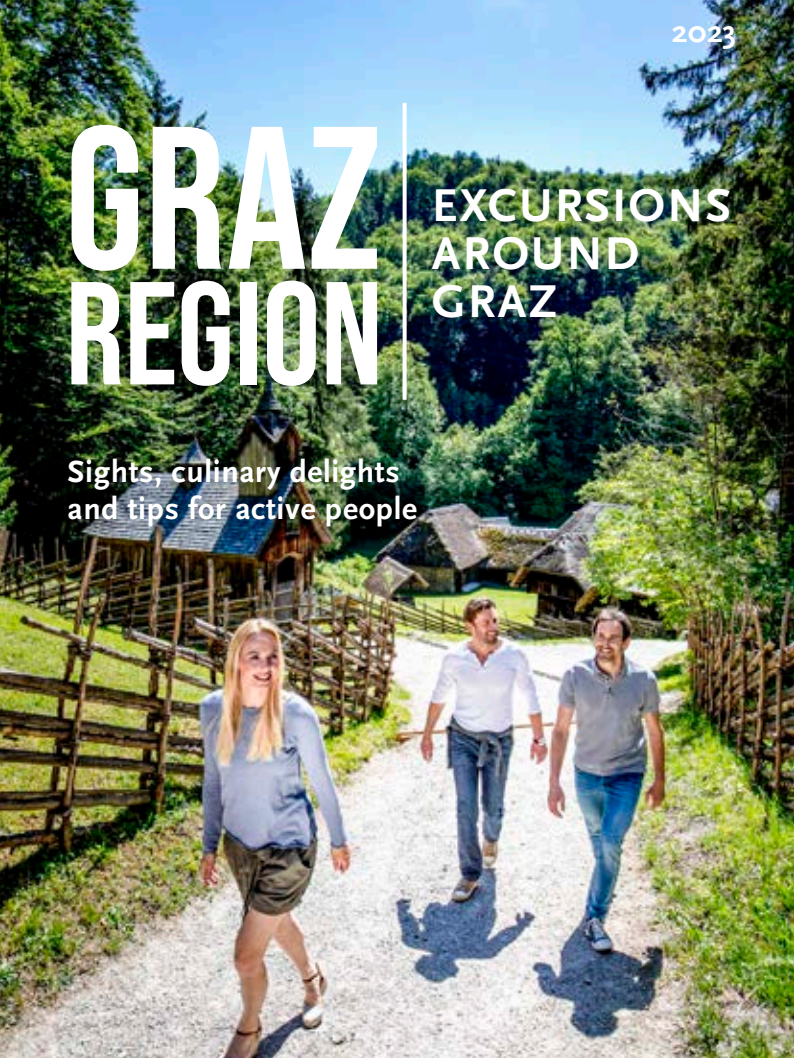


GRAZ REGION

EXCURSIONS AROUND GRAZ

Sights, culinary delights
and tips for active people



FROM CITY TO COUNTRY- SIDE IN 10 MINUTES – WORTHWHILE EXCURSIONS.

Just outside the city gates of Graz
there is so much to explore –
and almost even more to enjoy.

From the urban flair of the city it is just a few kilometres out into the countryside – it's wonderful to take a deep breath surrounded by the fresh green outdoors and enjoy the unspoilt nature and beauty of Styria. Visit rare natural spectacles and cultural gems, steep slopes along the wine routes, the summer retreat of the world-famous

Lipizzaner horses and walk in Arnold Schwarzenegger's footsteps. And tell your loved ones at home about your experiences, or even better: send them a postcard! With the region's humorous postcards, it is not difficult to send a smile as well as greetings in the traditional way. regiongraz.at/en

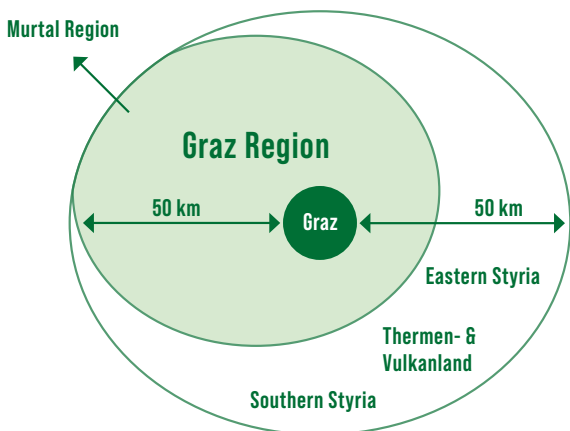
The postcards are available at the
tourist information offices in the region.



HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

As opening times and guided tours are subject to change, please check the relevant website beforehand to be on the safe side.

In this brochure you will find numerous worthwhile excursion destinations in the immediate vicinity of Graz, in Murtal, Eastern Styria, Thermen- & Vulkanland and in Southern Styria. The travel time to the sights (by car) is between a few minutes and one hour at the most.



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CURRENT BUS AND TRAIN CONNECTIONS:

Mobil Zentral: T +43 50 678910, information at verbundlinie.at

Sammeltaxi ISTmobil: T +43 123 500 44 99, information at istmobil.at

TOP EXCURSION DESTINATIONS IN THE GRAZ REGION & STYRIA:

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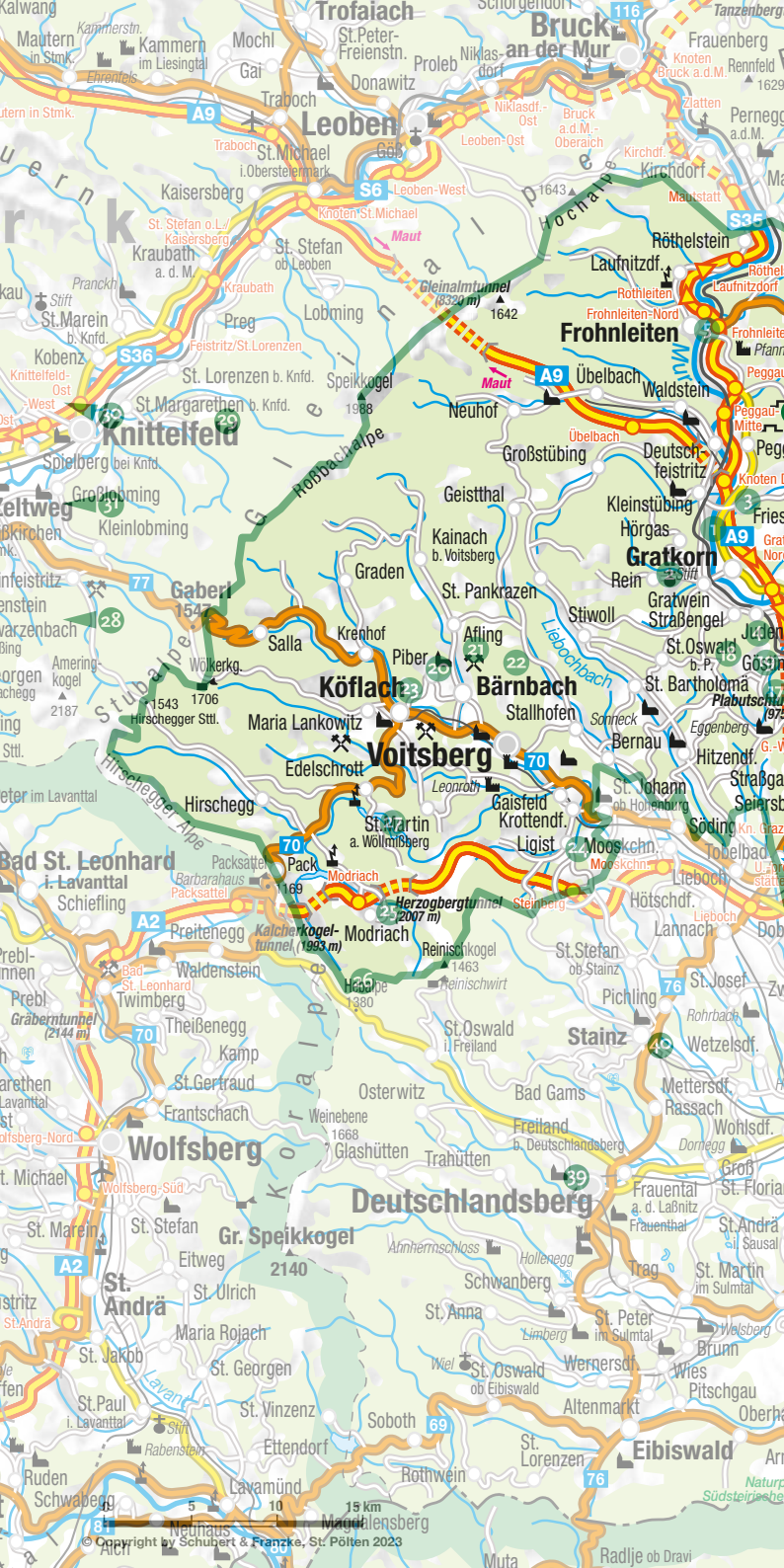
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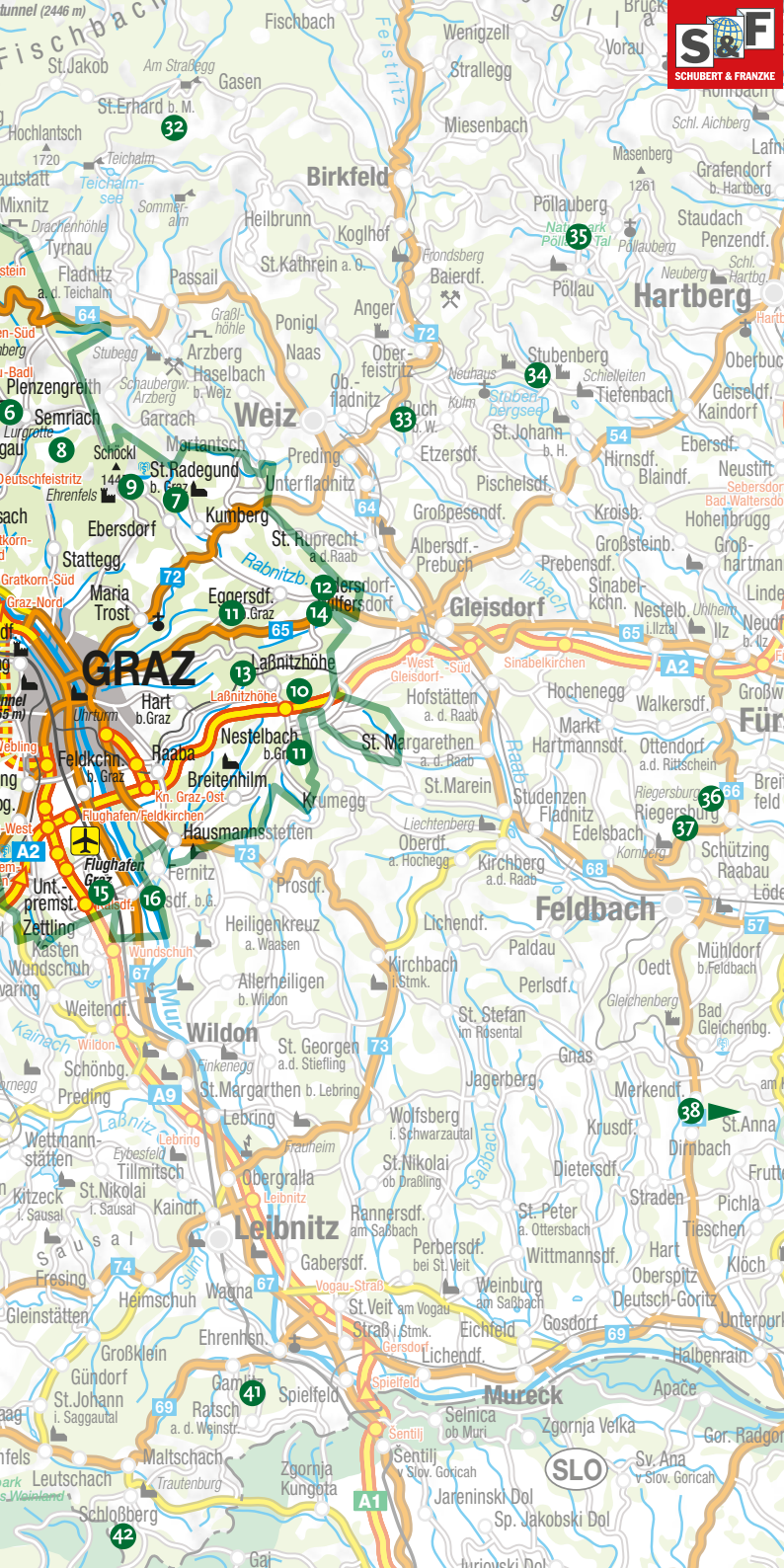
**Culture, culinary delights, action, nature, water ...
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With the GenussCard, Austria's largest all-inclusive card, overnight guests benefit from free admission to excursion destinations, guided tours and tastings at over 250 GenussCard partner establishments. You will receive the GenussCard free of charge from your first overnight stay with a GenussCard host. This allows you to visit the GenussCard excursion destinations free of charge from the day you arrive. Whether it's a swim at Schlossbad Bärnbach, tasting at GenussBauernhof Hillebrand farm or a visit to the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing, Austria's largest stalactite cave with water flowing through it, the Lurgrotte, or the Lipizzaner Stud in Piber. The GenussCard offer is as varied as the possibilities in the Graz Region.



You can find all the information on the GenussCard and the GenussCard app at [genusscard.at](https://www.genusscard.at)





GRAZ

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Gleisdorf

Feldbach

Leibnitz

Mureck

SLO

A picnic in the countryside - where do hearty farmers' snacks taste best? The choice is yours: Peaceful, tranquil meadows and gardens as well as a well-stocked picnic basket, including blankets to borrow, are available at the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing.



Let's head

NORTH

Deutschfeistritz – Frohnleiten – Gratkorn –
Gratwein-Straßengel – Peggau – Semriach –
St. Radegund – Übelbach – Weinitzen

From Volkshauspark you have a beautiful view of the historic silhouette of the picturesque old town. There are also more than 1,000 species of plant waiting to be discovered here.



