcano and its apartments, which distinguish themselves through several structural and ecological features. A foam glass plate forms the foundation, for example. Particularly noteworthy: Balthasar Volcano is the first building to use larch bark insulation, a purely natural product, as its outer shell. The trendy apartments named the Enthusiast, the Illusionist, the Minimalist, and the Cosmopolite are equipped with modern interiors and local natural materials of the highest quality.

St. Wolfgang am Wolfgangsee

August 2021

[www.balthasar-volcano.at](http://www.balthasar-volcano.at)

### **NEWS From the 4\*S Vitalhotel and Spa Resort Therme Geinberg**

Guests entering the 4\*S Vitalhotel will be surprised by a newly designed lobby, foyer and restaurant areas, and 60 stylishly refreshed rooms. At the spa they can look forward to new loungers in the arena and new patio furniture on the Panorama Café's terrace and in the beach section.

Wo?

Wann?

[www.therme-geinberg.at](http://www.therme-geinberg.at)

### **Chalet Village Blockhausen**

Blockhausen opened the doors to its 5 chalets in Schwarzenberg in the Bohemian Forest in September 2021. With a double bed and sofa bed, they can comfortably accommodate 2 to 4 people. The chalets have a kitchenette and sauna. They can be booked all year round, with air conditioning to cool you down in summer and underfloor heating plus an individually heatable wood burning stove to provide warmth in winter. Outside there is a whirlpool, sunbathing areas, and a biotope filled with spring water.

Schwarzenberg

September 2021

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

### **The Old Gate Tower in Rohrbach-Berg**

The round, old gate tower is the last habitable relict of Perg Castle, dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Located on the southern slope of the district's capital Rohrbach-Berg and offering fabulous views, it awaits you with a charming holiday apartment with chill-out zones, a tasteful mix of furnishings, and plenty of history.

Rohrbach-Berg

Wann?

[www.boehmerwald.at/oesterreich-unterkunft/detail/430023327/der-alte-torturm.html](http://www.boehmerwald.at/oesterreich-unterkunft/detail/430023327/der-alte-torturm.html)

### **More Space: Camping Pyhrn-Priel**

From April 2022, the family campsite Pyhrn-Priel in Spital am Pyhrn will have 15 additional pitches, providing space for a total of 45 caravans, mobile homes or tents. The sanitary facilities will also be renovated and extended. The restaurant will be modernised and the entire site will be barrier-free.

Spital am Pyhrn

April 2022

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

#### **Right by the Lake: Seegasthof Stadler**

Seegasthof Stadler is located on the shores of Lake Attersee with its own bathing beach. From 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 the hotel will be offering its guests even more comfort. New double rooms, junior suites, and family rooms will be added to the existing rooms, all with a lake view. The double rooms are 20 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>, the suites 35 to 45 m<sup>2</sup>.

Unterach am Attersee

May 2022

[www.seegasthof-stadler.at/](http://www.seegasthof-stadler.at/)

#### **Romantic: Villa Bergzauber**

Villa Bergzauber in Roßleithen in the Phyrn-Priel Holiday Region is a hotel and event centre at the same time. The romantic villa is particularly popular for weddings. The hosts are currently expanding their range of accommodation. In the summer of 2022, 10 new ecologically constructed earth houses will be ready to welcome guests.

Roßleithen

Summer 2022

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

#### **Under the Stars: IKUNA Nature Resort in Natternbach**

The IKUNA Nature Resort stretches across more than 200,000 m<sup>2</sup>. It consists of a Nature Adventure Park and a 4-star tepee hotel. In January 2022, the new KIDS WORLD by IKUNA opened, a 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> indoor park with a 5D cinema. 10 night sky chalets will be available to stay in from summer 2022. They are 45 m<sup>2</sup> and provide space for the whole family across 3.5 floors. They also have a kitchen and terrace.

Natternbach

Summer 2022

<https://ikuna.at>

#### **Sustainable: National Park Resort Dilly**

The National Park Resort Dilly is planning a major renovation. By December 2022 there will be 32 new luxurious rooms and suites, some with their own sauna and access to the bathing lake, plus an exclusive spa below the roof with an event sauna and a panorama pool. The lobby with shop and a car park will also be new.

Windischgarsten

December 2022

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

### **SalzburgerLand**

#### **Down-To-Earth and Modern: Berggasthof Schlögelberger**

In the Lungau, Berggasthof Schlögelberger has built new apartments and given its huts a new look. The huts, furnished with lots of wood, offer space for 4 to 6 people. Natural materials create a warm atmosphere in the new apartments. Large windows reveal a beautiful view and 60 m<sup>2</sup> provide ample living space for 4 to 6 people.

St. Margarethen im Lungau

December 2021

[www.schloegelberger.at/berggasthof/](http://www.schloegelberger.at/berggasthof/)

#### **Homely Chic: Hotel Riederalm**

Hotel Riederalm started the winter season in December 2021 with plenty of new developments. An extension houses the 37 m<sup>2</sup> "Baumtraum" room as well as 2 new family suites with 2 bedrooms. The two 61 m<sup>2</sup> penthouse spa suites offer luxurious comfort and a hammock bathtub. Wood and shades of blue set the tone in new gourmet restaurant "dahoam". Restaurant Bergseele and Family Restaurant Wald & Wiese are also new. Stylishly furnished, additional massage rooms complete the hotel's revamp.

Leogang  
December 2021  
[www.riederalm.at](http://www.riederalm.at)

### **Sporty: Hotel Jakob**

Road Bike and Triathlon Hotel Mohrenwirt in the Lake Fuschl region has been renamed Hotel Jakob. According to the host family Schmidlechner, Jakob stands for innovation, openness, courage, hospitality, sports, exercise, relaxation, helpfulness, personality, sustainability, and tradition. These are all values that the building, which has existed since 1846, embodies. Jakob is also Mr. Schmidlechner's first name, and it was the passionate cyclist and triathlete who gave the hotel its focus on sports.

Fuschl am See  
January 2022  
[www.hoteljakob.at](http://www.hoteljakob.at)

### **Enchanting: The Seehof in Goldegg**

The Seehof in Goldegg sees itself as a place to enchant. Since January 2022, the "Island of Beautiful Things" has been further enhancing the facilities. Inside the wooden building there are rooms for yoga sessions, massages, and the sauna. Its construction also led to changes in the outdoor area, with new wooden terraces and works of art by Esther Stocker on the lawn. The new wooden amphitheatre is used for artistic events.

Goldegg  
January 2022  
[www.derseehof.at](http://www.derseehof.at)

### **Further Growth: Hotel Mama Thresl**

Since January 2022, Hotel Mama Thresl in Leogang has had an additional studio. Consistent with the total number of rooms, it is called Studio 51. Like all rooms in Mama Thresl, Studio 51 is equipped with wood. It has a living room and bedroom with a separate bathroom. The bedroom impresses with a freestanding bathtub and king-size bed, and there is a rock shower in the bathroom. In addition to a pull-out sofa bed, the large living room has a dining table, workstation, and a balcony with private hot pot. From the bedroom and living room, guests enjoy panoramic views of the Leogang Mountains.

Leogang  
January 2022  
[www.mama-thresl.com/](http://www.mama-thresl.com/)

## **Styria**

### **DAS KURHAUS Bad Gleichenberg**

1.6 million euros are being invested into DAS in Bad Gleichenberg. From May 2022, the wellness area will be completely renovated and extended. There will also be a new outdoor sauna. The range of therapies already includes a new cold chamber and further conversions, including an additional 100 rooms, are planned for the near future.

Bad Gleichenberg  
May 2022  
[www.daskurhaus.at](http://www.daskurhaus.at)



## Tirol

### **First-Class: Van's Place Apartment in Kaltenbach**

With a view of the Zillertal, Van's Place is an exclusively equipped apartment. It has an infrared cabin, a private terrace, and is suitable for 2 to 4 people. The first-class furnishings are made up of oak wood, selected textiles, and decorative accessories.

Kaltenbach in the Zillertal

June 2021

<https://vans-place.at>

### **Legendary: Astoria Resort Seefeld**

Since last summer, the Astoria Resort Seefeld has been offering 5 new Legends Suites. Across a living space of around 95 m<sup>2</sup>, guests will find everything they need for a luxury break: a private sauna and sun terrace, separate living and dining rooms, an LED log burner, and a marble bathroom. When selecting the interior, the focus was on authenticity, regionality, warmth, and functionality. Proprietress and culture lover Elisabeth Gürtler has dedicated the new suites to legends from art, culture, and sport, with works by great painters and sculptors to be admired in all rooms.

Seefeld

June 2021

[www.astoria-seefeld.com](http://www.astoria-seefeld.com)

### **Next to the Bathing World: Baderer Apartments**

The 8 apartments, furnished in a modern alpine Tirolean style, are situated in the relaxing holiday village of Stumm in a quiet location at the edge of the forest. Each apartment has been finished with great attention to detail and has a balcony or terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the building and a big advantage on hot summer's days is Stumm Bathing World, which is right next to the apartments.

Stumm in the Zillertal

August 2021

<https://baderer-apart.at>

### **Modern Rustic Style: Erzherzog's Apartements Zillertal**

The two newly opened holiday apartments called "Erzherzog's Apartements Zillertal" are in a tranquil location with a view of the Zillertal Alps. Rustic meets modern here. The Kaiser Lodge on the first floor is 86 m<sup>2</sup> and, in addition to a fully equipped kitchen and living room, offers 2 bedrooms for 2 people each plus additional sleeping space for 2 children. The Alpen Lodge, also on the first floor, is slightly smaller at 62 m<sup>2</sup> and has one less bedroom. On the roof terrace there is a private wellness area with sauna, infrared cabin, and sunbathing area. There is also a gym and ski and bike storage on site. The hosts prepare breakfast or a dinner menu upon request. Alternatively, you can book a table to dine à la carte at the Erzherzog's Wirtshaus next door.

Uderns in the Zillertal

December 2021

[www.erzherzog.at/de/wohnen/ferienwohnungen](http://www.erzherzog.at/de/wohnen/ferienwohnungen)

### **Feel at Home: Hotel Seerose**

Now in the fourth generation, Mirjam and Clemens Plattner have taken over family-run Hotel Seerose in the Ötztal. Since December 2021, guests have been staying in new rooms, 25, 34 or 40 m<sup>2</sup> in size. The suites on the adults only floor are 60 m<sup>2</sup>. Spruce and pine wood create a homely atmosphere in all rooms.

Oetz in the Ötztal

December 2021

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

### **Stylish: Hotel Habicher Hof**

Family Haslwagner used lockdown to modernise the traditional Habicher Hof. It reopened in December 2021 after complete renovation as a 4-star superior hotel. An extension has increased the total number of rooms and suites to 57. There is also a sky terrace and outdoor pool.

Oetz in the Ötztal / Habichen  
December 2021  
[www.habicherhof.at](http://www.habicherhof.at)

### **In Bloom: Biolodge Alpenduft**

The former Leutascherhof in Weidach has been transformed into Biolodge Alpenduft. The old building was stripped down to its foundations and rebuilt. There are 17 spacious rooms in the new building, named after local mountain flowers. The interior style is fashionably reduced with traditional Tirolean elements. Hay wallpaper exudes a subtle scent and comfortable seats by the window make panoramic views of the surrounding mountains part of the spacious rooms, also serving as a place to relax and read. The bed and sofa covers as well as the curtains are made from recycled materials. Additional comfort is provided by clay walls that act like natural air conditioning.

