

WINTER NEWS 2021/22

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Austria's government and its tourism industry are working hard to ensure that 2021/22 winter holidays are both safe and enjoyable for visitors, with a myriad of guidelines and measures in place from the gondola to the ski lesson, to the alpine hut and spa. Alongside the introduction and observation of COVID-19 protective procedures, Austria continues to offer guests outstanding winter holidays. Across the provinces new experiences and infrastructural updates abound for the 2021/22 winter season to ensure that holidays in Austria are as safe, worry-free and enjoyable as possible.

You will find all our Winter News 2021/2022 here. Let us inspire you today and we will be delighted to help you turn your plans into reality this coming winter season.

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

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Cable Cars

Carinthia

Even Greater Comfort in the Gerlitzten Ski Area

The Gerlitzten ski area is expanding its snow-making system, making it possible to launch the winter season by 3rd December 2021. Two new escalators will provide easier access for guests to the ticket offices from parking level 2. The online ticket shop is also being extended, meaning skiers can buy their tickets from the comfort of home and head straight to the lifts with their pre-loaded keycards. Ski and Thermal Spa tickets will still be available, which include a day at the Kärnten Therme in Villach.

Gerlitzten Ski Area
From December 2021
www.gerlitzten.com

SalzburgerLand

Flying Mozart Gondola Lift in Snow Space Salzburg

The Flying Mozart gondola lift will go into operation in Snow Space Salzburg at the beginning of the 2021/22 winter season. It overcomes the 970 m in altitude on the Grießenkareck in less than 11 minutes and can transport up to 4,000 guests per hour as opposed to 2,500 up until now. Queues at the valley and middle station will be a thing of the past.

Snow Space Salzburg (Flachau-Wagrain-St. Johann)
From December 2021
www.snow-space.com

New Mooslehenbahn in Filzmoos

With around 20 km of slopes, Filzmoos is known as a small yet popular family ski area. From this winter, the new Mooslehenbahn will replace the existing lift on the sunny side of the valley. The 6-seater chairlift is equipped with child safety bars and weather protection hood.

Filzmoos
From December 2021
www.salzburgersportwelt.com

Styria

Kreischberg 10-Seater

The Kreischberg im Murtal ski area is making its largest ever investment: from winter 2021/22, a modern 10-seater gondola lift will replace the 6-seater that has been transporting guests since 1992. The new lift consists of 181 gondolas, each with space for 10 people. It can thus transport significantly more people than before, shortening waiting times.

Kreischberg Ski Area
From December 2021
www.kreischberg.at

Tirol

New Goldseebahn in Nauders

The new 6-seater Goldseebahn chairlift will go into operation in the Nauders ski area in winter 2021/22. The children's and family lift with increased wind stability is equipped with child-proof locks, seat heating, and weather protection hood. In addition, the slopes surrounding the new lift will be adapted and steep parts flattened. The Goldseebahn is part of a larger project aimed at improving comfort. By next winter season it will replace three drag lifts.

Nauders Ski Area
From December 2021
www.nauders.com

New Weißseejochbahn on the Kaunertal Glacier

The new, barrier-free Weißseejochbahn will be operating on the Kaunertal Glacier from winter 2021/22. The 10-person gondola's valley station is located where the existing Ochsenalmbahn's middle station can be found at 2,494 m above sea level. From there, the new lift leads up to the 3,044 m high Weißseejoch. Having reached the mountain station on the border to Italy, visitors can enjoy beautiful views of numerous three thousand metre peaks in Austria, Italy, and Switzerland. Skiers can reach the middle station of the Ochsenalmbahn and the valley station of the Weissejochbahn via a new slope, increasing the kilometres of slopes on the Kaunertal Glacier to 50.

Kaunertal
From December 2021
www.kaunertal.com

New Rosskarbahn in Obergurgl

The renewed Rosskarbahn will begin operation in Ötztal's Obergurgl in December 2021. The modern 10-seater gondola will reduce travel time from 7 to 5 minutes. Its mountain station will be closer to that of the Festkogel, offering winter hikers a better connection to the Festkogel.

Obergurgl Ski Area
From December 2021
www.obergurgl.com

Vorarlberg

New Valisera Cable Car in Montafon

At the end of February 2021, the Valisera Bahn in Montafon entered its well-deserved retirement after four decades. From winter 2021/22, the Silvretta Park will open in its place, including the new Valisera Bahn, a hotel, restaurants, an Intersport shop, and an underground car park with 600 spaces.

Silvretta Montafon Ski Area
From December 2021
www.silvretta-montafon.at

New Lifts in Lech am Arlberg

Two new lifts will be getting skiers to the slopes faster and without queues in Lech Zürs am Arlberg from this winter. The new Zugerbergbahn, a 10-seater gondola lift with panoramic windows, will run from Zug up the Zugerberg. And skiers will reach the mountain station of the 2,446 m high Madlochjoch in just 5 minutes with the new Madlochbahn. Weather protection hoods and seat heating will provide additional comfort.

Ski Arlberg - Lech/Zug and Zürs
From December 2021
www.lechzuers.com

Renewed: Golmerbahn in Montafon

From winter 2021/22, the Golmerbahn will transport guests in new 8-seater gondolas. Skiers enter the cabins at a level walk-in and the new gondolas are higher than the previous ones. Entrances and exits are designed to be barrier-free at all stations, which is why elevators are being built in Latschau and Matschwitz. 10 of the 110 gondolas are in "Golmi" design. "Golmi" and "Golmine" are the Golm's mascots and, at the push of a button, they will tell children a story throughout the journey.

Montafon/Golm

From December 2021

www.golm.at

News From the Oberstdorf Kleinwalsertal Bergbahnen

In the cross-border ski region of Kleinwalsertal (Vorarlberg) and Oberstdorf (Bavaria), two new 10-seater gondolas will start operating in winter 2021/22. Both were completed last winter, but have not been in use. The barrier-free Söllereckbahn saves skiers and snowboarders the trouble of having to carry their equipment, taking winter sports enthusiasts straight from the car park to the mountain top. And in the converted Nebelhornbahn, guests can reach the Höfatsblick mountain station without having to change lifts.

