

# GRAZ REGION

FROM CITY TO  
COUNTRYSIDE  
IN 10 MINUTES



# GRAZ REGION – VARIETY IN ALL SEASONS

365 days of holiday fun! Whether spring, summer, autumn or winter – each season has its very own incentive.



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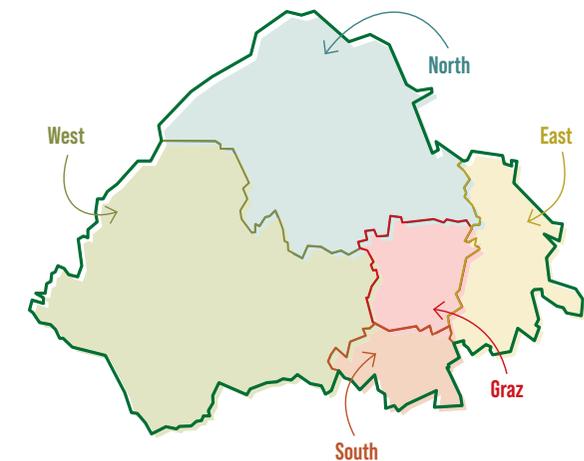
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# FROM CITY TO COUNTRY- SIDE IN 10 MINUTES

The city of Graz combines pleasure, culture, design and an urban lifestyle. From the urban flair of the city it is just a few kilometres out into the countryside. Rare natural spectacles and cultural gems, steep slopes along the wine routes, the summer retreat of the world-famous white horses at the “Lipizzanerheimat” and the life of Arnold Schwarzenegger are waiting to be discovered. It’s wonderful to take a deep breath surrounded by the fresh green outdoors and enjoy the unspoilt nature and beauty of Styria.

## CITY OF CONTRASTS

Graz is the second largest city in Austria and the only Capital of Delight, European Capital of Culture 2003 and City of Design! Styria’s lively, charming and Mediterranean-style capital is a city that boasts a wealth of culture, events, culinary delights and shopping opportunities. Old meets new. Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque intermingle with modern architecture. Graz’s “city crown”, the incomparable roof landscape and the hidden courtyards make the old town of Graz a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the heart of the city rises the Schlossberg with the Clock Tower known beyond the city limits as a landmark.



Clock tower



View from the Schlossberg

## LAND OF VARIETY

Locals love the authentic recreational area just outside the city. Without having to travel far, they can quickly recharge their batteries through cycling, hiking, forest bathing, golfing or swimming. The Graz Region beckons with top attractions and incomparable adventures in all directions. There are interesting sights to match all preferences: history and stories, impressive religious and secular buildings, nature experiences and culinary delights. But also picturesque little towns, spa fun as well as the majestic Lipizzaner horses at the Piber Stud. Some of Styria’s top destinations are found in the Graz Region, including the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing, the Lurgrotte – the largest water-flowing stalactite cave in Austria – the Therme NOVA Köflach thermal spa, the Austrian Sculpture Park and the Rein Cistercian Abbey. [regiongraz.at](http://regiongraz.at)



Edegger-Tax royal bakery in Graz



Schwarzl Leisure Centre in Premstätten



View from the Schöckl



Lipizzaner Stud Piber

# WONDERFULLY WALKABLE – EXPERIENCE NATURE AND DISCOVER NEW THINGS

Crazy for fresh air, altitude and awareness of life? In almost no other region is such a varied natural scenery or such an attractive range of outdoor experiences – all in the immediate vicinity of an international capital of culture and delight.

## VARIETY GUARANTEED



The state capital Graz is the gateway to the region’s hiking paradise. From the Hebalmbalm to the Gleinalmbalm to the Schöckl, any number of superb walks are available that are certain to thrill everyone who loves the great outdoors. Choose from a cosy city walk, a romantic walk in the alpine pastures, a hike with the whole crew, an adventure for connoisseurs and bon vivants, a stroll by the river and lake or an imposing summit climb. The reward of magnificent panoramic views is guaranteed.