So near and yet so far.
Switch off and take in the
fresh air on a hike through the
meadows of the Gleinalm and
Semriach and on the Schöckl.

In Weinitzen, the Nature
Adventure Trail invites you
to pause, reflect and relax
with its ten stations.

THERE ARE MANY GOOD THINGS ON OFFER FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SOUL NORTH OF GRAZ!

In addition to the absolute highlights of Rein Abbey, the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing and Lurgrotte cave, we reveal, so to say, our favourite tips among friends here.



Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing



AUSTRIAN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM STÜBING

At the open-air museum in Stübing, you can wander through Austria from the Burgenland to Vorarlberg regions and get to know the building styles and way of life as well as typical regional tools from the past in idyllic surroundings. It is a world of rural life and work that lives on in a quiet side valley of the Mur in about one hundred original rural buildings from six centuries.

31 March to 31 October, daily 9 am to 6 pm (admission up to 5 pm) |

Enzenbach 32, 8114 Stübing |

T +43 3124 53700

freilichtmuseum.at



REIN ABBEY

The Rein Baroque monastery rises picturesquely about 20 km north of Graz. Cistercian monks have lived here continuously since 1129, making it the oldest Cistercian monastery still in existence in the world. The Baroque collegiate church radiates sublime beauty, the library contains medieval manuscripts from the monastery's own writing room and the extensive monastery forests invite you to take walks and hikes.

Guided tours from 25 March daily, 10.30 am & 1.30 pm, for groups all year with booking | Rein 1, 8103 Rein
T +43 3124 51621, stift-rein.at



Rein Abbey

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Fairy tale trails

Themed trails such as the Peggau Fairy Tale Trail (Märchenweg) all about Peggi the bear or the Fairy Tale Trail along the educational hiking trail in Semriach invite you to explore and learn about the region.

regiongraz.at/theme-paths

The OberGrazer Spürnasen

A variety-packed outdoor scavenger hunt awaits families on an adventurous journey through time with Professor Leopold and the OberGrazer Spürnasen. A fun question-and-answer game leads to five destinations in the north: Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing, Cistercian Rein Abbey, Lurgrotte cave in Peggau and Semriach and the Deutschfeistritz scythe factory.

regiongraz.at/spuernasen

**SENSENWERK
DEUTSCHFEISTRITZ
SCYTHE FACTORY**



Before combine harvesters and sickle mowers made the work of farmers much easier, the scythe was one of the most important tools in agriculture. The entire production plant with its six huge water wheels has been preserved as a museum in the former scythe factory. The premises also provide an exciting setting for theatre performances, concerts and art exhibitions.

**1 April to 30 October, Mondays to Fridays 2 to 5 pm |
Saturdays, Sundays & Fridays 1 to 5 pm | Rudolf Klug Gasse 2,
8121 Deutschfeistritz, T +43 3127 42200, sensenwerk.at**



**MARIA STRASSENGEL
PILGRIMAGE CHURCH**

The small church settlement of Maria Straßengel rises on a hill, visible from afar, just a few kilometres north of Graz. A defensive wall encloses the presbytery, the tavern, the Baroque “new building” and the pilgrimage church, which is one of the most important high gothic sacred buildings in Austria with its tower. By the way: a varied hike with wonderful viewpoints leads from the Gösting castle ruins in Graz to Maria Straßengel.

**Church open all year round |
guided tours can be arranged
in the rectory for a donation |
Am Kirchberg 16, 8111
Gratwein-Straßengel
Rectory: T +43 3124 51255**



Maria Straßengel Pilgrimage Church



Sensenwerk Deutschfeistritz scythe factory



FROHNLEITEN

Romance, atmosphere and unspoiled outdoor experiences combine into a very special excursion destination: Frohnleiten. The Mediterranean car-free main square with its cosy beer gardens in a historical setting or the Volkshauspark with its variety of plants idyllically situated on the banks of the Mur make Frohnleiten a place where you will gladly while away the time. One special treat are the entertaining music events from jazz to classical music and the theatre on the main square.

8130 Frohnleiten, T +43 3126 2374
frohnleiten.com



Frohnleiten

LURGROTTE CAVE IN PEGGAU & SEMRIACH



The Lurgrotte is the largest water-flowing stalactite cave in Austria. For millions of years, surface water has been penetrating the grotto, which the Lurbach stream has eroded into the limestone rock, depositing lime constantly and forming impressive fragile and powerful works of art. You can dive into this fascinating cave world from Peggau or Semriach.

Peggau: April to June and October: Tuesdays to Fridays, guided tour at 11 am, 2 & 3 pm, Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays at every full hour from 10 am to 3 pm, | July to September Guided tour daily at every full hour from 10 am to 3 pm |
Lurgrottenstraße 1/2, 8120 Peggau, T +43 680 2324281, lurgrotte.com

Semriach: 15 April to 31 October, main guided tours daily at 11 am, 2 & 3.30 pm | 9 July to 31 August also at 9.40 am & 12.40 pm | 2 November to 14 April, Saturdays at 2 pm, Sundays at 11 am and on request (from 5 adults) |

Lurgrottenstraße 1, 8102 Semriach, T +43 664 3497219, lurgrotte.at



Lurgrotte Cave in Semriach

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Rabenstein Castle

Perched on a rocky spur high above Murtal valley, Rabenstein Castle dates back to the 12th century.

burg-rabenstein.at

Light and sound experience in the Lurgrotte Semriach

A light show lets the largest stalactite in the world shine in a completely new light. The special light effects reveal a true cosmos of shapes and colours, which remained hidden until not so long ago.

Prehistoric Museum

The Prehistoric Museum has been located in the Lurgrotte in Peggau since 2019. When you enter the Lurgrotte in Peggau on your journey into prehistory, you encounter the skeleton of a cave bear, a mammoth's tusk and plants that apparently grow without daylight.

● SPORT & LEISURE

Mur Cycle Path

The Mur Cycle Path leads past numerous sights in the north of the region, such as the Lurgrotte Cave in Peggau or the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing.

murradweg.com



ST. RADEGUND BEI GRAZ SPRING TRAILS

22 architecturally elaborate springs in St. Radegund bei Graz can be explored on several circular trails. The works of art are named after aristocratic philanthropists, thermal spa guests and the great 19th and 20th century spa physicians. Tip: Download the audio guide app to explore the “Hungarian Circuit” and get the “St. Radegund Spring Trails” adventure guide with hiking tips and lots of useful information!

Kurkommission Visitor Information
8061 St. Radegund bei Graz

T +43 3132 2334, regiongraz.at/en



Spring Trails



Kesselfall Gorge



KESSELFALL GORGE

Wonderful walking paths past wildly romantic waterfalls. You can walk through this gorge relatively easily within an hour, even with children, using the well secured climbing paths. At the top end is the market town of Semriach, where you should definitely take a break.