Oberstdorf/Kleinwalsertal

From December 2021

www.kleinwalsertal.com

Accommodation – New Openings

Upper Austria

At One With Nature: Chalet Village Blockhausen

The new chalet village in the Bohemian Forest in the north of Upper Austria is surrounded by wonderful tranquility. It consists of five individual luxury chalets with their own sauna and three suites. All units are intended for self-catering with high quality, comfortable furnishings. Guests can reach the Hochficht ski area in just 5 minutes by car. Winter hiking trails and the Schöneben cross-country skiing centre are also nearby.

Schwarzenberg im Böhmerwald

Since September 2021

www.blockhausen.at (just in German)

For Families: Appartementhaus Madlen

Hotel and Restaurant Gressenbauer in Hinterstoder will open its new Appartementhaus Madlen in December 2021. The 12 family-friendly, rustic chic apartments are 40 m² and can accommodate up to 4 people. They have a fully equipped kitchen and balcony. Guests can also make use of the daily bread delivery service and enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Hinterstoder

From December 2021

www.landhotel-gressenbauer.at (just in German)

SalzburgerLand

Central Location: Harry's Home Hotel Bischofshofen

In the heart of Bischofshofen right by the station, this new hotel with 92 studios and apartments opened in July 2021. All have wooden floors and kitchens, and some have walk-in wardrobes. There is also a service point with washing machines, dryers, and a vending machine. Little ones will love the 35 m² playroom and the highlight is the modern wellness area on the 7th floor, including a terrace and views of the famous Bischofshofen ski jump.

Bischofshofen

Since July 2021

www.harrys-home.com

Young & Modern: Hotel Selina in Bad Gastein

The Selina Group runs young, hip hotels and with the launch of Selina Bad Gastein in July 2021 it opened its first in Austria. It is located in a building from the late 19th century near the Bad Gastein waterfall. There are 90 rooms in the property – from the luxury suite to shared rooms – and its interior was designed with architects, designers, and artists from the region. There is a wellness area as well as a restaurant, coffee house, bakery, and co-working spaces. Guests can take part in all types of activities, from skiing to yoga classes.

Bad Gastein

Since July 2021

www.selina.com/austria/bad-gastein

Historic Ambience: Salzburg Loft Collection

The Salzburg Loft Collection consists of apartments in different buildings. Since July 2021, these have included the 21 apartments in Linzergasse, centrally located in Salzburg's old town. The units range from 25 to 52 m² and are suitable for both short and long stays in Salzburg.

Stadt Salzburg

Since July 2021

<https://loftcollection.net>

Fresh Indulgence: "Luke's Living Room" in Bad Hofgastein

Sendlhofer's in Bad Hofgastein didn't just refurbish its rooms and apartments over winter. The hotel, which places an emphasis on culinary enjoyment, also opened a new restaurant called "Luke's Wohnzimmer" (Luke's Living Room). Guests can enjoy creative and innovative, regional and international dishes at the bar and in the comfortable seating areas and lounges for brunch, lunch or dinner. Products from the Gastein Valley and homemade items such as jam and honey can be purchased in the new shop.

Bad Hofgastein

Since July 2021

<https://sendlhofers.com> (just in German)

Hotel With a History: The Storks

Family Stork has opened an art and boutique hotel with 31 rooms in one of the oldest buildings in Bad Hofgastein. Inside, the traditional meets the contemporary. Artwork is spread throughout the building and guests can meet in the comfortable lounge to relax or read. Breakfast is served in the Wiener Café, Zirbenstüberl or – in summer – on the terrace.

Bad Hofgastein

Since August 2021

<https://www.the-storks.com/> (just in German)

Discreet Luxury: Schider Aparthotel in Bad Gastein

In Bad Gastein, the former Villa Schider has been transformed into an aparthotel with 27 charming rooms, a lounge, children's play area, small wellness area with sauna, and "Gute Stube", where guests can tuck into the optional breakfast buffet in the morning and self-caterers can use the "Community Kitchen" come evening. Local specialities and drinks can be purchased from the hotel shop.

Bad Gastein

Since Summer 2021

www.dasschider.at (just in German)

Blockhaus: Filzmooser Chalets

4 chalets opened next to the Family Hotel Filzmooserhof in summer 2021. The traditional chalets are 70 m², which is just right for a family with 2 adults and 3 children. Each has its own terrace or garden. Chalet guests are welcome to make use of the facilities and children's programme at the hotel next door.

Filzmoos

Since Summer 2021

<https://www.filzmooserhof.at/en/chalets/>

Family-Friendly: Apartment & Lifestyle Resort Hofgut

In mid-October, the Apartment & Lifestyle Resort Hofgut will be opening in the middle of a large garden with 40 units of different sizes, equipped with wood. "Freedom on holiday" is the theme here and guests can select from 58 m² budget apartments to 132 m² luxury penthouse apartments for up to 10 people. Breakfast and dinner can be enjoyed in the on-site restaurant "vaMoos". The wellness area comprises various saunas as well as indoor and outdoor pools, including an indoor family pool, toddler pool, and a 25 m long sports pool. The adults-only area promises relaxation and there is a 1,300 m² games area with bowling alley, games tables, and trampoline house for those looking to let off steam. Younger guests can enjoy the mini park with its bobby cars and creative station.

Wagrain

From October 2021

<https://hofgut.com>

Imaginative & Playful: Family Hotel Tante Frida

Tante Frida in Maria Alm am Hochkönig pays homage to children of all ages. Its colourful interior and exterior provide plenty of room for imagination, having fun together, real encounters, and the feeling that everything is possible. There are 7 room categories to choose from with a total of 84 rooms. They have names such as "Jungle", "Forest" or "Circus" and actually bring the respective world to life.

Maria Alm Hochkönig
From December 2021
<https://ederfrida.com>

Casually Charming: First Peak Zauchensee

The new Gsund & Aktiv Hotel offers ideal conditions for mountain lovers. Slopes and hiking trails are right outside the hotel door. Rooms range from 19 m² singles to the 72 m² panorama suite. Most of the 74 rooms have a balcony. The new building also houses a wellness area which extends over 3 floors, a spa department, 4 restaurants, a terrace, and a bar.