Hiking with the whole crew

## GUIDED HIKES



In order to make this richly faceted range of hiking opportunities easily accessible to all who like to spend time outdoors and wish to share this experience with others, the Graz Region offers guided hikes throughout the year. This is a good opportunity to get to know new hiking routes under expert guidance.



Sunrise hike



Hiking snack at the alpine cabin



Take a look at the brochure “Wandern rund um Graz” and be inspired by the numerous tour suggestions! [regiongraz.at/hiking](https://regiongraz.at/hiking)



## EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

Any for whom that is not enough should not miss the chance to spend the night on the mountain. A cosy evening with a hearty cabin snack on the alpine pasture, a sky full of stars and a unique morning mood are among the very special mountain experiences.

Go wild with a relaxing tour through meadows and forests with fluffy alpacas and on a mountain tour with “your” lama. The stress of everyday life is forgotten.



Hiking with lamas

# CYCLING FULL OF ENJOYMENT – SAVOUR THE VIEWS & FEEL THE HEADWIND

There's more than enough to discover on two wheels: breathtaking nature, historic cultural monuments and modern art, stunning views and panoramas, refreshing lakes for swimming, regional delicacies and modern award-winning cuisine, wine gardens and taverns and a varied network of cycling paths.

## MUR CYCLE PATH



The popular Mur Cycling Path R2 is the main cycle route in the Graz Region. It runs from the Graz mountains in the north to the flat plains of the Graz basin in the south and right through Graz. There are plenty of other interesting cycle paths on both sides of the River Mur that connect to the Mur Cycle Path and the city of Graz and can be combined with each other.



Cycling along the Mur



The nicest e-bike tours are summarised and described in detail in the brochure "E-Bike Genuss-Radeln" – including exact elevation profiles, duration of the tour and attractions on the route. [regiongraz.at/cycling](http://regiongraz.at/cycling)



Discover the region on the cycling tours

## E-BIKING



These circular tours lead to the most interesting excursion destinations and gourmet establishments around Graz. While the southern part of the region with its flat cycle paths is ideal for leisure riders, the scenic and hilly Hügelland area in the east is perfect for cyclists looking for more of a challenge. The routes in the mountainous region of Graz and around the Schöckl mountain are more demanding with some big climbs. However, riders are rewarded with beautiful panoramas and scenic stretches through mountains and natural landscapes. Walk in the steps of Arnold Schwarzenegger and the world-famous Lipizzaner horses in the hilly western area of Graz. In summary: there's something for every type of cyclist in the Graz Region!



Cycle-friendly city Graz

## BIKE & HIKE



Cycling and hiking – the perfect combination of two sustainable ways of travelling. Thanks to the well-developed S-Bahn system in the Graz Region, you can comfortably travel to the starting point of the tour, before undertaking the first kilometres towards the summit by bike and enjoying the landscape. The final metres towards wide panoramas are scaled on foot.



Mur Cycle Path, Rabenstein Castle in Frohnleiten

Austria's second largest city represents over 900 years of culture – almost no other city has so much to offer in such a small space, and the sunny flair of the south is a nice added bonus.