Starting point: Sandwirt inn
Kesselfallstraße 13, 8102 Semriach

T +43 3127 8226, sandwirt-kesselfall.at

SCHÖCKL ST. RADEGUND BEI GRAZ



With its steep slopes and extensive plateau, the Schöckl (1,445 m) is a special experience for mountain bike and downhill freaks (Schöckl Trail Area) as well as for hikers. In addition, “trails and a motor skills course for everyone” (including play and fitness equipment for wheelchair users), a disc golf course, a nature play path, an orienteering track and the “Hexenexpress” summer toboggan run are also very popular.

Opening hours: June to October, in winter on request,
cable car: Mondays to Fridays, 9 am to 4.30 pm | Saturdays,
 Sundays, public holidays & summer holidays 9 am to 5.30 pm,
Hexenexpress: Mondays to Fridays, 10 am to 4 pm | Saturdays,
 Sundays, public holidays & summer holidays 10 am to 5 pm |
 Schöckl cable car, Schöcklstraße 23, 8061 St. Radegund

T +43 3132 2332, schoeckl.at, schoeckl-trail-area.at

Tip: You must also take a detour to the climbing park near the bottom station. kletterpark-schoeckl.at



HOW THE NORTH GETS SPORTY

Sport in the north, drives your
troubles and worries forth.

TIEBER LEISURE CENTRE

T +43 676 3425234

tiebersee.at

SPORT- & LEISURE CENTRE FROHNLEITEN

T +43 3126 51190

frohnleiten-kg.at/sport

BAD WEIHERMÜHLE LEISURE CENTRE

T +43 664 1402751

bad-weihermuehle.at

ST. RADEGUND LEISURE CENTRE

T +43 3132 5344

radegund.info/freizeitzentrum

MURHOF GOLF CLUB

T +43 3126 3010

murhof.at

ARCHERY IN SEMRIACH & GRATWEIN-STRASSENDEL

semriach.at,

bogensport-bogenbau.at

SEMRIACH LEISURE CENTRE

T +43 664 5700217

semriach.at



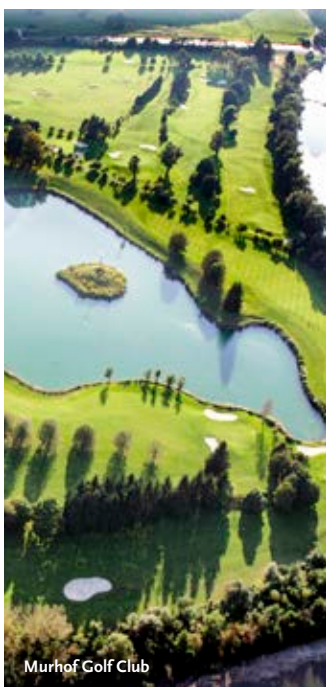
Bad Weiermühle Leisure Centre



Tieber Leisure Centre



Archery in Semriach



Murhof Golf Club



On the sebastian RELOADED® Adventure Trail in Lassnitzhöhe, you can face your “inner couch potato”, feel strong enough to take on anything or even scream to your heart’s content. You might just find your new favourite place here. After all, this adventure trail offers fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Let's head EAST

Eggersdorf bei Graz – Kainbach bei Graz –
Lassnitzhöhe – Nestelbach bei Graz –
Vasoldsberg

Splish Splash! Naturbad
Eggersdorf means swim-
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added chemicals!



Along the Planets
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the opportunity to
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Forget all about the stresses and
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tête-à-tête, your worries, stresses and
cares will be forgotten in a flash.

THE EAST STANDS FOR HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING!

Find out what Arboretum or sebastian RELOADED® mean and what is behind terms like “forest bathing” and “Ninjabox”.



SEBASTIAN RELOADED® THE ADVENTURE TRAIL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The family-friendly adventure trail in Lassnitzhöhe offers an unforgettable experience. 25 interactive experience stations invite visitors to learn through play along the approximately 7 km long hiking, walking and running trail. At “The Last Scream” station, for example, you can shout all your inner frustrations out and then immediately find out how effective the exercise was using a measuring device. If you are ready to face your “inner couch potato”, then the station with the same name should be your first stop.

sebastianreloaded.at



sebastian RELOADED® adventure trail



● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Lassnitzhöhe

The Lassnitzhöhe health resort, just 15 km away from Graz, quite rightly bears the title “Heilklimatischer Kurort” (healing climate health resort). Interesting for flower lovers: Lassnitzhöhe has already been voted the “most beautiful market” several times with 5 Floras.

Arboretum & forest bathing

Finally unwind – whether it’s in the Arboretum, a unique botanical garden with tea house, or with forest bathing, where you can engage with the wonder of nature with all your senses. An increase in your quality of life is guaranteed when you “immerse” yourself on the Lassnitzhöhe!

SCHÖCKLBLICK & HÜGELLAND- ALPAKAS



Schöcklblick Alpakas

Fancy a relaxed tour with alpacas through meadows and forests or surrounded by natural protected orchards and flower meadows? Alpacas make any worries and stress go away due to their calm and peaceful nature. Experience it yourself with a personal trekking tour – in Graz' Schöcklland or Hügelland. In our farm shops you will find a selection of products such as pillows, wool and much more.

Kainbach: Frauensäulenweg 2, 8010
Kainbach bei Graz, T +43 664 5091741
schoecklblick-alpakas.at

Vasoldsberg: Kreuzstraße 1, 8076
Vasoldsberg, T +43 699 18165111
huegellandalpakas.at



Kainbach weather tower



Johann Joseph Fux wayside shrine



Klingensteiner Achteckstadl

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Kainbach weather tower

The weather tower is considered to be an insider tip and is a monument in terms of folklore and architecture. It used to ring to announce bad weather on hot summer days. Hopefully you won't hear it ringing so you can get home dry.

regiongraz.at/en

Birthplace of the Baroque musician Johann Joseph Fux

In the municipality of Nestelbach near Graz is the birthplace of the composer and music theorist Johann Joseph Fux.

nestelbach-graz.gv.at

Fux Festival at Styriarte (2018-2023)

Did you know that the Styriarte also focuses on Johann Joseph Fux? The operas by Johann Joseph Fux (1660-1741) are an undiscovered treasure. They are as Italian as any opera by Handel or Vivaldi but there is more behind them.

styriarte.at

Klingensteiner Achteckstadl Vasoldsberg

The unique rural barn was listed as a historical monument due to its ornamental bricks. A popular spot for selfies: you've come to the right place if you want to take a romantic photo.

vasoldsberg.gv.at

PLANETS TRAIL IN EGGERSDORF



Step by step through the solar system – most of us know relatively little about the rest of the planetary system and the vast distances in our cosmic home. The 6 km long Planets Trail is an educational trail for all generations, guaranteed to broaden your horizons.

Kirchplatz 4, 8063 Eggersdorf bei Graz

T +43 3117 2221, regiongraz.at/en



Planets Trail



Ninjabox



NINJABOX

Discover the ninja in you! The Ninjabox combines the best of ninja sport and parkour over an area of almost 1,000 m².

**Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays,
11 to 10 pm, Saturdays to Sundays,
10 am to 10 pm & public holidays
10 am to 10 pm | Hönigtaier Straße 46,
8301 Kainbach bei Graz**

ninjabox.at



NATURBAD EGGERSDORF NATURAL POOL

Pack your trunks. You will find excellent water quality without any added chemicals at Naturbad Eggersdorf, an inviting place to relax, have fun and play.

Badstraße 5, 8063 Eggersdorf bei Graz

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eggersdorf-graz.gv.at/freizeit



Naturbad Eggersdorf natural pool

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A selection of gourmet
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essigkultur.at

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reiss-heuriger.at

**ALLERLEIEREI,
LASSNITZHÖHE**

T +43 3133 3563
allerleierei.at

**REITZERS GEMÜSEHOF,
LASSNITZHÖHE**

T +43 644 572 3569
reitzers-gemuehof.at



A young man and woman are having a picnic in a lush green field. The woman is sitting on a large, white, curved sculpture, and the man is standing next to it. In the foreground, a wicker picnic basket is open, and a red blanket is laid out with various picnic items like fruit, bread, and a bottle of juice. The background shows a clear blue sky with some clouds.

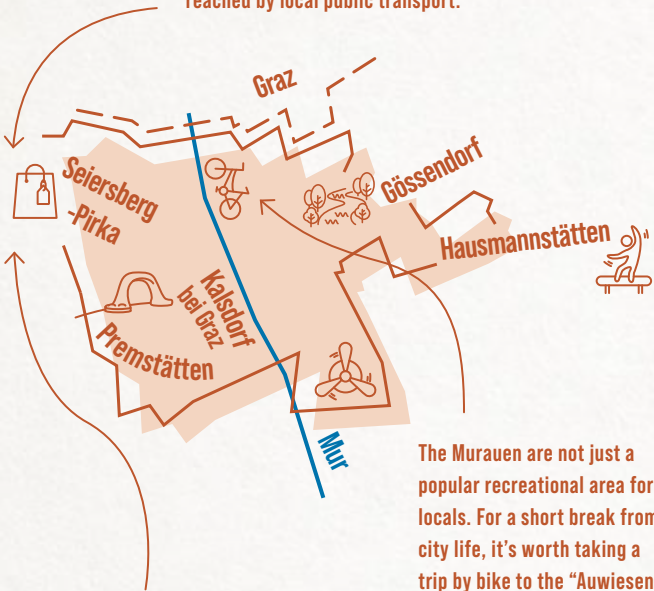
Picnic in the Sculpture Park: simply call Premstätten tourist office the day before to order your picnic basket, pick it up at the Hotel Ramada, and settle down in the Austrian Sculpture Park just a few minutes' walk away and enjoy - a real cultural treat in the countryside.

Hey, let's head

SOUTH

Gössendorf – Hausmannstätten –
Kalsdorf – Premstätten – Seiersberg-Pirka

Very close to the city limits, you can enjoy the Florianiberg and Gedersberg on a stroll in the forest. Can be conveniently reached by local public transport.



The Murauen are not just a popular recreational area for locals. For a short break from city life, it's worth taking a trip by bike to the "Auwiesen" pasture meadows.

Shopping, shopping, shopping!
The biggest shopping centre in the south of Austria, ShoppingCity Seiersberg, with more than 180 shops and catering establishments, is a special shopping experience, and not just in bad weather.

THERE IS ADVENTURE, SPORT, AND RELAXATION IN THE SOUTH

The Mur Cycle Path leads right past here but you should definitely not just cycle “past” but take a break – it’s worth it.

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AUSTRIAN SCULPTURE PARK

Since its foundation in 2003, the Austrian Sculpture Park has established itself as a centre for contemporary sculpture. The fascinating park designed by the landscape architect Dieter Kienast covers an area of around seven hectares and provides space for more than 80 sculptures. Works by renowned artists from Austria communicate with examples of international sculpture here. By the way: The park has also been awarded by the Guardian as one of the 10 best sculpture parks in Europe and can be visited free of charge!

1 April to 31 August, daily 10 am to 8 pm | 1 September to 31 October, daily 10 am to 6 pm |

Thalerhofstraße 85, 8141 Premstätten
T +43 316 8017-9704
skulpturenpark.at



Austrian Sculpture Park



Adrenalinpark



AIRBASE ONE

Fun and thrills for adrenaline junkies are guaranteed at Airbase One. JUMP 25, one of the largest trampoline parks in Austria, captivates with hip attractions such as the landing pits, high performance trampolines, free jump area and the like. The Adrenalinpark is one of the most action-packed high ropes courses in Austria and guarantees a very special kind of climbing fun for all ages.

Waldweg 6, 8401 Kalsdorf

T +43 3135 53171, jump25.at

T +43 664 3252919, adrenalinpark.at



JUMP 25

OUT, OUT TO THE LAKE

When I see the lake,
I don't need the sea anymore.

SCHWARZL LEISURE CENTRE PREMSTÄTTEN

Relaxation and action in the water and on the shore of Schwarzlsee lake: surfing, diving, beach volleyball, wakeboarding, paintball action, camping and much more.

T +43 3135 35770
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Schwarzl Leisure Centre



Copacabana



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HAUSMANNSTÄTTEN**


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kefers.at

**GENUSSBAUERNHOF
HILLEBRAND, PREMSTÄTTEN**

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genussbauernhof.com

**LIENHOF,
SEIERSBERG-PIRKA**

T +43 664 3971359
lienhof.at

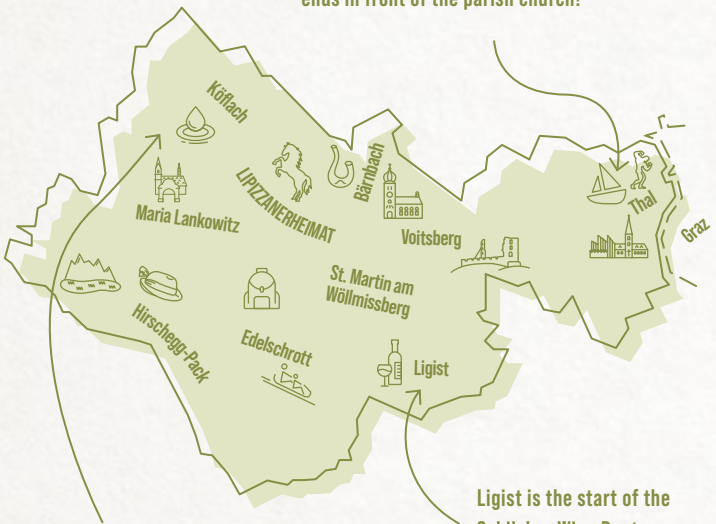
A photograph of a white Lipizzaner horse and a brown foal in a lush green field. The white horse is in the foreground, looking towards the camera. The brown foal is in the mid-ground, also looking towards the camera. The background is filled with dense green foliage and trees under a clear blue sky.

Visit the Lipizzaner paddock and see the ponies, learn all about local hero Arnold Schwarzenegger, jump into the reservoir and cool off, and tear down the mountain with the summer toboggan. Look back on your adventures over a traditional “Brettljause” ploughman’s dinner and a glass of Schilcher, and bring your day in the home of the Lipizzaner to a close in comfort.