Zauchensee
From December 2021
www.firstpeak-zauchensee.at/ (just in German)

For Free Spirits: Uncle Jack's

Uncle Jack's, a tropicALPS Lifestyle Hotel, sees itself as a can-do-everything-or-nothing establishment. It offers casual comfort and subtle luxury on all levels: in the 10 rooms and apartments as well as in the JungleSPA. Overnight prices include the generous Breakfast Club breakfast, and regional and exotic drinks and snacks can be found at the bar.

Flachau
From December 2021
www.unclejacks.at

Comfortably Chic: The Place Boutique & Design Hotel Flachau

New boutique and design hotel "The Place" will be opening on Flachau's village square in December 2021. It offers rooms and studios for up to 4 people, most of which have a balcony, an upmarket restaurant, a bar, and a lounge. There is also a small chill-out area with sauna, tea bar, and roof terrace.

Flachau
From December 2021
www.flachau.com/dc/detail/Unterkunft/the-place-boutique-design-hotel-flachau/

Spacious: Tauernlodges Uttendorf

14 new double lodges and row lodges that go by the name of Tauernlodges will be welcoming guests to Uttendorf in the Hohe Tauern National Park from December 2021. Offering space for up to 10 people, the lodges feature 4 or 5 bedrooms and 1 to 3 bathrooms. Guests can enjoy magnificent views of the Hohe Tauern from their balcony or terrace. And those looking to relax after a day in the fresh air can heat up their private sauna.

Uttendorf in Hohe Tauern National Park
From Winter 2021/22
www.alps-residence.com/resort/tauernlodges-uttendorf.html

Am Waldrand: Lerchenpeuntgut

The 16 Lerchenpeuntgut chalets will open this December in Tamsweg im Lungau. Accommodating a total of 128 guests, they are modernly equipped, stylishly furnished, and have a small wellness area with sauna. In the main building there are apartments as well as the reception, a lounge, and a small village shop.

Tamsweg
From Winter 2021/22
www.lerchpeuntgut.at (just in German)

New & Bright: Apartments Evers

Family Evers' new build houses three comfortable, brightly furnished holiday apartments. They range from 53 to 78 m² and accommodate up to 7 people. The local bakery offers a delivery service for breakfast and the lifts and cross-country ski trail are just a couple of minutes' walk away. The free ski bus stops right next to the building.

Flachau
From Winter 2021/22
www.evers-flachau.at

Tirol

In the Heart of Lienz: Apartmenthaus Nr. 1

Apartmenthaus Nr. 1 opened in the centre of the charming old town of Lienz in August 2021. There are 11 holiday apartments with open-plan kitchen in the refurbished building that can accommodate up to 3 people each. And there are 2 maisonette apartments with terrace for 4 to 6 people and 3 double rooms.

Lienz, East Tirol
Since August 2021
www.apartmenthaus-nr1.at

City Break: The Meininger Hotel

There are Meininger Hotels in several European capitals and in autumn 2021 a further one will be opening in the centre of Innsbruck. The 6-storey building has 74 rooms with 259 beds. The hotel's uncomplicated concept is primarily aimed at families, groups of friends, and backpackers. There are single and double rooms to choose from, as well as shared rooms and a dormitory with max. 6 beds.

Innsbruck
From Autumn 2021
<https://www.meininger-hotels.com/en/hotels/innsbruck/hotel-innsbruck-center/>

Wild Nature, Powerful Retreat: DAS SeeMOUNT

The new Active Nature Resort "DAS SeeMOUNT" in See im Paznauntal is designed to be a relaxing haven in the midst of impressive nature. The 60 rooms, in which wood, soft fabrics, and plenty of light set the tone, are cosy retreats after an exciting day in the mountains. The hotel restaurant serves up culinary delights and there is a spa area to relax in. Mountain lovers will be drawn to the infinity pool with panoramic views.

See im Paznauntal
From 25th November 2021
www.seemount.at (just in German)

Stadl Apartments in Prägraten

At the Ortnerhof in Prägraten am Großvenediger, 6 modernly furnished alpine apartments will be open to guests from December in the former "Stadl" (barn). Ranging from 66 to 83 m², the apartments can accommodate 2 to 6 people. Guests can either cater for themselves or enjoy breakfast and dinner at the Ortnerhof, a holiday farm and equestrian centre. The hosts also offer a "Pfandl to go" service, which involves guests pre-ordering their dinner and eating it in the apartment.

Prägraten am Großvenediger
From December 2021
www.ortnerhof.at/stadl-apartments (just in German)

Exclusive: Golden Marmot and Silver Fox

Two new luxury chalets will open in St. Anton am Arlberg in December 2021: Chalet Golden Marmot with 3 apartments for 8 to 10 guests each and a small wellness area is just a few metres away from the Nassereinbahn valley station and the Arlberg ski area. The sister chalet is very close to the ski lift too. Its 3 apartments with spacious living and dining areas are ideal for families or groups of friends. Guests can relax in the in-house wellness area with sauna.

St. Anton am Arlberg
From December 2021
www.chalet-stanton.com

Open House: The Secret Sölden

An opulent golden entrance, copper-coloured metal panels: The Secret Sölden catches the eye from the outside already. The exclusive apartment resort with 44 residential units will be opening in December 2021, drawing guests with its innovative concept and open house approach. LA'LIV, the "living room" of the building, will be its main hub. This is where guests can enjoy breakfast and help themselves to a delicious selection of snacks and drinks throughout the day. In the evening, LA'LIV is transformed into a chic restaurant. The absolute highlight of the resort will be its skybar THE VUE with a glass roof.

Sölden

From December 2021

<https://www.the-secret-soelden.com/en/>

Wonderful Silence: Hygna Chalets

From this December, those looking for rest and relaxation will be able to choose from 11 exclusive chalets in Reith in Tirol's Alpbachtal. The luxurious Hygna Chalets are all about silence as a source of strength and an authentic hygge lifestyle. They combine traditional design with modern interiors in an idyllic, secluded location that offers complete privacy. Each chalet has its own wooden sauna, fireplace, and therapeutic vibration beds. All have access to the Heustadl Pool with a view of the Wiedersberger Horn. 4 of the chalets also have a private whirlpool. Upon request, guests can enjoy a served breakfast with regional specialities every day.