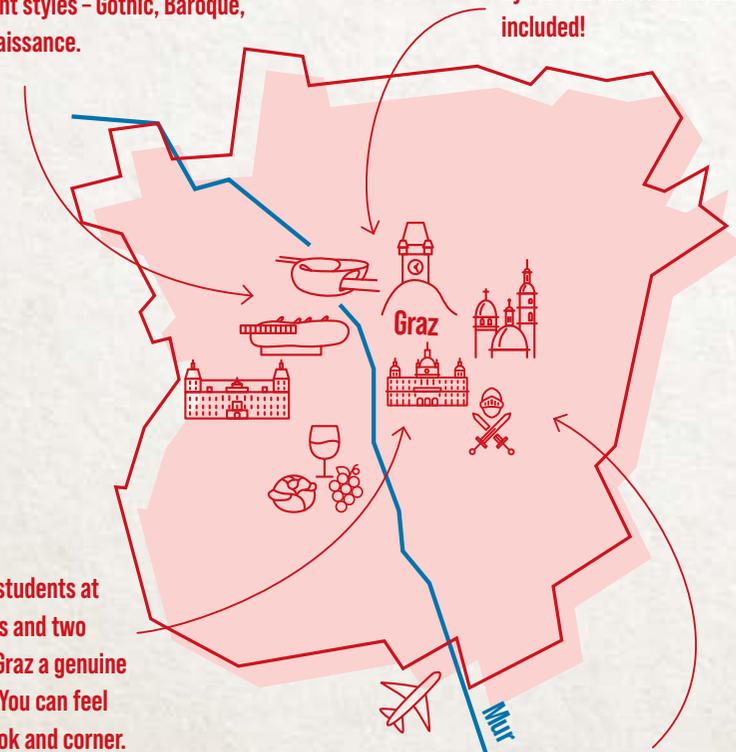


As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Graz is famous for its superbly preserved roofscape.

# A love that lasts. GRAZ

Graz is also a place of modern architecture. The Old Town (Altstadt) of Graz owes its “UNESCO World Heritage” status to its colourful hodgepodge of different styles – Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance.

Shopping with culture! In the historic centre of Graz, modern shops, historical buildings and street cafés can be found side by side. Mediterranean flair included!



Almost 60,000 students at four universities and two colleges make Graz a genuine university city. You can feel this in every nook and corner.

As Austria's only Capital of Delight, Graz serves up delicious, regional products and excellent gastronomy!

# CULTURE, DESIGN, PLEASURE AND A SPECIAL ATTITUDE TO LIFE

More than 900 years of lively history of Austria's second-largest city: many testimonies to this fast-moving past, many references to the present and many a vision for the future. Nowhere else in the world is such an outstanding architecture of all building styles to be found in such a small space. From the Middle Ages to the 21st century. It is therefore no wonder that the Old Town of Graz was adopted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

## SCHLOSSBERG | CLOCK TOWER



Sooner or later, you will find yourself up here on the green mountain in the middle of the old town and will just not be able to get enough of the view: the view from the Schlossberg in Graz onto the city's brick-red roofscape is indescribable. It is definitely worth taking a look around. The heart of the clock tower alone – the city's landmark – has been ticking for Graz since 1712. The hands have been replaced since then, but one can always read the exact time from its faces. The catering leaves nothing to be desired and is a popular meeting place, not just among locals.

[regiongraz.at/schlossberg-en](http://regiongraz.at/schlossberg-en)  
[regiongraz.at/clock-tower](http://regiongraz.at/clock-tower)



Clock tower

## MAUSOLEUM



Above the mausoleum, turquoise-coloured roof domes stand out against the bright blue sky and form a splendid cityscape together with the cathedral and St. Catherine's Church. Emperor Ferdinand II had this impressive memorial here in Graz planned by his court painter Giovanni Pietro de Pomis.

[regiongraz.at/mausoleum-en](http://regiongraz.at/mausoleum-en)

## EGGENBERG PALACE



Eggenberg Palace is a unique total artwork of the Baroque, and is not to be missed. With the exquisite interior of its staterooms, the extensive historic landscaped garden and the collections and exhibitions of the Universalmuseum Joanneum housed in the castle, it is a UNESCO World Heritage site and thus one of Austria's most precious cultural assets. The Alte Galerie, the Coin Cabinet and the Archaeology Museum offer exhibitions and varying programmes.