Weidach  
December 2021  
[www.leutascherhof.at](http://www.leutascherhof.at)

### **Small and Cosy: Apart Pankrazblick**

The newly decked out 2-room holiday home with a covered terrace is located on the sunny side of the Zillertal. The approximately 60 m<sup>2</sup> apartment has an eat-in kitchen, a living room, and a bathroom with a shower. From the bedroom with box spring bed you can see the mountains. The Spieljoch hiking and skiing area is very close by.

Hart in the Zillertal  
January 2022  
[www.apart-pankrazblick.at/](http://www.apart-pankrazblick.at/)

### **Delicious: Hotel Alpenblick**

Family-run Hotel Alpenblick in Huben in the Ötztal has made some changes inside and out. Refined cuisine is now the focus and from summer 2022 the little haven for connoisseurs with a view of an impressive mountain panorama will be presenting itself in understated, exclusive design at a 4-star level. The new rooms and suites are elegant, modern, yet down-to-earth, carefully reinterpreted in the spirit of the two generations of hosts. In addition, there will be even more room for top-notch cuisine.

Huben in the Ötztal  
Summer 2022  
[www.hotelalpenblick.com/](http://www.hotelalpenblick.com/)

## **Vorarlberg**

### **Rufana Alpsuite**

Since December 2021, guests have been able to stay overnight at popular restaurant Rufana Alpe in Bürserberg. The new Rufana Alpsuite, furnished with lots of wood, can accommodate up to 8 people. It has 4 double rooms, 3 bathrooms, a spacious living and dining kitchen, and a sauna.

Bürserberg  
December 2021  
<https://rufanaalpsuite.at>

### **Four Points by Sheraton Panoramahaus Dornbirn**

In Dornbirn, the Four Points by Sheraton Panoramahaus which can be seen from afar is expanding by 44 rooms. A restaurant open to the public will be launching on the ground floor and the former sky restaurant with incredible views will be converted into an exclusive breakfast room for hotel guests.

Dornbirn

Spring / summer 2022

[www.marriott.de/hotels/travel/achfp-four-points-panoramahaus-dornbirn](http://www.marriott.de/hotels/travel/achfp-four-points-panoramahaus-dornbirn)

## Things to Do – Hiking

### Upper Austria

#### **Pilgrimage on the New Benedict Trail**

From monastery to monastery along the Benedict Trail. The new section in Upper Austria will lead 260 km from Spital am Phyrn to Passau. The first 4 stages were completed last year, already providing 110 km of trail from Lambach Abbey via Schlierbach Abbey to Kremsmünster Abbey.

[www.oberoesterreich.at/aktivitaeten/sommer/wandern/pilgern-in-oberoesterreich.html](http://www.oberoesterreich.at/aktivitaeten/sommer/wandern/pilgern-in-oberoesterreich.html)

### Styria

#### **The Iron Trail in the Erzberg Leoben Region**

In the region around the Erzberg and Leoben, which is closely linked to the history of ore mining and the production of iron, a new long-distance hiking trail called the "Iron Trail" is to be completed by summer 2022. Around 8 stages with a total length of 160 km are planned. Starting in the Liesingtal, it will lead through the adventure and sports region of Erzberg Leoben, offering beautiful views, interesting history, and unique experiences, ending with urban flair in Leoben, Styria's second largest city.

[www.steiermark.com/de/Erzberg-Leoben](http://www.steiermark.com/de/Erzberg-Leoben)

#### **In the Footsteps of the Pioneers on Hauser Kaibling**

Who were the courageous men that built the very first shelter on the Hauser Kaibling in 1907, a mountain in Styria's Schladming-Dachstein region? They laid the foundation for the skiing and hiking area of today, and a new themed hiking trail on the Hauser Kaibling has been a reminder of their initiative since last summer. The almost 3 km long trail leads from the Quatralpina mountain station to the 8-seater cable car mountain station or in the opposite direction. At 10 stations, hikers can learn all about the first shelter, the construction of the first cable car, and how it came about that you can now float up the Hauser Kaibling by gondola.

[www.schladming-dachstein.at/de/Regionales-und-Angebote/Touren/Auf-den-Spuren-der-Pioniere-am-Hauser-Kaibling\\_td\\_5811962](http://www.schladming-dachstein.at/de/Regionales-und-Angebote/Touren/Auf-den-Spuren-der-Pioniere-am-Hauser-Kaibling_td_5811962)

#### **Slow Trips in Eastern Styria**

Some regions across Europe have recently starting offering Slow Trip Experiences, which invite you to immerse yourself in the local culture accompanied by experts. Eastern Styria is one such region, with Slow Trip Experiences that can usually be booked from 2 participants including Lost Places Tours to historical places such as the Waxenegg castle ruins or the Rauchstubenhaus, a 300-year-old farmhouse in Edelschachen. At Biohof Schloffer in Anger, visitors get an insight into biodynamic farming according to Demeter. And then there is the donkey shopping tour through Pöllau market, followed by a trek through Nature Park Pöllau Valley.

[www.slowtrips.eu/de/see-do/erlebnisse/oststeiermark/](http://www.slowtrips.eu/de/see-do/erlebnisse/oststeiermark/)

#### **Peter Rosegger Loop Trail**

The new loop trail in Hartberg follows in the footsteps of Austrian writer Peter Rosegger who wrote about his childhood in the mountains of Alpl. You can choose between an 8 and a 9.3 km route. Experience stations along the way provide historical photographs and information on the development of the city and region. Hikers can listen to stories about the mills, find out about agriculture and forestry, and come to understand Peter Rosegger's enthusiasm for the "new metropolis" of Hartberg. Because in 1891 the railway line was extended to Hartberg, which Peter Rosegger travelled on three days after it went into operation and subsequently raved about in an essay.

[www.hartbergerland.at/erleben/bewegung/wandern/ringkogel/](http://www.hartbergerland.at/erleben/bewegung/wandern/ringkogel/)

#### **Forest to Forest Hiking Trails**

With the "Forest to Forest Hiking Trails", forest farmers provide information about the development stages of their forests. One of these trails is already complete: along the 6.6 km Forest to Forest Hiking Trail in Peter Rosegger's woodland home in Waldheimat in Alpl, eleven stations tell you why forest farmers have been cultivating their forests for generations, to what extent they pay attention to sustainable development, and which challenges they face as a result of climate change. There will be other new forest hiking trails in Turnau and on the Pogusch from autumn 2022.

[www.waldverband-stmk.at](http://www.waldverband-stmk.at)

## Tirol

### **Mythical Hike in Ginzling**

Based on the legend of the Dornauberg Giants, the 3 km long trail in Ginzling in the Zillertal brings the world of the giants to life at six stations. The interactive audio game experience is activated via the Locandy app on your phone.

[www.naturpark-zillertal.at/naturpark-erleben/naturparkhaus-in-ginzling/sagenweg-ginzling.html](http://www.naturpark-zillertal.at/naturpark-erleben/naturparkhaus-in-ginzling/sagenweg-ginzling.html)

### **Waterfall Trail Stilluptal**

In the Zillertal, a new hiking trail leads from Mayrhofen to the idyllic Stilluptal, a popular destination at the height of summer in particular due to its numerous waterfalls. The first 5.4 km section from the base of the dam at Stillup Reservoir to the Grüne Wand Hut has been accessible since summer 2021. The second section will open in spring 2022, running from Gasthaus Wasserfall out of the valley to Mayrhofen.

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

### **Legend Hiking Trail in Waidring**

Tales, myths, and extraordinary encounters are brought together on this 5 km long, buggy-friendly loop trail. Along the way, 12 stations tell local legends, from the stony face of the Habergeiss to the Sonnberg dragon.

[www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/de/pital/touren/sagenweg-waidring.html](http://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/de/pital/touren/sagenweg-waidring.html)

### **Hoch-Tirol-Trail**

"Hoch-Tirol-Trail" is the name of the new cross-border long-distance hiking trail that will lead from South Tirol to East Tirol from summer 2022. The 125 km trail takes hikers from the South Tirolean village of Prettau in the Ahrntal to Prägraten am Großvendiger in East Tirol. There are mountain huts for overnight stays along the way and you can get to / from the starting and end points of the trail by public transport.

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

### **Mindful Hiking in Söll / Wilder Kaiser**

Two new guided hikes enrich the programme in Söll in the Wilder Kaiser regions. Both are accompanied by Andi Eisenmann, a Demeter farmer, mental and trail running coach, and ski guide. The first hike focuses on mindfulness. Hikers are invited to look at nature from new perspectives, recharge their batteries, and take a deep breath. The second hike is about alpine farming. Andi Eisenmann talks about his everyday life as a farmer and explains how he believes a reasonable coexistence can work on the pastures and mountains.

[www.wilderkaiser.info/de/aktivitaeten/gefuehrte-wanderungen.html](http://www.wilderkaiser.info/de/aktivitaeten/gefuehrte-wanderungen.html)

### **Tirolean Silver Trail**

Schwarz silver mining runs like a "silver thread" throughout the new long-distance hiking trail in the Silberregion Karwendel, accessible from August 2022. Starting at Jenbach railway station, the 80 km tour circles around the Inntal. Depending on individual fitness levels, it can be completed in 4 to 5 days. The best time of year to explore the new long-distance trail of easy / moderate difficulty is from May to October, with enough mountain lifts along the way to adapt the tour to suit physical and weather conditions.

[www.silberregion-karwendel.com](http://www.silberregion-karwendel.com)

## Vorarlberg

### Alpine Mosaic Montafon

The Montafon is launching a new initiative named "Alpenmosaik Montafon" (Alpine Mosaic Montafon) to make its diverse natural habitats visible and tell visitors more about them. "Alpenmosaik Montafon" encompasses the lively valley, the tranquil Verwall Alps, the Silvretta with its glaciers and the Rätikon on the border to Switzerland, and the Principality of Liechtenstein. A website provides information on what can be found in each habitat, especially on hiking trails. Hikers can then gain further insights on themed trails and guided activities.

[www.montafon.at/alpenmosaik](http://www.montafon.at/alpenmosaik)

### Plant Kingdom Rüfikopf – Trail of a Thousand Colours

The flora on the 2,350 high Rükopf overlooking Lech Zürs am Arlberg is astonishingly varied. The plants that manage to survive in these zones are among the most ingenious, resilient, and adaptable that the plant kingdom has to offer. Find out for yourself on the "BlütenReich Rükopf Trail", which was opened in summer 2021. It takes 45 minutes to complete the circuit. An accompanying booklet explaining alpine flowers can be purchased for 7 euros at Panoramarestaurant Rükopf, the Rükopfbahn ticket office, and the Lech Zürs tourist office.

[www.lechzuers.com/de/sommer/bergbahnen/panoramaberg-ruefikopf/bluetenreich-ruefikopf](http://www.lechzuers.com/de/sommer/bergbahnen/panoramaberg-ruefikopf/bluetenreich-ruefikopf)

### Hike From Hut to Hut in Nagelfluhkette Nature Park

Nagelfluhkette Nature Park unfolds near Hittisau in the Bregenzerwald on the border to Germany. It takes its name from the rock type "Nagelfluh" that is typical of the region. Nature enthusiasts spend three days in this exceptionally beautiful landscape with two overnight stays in a hut. The walking times of 2.5 to 3.5 hours per day leave enough time to admire the surroundings. The path is only moderately steep with the exception of a 785 m uphill section on the first day. The package with 2 nights at a hut with half board (in a dormitory with 6 to 8 beds) starts at 127 euros per person and can be booked between 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

[www.bregenzerwald.at/package/huettenwanderung-naturpark-nagelfluhkette/](http://www.bregenzerwald.at/package/huettenwanderung-naturpark-nagelfluhkette/)

### Wine Hike in Damüls

Hiking guide Verena Bischof will accompany a leisurely hike through Oberdamüls four times this summer, on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and 13<sup>th</sup> September. The excursion ends with a tasting of 6 wines and a traditional snack in the rustic cellar of an alpine hut with sommelier Elvira Türtscher. The excursion costs from 59 euros per person, depending on the size of the group.