Reith im Alpbachtal

From December 2021

www.hygna.at (just in German)

Small, Smart, Simple: Das Gerlos

An alpine hub, stylish lodgings, a meeting point for those who are passionate about nature and sport or simply a cool place to stay: that's "Das Gerlos". True to the motto "small, smart, simple", the newly built design hotel in the centre of Gerlos offers everything guests really need for their holiday: a great location, an excellent breakfast, modern and comfortable rooms, a small spa with mountain views, and enough space to hang out. There will be 30 double rooms and 3 suites at "Das Gerlos".

Gerlos

From December 2021

www.dasgerlos.com (just in German)

Vorarlberg

Central: Night Inn Feldkirch

Night Inn is the name of the hotel that opened in Feldkirch's emerging Bahnhofscity in July 2021. The modern building with breakfast café is within walking distance of the station and around 800 m from Montfort Haus, a conference and event centre. The 150 rooms are allergy-friendly and each has a desk and coffee machine. The hotel's special features include a terrace, ski room, and car hire.

Feldkirch

Since July 2021

<https://night-inn.com/hotels/feldkirch> (just in German)

Pleasure & Events: Firmament

The "Firmament" opened in Rankweil in July 2021. It combines a lifestyle and business hotel with a restaurant, vinothèque, and event rooms for up to 800 people. There are 143 rooms, suites, and long stay apartments to choose from. In the restaurant with show kitchen, a different aspiring young chef from the "Brotherhood of Culinary Chef's Association" cooks every month and takes guests on a culinary journey to his homeland. The sommelier selects the accompanying wines from the in-house vinothèque. Take-away meals and wines are also available.

Rankweil

Since July 2021

www.firmament.at/ (just in German)

With Spa and Party Room: Arla Luxury Home

Sophisticated chalet architecture meets alpine-modern interior design and craftsmanship: the exclusive Arla Luxury Residence can accommodate up to 12 guests. It comprises 3 individually furnished apartments with bathrooms, a large living and dining area with an open fireplace, and terraces with views of Lech. The Arla Luxury Home also has 2 spa areas with sauna, steam room, and relaxation zone, a multifunctional yoga room as well as 2 ski rooms. There is even a party room, equipped with a multimedia system, private cinema, bar, darts, and pinball machines.

Lech Zürs am Arlberg

Since Summer 2021

<https://arlalech.com>

Mountain View: Hotel Alpstadt

The Wilfinger family will be opening Hotel Alpstadt in the alpine town of Bludenz this December. The centrally located wooden construction designed by Vorarlberg architect Johannes Kaufmann will be 7 storeys high with 65 rooms. Facilities will include seminar rooms, a restaurant, and the roof terrace with mountain view.

Bludenz

From December 2021

www.alpstadt.com (just in German)

Modern Warmth: Restaurant and Holiday Chalets in Furx

In Furx, part of Zwischenwasser at 1,140 m above sea level, the newly built Alpengasthof Furx and 10 chalets will open this December. The wooden construction buildings with underground parking were designed by renowned Vorarlberg architects Baumschlager Eberle. Guests can enjoy the beautiful view in the restaurant or on the terrace, which both have around 100 seats. The chalets with panoramic windows and sauna are 90 m².

Zwischenwasser-Furx

From December 2021

<https://peterhof-furx.at> (just in German)

For Mountain Lovers: Berghaus Schröcken

In Schröcken in the Bregenzerwald, Family Schwarzmann is creating a stylish place for winter sports enthusiasts and hikers to stay named Berghaus Schröcken. 2 apartments, 2 chalet apartments for up to 20 people, and 2 self-catering chalets for up to 16 guests will be ready from winter 2021/22. The entire complex, which consists of 3 buildings, will be completed in July 2022. There will then be a total of 22 studios and 18 apartments to choose from, furnished in wood and alpine materials. The site will also include a small tavern called "Alwins Stammtisch", a wellness area, and an outdoor pool.

Schröcken

From December 2021. Expansion July 2022

www.berghaus-schroecken.at (just in German)

In the Mountain Solitude: Hirschberghütte

The mountain hut on the Hirschberg near Bizau in the Bregenzerwald has been newly built with a brand new access road. The solid wood construction can accommodate up to 8 people. There is a well-equipped open-plan kitchen, plus a tree house and spring for paddling and "Kneipping". In winter the tranquil mountain is popular with winter hikers and ski tourers.

Bizau

From December 2021

www.berghütte-bregenzerwald.at (just in German)

Hostel: St. Josefsheim eat & stay

Within the listed walls of the "St. Josefsheim" in Schruns in the Montafon, formerly a maternity ward and hospital, there will be an "eat & stay" accommodation for fun-loving teens and young adults from the beginning of the 2021/22 winter season. Its design is based on Montafon traditions and the building's unique history. The restaurant on the ground floor is to be the village's new meeting point with its menu revolving around bread, wine, and coffee.

Schruns

From December 2021

https://www.silvretta-montafon.at/en/service/press/press-texts/st.josefsheim-schruns_pt_2326680

Holiday Home With a View: Kristberghüsli

The Kristberghüsli, which belongs to the Panoramagasthof Kristberg in Montafon, will be opening in December 2021 with a new look. The new build, made of wood in a modern alpine style, offers space for 2 to 5 people. Its special features include a bio sauna and the small terraces on the south and east side with beautiful views of the Rätikon and Verwall mountains.

Kristberg/Silbertal

From December 2021

www.kristberg.at

Vienna

Viennese Charm: Jaz in the City Vienna

Jaz in the City has been mixing up Vienna with a euphoric, local mash-up of design, art, and cuisine since August 2021. The Home Base comprises 119 In-Tune Rooms, 38 Bassline Rooms, 4 Offbeat Lofts, and 2 Backbeat Suites. The building, which is crowned with rooftop bar "mariatrink", is centrally located in the 6th district, right by the Naschmarkt and the Mariahilfer Straße shops.

Vienna

Since August 2021

www.jaz-hotel.com/hotels/jaz-in-the-city-vienna

Hotel & Hostel: Jo&Joe

A new 7-storey building opened at the Westbahnhof in Vienna in August 2021. Inside you will find a well-known Swedish furniture provider and "Jo&Joe". The straightforward young hotel that belongs to the Accor Group can accommodate around 400 guests. They can choose between classic dormitories for multiple people and hotel rooms of different sizes. A special feature is the publicly accessible rooftop area, where shade is provided by many of the 160 trees that also decorate the sides of the building.

