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Things to Do – Hiking

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/en/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 Quattralpina 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.

https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/regional-and-offerings/tours/In-the-footsteps-of-the-pioneers-on-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.

<https://www.slowtrips.eu/see-do/all-experiences/eastern-styria/>

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/

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

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

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.

<https://www.mayrhofen.at/en/stories/stilluptal-valley>

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.

<https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/pital/tours/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.

https://www.osttirol.com/en/discover-and-experience/summer/hiking/long-distance-hiking-trails/hoch-tirol-trail/?utm_campaign=wwkampagne-hochtiroltrail&utm_medium=landingpage&utm_source=weitwandern

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.

<https://www.wilderkaiser.info/en/activities/guided-hikes.html>

Tirolean Silver Trail

Schwaz 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.

<https://silberregion-karwendel.com/en/long-distance-hiking>

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.

<https://www.montafon.at/en/my-montafon>

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

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 2nd June and 30th October 2022.

<https://www.bregenzerwald.at/en/package/hike-from-hut-to-hut-nagelfluhkette-nature-park/>

Wine Hike in Damüls

Hiking guide Verena Bischof will accompany a leisurely hike through Oberdamüls four times this summer, on the 28th June, 26th July, 23rd August, and 13th 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.

<https://www.damuels.at/en/damuels/events/wine-pleasure-hike-with-the-hiking-guide-verena-bischof.html>

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.

https://www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Region/Tour-Search/The-great-naturalist-adventure-Wild-animals_tour_16173194

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

PROlitzen 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.

<https://www.gerlitzten.com/en/mountain-summer/prolitzen-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.

<https://www.traisental.mostviertel.at/english>

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 20th and 21st May 2022, with each putting on a special programme for its visitors.

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

Upper Austria

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 transfer (from April 2022). <https://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.

https://www.donauregion.at/en/cycling.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwl7qSBhD-ARIsACvV1X3ir- QQEmmL6AAHNmEdzD2FiBeSnTLuYQFybNCKDHXd6AXNcz167jcaAvpgEALw_wcB&cHash=eaf64cedf1ddb3ca3a6b372e3a9f9f

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/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 m² 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.

<https://www.oetztal.com/summer/biking-cycling/spots/mtb-course.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.

<https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/pital/so/bike/holidays.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.

<https://www.kappl.com/en/Active/Active-Summer/Biking-Kappl/Bike-panorama-tours>

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 1st May to 31st October 2022.

<https://www.bregenzerwald.at/en/package/culinary-cycling-on-the-trail-of-bregenzerwalds-architecture/>

into the wold – Gravel Bike Festival

From 30th June to 3rd 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

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

Upper Austria

Restaurant Taborturm

The converted restaurant in the Taborturm in Steyr has been open since 15th 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

Culinary Festival TAVOLATA

From the 9th to 19th 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

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

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

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

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

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 25th and 26th 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

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

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 3rd March 2022.

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/

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 15th 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

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

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

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 13th to 15th 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

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

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

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 1st July to 29th September 2022.

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

"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 29th May 2022, sheds light on the special influence that Viennese psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud had on Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dalí.

www.belvedere.at

Reopening of the Josephinum

Following a general renovation, the Josephinum in the 9th district which houses the collections of the Medical University Vienna, will reopen in the course of 2022. Since 2019, the listed building from the 18th 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

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

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 10th anniversary of Günther Domenig's death.

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

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

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

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

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

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 km² to 739 km². It is also the first extension of Karwendel Nature Park, the largest in Austria, in more than 30 years.

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

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

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

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 (14th June to 27th September 2022) in Damüls. It costs 37 euros per person and is open to anyone over the age of 14.

www.damuels.at

Nature Diversity Days Kleinwalsertal

The Nature Diversity Days Kleinwalsertal will take place for the second time from 7th to 9th 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

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

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 1st 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

Silva Magica on the Nockalmstraße Is Barrier-Free

Silva 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

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

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

11th Lake Hallstatt Swimming Marathon

For the 11th time, Lake Hallstatt is hosting a swimming marathon. The event will take place on the 5th 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>

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, Mauterndorf, 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/

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

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 m² 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

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>

International Festival of Journalism

The Festival of Journalism will be taking place in Innsbruck for the first time from 13th to 15th 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

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

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

Stubai Ultratrail 2022

The Stubai Ultratrail will take place on 2nd July 2022. To celebrate its 5th 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

Stubai Schlickeralmlauf 2022

The international Schlickeralmlauf in the Stubaital is celebrating an anniversary: it is taking place for the 33rd time this year on the 3rd 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

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

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 13th May 2022.

www.muerzeroberland.at

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 m² 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 Heuriger dishes and the wines from the estate, of course.

Andau

May 2022

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/

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 m² in size and has two bedrooms and a bathroom. Perfect for those who like boating: all stays include boat shuttles provided by the hosts.

Rothenthron / Lake Millstatt

October 2021

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

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

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 m² 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

Past Meets Present: sgrafit hotel

The listed Sgraffitohaus 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 Sgraffitohaus, dating back to the 16th 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 (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

Practical: Parkhotel Hagenberg

The 4-star Parkhotel Hagenberg will open in Hagenberg in the Mühlviertel on 1st 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 m² wellness area, gym, and restaurant.

Hagenberg
April 2022
www.hotel-hagenberg.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

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/

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

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

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/

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

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 m², accommodating up to 4 people. The chalets are suitable for 2 to 8 people, with living areas between 45 and 120 m². The larger ones have their own sauna.

Kaprun
Sommer 2022
www.zaglgut.at

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

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.voisthalerhuetten.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/

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

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

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

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 m² 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-appartement/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/

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-appartement/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 m² 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 Defreggental

December 2021

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

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, Sophl, 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 m² 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

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 m² 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 m² 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

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

W-40.COM Apartments

The two new 103 m² 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

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

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

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

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

Trendy Meeting Place: BASSENA Wien Donaustadt

The Bassena Wien Donaustadt will be opening in the trendy new district of Vienna Twentytwo in the 3rd 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 m² 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 Kitzi 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

3rd quarter of 2022

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