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

### The Great Naturalist Adventure: Wild Animals & River Tales

The Kleinwalsertal has two interactive adventure trails for families with children who want to discover and explore nature, with further trails planned. So-called "landmarks", research stations fitted into the landscape, plus a researcher book and audio guide app lead the families through their adventure. The research kit is available at the tourist office in Hirschegg.

From the beginning of the summer season 2022, little nature explorers will be able to go on a journey of discovery with marmot friends Burmi and Burmina in the Gemsteltal, where the "Wild Animals" trail awaits. In the course of summer 2022, the "River Tales" trail will be added along the Schwarzwasserbach.

[www.kleinwalsertal.com/de/Region/Tourensuche/Das-grosse-Naturforscher-Abenteuer-Wildtiere\\_tour\\_16173194](http://www.kleinwalsertal.com/de/Region/Tourensuche/Das-grosse-Naturforscher-Abenteuer-Wildtiere_tour_16173194)

### Via Ferrata Großes Walsertal

The construction of a via ferrata is planned in the Großes Walsertal (Sonntag-Stein) with the approval process currently underway. Completion is planned for summer or autumn 2022.

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## Things to Do – Cycling

### Carinthia

#### **Glockner Pleasure E-Tour**

The Glockner Pleasure E-Tour is a 230 km round trip with plenty of inns and restaurants. It runs along the Großglockner High Alpine Road and through the Hohe Tauern National Park in Salzburg, Tirol, and Carinthia. Ideally, this road trip should be enjoyed by e-vehicle as there are plenty of charging stations along the way. A tailored road map tells you where it's worth stopping, with a spectrum ranging from an organic gourmet menu in an elegant restaurant to down-to-earth local dishes with ingredients from the kitchen garden and leisurely bites at a Slow Food wine tavern.

[www.grossglockner-genusstour.at](http://www.grossglockner-genusstour.at)

#### **PROlitzten Trail for Pros**

What is set to be the region's steepest trail will be opening on the Gerlitzten in summer 2022. Almost 4 km in length and categorised as very difficult with an altitude difference of 940 m, the trail is only recommended for absolute experts. Once you have set off, you have to keep going until the end.

[www.gerlitzten.com/bergsommer/prolitzten-trail/](http://www.gerlitzten.com/bergsommer/prolitzten-trail/)

### Lower Austria

#### **Bike Trekking Routes in the Traisental Wine Region**

The newly created mountain bike trail network in the Traisental wine region, known for its excellent wines and cosy taverns, covers more than 80 km. Choose from ambitious trekking routes through the hilly vineyards to family-friendly trails that are mainly flat. Most of the starting and end points are located near train stations.

[www.traisental.mostviertel.at/mtb-trekking-strecken](http://www.traisental.mostviertel.at/mtb-trekking-strecken)

#### **Museum Tour in the Vienna Alps**

Visit eight museums between Wiener Neustadt and the Bucklige Welt by bike. They all reveal different facets of regional history. In Wiener Neustadt, Museum St. Peter an der Sperr focuses on the history of the former imperial residence and the province of Lower Austria. The Wehrkirchen-Dokumentation in Edlitz tells of times of war. At the modern Sconarium in Bad Schönau, visitors learn more about the healing mineral water that bubbles up from local springs. The eight museums invite you to launch the bike season with them on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022, with each putting on a special programme for its visitors.

<https://tourismus.wiener-neustadt.at/museumsradeln>

### Upper Austria

#### **E-Biking Along the Danube (ist der Absatz eine weiter unten eine Wiederholung?)**

From May 2022, there will be 15 new e-bike tours in the cycling region Danube Upper Austria. They will all run between Schärding and Grein, between the Inn and the Danube.

[www.donauregion.at/radtouren](http://www.donauregion.at/radtouren)

#### **Trans National Park Bike Tour**

The Trans National Park, an e-bike or mountain bike tour, will be boasting new signage and optimised routing from April 2022. The 240 km route leads from Steyr through the Gesäuse National Park to Johnsbach. Trails Angels offer a package that includes accommodation, luggage and return transfers.

[www.transnationalpark.at](http://www.transnationalpark.at) (from April 2022) and [www.bookyourtrail.com/trail/trans-nationalpark](http://www.bookyourtrail.com/trail/trans-nationalpark)

#### **15 New Pleasure Tours for E-bikes in the Danube Region**

From May 2022, the cycling region Danube Upper Austria will have 15 new pleasure tours for e-bikers. The tours that cover a total length of 700 km branch off from the Danube Cycle Path and lead through the surrounding area in high-altitude loops. Stops along the way include handicrafts businesses with a long tradition, inns and restaurants as well as innovative sellers who offer cider, chocolates or cheese specialities, for example.

[www.donauregion.at/radfahren](http://www.donauregion.at/radfahren)

## Tirol

### **Bike Republic Sölden**

Bike Republic Sölden is getting even bigger and better with a green, 1.2 km long beginner's route called the "Schtirggar Line". A new feature is the Bike Cab developed by Doppelmayr, an innovative way to comfortably transport bikes by gondola. 5 such Bike Cabs will be operating at the Rotkogelbahn in Hochsölden from this summer.

<https://bikerepublic.soelden.com/de/home.html>

### **Mountain Bike Skill Center in Umhausen**

Since October 2021, the freely accessible Mountain Bike Skill Center has extended its offerings for bikers. The 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> area is a fun practice space for beginners and families with children in particular. Little ones do their first laps on the 190 m long balance bike trail. A 300 m long children's trail is found in a separate area, designed as a loop so you can choose to ride uphill or down. Obstacles such as waves, seesaws, balance elements, and uneven ground prepare for going off-road.

[www.oetztal.com/de/sommer/biken-radfahren/spots/mtb-parcours.html](http://www.oetztal.com/de/sommer/biken-radfahren/spots/mtb-parcours.html)

### **A Combination of Mountain Biking, Hiking, and Climbing**

Since the summer of 2021 there has been a new 10.8 km long mountain bike route in the Pillerseetal. It runs from Fieberbrunn up to the Hochhörndler Hütte (1,809 m) and opens a wide range of possibilities. Those who choose the Bike & Hike option hike from the hut via the Gamssteig to the Wildseeloderhaus, row around the lake of the same name at an altitude of more than 2,000 m, before following the Blumenweg back to their bike. The entrance to legendary via ferrata Henne (1,900 m) can also easily be reached from the Hochhörndler Hütte.

[www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/de/pital/so/rad/urlaub.html](http://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/de/pital/so/rad/urlaub.html)

### **New Flow Trail in Kappl**

From summer 2022 there will be a new blue (= easy) Flow Trail in Kappl. The trail, designed for less experienced riders, runs 4 km from the Dias mountain station via the Huisleralm to Egg. Riders overcome around 300 m in altitude on the way.

[www.kappl.com/de/Active/Active-Summer/Biken-Kappl/Bike-Panorama-Touren](http://www.kappl.com/de/Active/Active-Summer/Biken-Kappl/Bike-Panorama-Touren)

## Vorarlberg

### **Culinary Cycling – On the Trail of Bregenzerwald's Architecture**

Six pretty villages with beautiful old and new timber architecture are located along this cycle route. After breakfast in Mellau, the tour proceeds to Andelsbuch and then on to the more physically demanding stretch across the Bezegg to Bezau. Continuing through Bizau, you stop in Schnepfegg for lunch and then back to Mellau for dessert. The Culinary Cycling Tour can be booked from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

[www.bregenzerwald.at/package/kulinarisch-radfahren-auf-den-spuren-der-bregenzerwaelder-architektur/](http://www.bregenzerwald.at/package/kulinarisch-radfahren-auf-den-spuren-der-bregenzerwaelder-architektur/)

### **into the wold – Gravel Bike Festival**

From 30<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the Bregenzerwald will revolve around gravel biking. The new festival is about exploring the Bregenzerwald in all of its facets. The highlight is a joint ride that physically challenges participants, but also offers space and time to enjoy the impressive nature of the region. Top local restaurateurs provide the catering.

<https://www.intothewold.at/>

### **Bike & Yoga Retreat**



In the Brandnertal, downhill mountain biker Rebecca Marte hosts 3-day bike and yoga retreats that combine tension and relaxation. The bike excursions take place at Bikepark Brandnertal and the yoga sessions in a hut. There are dates scheduled for May, June, and September 2022.  
<https://ribl-rides.at/>

## Things to Do – Cuisine

### Carinthia

#### **Dine Under the Glass Dome at Lake Millstatt**

At Lake Millstatt, guests can now enjoy their lunch or dinner by the lake or in a panoramic spot under a glass dome. The transparent dome can seat up to 6 people with either a meat or cheese fondue as main, followed by chocolate fondue for dessert.

[www.millstaettersee.at/glaskuppel](http://www.millstaettersee.at/glaskuppel)

#### **Culinary Landscapes Around Lake Millstatt**

From May 2022, gourmets will be able to dine at unique locations around Lake Millstatt again. The menu is always combined with a special programme. There will be new tables this year, including the Slow Food breakfast table served on the Seenixe, the lake's only electrically powered liner.

[www.millstaettersee.com/de/region-orte/tafeln.html](http://www.millstaettersee.com/de/region-orte/tafeln.html)

### Upper Austria

#### **Restaurant Taborturm**

The converted restaurant in the Taborturm in Steyr has been open since 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The tower, which is the landmark of the city, now offers fabulous food alongside its views. The kitchen uses regional ingredients, refined with flavours from around the world. There are also Austrian classics on the menu.

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

#### **Culinary Festival TAVOLATA**

From the 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the new TAVOLATA festival invites you to enjoy culinary experiences in and around the city of Steyr. The programme ranges from dinner in the dark to a luxury brunch on a raft, jolly festivities in the Old Town of Steyr, events in the castle and monastery halls, and pop-up restaurants at unique locations.

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

#### **Mühlviertler Hoch.Genuss**

Since spring 2021, the members of the "Mühlviertler Hoch.Genuss" initiative have committed to focusing on products from the Mühlviertel. 23 hotels and restaurants are on board as well as 70 local producers. These include farmers, bakers, butchers, and many more. "In pursuit of life and the joy of living" is the motto, which can truly be experienced by guests, be it on a bread-baking course, whilst visiting a gourmet manufacturer or at a tasting.

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

#### **A Tasty Flight Around the Innviertel**

The "Innviertler Genussflieger" has been taking passengers to tasty heights since autumn 2021. After a drinks reception, the Piper plane takes off from the airfield in Kirchheim for a 30-minute sightseeing flight. Back at the airfield, the day ends with a 4-course surprise menu at the genussWERK restaurant. The offer can be booked from 2 people and costs 95 euros per person.

[www.innviertel-tourismus.at/oesterreich-angebot/detail/8831/innviertler-genussflieger.html](http://www.innviertel-tourismus.at/oesterreich-angebot/detail/8831/innviertler-genussflieger.html)

## Styria

### **Lakeside Delights: Thalersee Restaurant**

Arnold Schwarzenegger already hung out at Lake Thalersee near Graz in his youth and now the local recreation area has seen some major improvements. The new Thalersee Restaurant spoils you with a wide range of culinary delights, offering vegetarian and vegan dishes alongside fresh, organically certified products. The modern wood building with spacious terraces and access to the water also houses 8 guest rooms, seminar rooms, and a boat rental. It is a model project in terms of energy efficiency, mobility, and sustainability. A free e-bus takes visitors from Gösting to Thal. There are also sufficient charging stations and parking spaces for electric cars and bikes. The opening is planned for summer 2022.