Vienna,

Since August 2021

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

Central and Practical: The Weekend

"Friday", "Saturday", and "Sunday" are the names of the modern Comfort, Deluxe, and Premium rooms in new establishment The Weekend in Vienna's 7th district. There are also suites that offer space for up to 4 people. The building, which used to be an office block, now has 88 rooms with 176 beds and a 4-star rating. The Weekend is the first hotel project by building contractor Richard Lugner, who is well-known in Vienna and also runs a shopping centre.

Vienna

September 2021

<https://hoteltheweekend.at>

Viennese Vibe: Hotel Motto

4-star Hotel Motto will be opening in Vienna on 2nd October. It is located on the popular Mariahilferstraße shopping street and has 90 rooms and 180 beds. In terms of style, Hotel Motto combines the Parisian flair

of the 1920s with a modern Viennese vibe and Scandinavian comfort. Its design is accordingly opulent: floral fabrics, mirrors, and chandeliers create a dreamy atmosphere. Carpets, furniture, tiles, and lamps specially designed for the hotel are combined with vintage pieces, some of which are originals from the Ritz Paris. The hotel has plenty to offer on the culinary front too. High up on the roof of the historic building from the 1870s there is a restaurant with a bar and terrace. And the hotel runs its own organic bakery on the ground floor.

Vienna

From October 2021

www.hotelmotto.at

Baroque & Chic: Bauernmarkt1

On Bauernmarkt 1, just metres from the Stephansplatz, the Lenikus Group will be opening a 5-star hotel with 77 rooms and suites with a total of 154 beds at the end of 2021. The listed 5-storey building dates back to the baroque period and has been fully renovated in recent years.

Vienna

End of 2021

www.lenikus.at (just in German)

Unique Boutique: Indigo Hotel

On the Rechte Wienzeile, within walking distance of the Naschmarkt and underground stations, the Intercontinental Hotel Group is building a boutique hotel of the "Indigo" brand. The complex, which consists of 2 building, houses 158 rooms, a restaurant, a bar, and conference rooms on 7 floors. There is also a roof terrace with great views of the city and an underground car park.

Vienna

March 2022

www.hotelindigo.com

Accommodation – Renovations

SalzburgerLand

More Comfort: JUFA Salzburg

JUFA stands for youth and family hotels and is a group with establishments across Austria. JUFA Salzburg reopened in June 2021 after major renovation. All rooms were fitted with box spring beds and provide a visual reference to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. There is a new "Wolferl" restaurant, Wolferls Lounge, a 2-storey play area, and bright seminar rooms.

City of Salzburg

Since June 2021

www.jufahotels.com/hotel/salzburg

New Rooms: Hotel Friesacher in Anif

The highly traditional Hotel Friesacher in Anif near Salzburg has been renovated on a grand scale. 45 new rooms, a new reception and lobby as well as seminar rooms and the "Jedermann" bar were added to the main building, with the hosts paying great attention to accessibility and sustainability.

Anif

Since July 2021

www.friesacher.com

Tirol

New Wellness Paradise: Hotel Naudererhof

The 4-star superior Alpin Art & Spa Hotel Naudererhof launched the summer season with a new 1,800 m² Alpine Spa, which extends across 4 floors. The spa area includes a Swiss pine sauna, a mountain hay bio sauna, an aromatherapy stone steam room, and an indoor biotope with wellness garden and relaxation room. Its highlight is the 15 m sky pool, which is heated year-round and offers panoramic views.

Nauders on the Reschen Pass

Since May 2021

www.naudererhof.com

On Cloud 78: Hotel Arabella

In July 2021, Hotel Arabella in Nauders opened its new spa called "Wolke 78" (Cloud 78). It extends across 1,200 m² on the garden level around the existing 14 m pool. There are new saunas, a salt water steam bath, relaxation rooms, and an outdoor whirlpool. Guests can also make use of the existing Sky Sauna with views.

Nauders

Since July 2021

www.hotel-arabella.com

Garden Spa: Hotel Berghof

Last year Hotel Berghof in Mayrhofen redesigned its restaurants and the new Garden Spa was added in summer 2021. It includes saunas, a steam sauna, indoor and outdoor pools, a children's pool as well as relaxation rooms and additional massage rooms. There are also new fitness and yoga rooms. In front of the spa there is a newly created garden with places to retreat and a sunbathing lawn on the roof, which is exclusively for adults. The choice of rooms has been extended with an air-conditioned suite.

Mayrhofen

Since July 2021

www.berghof.cc

New Sky Spa: Hotel Kristall

Hotel Kristall is one of the traditional establishments in Leutasch. This year it has been undergoing a complete makeover and will reopen in December 2021 with a new look. The hotel lobby, restaurant, and bar are being revamped in a modern alpine style and extended. An additional floor of rooms and suites is being added. The highlight will be the new Sky Spa with heated outdoor pool, panorama sauna, indoor and outdoor lounging areas, and panoramic views of the Wetterstein mountains and Hohe Munde.

Leutasch

From December 2021

www.hotel-kristall.at (just in German)

Close to Nature: Mountain Resort Zillergrund Rock

Hotel Zillergrund in Mayrhofen is currently being transformed and will reopen in December 2021 as an exclusive mountain resort with the name "Zillergrund Rock". This has long been Family Pfister's dream, now in its fifth generation of running the establishment. Alongside the natural and open architecture, the 3,000 m² Nature Sky Spa with sky pool across 2 levels and the Nature Alpine Spa are sure to impress. All of the rooms and suites are being redesigned too. Family Pfister is strongly committed to ensuring that stays are as sustainable as possible. Electricity comes from the hotel's own hydropower station and the wood pellet boiler provides heat. Building materials are from the region as is the majority of the hotel's food.

Mayrhofen

From December 2021

<https://zillergrundrock.tirol>

Rooftop Pool: Hotel Neue Post

Hotel Neue Post in Mayrhofen will open its year-round outdoor rooftop pool in December 2021, with impressive views included. There will also be 7 new luxuriously equipped pool suites and 23 new rooms, furnished in Tirolean style. A fitness room and gaming room with modern game consoles are the new additions to the hotel's leisure facilities.