Head straight for the WEST

Bärnbach – Edelschrott – Hirschegg-Pack –
Köflach – Ligest – Maria Lankowitz –
St. Martin am Wöllmissberg – Thal – Voitsberg

The Arnold Schwarzenegger circular hiking trail has stops that show the individual stages in Arnold Schwarzenegger's life. It starts and ends in front of the parish church!



Feel good, relax and enjoy yourself – really unwind at the NOVA spa with thermal waters that extend over an area of 1,000 m².

Ligest is the start of the Schilcher Wine Route. Cosy wine taverns invite you to while away the time here.

A FAMOUS SON, WHITE HORSES AND ROMANTIC LAKES IN THE WEST!

In the local recreational area of Graz there are innumerable fun leisure opportunities – they could not be more different.



Thalersee



THALERSEE

This romantic lake offers moments of relaxation and happiness in both summer and winter. Idyllic strolls and peaceful picnic sites see to that. Tip: Hire a pedal boat and enjoy the lake in a relaxed way.

Thalarseestraße 100, 8051 Thal

T +43 316 583483

thal.gv.at



ERNST FUCHS CHURCH – ST JAMES' CHURCH IN THAL

The parish church in Thal, designed by the renowned Austrian artist Ernst Fuchs, sparkles with glass crystals, shimmers in the colours of the rainbow and is full of mythical symbols. The church is the starting point for the West Styrian Way of St James.

Summer time: daily 9 am to 6 pm |

Winter time: daily 9 am to 5 pm |

Am Kirchberg 1, 8051 Thal

T +43 316 572226, thal.gv.at



Ernst Fuchs Church – St. James' Church



Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER MUSEUM



The municipality of Thal is situated about 4 km away from Graz. Never heard of it? At least one citizen from the village has made it to world fame: Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum is located in his former home, where you can get an insight into the world-famous star's childhood and career.

March to October: daily 10 am to

6 pm | **November to February:**

daily 10 am to 5 pm |

Linakstraße 9, 8051 Thal

T +43 316 571947, arnieslife.com

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Johannes Kepler Observatory

Why not reach for the stars? As part of a guided tour, you can take a look through different telescopes and discover many interesting things about the unfathomable expanses of the cosmos.
stav.at



LIPIZZANER STUÐ PIBER

Nestled in the middle of a gentle, green and hilly landscape, the Lipizzaner Stud Piber is open to visitors. Everyone knows the famous Lipizzaner horses from the Vienna Riding School. They grow up and also enjoy their retirement in Piber. The stud farm and the impressive castle are definitely worth a visit.

April to October: daily 9.30 am to 5 pm | November to March: daily Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays 10.30 am to 2.30 pm | Piber 1, 8580 Köflach, T +43 3144 3323, piber.com

Tip: In spring 2023, a climbing park with 60 stations for every level of courage will open at the foot of the castle hill!



ST. BARBARA'S CHURCH – HUNDERTWASSER IN BÄRNBACH

St. Barbara's church in Bärnbach, commonly known as the Hundertwasser church, was imaginatively redesigned by the famous artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. He has created a remarkable artistic landmark in this region with his contribution.

Daily 8 am to 7 pm | Piberstraße 15, 8572 Bärnbach, T +43 3142 62581 katholische-kirche-steiermark.at



Lipizzaner Stud Piber



St. Barbara Church



STOELZLE GLASS-CENTRE

Visitors can admire rarities on the subject of glass and glass production all year round here. By the way, there has been a glass factory in Bärnbach since 1805.

Mid-April to 31 December, Mondays to Fridays, 9 am to 5 pm | Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm | Hochtregister Straße 1, 8572 Bärnbach, T +43 3142 62950 glasmuseum.at



Stoelzle Glass-Centre

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THERME NOVA KÖFLACH

Recharge your batteries and draw new energy during a wellness stay in the spa with 1,000 m² of water and a unique sauna landscape.

An der Quelle 1, 8580 Köflach
T +43 3144 70100-0, novakoeflach.at



Therme NOVA Köflach

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LIGIST – START OF THE SCHILCHER WINE ROUTE



This charming market town is regarded as a hidden gem for visitors who appreciate a certain idyll and unique atmosphere. Delicious treats, excellent wines and the world-famous Schilcher, make Ligist an ideal starting point for setting off out on the trail of the Schilcher.

ligist.gv.at

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

West Styrian Saga Mountain

You will find 24 mystic sagas with artistic illustrations along the steep hill path around the Obervoitsberg castle ruins.

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Whether it's for adrenalin junkies or more relaxed sports enthusiasts of archery, golfing, or even downhill tobogganing.

SCHLOSSBAD BÄRNBACH

T +43 676 846155-280

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ligist.gv.at

VOITSBERG ADVENTURE SWIMMING POOL

T+43 3142 21524

voitsberg.at

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Windhof Course

T+ 43 316 572867

Steinfeld Course

T+43 664 5580536

grazergolf.at

ERZHERZOG JOHANN GOLF COURSE

T +43 3144 6970

golf-marialankowitz.at



Golf Club Thalersee



Llama tours

STEIRARODL PARK



An unforgettable adventure awaits you in Modriach. Here you whiz down the mountain at speeds of up to 40 km/h on the 1,200-metre-long summer toboggan run. With 40 attractions such as a zip line, slide and much more, the park provides varied and exciting highlights.

Modriach 3, 8583 Edelschrott

T +43 664 88383869, steirarodl.at



Steirarodl

● SPORT & LEISURE

Downhill giant scooter on the Salzstiegl

There's only one direction – and that's downhill! The 2-kilometre-long, varied downhill ride on giant scooters takes you not just across country, but also past meadows and forests, and even through a stream course.

salzstiegl.at

Archery Trail "Altes Almhaus"

The 3D fairy tale forest course with 37 stations and 89 target figures leads through the unique mountain meadow scenery of the Stubalm and is also easy to walk for families with children.

Llama tours

Ever had a llama as a hiking companion? No – then it's about time! With "your" llama, you discover the wonderful mountain region and not only enjoy your time together, but also the splendid view into the Hirscheegger Valley.

lama-touren.at



Hebalmsee



HABALM AND HEBALMSEE LAKE

The Hebalm lies on the Styrian side of the border to Carinthia. Here you will find almost pristine nature and an idyllic landscape at just over 1,500 m above sea level. The gently hilly landscape of the Hebalm offers families the ideal setting for leisurely hikes. Not far from Hebalmsee lake, tucked away in the forest, towers a natural monument, known as the “rock oven”. Around it, the wooden outline of Milan Cathedral was created in the natural surroundings, in the form of a wooden walkway. A hiking trail leads to a viewing platform with a breathtaking view.

regiongraz.at/en



PACKER RESERVOIR / HIRZMANN RESERVOIR

Unwind and enjoy unspoilt nature – people looking for relaxation are in exactly the right place at both the Packer and Hirzmann reservoirs. Here you can refresh yourself in the natural cool water and explore the lake in a boat or on a stand-up paddle board.

regiongraz.at/en



Alpine blossoming – “Almrauschblüte”

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

St. Hemma Observatory

Beautiful “out-of-this-world” experiences await you at 1,200 m above sea level. An observation platform with a roll-up roof, two 12-inch reflecting telescopes, a 6-inch refractor and a special solar telescope help you to immerse yourself in the wonderful world of stars.

sternwarteedelschrott.heimat.eu

Almrausch

In June, a unique natural spectacle takes place here – the gorgeous “Almrauschblüte”, the flowering of the alpine rhododendrons!