<https://freizeit.at/essen-trinken/thalersee-restaurant-wirr/401832640>

## Tirol

### **Transparent: Restaurant Falcon**

Guests dine with a breathtaking view at new Restaurant Falcon, which opened at the Gaislachkogel middle station in winter 2021/22. The modern building with large windows and equipped with wooden furniture has a self-service restaurant on the ground floor and a classic restaurant on the first. Guests enjoy sustainable regional cuisine at both. There is also a large selection of Austrian wines.

[www.das-falcon.at](http://www.das-falcon.at)

### **Culinary Tours at Marketplace Wilder Kaiser**

In Going am Wilden Kaiser, new guided hikes and bike tours enable you experience the local culinary competence. The Marketplace culinary tours take hikers and bikers to its regional producers where they can learn more about the products and taste them.

[www.wilderkaiser.info/de/region/marktplatz.html](http://www.wilderkaiser.info/de/region/marktplatz.html)

## Vienna

### **Mostviertler Feldversuche Now Also in Vienna**

The "Mostviertler Feldversuche" from Lower Austria promise extraordinary culinary experiences. At the events, which have been taking place on a small scale for a number of years, the region's best chefs cook with ingredients from the local area. For the first time, one of the events will take place in Vienna, at the Giant Ferris Wheel on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. There will be 6 courses to enjoy with accompanying drinks and exciting products from the Mostviertel. Think oak wood from the vineyards and mountain pines from the Ötscher for cooking, for example, and experiments with malt.

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

## Things to Do – Museums and Culture

### Lower Austria

#### Local Walks Carnuntum-Marchfeld

Under the motto "Small Places – Big Histories", local walks have been leading to historical buildings and old walls, through beautiful nature and hidden alleyways, in the Römerland Carnuntum-Marchfeld region since summer 2021. Those who set out on one learn more about Roman times in Petronell-Carnuntum and Bad Deutsch-Altenburg. Medieval walls amaze in Marchegg and Bruck an der Leitha, Fischamend tells a part of aviation history, and Eckartsau about the end of the Habsburgs. The accompanying app plays audio stories and displays photographs and illustrations.

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

#### New Cultural Programme at the Südbahnhotel Semmering

The Südbahnhotel Semmering is one of the architectural highlights of the traditional summer resort in the Vienna Alps. The Grand Hotel was built in 1882, but closed in the 1960s. From 2017, the Kultur.Sommer.Semmering used some of its elegant rooms for events. A new cultural programme will launch at the Südbahnhotel from mid-July 2022. It will be dedicated to a special topic every weekend with different event formats and artists. Details of the programme will be available from April 2022.

[www.suedbahnhotel-kultur.at/](http://www.suedbahnhotel-kultur.at/) (Seite befindet sich noch im Aufbau)

#### Gloggnitz and moz art

Gloggnitz, at the foot of the Semmering, is becoming a new cultural metropolis and a place where the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will play a major role. And it's easy to explain why: local Stuppach Castle is considered to be the birthplace of Mozart's Requiem and the town has felt a special connection to the great composer ever since. Under the name "moz art", a summer festival and top-class concerts will take place throughout the year. The town is also setting up a Mozart music school for young talent. Details of the programme will be announced from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

[www.moz-art.net](http://www.moz-art.net)

### Upper Austria

#### Linz is Linz Package

As a city without the bells and whistles but with great warmth is how Linz presents itself in the original video series "Linz is Linz". A new package makes it possible to take a look behind the scenes of the series, including meetings with its protagonists and original location visits. The short break can be booked from 189 euros and includes a night at Hotel Schillerpark with breakfast.

[www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/linz-entdecken/linz-inspiriert/linz-ist-linz/](http://www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/linz-entdecken/linz-inspiriert/linz-ist-linz/)

#### Get To Know Johannes Kepler and the "World Machine"

To mark Johannes Kepler's 450th birthday, an exhibition at OK Linz presents the immeasurable vastness of the universe and the microscopic smallness of nature. The exhibition, which can be visited until 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, also explores the question of how scientific findings are taken up and interpreted by artists – sometimes with irony and humour.

[www.oekultur.at/exhibition-detail/weltmaschine](http://www.oekultur.at/exhibition-detail/weltmaschine)

#### New Attractions at Sumerauerhof Outdoor Museum

The Sumerauerhof in St. Florian is one of the largest square farms in Upper Austria and one of the rare farms with historical rooms in their original condition. Visitors gain insight into the life of wealthy farmers at the end of the 19th century. From May 2022, a special exhibition area, petting zoo, farm garden, and natural playground will further enhance the experience.

[www.oekultur.at/location-detail/sumerauerhof](http://www.oekultur.at/location-detail/sumerauerhof)

## Tirol

### Music Island on the Penken

Music has always played an important role in the Zillertal. From summer 2022, there will be an additional attraction for music lovers on Action Mountain Penken in Mayrhofen, with the Music Island located in the middle of the reservoir. It will be used as a stage for events and live acts. Information on dates will follow and there will also be an accompanying culinary programme.

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

### New Signage for Barteb'ne Art Trail

Barteb'ne Art Trail, an open-air gallery at 1,900 m above sea level, is located near Vent. The name of the plateau "Barteb'ne" is derived from "Bart" (beard), which is a term for the scrubby grass that grows here. By the beginning of summer, the trail will have new signs with QR codes at each station. Further information will be available via the QR code.

<https://www.vent.at/de/sommer/ausflugsziele-sehenswertes/kunstweg-bartebne.html>

### Heimatismuseum Ötztal

The Ötztal Museums received the Austrian Museum Prize in 2021 and the prize money is being put towards completely redesigning the Heimatismuseum (local history museum), which has existed for 40 years and will reopen in May 2022. The fresh exhibition asks the question: what is Heimat (home) 2022? A colourful programme of events on the theme of home in the Ötztal and home in general is currently being developed.

<http://oetztalermuseen.at>

### International Festival of Journalism

The Festival of Journalism will be taking place in Innsbruck for the first time from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. It serves as a meeting place for debate and cultural exchange. Journalists from across Europe lay out their specific areas of expertise. They discuss current affairs with scientists, NGO representatives, and other experts. At book presentations and readings, reporters talk about their experiences and give insights into their work. There are also exhibitions with photographic reports and comics, documentaries, and audio features. The exact programme will follow.

[www.journalismusfest.org](http://www.journalismusfest.org)

## Vorarlberg

### Kunstraum Zug

With Kunstraum Zug, which opened in December, Katia and Gerold Schneider, hoteliers in Lech Zürs am Arlberg, have created a new exhibition space. The first exhibition showcased works by Austrian sculptor Bruno Gironcoli.

[www.lechzuers.com/de/kunstraum-zug](http://www.lechzuers.com/de/kunstraum-zug)

### Handwerk + Form

Every 3 years, Werkraum Bregenzerwald, the association of innovative craftsmen, organises Handwerk + Form. The event combines a competition with an exhibition and will next be taking place on two weekends in October 2022 at workshops across Andelsbuch. You can find all pieces previously shown and awarded at Handwerk + Form, made by Bregenzerwald craftsmen in collaboration with designers, in the archive on the Werkraum website.

[www.werkraum.at/handwerk-form](http://www.werkraum.at/handwerk-form)

### Theatre Tours in Bludenz

Be guided through the Old Town of Bludenz in a slightly different way this summer on a theatre tour. The tour takes place every Friday from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

[www.bludenz.travel/theaterfuehrung](http://www.bludenz.travel/theaterfuehrung)

### **Habakuk's Doll Workshop**

Kasperl, Helmi or magician Tintifax – they were big TV stars for many Austrians in their childhood days. The puppets were made by Arminio Rothstein, better known as Clown Habakuk. His collection found a new home in Bludenz at the beginning of 2022: a workshop in which the dolls are lovingly restored. Those who would like to see the puppets can pay a nostalgic visit to Habakuk's Doll Workshop.

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

### **"Heart of the World - Face of Love" Exhibition**

Multimedia artist and shaman Bettina Arna Bohne and organic biscuit baker have declared 2022 to be the year of the quality of the heart. In an interactive, open and growing art and culture project, they invite 12 friends from different artistic genres – visual arts, textiles, literature, music – to enter into a dialogue. They set up a "Heart Post Office" and "Heart Art Wall". The artists' contributions are intended to encourage visitors to connect with their own hearts and those of others.

The exhibition and events will take place at the "Sabine und Xaver Bio Gourmet Manufaktur" in Raggal in the Biosphere Reserve Großes Walsertal from April to December 2022.

<https://sabineundxaver-gourmet-manufaktur.com/>

## **Vienna**

### **Reopening of the Lower Belvedere**

The Lower Belvedere, former summer residence of Prince Eugene on the Rennweg in Vienna, is an impressive part of the baroque palace complex of the Belvedere, which reopened its magnificent doors to visitors at the beginning of 2022 after a complete overhaul. Completed in 1716, the building and its wonderful state rooms has been brought up to the latest international museum standards. Excellent catering as well as the modernisation and improvement of accessibility and technology should guarantee a museum experience at the highest level. The opening exhibition, which runs until 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022, sheds light on the special influence that Viennese psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud had on Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí.

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

### **Reopening of the Josephinum**

Following a general renovation, the Josephinum in the 9<sup>th</sup> district which houses the collections of the Medical University Vienna, will reopen in the course of 2022. Since 2019, the listed building from the 18<sup>th</sup> century is being converted and extended into a museum of medical history. Primarily, the original condition of the architectural gem from the classical period is to be restored, including the heart of the Josephinum – a historic, 9 m high auditorium. The forecourt and entrance area will also be redesigned.

The Josephinum was founded in 1785 by Emperor Kaiser Joseph II as a military surgical academy to train doctors and midwives. It has a medical history collection like no other site in Europe. Several permanent exhibitions are planned for the future.

[www.josephinum.ac.at](http://www.josephinum.ac.at)

### **The New Alte Post**

A new public (cultural) space is being created in the Stubenviertel in the centre of Vienna, giving the city another cosmopolitan hotspot. The Alte Post is being converted into a "living building", as the project is called. The huge building complex, which served as the headquarters of the Austrian post office from 1850 to 2011, is being extensively renovated and will serve multiple purposes in future. It will be home to apartments, shops, restaurants, offices, co-working spaces, and cultural offerings.

Artist and perception researcher sha and his Viennese creative team are responsible for the artistic design, and a new type of contemporary museum is currently being built in different parts of the historical building. A multi-dimensional media artwork in the Dominikanerhof promises thrills, offering an immersive 360-degree experience for all the senses. Areas of the complex are gradually being completed and occupied. The cultural offerings are to be accessible from summer / autumn 2022 – free of charge and around the clock.

[www.sha-art.com](http://www.sha-art.com)

### **Margarete Schütte-Lihotzky Center**

Tribute is being paid to Margarete Schütte-Lihotzky, a pioneer, with a museum. Her last apartment in Vienna, which the architect designed and lived in for three decades, is being refurbished and reconstructed. The recently listed apartment of 55 m<sup>2</sup> plus a 35 m<sup>2</sup> terrace is to open to visitors once a week from summer 2022 as the so-called Schütte-Lihotzky Center and will be used in cooperation with the Architekturzentrum Wien (AzW).