Mayrhofen

From December 2021

www.neue-post.at

Vorarlberg

Infinity Pool: Travel Charme Ifen Hotel

Since mid-August 2021, the 5-star Travel Charme Hotel Ifen in Kleinwalsertal has a new attraction: guests can enjoy beautiful views of the mountains from a 25 m infinity pool. The pool is open all year round. Guests also find plenty of room to relax in the approx. 2,500 m² wellness area, the Pure Spa.

Hirschegg in Kleinwalsertal

Since August 2021

www.travelcharme.com/hotels/ifen-hotel

Glammed Up: Ski- & Wanderhotel Jägeralpe

Ski- & Wanderhotel Jägeralpe in Warth in the Bregenzerwald is updating its 3-storey main building with a restaurant by the beginning of December 2021, whilst the outside of the building is getting a new shingle facade. The rooms and suites, all with balcony, are being furnished in modern alpine "Walser style" and there will be a new outdoor pool. In the "Kräuterei", guests can learn more about herbs and join yoga classes. Creative classes take place in the "Atelier am Berg". A new staff house with underground car park will replace the old one.

Warth

From December 2021

www.jaegeralpe.at

New Name: Alpin – Studios & Suites

The small Garni-Hotel Alpin in Warth in the Bregenzerwald will be completely renovated by winter 2021/22. Its rooms are being converted into studios with kitchenette and a third floor is being added as is a wellness area and sun terrace. Instead of using oil, the hotel will be heating with geothermal energy. Belinda and Mathias Fritz will be running the establishment under the new name "Alpin – Studios & Suites".

Warth

From December 2021

www.alpinwarth.at (just in German)

Lots of News: Appart Hotel Knappaboda

Appart Hotel Knappaboda will reopen in December 2021 after major renovation. 8 new stylishly furnished apartments offer space for 2 to 6 people. There is a new wellness area with 2 saunas, a steam room as well as a juice and tea bar. Guests receive a generously filled breakfast basket upon arrival. The hosts also offer a daily bread delivery service. Regional specialities and wines are available in the "Knapparei", the hotel's own grocery store. And guests can park their car in the new underground garage.

Lech (Lech Zürs am Arlberg)

From December 2021

<https://www.knappaboda.com/> (just in German)

SalzburgerLand

Relaxed: Menschmayer in Saalfelden

"Personal, nearby, light, and comfortable" is how Andreas Mayer describes his new restaurant "menschmayer" in Saalfelden. Light and fuss-free meet urban and regional, casually served for foodies, as a quick bite, to share or enjoy alone. There is also an outdoor dining area.

<https://www.menschmayer.net> (just in German)

Parisian Flair: Café Anna in Lofer

Confiserie Berger can be found at Schokoladenweg 1 in Lofer. This is where Hubert and Christine Berger and their team produce the finest chocolates, pralines, and confectionary. In October 2021, daughter Anna will be opening her delightful little café. Here you will be able to enjoy Austrian cakes and pastries as well as French tartes and macarons and other delicacies. Created by Hubert Berger, the master confectioner, and Anna Berger, a qualified confectioner with two degrees.

<https://www.confiserie-berger.at/en/>

Sunny: Lumberjack Organic Mountain Restaurant

In July 2021, the "Lumberjack" hut opened on the Kleinarl side of the Shuttleberg with winter gardens and a large terrace. All food and drink is organic certified – for flexitarians, vegetarians, and vegans. The hosts also attached great importance to sustainability throughout construction. The building is made from local raw materials such as wood, and the work was carried out by workmen from the region.

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

All About Schnitzel: Meissl & Schadn in Salzburg

Meissl & Schadn was and is a culinary institution in Vienna. Its signature dish is the Wiener Schnitzel, cooked in butter, lard or vegetable oil. Since June 2021, the excellent Wiener Schnitzel can also be enjoyed in the city of Salzburg, at Meissl & Schadn in the renowned Getreidegasse. Only to be found in Salzburg: the "Salzburger Nockerln" on the dessert menu.

<https://meisslundschnadn.at/meissl-schnadn-salzburg>

In Hotel "The Mozart": Restaurant Mühlbacher

Restaurant Mühlbacher opened in boutique hotel "The Mozart" in the city of Salzburg in June 2021. Chef Patrick Mühlbacher, who grew up in Salzburg, combines regional food with international. The menu consists of 10 to 15 dishes, which always include something new. Before Patrick Mühlbacher opened his own restaurant, he worked in London, Vienna, and well-known Salzburg restaurants.

<https://themozarthotel.com/restaurant/>

Things to Do – Ski and Co.

SalzburgerLand

Enjoyment Ski Route "The Sweet Temptation"

Skiing and tucking into delicious sweets: that's what new Enjoyment Ski Route "The Sweet Temptation" in the Snow Space Salzburg ski area is all about. Skiers can try different sweet specialities from the region at participating huts located across the entire ski area and learn about their origin and how they are made.

www.snow-space.com

The Challenge - Ski Your Limit

Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn is setting its guests a new challenge. "Ski your limit" is the slogan of one of the most demanding ski circuits of the Alps, on which 65 km of slopes, 32 lifts, and 2,400 m in altitude have to be overcome. This huge task can be done in 7 hours without lunch break.

https://www.saalbach.com/en/service/infrastructure/the-challenge_a_1721

12 Peaks Trophy

This ski circuit in SalzburgerLand is the result of the new ski connection from Snow Space Salzburg to Shuttleberg Flachauwinkl-Kleinarl and the ski paradise of Zauchensee-Flachauwinkl. The 46 km of slopes long "12 Peaks Trophy" leads over the 12 most beautiful peaks of the ski region and can be done in a day. Those wanting to take their time to enjoy the stunning views from the peaks should plan a few additional days.

<https://www.snow-space.com/en/winter/ski-resort-salzburg/highlights/12-peaks-trophy>

Enjoyment Ski Route "In the Tracks of the Locals"

Where do local skiers like to stop? The answer to this question can be found on the Ski amadé Enjoyment Ski Route "In the Tracks of the Locals". It leads through the Wagrain ski area, beginning with breakfast on the Kogelalm then on to lunch in the Wagrainhaus before enjoying a drink on the Hachaualm and ending the day on the Krapfenalm.