● EATING & DRINKING

For fish-lovers

Enjoy the view from the terrace of the Buffet Seeblick over the Hirzmann Reservoir and onto the Ströhberne Bridge steeped in history and enjoy the restaurant’s speciality, trout smoked in-house.



Murtal: Red Bull Ring



Eastern Styria: the Garden of Austria



Southern Styria:
Enjoying wine at the Buschenschank



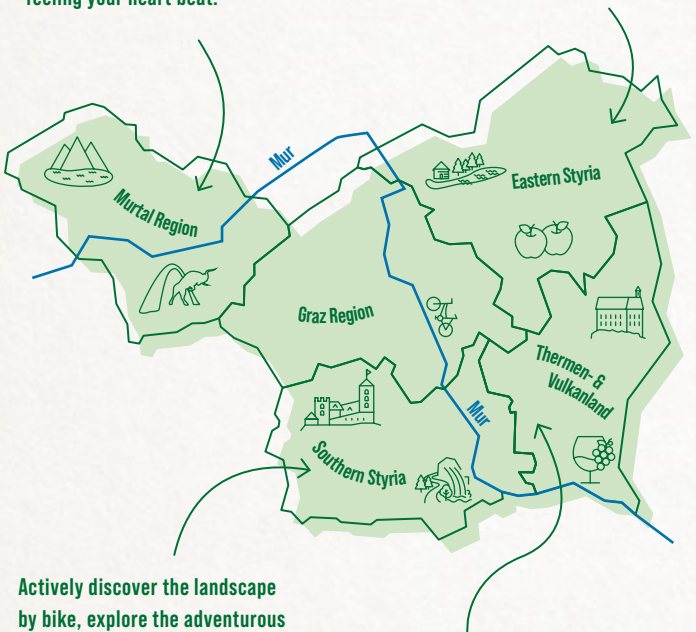
Thermen- & Vulkanland:
Rogner Bad Blumau

There's even more to discover in the NEIGHBOURING REGIONS

Murtal Region – Eastern Styria –
Thermen- & Vulkanland – Southern Styria

Relaxation and action go hand in hand in the Murtal Region. What do all the experiences have in common? The focus is clearly on enjoyment and feeling your heart beat.

Eastern Styria is diversity. From lofty heights to gentle hills, from the view on an alpine pasture to a picnic under a tree, nature reveals its many different faces and inspires the senses.



Actively discover the landscape by bike, explore the adventurous hiking trails step by step or enjoy the excellent wine. Conclusion: Life tastes great in Southern Styria.

Thermen- & Vulkanland is too beautiful not to be there at any time of year. You can enjoy magical moments of happiness and let your worries disappear into thin air here.

MURTAL REGION

... between deceleration
and acceleration

CRYSTAL-CLEAR MOUNTAIN LAKES



The mountain lakes in Murtal are really magical places. Nestled in beautiful panoramas, the Ingeringsee, Winterleitensee, Scheibelsee and many more lakes invite you to slow down and relax. More information about the lakes:

Murtal Region, Red Bull Ring Straße 1, 8724 Spielberg

T +43 3577 26600, murtal.at

WIPFELWANDERWEG TREETOP WALK



The highest treetop walk in Europe guides nature enthusiasts along the treetops of a beautiful, green forest. Along the circular trail, eventful stations such as a forest xylophone, exciting quizzes, entertaining photo points and a 150-metre-long wooden marble track invite visitors to have fun. Experience nature and feel your heart beating here.

End of April to end of October, daily 9 am to 5 pm |

Mitterbach 25, 8720 St. Margarethen

T +43 3512 44599, wipfelwanderweg.at



Ingeringsee, Klementikapelle



RED BULL RING

Welcome to the most beautiful race track in the world. It's not only Formula 1 and MotoGP drivers who prove their skills at the Red Bull Ring every year. Anyone can become an adrenaline-powered racing driver themselves with the driving experiences. Or how about a glimpse behind the scenes of the racing action?

**Daily 8 am to 6 pm | Red Bull Ring
Straße 1, 8724 Spielberg,
T +43 3577 202, redbullring.com**



FAIRY TALE FOREST

Princesses, cowboys and pirates are waiting to tell their stories and experience new adventures together with visitors. The leisure park for the whole family offers fun and action surrounded by green countryside and unspoilt nature in St. Georgen.

**Easter to the end of October,
daily 9 am to 6.30 pm |
Mitterbach 25, 8720 St. Margarethen
T +43 3512 44599, maerchenwald.at**

● SPORT & LEISURE

Take the bike

The innovative cycle path network in Murtal leads from point to point and shows the most beautiful tours through the region.

murtal.at/nimmsradl



Red Bull Ring



Fairy tale forest

EASTERN STYRIA

The Garden of Austria is located 30 km east of Graz.



Almenland Nature Park



Styrian Apple Road



ALMENLAND NATURE PARK, THE LARGEST CONTIGUOUS ALPINE PASTURE AREA

Cows, horses, sheep and the well-known “Almochsen” (mountain oxen) enjoy their summer stay on the spacious meadow landscape around Teichalm lake. The well-marked hiking trails here invite you on tours between the Hochlantsch, the Sommeralm and the Brandlucken. The forest park with its playground equipment and animals, the climbing course and the moor hiking trail through the mountain pine high moor are highlights for all ages.

8163 Fladnitz an der Teichalm

T +43 3179 23000, almenland.at



STYRIAN APPLE ROAD

Here you can cycle 25 km through the orchards, hiking and cycling trails also lead to the farm shops and catering establishments. In the apple village of Puch lies the “Haus des Apfels”, the fruit tree museum with the special “The Secret of the Apple Men” exhibition.

8182 Puch bei Weiz, T +43 3177 3117, motschank-kelz.at



STUBENBERGSEE LAKE

With its 40 hectares, Stubenberg lake is not only the largest, but usually also the warmest swimming lake in the country. Sand playground for the little ones, diving rocks and beach volleyball, shady sunbathing lawns and plenty of catering make it a popular leisure facility. The new “Seehof-Beachclub”, the electric ship, the sailing school, several mini-golf courses and a large leisure park are the attractions at the lake.

8223 Stubenberg am See

T +43 3178 8822, stubenbergsee.at



PÖLLAUER TAL NATURE PARK

Two magnificent churches, imaginative gardens, varied hiking trails and delicious products based on the Pöllauer Hirschbirne pear. Regional insider tips: Fandler oil mill and Ebner patisserie.

8225 Pöllau bei Hartberg, T +43 3335 4210

naturpark-poellauertal.at, fandler.at

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Steiermark Schau

„Diversity of Life“

The major exhibition at Tierwelt Herberstein will take place from 29 April to 5 November. Life in all its forms plays out in the “Haus der Biodiversität”, in the Herberstein Gorge and in the Mobile Pavilion.

steiermarkschau.at



Rendering of “Steiermark Schau” viewing platform

THERMEN- & VULKANLAND

Too beautiful not to be there!