Schütte-Lihotzky, who died shortly before her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in 2000, left a lasting mark on her time. She remains unforgettable as a pioneer of social housing, an advocate of the women's and peace movements, and a resistance fighter against National Socialism. Her invention of the fitted kitchen in 1926, known as the Frankfurt kitchen, was a milestone. A replica of the Frankfurt kitchen can be seen in the MAK, the Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna.

[www.schuette-lihotzky.at](http://www.schuette-lihotzky.at)

## Things to Do – Nature Experiences

### Carinthia

#### **Domenig Steinhaus at Lake Ossiach**

The well-known Austrian architect Günther Domenig (1934 – 2012) built an unusual house – more like a sculpture – on his private land in Steindorf am Ossiacher See. Between 1982 and 2008, the house which is reminiscent of a rock formation continued to grow. The Steinhaus is open to visitors from mid-May to mid-October. A series of events are planned this year to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Günther Domenig's death.

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

#### **"Natural" Moments of Happiness for Everyone**

The "Nature experience for all" project initiated in Carinthia makes it possible for people with and without disabilities to explore designated protected areas with specially trained guides. Seven different tours run on wheelchair-accessible paths and are dedicated to a specific topic. On the Egger Alm on the Carnic Main Ridge, participants experience the production of original Gailtaler Almkäse cheese, which they are able to taste after the tour. You take a closer look at the flowers and herbs around Gurk Cathedral. In Villach-Warmbad, everything revolves around the power of trees: smelling them, sensing them, feeling the forest floor – you can allow for enough time to fully immerse yourself in nature here. A dedicated website provides information on suitable accommodation and other barrier-free destinations.

[www.kaernten.at/barrierefrei](http://www.kaernten.at/barrierefrei)

### Lower Austria

#### **N.Explorers Garden Safari Lower Austria**

Equipped with a researcher book, the garden safari insert, and a smartphone, young and old nature explorers can embark on an expedition in some of Lower Austria's show gardens whilst solving puzzles. Family Plover accompanies you along the way, able to miraculously transform into the "N.Explorers". The "Big Five" of the gardens, their most beneficial insects, also play an important role. We are talking about Stefanie the spider, Robi the earthworm, Arty the ant, Marina the ladybird, and Bella the bee. You can join the safaris at the Tulln, Kittenberg, Museumsdorf Niedersulz, and "Der Floh" in Langenlebarn gardens.

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

### Upper Austria

#### **New Nature Trail**

A 3 km long nature trail will open in the Spirkenhochmoor Bayrische Au natural heritage site in the Bohemian Forest this summer. It leads across wooden walkways in sections and includes a viewing platform. The trail gives insights into the peat bog, a relict from the ice age, in which a special pine tree grows that can now only be found here.

[www.boehmerwald.at/oesterreich-poi/detail/430002919/hochmoor-bayrische-au.html](http://www.boehmerwald.at/oesterreich-poi/detail/430002919/hochmoor-bayrische-au.html)

#### **Irrsee-Mondsee-Attersee Nature Park**

Naturpark Bauernland has been a part of the Irrsee-Mondsee-Attersee region since September 2021. The nature park is intended to contribute towards the conscious and contemporary use of the land and the protection of the landscape, flora, and fauna. In addition, the nature park, which is easily accessible by bike, mountain bike, and hiking trails, should be a place of relaxation for visitors.

<https://naturpark-bauernland.at/>



## Styria

### **New Garden Tour in Eastern Styria**

Garden Tour 1 is the first of 7 planned new cycle paths in Eastern Styria. The approximately 65 km long circuit begins and ends in Hartberg. 8 new bike rest stops provide comfortable seating and even loungers. Cyclists enjoy views of the glorious surroundings along the way, with plenty of opportunities to sample tasty local fare. In addition to traditional inns, there are farm shops and OststeierMARKT vending machines stocked with regional products. And if you get a bit carried away then you can make use of the local SAM Taxi pick-up service.

[www.steiermark.com/de/Urlaub-planen/Tourenportal/NEU-Gartentour-1\\_tour\\_5947629](http://www.steiermark.com/de/Urlaub-planen/Tourenportal/NEU-Gartentour-1_tour_5947629)

## Tirol

### **News From Drachental Family Park in the Wildschönau**

"Drachental" is the name of the year-round adventure park in the Wildschönau, which has been around since May 2021. It will have even more attractions from this summer, including an adventure golf course and giant wooden marble runs leading down from the 10 m dragon. There are also new trampolines and a bag jump.

[www.wildschoenau.com/de/aktuelles/freizeitpark](http://www.wildschoenau.com/de/aktuelles/freizeitpark)

### **Karwendel Nature Park Extended to Include Leutasch**

Karwendel Nature Park was extended at the beginning of 2022 to include the Arnspitze Nature Reserve. This makes Leutasch one of the nature park municipalities and increases the total area of the nature park by 11.5 km<sup>2</sup> to 739 km<sup>2</sup>. It is also the first extension of Karwendel Nature Park, the largest in Austria, in more than 30 years.

[www.karwendel.org](http://www.karwendel.org)

### **FalknerOase at Filzen Reservoir**

"De arte venandi cum avibus!" (About the art of hunting with birds) it reads at the entrance to the FalknerOase on Mount Ahorn in the Zillertal. At 7 hands-on stations around the reservoir, you can learn everything about the history of falconry, the equipment used by falconers, and local birds of prey. There are several spots to take a break and enjoy views of the mountains. Birds of prey demonstrations take place daily from July to October on nearby AdlerBühne Ahorn.

[www.mayrhofen.at/de/pages/falkneroase](http://www.mayrhofen.at/de/pages/falkneroase)

### **Even More Magic at Hexenwasser in Söll / Wilder Kaiser**

Marvel, grasp, understand is the motto at Mountain Adventure World Hexenwasser near Söll at the foot of the Wilder Kaiser. There will be even more magic from this summer with new egg museum "Eilight" on the Simonalm. It explores the mystery of the egg and attempts to answer the question: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

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

### **New Wildlife Observation Station at Karwendel Nature Park**

There will be a new wildlife observation station at the Hinterhornalm in Karwendel Nature Park from June 2022. From the top you will be able to see from the striking Hundskopf over the wide Inntal to the peaks of the Tux and Stubai Alps. The station includes the ST Vista outdoor spotting scope by Swarovski Optik, a platform with seating, and information areas on local wildlife. The nature observation station is located on the hiking trail between Hinterhornalm and Walderalm and can be reached on foot from the toll road car park. There are plenty of alpine animals to be spotted such as chamois, black grouses, jackdaws, and majestic golden eagles.

[www.hall-wattens.at](http://www.hall-wattens.at)

## Vorarlberg

### **Forest Bathing in Damüls**

More and more people have taken to forest bathing in recent times. Being in the forest helps us slow down, recharge our batteries, and train awareness. Breathing in forest air also has a positive effect. Those who would like to give it a go can take part in a 3 to 4-hour forest bathing excursion every Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022) in Damüls. It costs 37 euros per person and is open to anyone over the age of 14.

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

### **Nature Diversity Days Kleinwalsertal**

The Nature Diversity Days Kleinwalsertal will take place for the second time from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The programme includes talks and excursions for those who would like to learn more about the valley's natural habitats. This time the focus is on Natura 2000 site Ifen.

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

## Things to Do – Other

### Burgenland

#### **Austria's First Hybrid Carriage**

The first hybrid carriage has been in use in Southern Burgenland since October 2021. What's special: it doesn't replace the horses, but supports them with an electric motor. The comfortable carriage can hold up to 14 people, with space for 2 to 3 more on the coach box. It is weatherproof, can be used all year round, and offers an extremely comfortable ride thanks to the energy provision. Amenities include a fridge, heated seats, and an audio / video connection. There are even 220 V sockets to connect electronic devices or a coffee machine. The carriage is also barrier-free, including for wheelchairs.

[www.suedburgenland.info/sehen-erleben/freizeit-natur/e-kutsche](http://www.suedburgenland.info/sehen-erleben/freizeit-natur/e-kutsche)

### Carinthia

#### **Free Train Travel Through Carinthia**

Carinthia promotes environmentally friendly mobility with the Carinthian Station Shuttle which takes passengers from the station to their holiday accommodation and other measures. A new service from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022: the individual tourism regions' advantage cards (with the exception of the KatschbergCard) will be valid for travel on all S-Bahn and REX lines across the province. You will only need to buy a ticket if you are taking a bike on board with you.

[www.kaernten.at/bahn](http://www.kaernten.at/bahn)

#### **Silva Magica on the Nockalmstraße Is Barrier-Free**

Silvia Magica is the name of the nature adventure park on the Nockalmstraße mountain road in the Nockberge Biosphere Reserve. Over the last two years, work has been done to make it barrier-free – from the paths to the adventure stations, rest areas, and toilets. The trail, which was already completed in 2021, will officially be opened in the course of 2022.

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

#### **Austria's First Region With GSTC Certification**

For almost a year now, the Nassfeld-Pressegger See – Lesachtal – Weissensee region has been able to call itself the most sustainable tourism region alongside neighbouring Tarvisio in Italy. The region is GSTC certified. GSTC stands for "Global Sustainable Tourism Council" and its regions are checked and evaluated according to the currently highest standards in the EU. For years, the Nassfeld-Pressegger See – Lesachtal – Weissensee region has been committed to aspects such as climate neutrality, environmentally friendly mobility, and Slow Food.

[www.kaernten.at/reiseziele/sommer/nassfeld-pressegger-see-lesachtal-weissensee](http://www.kaernten.at/reiseziele/sommer/nassfeld-pressegger-see-lesachtal-weissensee)

### Upper Austria

#### **DONAU.Erlebnis Card**

From mid-April 2022, guests staying at a partner establishment will receive the new DONAU.Erlebnis Card from the first night of their stay. It includes free experiences, such as tastings at gourmet partners, city and cultural tours as well as guided cycling and hiking tours. Top excursion destinations, museums, sports rentals, and outdoor pools offer a 50% discount. And if you stay 2 or more nights in the Danube region, you also receive a Danube ferry package.

[www.donaucard.info](http://www.donaucard.info)

#### **11th Lake Hallstatt Swimming Marathon**

For the 11<sup>th</sup> time, Lake Hallstatt is hosting a swimming marathon. The event will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> August this year. There are 5 different competitions to choose from, ranging from the 10 km long distance to the new 7.7 km SwimRun.

<https://dachstein.salzkammergut.at/oesterreich-veranstaltung/detail/430176883/hallstaettersee-schwimm-marathon.html>

## Styria

### **New Via Ferrata in the Mürzer Oberland**

There are two new via ferratas to choose from on the Falkensteinerwand in the Mürzer Oberland Nature Park near Neuberg an der Mürz. The main routes are called "Ottos Sonnenplatten" and "Helis unglaublicher Pfeiler". "Ottos Sonnenplatten" is of difficulty levels B and C. The route via "Helis unglaublichen Pfeiler", which was named in memory of legendary Neuberg mountain rescuer Heli Mück, has extremely difficult parts in the lower section (difficulty D and E). The new via ferratas will be opened on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

## Tirol

### **Bike.Tirol**

The Bike Tirol rental system, new since, 2021, creates the connection between cycling and the rail network. It offers mountain bikes that can easily be booked via an app. The bikes are currently available to collect at Kufstein, Matrei am Brenner, and Wörgl stations, but the choice of location is to be gradually expanded. An Austria-wide service with bike lounges at ÖBB train stations is planned.