<https://www.wagrain-kleinarl.at/en/activities/skiing-snowboarding/enjoyment-ski-routes>

Styria

NEW: All Season Pass Ski amadé

For the first time, the Salzburg and Styrian ski association is offering a year-round ticket. The All Season Pass includes use of 25 summer mountain lifts as well as the entire range of lifts and slopes in winter. The year-round ticket, available for adults, youths, and children, is valid for one year, from May to May.

<https://www.skiamade.com/en/Tickets/Active-Pass>

Tirol

New Ski Circuit in the SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser-Brixental and KitzSki

SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser-Brixental and KitzSki will be offering the toughest skiers a new challenge from this winter: the longest ski circuit in the world will connect the SkiWelt with the KitzSki ski area. This means that winter sports enthusiasts will be able to ski from Going am Wilden Kaiser through the Kitzbühel Alps all the way to Hollersbach in the Hohe Tauern without setting foot on the same slope twice. The 80 km circuit can be started from any of its stations and accessed with just one ticket: the KitzSkiWelt ticket.

<https://www.skiwelt.at/en/kitzskiwelt-tour.html>

Cross-Border Cross-Country Skiing With Venosta Nordic

"Venosta Nordic" is the name of the new cross-country skiing network that stretches from the Ortler in South Tirol to the Austrian side of the Reschen Pass. It connects 6 cross-country skiing areas with 9 trails, which form a total of 90 km. These include forest trails, challenging high-altitude trails, and beautifully situated panoramic trails. Cross-country skiers can access all of these trails with just one ticket.

<https://www.nauders.com/en/Your-Nauders/In-Winter> and www.venosta-nordic.net

KitzSki and Ikon Pass

KitzSki, the ski association in the Kitzbühel Alps, is the first Austrian partner of the global Ikon Pass. Ikon Pass holders have access to a total of 47 winter sports destinations in America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. The Ikon Pass is valid for one year. Depending on the type, skiers can spend 7, 5 or 4 days in participating ski areas.

<https://www.kitzski.at/en/tickets-prices/ikon-pass.html>
www.ikonpass.com

Across the Kitzbühel Alps on the KAT Ski Tour

Those who want to enjoy the solitude of the mountains and already have some experience in ski touring can embark on a 6-day tour through the Kitzbühel Alps from this winter. The KAT Ski Tour, accompanied by Kitzbühel mountain guides, leads through tranquil valleys and onto panoramic peaks. Come evening, tourers stop at an establishment in the valley where they also spend the night. The KAT Ski Tour can be booked as a package and will take place twice in winter 2021/22.

<https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/kat-skitour/long-distances-on-two-planks.html>

Vorarlberg

Seven Summits Freetour Mellau

The "Mellau Freetour" is a combination of freeriding and ski touring, which will be offered for the first time this winter. Accompanied by a guide, participants ascend 7 peaks in 3 days and enjoy wonderful deep snow descents. The tour will take place from 27th to 29th January 2022 and from 21st to 23rd March 2022. A maximum of 6 people can take part per guide.

<https://www.skischule-mellau.at/en/specials/ski-tours/>

Things to Do – Winter Experiences

Carinthia

First Winter for Kaiserburg Bob

Bad Kleinkirchheim has been home to Carinthia's most modern alpine roller coaster for a year now. The 36 two-seater bobs wind their way up and down the 1.4 km track, passing through 26 curves and fast-paced straight sections. Speed demons can reach up to 40 km/h. The highlight is the approx. 7 m high loop in the finishing straights.

<https://www.badkleinkirchheim.com/en/cable-cars-summer/activities/kaiserburg-bob/>

Upper Austria

Dive to the Underwater Crib

The underwater world of Lake Attersee in the Salzkammergut is never dull. All year round, divers will find exciting sights such as sunken ships, but one attraction can only be admired in the run-up to Christmas: the underwater crib at the Dixie dive site in Weyregg.

<https://attersee-attergau.salzkammergut.at/en/oesterreich-poi/detail/430000495/taucheinstiegstelle-dixi--pfahlbauhaus-unter-wasser-und-unterwasserkrippe.html>

Vorarlberg

Into the Winter World With the Nature Guide

What do plants and animals do in winter? In the Kleinwalsertal, those interested can go on a winter hike with nature guide Diana Eckhoff every Monday. From the Walserhaus in Hirschegg, the group hikes past streams into the seemingly silent forests of the Kleinwalsertal winter landscape. Diana helps awaken the senses and shows how much life there is in nature, which many think is hibernating at this time of year.

https://www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Search-and-book/Travelshop/Winter_experiences/Experience-Winter-with-a-Nature-Guide

Culinary Winter Hikes in the Bregenzerwald

The culinary winter hikes are a pleasure in every respect for those who enjoy being out and about, bookable on a date of choice via Bregenzerwald Tourism. Step by step the hike leads from course to course, from breakfast to lunch and on to dessert. The dishes are enjoyed in mountain inns or restaurants. From winter 2021/22, there will be two new routes, one in Sulzberg and one in Damüls. Together with the existing routes in Mellau-Bizau-Bezau and Sibratsgfall-Schönenbach, there will be a total of 4 culinary winter hikes to choose from.

<https://www.bregenzerwald.at/en/culinary-winter-hikes-in-the-bregenzerwald/>

Vienna

Explore Vienna With the "Vienna City Card Experience Edition"

The Vienna City Card Experience Edition was introduced last year. It gives you access to more than 160 experiences for a whole year for just €25. Many of the experiences can only be booked by card holders and there are also great savings. Card holders pay 20% less for various tours and workshops. There is also a 20% discount at over 30 catering partners.

experience.wien.info

Things to Do – Other

Upper Austria

SCHÜTZ Art Museum in Engelhartszell

Mr. and Mrs Schütz, gallery owners and patrons of art, founded the Schütz Art Society some time ago. With the SCHÜTZ Art Museum in Engelhartszell, their aim is to find new ways of promoting art and encourage intercultural exchange. The SCHÜTZ Art Museum will be opening in October 2021. The modern building, designed in line with Feng Shui principles, is the world's first zero-energy art museum. Pieces from the 19th century, the art nouveau period, and classical modernism all the way to contemporary art will be on display. "Artists in Residence" will provide the opportunity to enter a dialogue with international artists.

www.schuetzmuseum.at

Styria

Folk Life Museum Graz Fully Refurbished

The Folk Life Museum Graz reopened in April 2021 after extensive renovations. The exhibitions tell of different living environments, social and cultural change, and how changes shape everyday life and move people. The museum is open every day with regular guided tours and events.