Riegersburg



RIEGERSBURG

Visible from afar, the over 850-year-old Riegersburg Castle towers on an extinct volcanic rock and offers a stunning view over the vineyards in south-eastern Styria. The most beautiful way to explore this fortress complex is along the historic footpath or the Leopoldklettersteig. If you want to get there quicker, you can take the panorama lift up to the castle.

Riegersburg 1, 8333 Riegersburg
T +43 3153 8213, dieriegersburg.at



Zotter chocolate factory



ZOTTER CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Unbeatable taste sensations from one of the best chocolate manufacturers in the world! Over 500 different varieties, hand-made and temptingly filled. The world of experience from the cocoa bean to the bar and the “Edible Zoo” are a must-see.

Bergl 56, 8333 Riegersburg
T +43 3152 5554, zotter.at

VINOTHEK STEIERMARK IN ST. ANNA AM AIGEN



Over 200 wines from 120 vintners provide an overview of Styrian wine in every respect. A place that challenges all the senses, in the centre of the wine village of St. Anna am Aigen with a beautiful view. The Vinothek is the starting point for the “Wine Trail of the Senses”, which leads uniquely through vineyards, meadows and forests and past many wine taverns.

Marktstraße 6, 8354 St. Anna am Aigen

T +43 3158 2801, vinothek-steiermark.at

● EATING & DRINKING

Culinary treasures

Wine tavern after wine tavern nestle in the gentle (wine) hills, between cosy inns, exquisite gourmet restaurants and producers of traditional Styrian specialties. A delight in any case!

thermen-vulkanland.at

● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Vulkanland Route 66

The 80-kilometre-long road that leads to zest for life offers the highest density of interactive factories. You can sample and enjoy regional delicacies from Vulcano ham to Gölles' fine brandy.

vulkanlandroute66.at

● SPORT & LEISURE

Variety of thermal baths

Soft, healing thermal water provides warmth and well-being at the 6 thermal spas Parktherme Bad Radkersburg, Therme der Ruhe Bad Gleichenberg, Thermenresort Loipersdorf, Rogner Bad Blumau, H2O-Hotel-Therme-Resort and Heiltherme Bad Waltersdorf. The hot springs drawn from depths of up to 3,000 metres exude energy and a zest for life. A visit to the thermal baths contributes to your beauty, health and inner balance.

thermen-vulkanland.at

SOUTHERN STYRIA

For wine lovers –
wonderful & romantic.



Deutschlandsberg Castle



Stainzer Flascherzug



ARCHEO NORICO CASTLE AND CASTLE MUSEUM

The Archeo Norico Museum housed in Deutschlandsberg Castle is an absolute highlight in the Styrian museum landscape. With its eight varied exhibitions, it guarantees visitors a fascinating time at the museum.

April to October, Tuesdays, Sundays and public holidays, 10 am to 6 pm; guided tours for 10 people or more by appointment | Burgplatz 2, 8530 Deutschlandsberg, T +43 3462 5602, burgmuseum.at



STAINZER FLASCHERZUG

Enjoy a nostalgic train ride through the Schilcher pumpkin seed oil country with the legendary Stainzer Flascherzug from Stainz to Preding and back. The name Flascherzug comes from the time when Höllerhansl (1866-1935) practised as a miracle doctor. Our tip: There are always special rides for families, at Halloween, in autumn with storm & chestnuts and at Christmas.

Mondays to Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm (office hours),

T +43 664 96 15 205, Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays the ticket office is available for you from 2 to 3 pm on T +43 3463 2230. |

Bahnhofstraße 28, 8510 Stainz, flascherzug.at



MOTORIKPARK GAMLITZ AND NATURAL SWIMMING POND

The motor skills park built around the Gamlitz landscape ponds is the largest of its kind in Europe with its 41 stations and almost 150 exercise elements. You cannot train your coordination and motor skills better anywhere else than here. New highlight: the fairy village for the whole family.

**open to the public, paid parking |
Untere Hauptstraße 455,
8462 Gamlitz, T +43 3453 2667
motorikpark.com**



Motorikpark Gamlitz



HEILIGENGEISTKLAMM GORGE

The Heiligengeistklamm gorge in Leutschach on the wine route truly deserves the title “natural gem”. You enter this breathtaking natural spectacle from the Spitzmühle and immerse yourself in a world of rich vegetation and biodiversity. An impressive hiking experience that leads steadily uphill over hill and dale, past small and larger waterfalls.

**open to the public | Großwalz 19,
8463 Leutschach a. d. Weinstraße
T +43 5 77 30 520**



Heiligengeistklamm

CYCLING TOURS

In the region surrounding Graz, the capital of delight, enjoyment is our top priority! And there's really more than enough to experience here.

Breathtaking natural scenery, historic cultural monuments and modern art, stunning views and panoramas, secluded lakes for swimming, traditional specialties and modern award-winning cuisine, freshly brewed beer and fine wine, long hiking trails and a varied network of cycle paths.

The popular Mur Cycling Path R2 is the main cycle route in the Graz Region. It runs from the mountainous region of Graz in the north to the flat plains of the Graz basin in the south. There are also plenty of other interesting cycle routes to the left and right of the River Mur which connect to the Mur Cycling

Path and the city of Graz and can be combined with each other. We have put together a brochure which describes some of our best cycling tours in detail for e-bikers and sporty touring cyclists – including information about the elevation, time needed, interesting features of the surrounding area, etc. These circular cycling tours take you to the most interesting destinations and attractions around Graz.

regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling

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regiongraz.at/en, [#visitregiongraz](https://twitter.com/visitregiongraz)



Frohnleiten



Cycling in Weintzen

TIPS FOR HARDY HOLIDAYMAKERS

As everyone knows, there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes.



The sun always shines in the Graz Region! Not entirely true, of course, but it is true that the weather gods are often kind to the Styrian capital. It is not for nothing that the city is known for its southern flair. Nevertheless, there is always a chance that the weather may not play ball. Then a varied alternative programme is called for.

More ideas for an entertaining programme if the weather is bad can be found here:
regiongraz.at/weatherproof



● TIPS

- JUMP 25
jump25.at
- Lurgrotte Cave
in Peggau & Semriach
lurgrotte.com | lurgrotte.at
- Rein Abbey
stift-rein.at
- Sensenwerk Deutschfeistritz
scythe factory
sensenwerk.at
- Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum
arnieslife.com
- Therme NOVA Köflach
novakoefflach.at
- Bärnbach Glass Museum
glas-museum.at
- ShoppingCity Seiersberg
shoppingcityseiersberg.at

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ALWAYS WORTH A TRIP

The quickest way to get to the Graz Region.



flughafen-graz.at



oebb.at



asfinag.at

GETTING THERE

Many roads lead to the Graz Region. And whether it's by car, in environmentally-friendly style by train or by plane – there's kind of no way around it. Styria is always worth a visit!



regiongraz.at/en



Our information locations at a glance:

GRAZ REGION TOURIST INFORMATION

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