<https://bike.tirol>

### **Fasting Weeks at Natur Resort Maria Waldrast**

Located in the Wipptal at 1,638 m above sea level, Maria Waldrast is Central Europe's highest monastery. It has a restaurant and a hotel, with a new focus set to be on fasting. There will be professionally led programmes on specific dates. Options will range from interval fasting to juice cleanses and the Buchinger method, with yoga, forest bathing, movement therapy, and Qi Gong sessions to complement.

[www.mariawaldrast.at/fasten-gesundheit/](http://www.mariawaldrast.at/fasten-gesundheit/)

### **Tunnel Tours in the Wipptal**

From spring 2022, you will be able to take a look at the emerging Brenner Base Tunnel and construction site again. The Tunnel World offers visitors exciting and unexpected insights into the construction of the 64 km long Brenner Base Tunnel between Innsbruck and Franzensfeste. There are also weekly guided tours on the subject of tunnel construction in the Padastertal.

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

### **New Multi-Pitch Lengths in the Stafflacher Wand**

The Stafflacher Wand is a popular climbing area in the mountaineering village of St. Jodok im Wipptal. From April 2022, new multi-pitch lengths will be added. There will then be 5 multi-pitch lengths (difficulty 3 to 7, up to 11 pitches per route) at the exit, a summit cross, and a dry-tooling practice area. The big advantage is the proximity to St. Jodok train station, which is just a 10-minute walk away from the rocks.

<http://stafflacher.klettersteig.org>

### **Trampoline Park in the Kaiserwinkel**

Since the beginning of 2022, the Zahmer Kaiser amusement park in Walchsee has had an additional attraction: a trampoline park with 24 different trampolines has opened in the 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> hall. You'll be jumping for joy in the free jump area, on the bag jump, and in the freestyle area. A ninja obstacle course and wall running complete the fun.

[www.trampolinhalle-tirol.at](http://www.trampolinhalle-tirol.at)

### **Seefeld Plateau Breakfast**

With its "Echt Nachhaltig" (truly sustainable) project, the Olympiaregion Seefeld has been aiming to strengthen the subject of sustainability on the Seefeld Plateau since autumn 2020. In addition to measures for climate protection and biodiversity, the tourism association is also committed to the use of regional produce and value-added cycles. The Plateau Breakfast initiative was launched this year. Its

basic idea is that participating hotels make sure that the main components of a breakfast such as bread, butter, milk, and eggs as well as at least one type of jam, cheese, and ham come from the region. Establishments that offer the Plateau Breakfast are certified and monitored by Agrarmarketing Tirol. [www.seefeld.com/nachhaltigkeit](http://www.seefeld.com/nachhaltigkeit)

### **Congress and Event Center Gurgl Carat**

In July 2022, the new Congress and Event Center Gurgl Carat in Obergurgl can finally celebrate its opening. It was initially planned for 2020, but had to be repeatedly postponed due to the pandemic. The unique, diamond-shaped architecture, state-of-the-art technology, and a flexible room concept enable conferences, congresses, and cultural events for up to 500 participants. The centre is run by Ötztal Tourismus, the University of Innsbruck, and the municipality of Sölden. <https://gurgl-carat.com>

### **New Via Ferrata on the Glungezer**

The revitalised and extended via ferrata on the Glungezer near Hall-Wattens will open in summer 2022. In the future, it will also be used as a teaching, learning, and training site. From easy (Category A) to difficult (Category C), all of the difficulty levels will be included. And not forgetting the rich treasure trove of legends surrounding the Glungezer, striking passages create a link to the legend of the "Glungezer Giant". The climb begins with a practice platform, followed by sections such as the "Balkon des Königs" (Balcony of the King), the "Krone der Prinzessin" (Crown of the Princess) or the "Zauberwand" (Magic Wall). The via ferrata starts above Lake Zirbensee (about 30 minutes ascent from Tulflein mountain station). An ascent time of around 2 hours (including the approach) is to be expected for the altitude gain of 400 m. The Glungezerhütte is just a 10-minute walk from the exit.

[www.bergsteigen.com/touren/klettersteig/glungezer-klettersteig](http://www.bergsteigen.com/touren/klettersteig/glungezer-klettersteig)

### **International Festival of Journalism**

The Festival of Journalism will be taking place in Innsbruck for the first time from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. It serves as a meeting place for debate and cultural exchange. Journalists from across Europe lay out their specific areas of expertise. They discuss current affairs with scientists, NGO representatives, and other experts. At book presentations and readings, reporters talk about their experiences and give insights into their work. There are also exhibitions with photographic reports and comics, documentaries, and audio features. The exact programme will follow.

[www.journalismusfest.org](http://www.journalismusfest.org)

### **Stubai Ultratrail 2022**

The Stubai Ultratrail will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. To celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, runners can choose between 5 different routes. The "Stubai Vertical" is a new trail. It is 5.3 km long and leads 890 m in altitude uphill.

[www.stubai.at/ultratrail](http://www.stubai.at/ultratrail)

### **Stubai Schlickeralmlauf 2022**

The international Schlickeralmlauf in the Stubaital is celebrating an anniversary: it is taking place for the 33<sup>rd</sup> time this year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. For the first time, all of the runs will be held on one day: the 11.5 km Schlickeralmlauf, the children's runs, a charity run, and Wiesenrun.

[www.stubai.at/schlickeralmlauf](http://www.stubai.at/schlickeralmlauf)

## **Vorarlberg**

### **Industry Trail in Dornbirn**

Factories (textile factories in particular) shape the history of Dornbirn. In order to bring this past back into focus, a 6.5 km educational trail entitled "Stadtspuren. Industrie und Wandel" (City Trails. Industry and Change) will be completed by autumn 2022. 15 stations and an app will tell you all about historic factories and the achievements of the companies as you make your way along the trail.

[www.meinbezirk.at/dornbirn/c-lokales/dornbirn-bekommt-industrielehrpfad\\_a5103019](http://www.meinbezirk.at/dornbirn/c-lokales/dornbirn-bekommt-industrielehrpfad_a5103019)

## Anniversaries

### Carinthia

#### 15 Years of La Guiterra Guitar Festival in Millstatt

The international guitar festival "La Guiterra esencial" is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It will take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in Millstatt. In addition to concerts by guitarists from all over the world, there will be courses for musicians. A concert by legendary Australian pianist David Helfgott will set the tone for the celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://millstatt.laguitarraesencial.com/home>

#### Nockisfest in Millstatt and 40 Years of Nockis

"Nockis" is the name of Austria's most successful Schlager band and this year the five-man band is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> stage anniversary. Celebrations include the "Nockisfest", which has been taking place in Millstatt for many years. From 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September, fans will be able to hear the Nockis and other performers live at Carinthia's biggest Schlager parade.

[www.millstaettersee.com/de/info-service/reise-planen/nockisfest-am-millstaetter-see.html](http://www.millstaettersee.com/de/info-service/reise-planen/nockisfest-am-millstaetter-see.html)

#### 77th Villacher Kirchtag

The Villacher Kirchtag is a big event every year. Austria's largest traditional festival is being held for the 77<sup>th</sup> time this year, from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August. The programme includes the Jakobi Market, folk music concerts, and folk dance performances. A popular meeting place for visitors is the funfair with plenty of rides.

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

### Lower Austria

#### 100 Years of Lower Austria

With an area of almost 20.000 km<sup>2</sup>, Lower Austria is Austria's largest province. And because it was here that the document from the year 996 was found in which the name "Ostarrichi" first appeared, it is also considered the cradle of Austria. Lower Austria has been an independent province since 1<sup>st</sup> January 1922. Its development from an agricultural area to a self-confident region is being celebrated with numerous events, exhibitions, festivals, symposiums, and concerts across the province.

[www.100jahrene.at](http://www.100jahrene.at)

#### 125 Years Schneebergbahn

In 1897, the cog railway steamed up the highest mountain in Lower Austria, the Schneeberg, for the first time. Today, the journey takes about 40 minutes with the modern Salamander train to Hochschneeberg mountain station at 1,800 m above sea level. In the summer months, the vintage steam train also runs on Sundays and public holidays, taking visitors to the mountain top in the same way as Emperor Franz Joseph more than 100 years ago.

It's worth stopping off at Baumgartner station, where you will find the delicious and well-known "Schneebergbuchteln" (sweet rolls filled with jam).

To mark its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a big celebration will be taking place around Hochschneeberg mountain station on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Films and pictures of the mountain and railway will be shown on a large screen. 60 musicians from the Trachtenkapelle Puchberg and the Bergknappenkapelle Grünbach plus choir will accompany the visual impressions.

[www.schneebergbahn.at](http://www.schneebergbahn.at) and [www.schneebergbahn.at/125-jahre-schneebergbahn-im-klangbild-des-berges](http://www.schneebergbahn.at/125-jahre-schneebergbahn-im-klangbild-des-berges)

#### 150th Anniversary of the Death of Franz Grillparzer

Franz Grillparzer (1791–1872) is one of the Austrian writers and playwrights whose work is still present today. Plays such as "The Fortune and Fall of King Ottokar" can be seen on the most important stages time and again. On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, the ORF (Austrian Broadcasting

Corporation) wrote: "Grillparzer may be understood as the forefather of an Austrian character that relentlessly fits into the order of the world. At the same time, his prose texts are a treasure trove for a clear art of writing that is un-Austrian in its will to form and goes beyond the art of writing."

[Web fehlt](#)

## Upper Austria

### **25th Salzkammergut Mountain Bike Trophy**

The Salzkammergut Mountain Bike Trophy is taking place for the 25<sup>th</sup> time. To mark this special occasion, a slightly different route is planned for the 205 km extreme distance, which will be announced in May 2022. The SCOTT Junior Trophy will be held in the centre of Bad Goisern on 17<sup>th</sup> July. And the bike expo including e-bike test opportunities will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July.

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

### **50th International Lake Wolfgangsee Race**

The Lake Wolfgangsee Race will be held for the 50<sup>th</sup> time on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. On 15<sup>th</sup> October, the 27 km Walk the Lake and Junior Marathon with distances between 0.2 and 1.2 km are on the agenda. In the evening, the big 50-year celebration will take place with live music, awards, and the 50-year photo show. The 4 main competitions will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October in 4 distances: 5.2, 10, 27, and 42.195 km.

[www.wolfgangseelauf.at/sechs\\_bewerbe\\_ein\\_event](http://www.wolfgangseelauf.at/sechs_bewerbe_ein_event)

### **25 Years World Heritage Region Dachstein Salzkammergut**

The Dachstein Salzkammergut region with its well-known town of Hallstatt has been a UNESCO World Heritage Region for 25 years. The anniversary will be marked by a big celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> April in Bad Goisern. 11 other World Heritage Sites will be celebrating on the same date. The Austrian World Heritage Day takes place annually. It is intended to help draw attention to Austria's UNESCO World Heritage and create awareness that constant efforts are required to protect these unique cultural and natural treasures from decay or destruction.

[www.bad-goisern.net/bad-goisern/weltkulturerbe/](http://www.bad-goisern.net/bad-goisern/weltkulturerbe/)

### **100th Mondseer Jedermann**

Since 1922, the version of the mystery play "Der Mondseer Jedermann" set in dialect by Franz Löser and approved by Hugo von Hofmannsthal has been performed annually. In its anniversary year, there will be a total of 6 performances in July and August. Accompanying celebrations are planned.