<https://www.museum-joanneum.at>

Tirol

TOP Mountain Motorcycle Museum in Hochgurgl

The TOP Mountain Motorcycle Museum is located near Hochgurgl, at about 2,000 m above sea level on the Timmelsjochstraße, which leads to South Tirol. The museum is currently being reconstructed following a fire in January 2021. It is scheduled to reopen in November 2021, displaying around 300 motorcycles from different decades.

<https://www.crosspoint.tirol/en-home>

Sustainability: Awards for Climate-Friendly Ski Areas

Two ski areas in Tirol have been recognised for their efforts in terms of sustainability and climate protection. The Silvretta Arena in the Paznauntal has been working on becoming climate neutral since 2019. Since the beginning of 2021, the Silvrettaseilbahn AG has been operating all ski lifts, mountain restaurants, and snow systems with 100% green electricity from Austria, for which it earned the green electricity certificate. SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser-Brixental also takes a variety of environmental protection measures to make operations as sustainable as possible. The Sonnenlift in Brixen, for example, is powered exclusively by solar energy. 100% of the energy for the entire system comes from hydropower. Nature conservation experts accompany construction measures and even ensure that building colours are chosen in harmony with nature. SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser-Brixental has received several awards for these efforts, most recently voted one of Austria's "most environmentally friendly ski resorts" by skiresort.de.

<https://www.ischgl.com/en/More/Silvrettaseilbahn-AG-the-company/climate-neutral-lift-operations>

<https://www.skiwelt.at/en/skiwelt-goes-green-to-stay-white.html>

Anniversaries

Upper Austria

160th Birthday of Gustav Klimt

Gustav Klimt (1862-1918) is one of Austria's most important painters. He was the best known representative of Viennese art nouveau and founding president of the Viennese Secession where the "Beethovenfries" he painted in 1901 can still be admired today. Other famous pieces, such as "The Kiss", can be found in the Austrian Gallery Belvedere. Gustav Klimt spent numerous summers at Lake Attersee, where he found inspiration for his work. In memory of the famous guest and in tribute to his 150th birthday, the Klimt Center opened by Lake Attersee in 2012. It enjoys a prominent location on Schlossallee in Kammer-Schörfling, which was the subject of one of the artist's paintings. The exhibits and tours give insights into the life of the great art nouveau painter.

<https://www.klimt-am-attersee.at/en/>

SalzburgerLand

10 Years Art on Snow Gastein

Art on Snow presents works made of snow and ice in the Gasteinertal every January and February. From 29th January to 4th February 2022, the festival will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. Exhibition pieces on the theme of "Europe as a guest in Gastein" will be on display across the ski resorts and village centres.

www.gastein.com/events/winter/art-on-snow

20 Years of Radstadt Christmas Hikes

For 20 years the residents of Radstadt and their guests have been upholding a lovely tradition in the run-up to Christmas: together they walk to chapels and through the village. The group is accompanied by a brass ensemble and music is played or choirs sing at several stations. What is presumably Europe's longest Advent calendar can be admired along the way: 24 windows illuminated from within several houses. The tour ends at the Christmas market on the town square.

<https://www.radstadt.com/en/radstadt/top-events/christmas-hikes/>

20 Years of Winterfest

The Winterfest, which takes place in the city of Salzburg's Volksgarten, has developed into the largest festival for modern artistry in the German-speaking world. To mark its 20th anniversary, visitors will be able to marvel at the very best circus groups from 9th December 2021 to 8th January 2022, with dance, music, drama, acrobatics, and puppet theatre gracing the tents.

<https://www.salzburg.info/en/events/highlights/winterfest>

25 Years UNESCO World Heritage Salzburg

Salzburg has been part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1997, making it a city of "outstanding value to humanity". The best way to discover what constitutes World Heritage is a walk through the city. Buildings from several centuries, from the baroque period in particular, shape the Old Town. There are several trails that lead you in the footsteps of music history – from Mozart to the Salzburg Festival. The city mountains also count as World Heritage: the Festungsberg with Hohensalzburg Fortress, which can be seen from afar, as well as the Mönchsberg.

<https://www.salzburg.info/en/salzburg/unesco-world-cultural-heritage>

75 Years of Salzburg Advent Singing

On several occasions in Advent, the Großes Festspielhaus in the city of Salzburg is transformed into a place of contemplation. Around 150 performers create the Salzburg Advent Singing programme, which is a combination of music, singing, and scenic play. The event will be taking place for the 75th time in 2021, from 26th November to 12th December.

<https://www.salzburg.info/en/salzburg/advent/salzburg-advent-singing>

Styria

25th Night Slalom on the Planai in Schladming

Once a year, Schladming becomes the setting for what is probably the most spectacular ski race of the World Cup winter season: "The Nightrace", a night slalom, thrills spectators both on-site and in front of their television sets. The race will be taking place for the 25th time on 25th January 2022, and its organisers hope to be able to combine it with a big outdoor party as usual.

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

Vienna

130th Anniversary of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna & "Titian's Vision of Women"

In 2021, the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna (KHM) commemorates its grand opening 130 years ago by Emperor Franz Joseph I on 17th October 1891. To mark the anniversary, the KHM is putting on a large exhibition from 5th October 2021 to 16th January 2022 with the title "Titian's Vision of Women", dedicated to the important Venetian painter Titian (around 1488 / 90 - 1576). What's special: around 60 paintings document the portrayal of women in the work of Titian and his contemporaries Jacopo Tintoretto, Paolo Veronese, Paris Bordone, and Lorenzo Lotto. On display are outstanding pieces from some of the most important museums in the world – the National Gallery in London, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and the Musée du Louvre in Paris. There are also paintings from the KHM's own collection.

<https://tiziansfrauenbild.khm.at/en/>