<https://mondsee.salzkammergut.at/oesterreich-veranstaltung/detail/430003703/mondseer-jedermann.html>

### **25 Years Kalkalpen National Park**

Across 209 km<sup>2</sup>, Kalkalpen National Park protects the largest contiguous forest area in Austria. 75% of the area is wilderness - that is unique in Austria. Kalkalpen National Park is home to one of the longest intact stream systems of the Eastern Alps and UNESCO World Heritage beech forests. Trained rangers offer guided tours and those who would like to explore the National Park themselves can follow the long-distance "Luchstrail", for example.

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

### **800 Years of Wels**

The year 1222 is a memorable year in the history of the city of Wels. In that year, Wels was first mentioned in a document as "civitas" (Latin for city). The city is celebrating its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary with numerous events. There will be several concerts in the Oktogon, and from 12<sup>th</sup> May the museums will be dedicating special exhibitions to the history of the city. The 800-year anniversary festival will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

[www.wels.gv.at/news/detail/wels-feiert-800-jahre-stadterhebung/](http://www.wels.gv.at/news/detail/wels-feiert-800-jahre-stadterhebung/)

### **70 Years Botanical Gardens Linz**

The Botanical Gardens on the Gugl are amongst the most beautiful in Europe. Around 10,000 different types of plant can be admired across 4.2 ha, and five greenhouses showcase exotic plants in particular. The garden is a leader in Europe with its unique collection of cacti. The complex is also known for its rare wild orchids. Special events and exhibitions take place throughout the year. The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

<https://botanischergarten.linz.at>

### **10 Years Johannesweg on the Mühlviertler Alm Freistadt**

The Johannesweg leads 84 km through the Mühlviertler Alm Freistadt region in the shape of a lily (symbol of light). Across 12 stations, impulses and wisdoms are conveyed, which are intended to strengthen physical and mental health. The starting point is the municipality of Pierbach, but you can begin hiking from any other municipality along the circular route. It takes three or four days to complete the trail on foot.

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

### **160th Birthday of Painter Gustav Klimt**

2022 marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great painter Gustav Klimt (1862-1918). Klimt has close ties both to his hometown of Vienna and Lake Attersee, where he spent many summers. Visitors can find out more about his life along the 1 km Klimt Artist Trail and at the Gustav Klimt Center with Klimt Garden in Kammer Schörfling by Lake Attersee. The centre is open from June 2022.

[www.klimt-am-attersee.at/de/](http://www.klimt-am-attersee.at/de/)

### **10 Years Beer Region Innviertel**

The Beer Region Innviertel, an association of 10 innovative private breweries, is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2022. One of its flagships, the Trappistenbrauerei Stift Engelszell, is also turning 10 and the "Innviertler Biermärz" series of events will be taking place for the 10<sup>th</sup> time too. Celebrations and anniversary events are scheduled for summer.

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

## **SalzburgerLand**

### **50th International Lake Wolfgangsee Race**

The International Lake Wolfgangsee Race will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 with various competitions. The programme includes a 5.2 km Panorama Race, a 10 km Shoreline Race, the 27 km Classic, a Junior Marathon, and new Walk the Lake, a leisurely 27 km hike around Lake Wolfgang.

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

### **125th Anniversary of Karl Heinrich Waggerl**

Karl Heinrich Waggerl (1897-1973) is one of the most widely read German-language authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He is best known for his Christmas stories such as Christmas legend "What the Christ Child had to smile about". The writer is closely connected to Wagrain where he lived for many years. Kulturverein Wagrain will be organising a series of events for his anniversary year. For International Museum Day, the Waggerl House Museum will open its doors free of charge on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and display objects from the Waggerl collection that have not yet been exhibited. A "Waggerl and Photography" exhibition will launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and be on display at the Waggerl House Museum and Silent Night Museum in the "Pflegerschlössl" until 30<sup>th</sup> August. From 29<sup>th</sup> September until 21<sup>st</sup> October, the Waggerl House Museum will present the "Waggerl and the Garden" exhibition, and on 1<sup>st</sup> December the series of events will close with the topic "Waggerl and Literature: Language Has to Sound".

[www.stillenacht-wagrain.com/](http://www.stillenacht-wagrain.com/)

### **25 Years Glocknerkönig**

Known as THE classic of the Alps amongst road bikers, the Glocknerkönig will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with around 2,500 professional and amateur athletes. The popular race is an absolute must for all cycling enthusiasts and nature lovers as the challenging Großglockner High



Alpine Road leads right into the heart of Hohe Tauern National Park. The challenge: a 28.9 km route with gradients of up to 15% and 1,814 m in altitude.

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

### **10 Years IRONMAN 70.3 in Zell am See-Kaprun**

This summer, on 28<sup>th</sup> August, Zell am See-Kaprun will be the venue for the top international event for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. The Ironman consists of the following disciplines: 1.9 km swimming, 90 km cycling (870 m difference in altitude), and 21.1 km running. IRONMAN fans can ride the 90 km bike route all year round, following in the tracks of exceptional athletes.

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

### **300 Years Samson Tamsweg**

On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022, Tamsweg in the Lungau is celebrating the Samson. An anniversary celebration with a big parade and the meeting of all 12 Samsons is planned. Samsons are giant, Old Testament figures with – according to legend – superhuman powers in their long hair. There are many myths, legends, and assumptions that surround the giant figures, documented for 300 years. Samson Wearing was added to the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Austria back in 2010. There are 12 such Samson figures in the inner-Alpine region, 10 in Salzburg's Lungau region, 2 in neighbouring Styria.

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

## **Styria**

### **50 Years of the Green Heart**

The green heart with Styria written across it is one of the best-known brands in Austria. Nine out of ten Austrians know it and associate it with the aspects that Styria stands for: nature, regionality, space, and sustainability. The heart was created by graphic designer and artist Helmut Gross. Styria Tourism is taking the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Green Heart as an opportunity to pay tribute to the symbol, starting with "50 stories from the heart" of 50 personalities, who report weekly and thus throughout the entire year on their connection with the Styrian heart via multimedia.

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

## **Tirol**

### **60 Years Alpenzoo Innsbruck**

Around 2,000 alpine animals – from ibexes to golden eagles and lizards – that is 150 species live in the Alpenzoo at the foot of the Nordkette, which is open all year round. In its anniversary year, the foxes and badgers are to get a new 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> enclosure. Alpenzoo Innsbruck is also celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with different events.

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

### **25 Years of Family Holidays in Tirol**

17 tourism associations in Tirol, known as "Familiennester" (Family Nests), have specialised in offering high-quality, natural programmes for children, young people, and families. This year, the Tiroler Familiennester are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. The mascot for the anniversary year is Fichtenliesl, a cute pine tree. Fichtenliesl, who is looking for her friend Seppi the spotted woodpecker, stands for adventures and experiences in the natural environment of the forest, which plays a role in all Tiroler Familiennester programmes.

[www.tiroler-familiennester.at](http://www.tiroler-familiennester.at)

### **Anniversaries of the Imst Alpine Club**

The Imst Alpine Club is celebrating two anniversaries this year. On the one hand it has been around for 150 years, and on the other the Muttekopfhütte near Imst is celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> birthday. The round numbers are being marked by various activities that the Alpine Club Imst is offering, including free courses and training for members and anyone else who might be interested in taking part.

[www.alpenverein.at/imst-oberland/index.php](http://www.alpenverein.at/imst-oberland/index.php)

## Vorarlberg

### **25 Years Kunsthaus Bregenz**

In July 1997, the Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) opened its doors with an exhibition by American artist James Turrell. Since then, not just the exhibitions have attracted a lot of attention, but also its architecture. The building, a cube clad in glass panels, was designed by well-known Swiss architect Peter Zumthor.

The KUB, which is now one of Europe's leading galleries for contemporary art, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of events and its presence at the Venice Biennale.

[www.kunsthau-bregenz.at](http://www.kunsthau-bregenz.at)

## Well-Known Personalities

### Lower Austria

#### Olympic Champion Benjamin Karl

Benjamin Karl grew up in Wilhelmsburg near St. Pölten in Lower Austria and now lives in East Tirol. He is one of Austria's best snowboarders and was also successful at the Olympic Games in Beijing, bringing a gold medal back home. Born in 1985, Benjamin has been world champion five times and won two further medals at the Olympic Games: silver in Vancouver in 2010 and bronze in Sochi in 2014.

[www.redbull.com/at-de/athlete/benjamin-karl](http://www.redbull.com/at-de/athlete/benjamin-karl)

#### Animal Rights Activist and Restaurateur Michael Kolm

Michael Kolm grew up in a small town in the Waldviertel in Lower Austria. As a child he already knew that he would like to take over his parents' inn one day. He trained as a chef, learned from the masters in Vienna, and cooked his way to 2 Gault Millau toques at the family inn in Arbesbach. Together with animal protection association "Vier Pfoten", he launched "Projekt Bärenwald" in the adjacent forest, a project that offers bears in need a new home. And when it comes to human guests, Michael Kolm can offer a temporary home at the so-called Roo'n Lodges on the edge of the forest.

<https://magazin.niederoesterreich.at/geschichten/nach-dem-essen-sollst-du-roon/>

<https://kolm.restaurant/>

#### Organic Wine Growers and Farmers Maria and Josef Maier

Ecological diversity has always been important to Family Maier from the Geyerhof in Oberfucha in the Kremstal. Ilse Maier, Josef's mother, is one of the pioneers of organic viticulture. After completing her studies at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in 1988, she and her husband switched to organic farming. A few years ago, Josef and his wife Maria took over the Geyerhof, making them the 13<sup>th</sup> generation to run it. Both completed scientific studies and gained experiences through internships all over the world. As in earlier times, fields, hedges, cattle, horses, chickens, and bees now complete the idea of holistic agriculture. Josef and Maria are committed to Demeter quality and an agricultural concept of diversity.

<https://magazin.niederoesterreich.at/geschichten/in-der-Vielfalt-liegt-die-Kraft/>

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

#### Yoga Hiking Guide Doris Greil

"Yoga unites, so does hiking", says Doris Greil. She has been teaching yoga in Petzenkirchen and Scheibbs in the Mostviertel since 2009. And for several years she has been combining light yoga exercises with special hikes. The hikes, which lead to places of energy and stunning views, are suitable for people who want to do something good for their body and are looking for a balance to the performance-oriented workday. Previous yoga hiking experience is not required, but hiking shoes are.

<https://magazin.niederoesterreich.at/geschichten/am-weg-der-achtsamkeit/>

### Upper Austria

#### Wakeboard Master Daniel Fetz

Daniel Fetz' passion is wakeboarding. His wakeboard and wakesurf school "Fetzys World" is located at Lake Salmsee in Steyregg. It is here that "Fetzy" passes on his knowledge and skills, which he has put to the test at numerous national and international competitions. Fetz took part in more than 150 competitions between 2001 and 2019. In 2016, he competed in the Masters category (30+) for the first time and, after the World Tour Stop in Bratislava (Slovakia), won his first European Champion title in Tel Aviv. Daniel Fetz became Vice World Champion at the Masters in Mexico shortly after. In winter he also acts as a "cold guru", organising ice bath and breathing fitness camps.

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

#### Trail Running Coach Florian Reiter

Florian Reiter, who lives in Steyr, is a keen runner. He is also a sports physiotherapist, a certified mental coach, and a trail running coach. Those who wish to benefit from his experience can book online courses

with the professional. It's even nicer to run in real life and nature, of course. Florian Reiter offers courses and camps for aspiring and experienced trail runners in 4 different levels, leading them through the Danube region or the mountains of Upper Austria and its neighbouring provinces.

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

### **Attergauer Kultur Sommer Creator Mechthild Bartolomey**

The Attergauer Kultur Sommer has existed since 1981 and presents top-class concerts every year. Mechthild Bartolomey has been its artistic director since 2009. She studied art history, is a music teacher, and was a member of the renowned Arnold Schönberg Choir for 25 years. Last year she received the culture medal of the state of Upper Austria for her services. Governor Thomas Stelzer paid tribute to the dedicated, versatile art mediator who creates a high-quality, inspiring programme for the Attergauer Kultur Sommer each year.

<http://www.attergauer-kultursommer.at>

### **Historian and Craft Expert Barbara Kern**

Barbara Kern has a great passion for culture and the Salzkammergut, her home region. As a historian and employee of the Hand.Werk.Haus Centre for Contemporary Craft Culture in Bad Goisern, she also has plenty to tell. Visitors can enjoy facts, stories, and anecdotes about the rich tradition of craftsmanship and its lively present on guided tours, often accompanied by Barbara Kern. The Hand.Werk.Haus, founded in 2009 by a group of far-sighted craftspeople, provides insights into the crafts of the region on three floors, spanning from the lederhosen maker to the hat maker, the watch maker, the gingerbread maker, and the master shoemaker. They all preserve the traditional craft and lead it into the future with renewed energy.

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

### **Beer Sommelier and Hotelier Karl Zuser Junior**

In Ried im Innkreis, Biergasthof Riedberg with its attached hotel is an institution. It is predominantly known for its beer expertise, with around 400 beers from all over the world stored in the beer cellar. Karl Zuser Junior, who took over the business from his parents in 2000 and is the third generation to run it, is responsible for the selection. His passion is beer and that is why he is the only innkeeper in the Innviertel to have completed his training as a certified beer sommelier. Guests can turn to Karl at any time with confidence for all questions relating to beer and also for beer tastings.

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

### **Culinary Visionary and Lateral Thinker Christoph Held**

The Siriuskogel in Bad Ischl is one of the Salzkammergut's most popular excursion destinations. Since 2008, a young team led by Chef Christoph "Krauli" Held has been running the destination restaurant. Christoph's kitchen serves up freshly prepared dishes made from seasonal, regional, and fair ingredients. With his YouTube channel "Held und Herd" that launched in 2020, Christoph made a name for himself far beyond the Salzkammergut. He came up with the idea of making light-hearted videos about eating and cooking during lockdown, which brought a compulsory break for the Siriuskogel team, as it did for so many others.

Christoph discovered his passion for food as a child. He loved spending time in the kitchen and helped his mother prepare meals for family celebrations. He later trained as a chef and gained a wide range of experience.

<http://siriuskogel.at/der-wirt>

### **Nutritional Trainer and Herbalist Birgit Haglmüller**

Birgit Haglmüller studied economics and worked in real estate. In stressful phases she noticed how her eating habits changed – she would gain more and more weight. So she began to learn more about nutrition. In 2014, she became a qualified nutritional trainer, followed by the training to become a Sivananda yoga teacher in 2016. Today she supports people who want to make positive changes to their lives at her practice in Linz and throughout fasting weeks and cooking workshops. Because, as she knows, only a healthy body is fully efficient and resilient.

[www.birgit-haglmueeller.at](http://www.birgit-haglmueeller.at)

### **Herbalist Monika Kronsteiner**

Monika Kronsteiner knows exactly which herb is good for what. Since 2011 she has been working at the First Centre for Traditional European Medicine in Bad Kreuzen. Herbs play a key role there: in therapies, as teas, and as spices for food. Monika Kronsteiner tends the centre's large herb garden, processes the herbs, and gives talks and workshops. She also performs rituals with herbs.

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

### **TCM Experts Sui QingBo and Du Hong Lena**

In Schwarzenberg in the Bohemian Forest, Sui QingBo and his wife Du Hong Lena have set up a centre for TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine). There they teach Qi Gong and Taiji Quan in daily and weekly workshops. They also offer health weeks in the spirit of TCM, for example dealing with chronic illnesses or on the subject of nutrition. Like his wife, Sui QingBo grew up in China. He completed the TCM training and studied marine biology. His wife is a trained physiotherapist and Qi Gong therapist.

[www.tcm-lebenspflege-schwarzenberg.at](http://www.tcm-lebenspflege-schwarzenberg.at)

### **Nature Lover and Forester Thomas Witzany**

Thomas Witzany, a chartered forester, is the man behind the Hummelwiese, a nature and seminar space at the same time. With a view of Lake Mondsee and the Schafberg, small groups can learn the basics of beekeeping, bake bread in a wood oven, cut their own Christmas tree, and enjoy the unique biodiversity of the surroundings. Thomas also offers father-son and mother-daughter days with nature explorations and overnight stays in tents.

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

### **Young Farmer Lisa Schruckmayr**

At the age of 23, Lisa Schruckmayr took over her parents' farm in St. Lorenz am Mondsee. A lot has changed on the farm since then. The young farmer attaches great importance to diversification. Today, alpacas and yaks live on the farm alongside 20 cows. Bees provide honey and Lisa offers alpaca hikes. Self-knitted products made from alpaca wool are available at the farm shop as well as honey from their own bees and yak keratin soaps.

<https://mondsee.salzkammergut.at/oesterreich-poi/detail/430027562/edinger-hof-mondseeland-alpaka-yak.html>

### **Organic Farmer and Packaging Pioneer Johannes Strobl**

In St. Lorenz am Mondsee, Johannes Strobl of the Aubauernhof devotes himself to a special task: he supplies around 80 local schools with certified organic milk from his farm. The milk is packaged in 100% sustainable cups made from recycled PET, so-called rPET. This form of school milk supply is one of a kind and has won several environmental awards including the World Star Packing Award 2022.

[www.aubauernhof-mondsee.at](http://www.aubauernhof-mondsee.at)

## **Tirol**

### **President of the Mountain Guide Association Tom Rabl**

After many wonderful tours in his free time, Tom Rabl decided to pursue his love of mountaineering professionally in 2008. In addition, as a second job, so to speak, he is an interior designer. As President of the Tirolean Mountain Guide Association and an active guide himself, Tom hopes to bring people closer to the beauty of the mountains. He also wants to raise awareness that mountain experiences should be approached at the right pace, in accordance with one's own strength and fitness, and with good preparation.

<https://pure-mountain.at>

### **Demeter Farmer and Coach Andi Eisenmann**

What is the importance of alpine farming? How are nature and well-being connected? Andi Eisenmann, who lives in Söll, knows the answers to questions like these. He is a farmer that follows the strict Demeter guidelines. He also accompanies hikes in the Söll mountains as owner of the Cross the Alps Academy and a qualified trail running and mental coach. Depending on the focus of the tour, he talks about alpine

farming and his everyday life as a farmer, at the same time showing how hikers can train their awareness and recharge their batteries.

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

### **Safety Manager Stefan Ortner**

With his business Lo.La, an abbreviation for local location, Stefan Ortner and his team develop safety and early warning systems for the alpine area. These include applications for avalanche warning services. Stefan is currently working on a concept for safe hiking and mountaineering using satellite images that can be imported into various platforms and information portals in real time. A service that would be particularly helpful for high-altitude hikers, allowing them to better assess the terrain.

[www.lo-la.info](http://www.lo-la.info)

### **Chef and Restaurateur Christoph Bickel**

Since the end of 2021, Restaurant Oniriq in Innsbruck has held 4 Gault Millau toques. This is thanks to Tirolean Christoph Bickel, who has been running the restaurant since 2017 and gave it its unusual name: "onirique" means dreamlike in French. And the dishes created by the well-travelled chef are indeed a dream. Guests can choose between a vegetarian or a fish / meat tasting menu. The ingredients all come from the surrounding area. Christoph Bickel loves reinterpreting classics from the Alps.

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

## **Vorarlberg**

### **Award-Winning Chef Janine Wieland**

Janine Wieland was awarded her first Gault Millau toque when she was just 24 years old. Together with her parents, she runs the Alpensteakhaus in Brand. In the kitchen she is responsible for the desserts, starters, and side dishes. Her father Martin prepares the meat. Janine collects many of the ingredients for her desserts on walks in the local surroundings. It is important to her that desserts are not too sweet and that all components come together in the mouth. Her panna cotta, for example, is flavoured with a syrup made from pine-tips and soft pine needle. Herbs such as ground ivy, lady's bedstraw, and clover are also favourites. As are daisies, because they are good for the soul, says the award-winning chef.

[www.vorarlberg.travel/innovative-koeche-vorarlberg-janine-wieland/](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/innovative-koeche-vorarlberg-janine-wieland/)

### **Herbalist Katharina Moosbrugger**

Katharina Moosbrugger grew up on the Bödele above Dornbirn. After school she set out into the world. At the age of 30 she returned to the Bregenzerwald, trained as a herbalist, and has spent most of her time outdoors ever since. Particularly in the Fohramoos nature reserve, where she felt at home even as a child. Katharina takes people closer to nature and the world of herbs on moor, herb, and sunrise hikes. She is always delighted to see what a positive effect nature has on us.

[www.vorarlberg.travel/katharina-moosbrugger-naturgefuehl/](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/katharina-moosbrugger-naturgefuehl/)

### **Art Expert Rudolf Sagmeister**

Kunsthaus Bregenz is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and Rudolf Sagmeister has been a part of it from the start. One of the curator's favourite tasks is to bring artists from all over the world closer to Vorarlberg. "It has always been important to me that not just the visitors see their art, but that it is the other way around too: that the artists see where their work is being exhibited, how we live, and in what wonderful surroundings their work is displayed. Vorarlberg is a treasure – and I'm happy to show it off," says the expert. Stations on his Vorarlberg tours include the Lutzenreute alpine dairy on the Eichenberg near Bregenz, the Bregenzerwald, as well as the mountains of Lech am Arlberg and in the Silvretta in the Montafon.

[www.vorarlberg.travel/rudolf-sagmeister-kunstgenuss/](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/rudolf-sagmeister-kunstgenuss/)

### **Host Evi and Designer Jürgen Haller**

Evi and Jürgen Haller, at home in Mellau in the Bregenzerwald, are a special team. Evi dedicates herself to hosting, Jürgen to building – he is a builder. A few years ago they renovated the Mesmerhaus in Bildstein above the Rheintal together and transformed it into a stylish holiday home. The old building was owned by Evi's family. In 2019 they opened the apartment house Tempel 74 in Mellau. The ensemble,

which consists of a new and a revamped Bregenzerwald house, has since received numerous architectural awards. The most recent award was a special prize in the service category, awarded at the Austrian State Prize for Architecture 2021. Another special feature of the project is that it was implemented on a cooperative basis and the rental works on a cooperative basis too.

[www.bregenzerwald.at/geschichte/den-tempel-geniessen](http://www.bregenzerwald.at/geschichte/den-tempel-geniessen) und [www.tempel74.at](http://www.tempel74.at)

### **Natural Cosmetics Producers Lara and Clemens Bechter**

What to do if you are not satisfied with any of the skincare products on the market? Lara and Clemens Bechter from Egg in the Bregenzerwald decided to develop their own line. Born in Vienna, Lara had experience in the pharmaceutical industry and in laboratory work. Clemens, who grew up in Egg, is a business administration graduate and worked in sales for international companies. Their range of natural cosmetics was born in 2019 and called "Phystine" – a combination of the Greek word "physis" for nature or body and "pristine" for untouched or pure. The products are not just good for the body, but also for the environment. They are all free of plastic and aluminium as well as free of artificial and nature identical ingredients.

[www.bregenzerwald.at/geschichte/pflege-aus-der-natur/](http://www.bregenzerwald.at/geschichte/pflege-aus-der-natur/) and [www.phystine.com](http://www.phystine.com)