[regiongraz.at/eggenberg-palace](http://regiongraz.at/eggenberg-palace)



Mausoleum

### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

**Schlossberg guided tour**  
The guided tour of the Schlossberg takes place from May to October.  
[regiongraz.at/guided-tours](http://regiongraz.at/guided-tours)

**Graz Museum Schlossberg**  
The Graz Museum Schlossberg is a gateway to the his-

tory of Graz's city hill. Open all-year-round and partly an "open-air museum".  
[regiongraz.at/graz-museum-schlossberg-en](http://regiongraz.at/graz-museum-schlossberg-en)

### ● SPORT & LEISURE

**Schlossberg Slide**  
The "Schlossberg Slide" is the highest underground slide

in the world at 64 metres high. Visitors can take the rapid 175-metre route from the Schlossberg hill to the Schlossberg tunnels.  
[regiongraz.at/the-slide](http://regiongraz.at/the-slide)



Kunsthau Graz

### KUNSTHAUS GRAZ



Astonishment, enthusiasm, incredulity. The Kunsthaus Graz, affectionately known as the "Friendly Alien", floats between the roofs of Graz's old town like a mysterious bubble. The spectacular architecture of the Kunsthaus leaves nobody indifferent and neither do the changing exhibitions in the museum for contemporary art.

[regiongraz.at/kunsthau-en](http://regiongraz.at/kunsthau-en)

### LANDHAUS COURTYARD



The Landhaus, especially its inner courtyard with its arcades, is regarded as a masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance. Behind the arched windows, the Styrian state parliament meets in its assembly hall. In Advent, the courtyard provides the fitting setting for the famous ice nativity scene. Between these, concerts, plays and all kinds of celebrations are held in the Landhaus in the glamorous atmosphere of the courtyard.

[regiongraz.at/landhaus-courtyard](http://regiongraz.at/landhaus-courtyard)



Landhaus courtyard

### STYRIAN ARMOURY



Shining swords and masterpieces of gun-smithery – here in the world's biggest historical armoury one feels immersed in the spirit of history! Around 32,000 authentic items of military equipment have been exhibited at this unique place since the 17th century.

[regiongraz.at/armoury](http://regiongraz.at/armoury)

### MURINSEL



The Murinsel Graz was commissioned on the occasion of the Capital of Culture Year 2003. It certainly not only represents a link between city and river, but also strikes a bridge between the very different parts of the city.

[regiongraz.at/murinsel-en](http://regiongraz.at/murinsel-en)



Murinsel

Island or ship? It is not so easy to categorise the extravagant steel construction by the American artist Vito Acconci.

### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Glockenspiel

Come and dance with me! The Glockenspiel on the eponymous Glockenspielplatz in Graz leads the way. A sweet lass and a hearty lad in colourful traditional dress spin around there three times a day (11 am, 3 pm, 6 pm) in the gable of the house on the square.

[regiongraz.at/glockenspiel-en](http://regiongraz.at/glockenspiel-en)

#### Double-spiral staircase

This Gothic double-spiral staircase – housed in the "Grazer Burg" – is a masterpiece of the art of masonry at the end of the Gothic era.

[regiongraz.at/double-spiral-staircase](http://regiongraz.at/double-spiral-staircase)

#### Joanneumsviertel

The Joanneumsviertel is not only the centrepiece of the Universalmuseum Joanneum, but also an important town-planning accent in the city centre of Graz.

[regiongraz.at/joanneum-quarter](http://regiongraz.at/joanneum-quarter)

### ● EATING & DRINKING

#### City life

You can go by foot from one establishment to another – there is more than enough choice and everything is so close together. In the summer months, life takes place outdoors – there are not only the mediterranean pub gardens, but also numerous open-air events to entice you out in the evening.

[genusshauptstadt.at](http://genusshauptstadt.at)



Kaiser-Josef Market

**GRAZ OPERA HOUSE**



The Graz Opera House was built in 1899 according to plans of the famous architect duo Helmer and Fellner. Here, tradition and modernity meet in impressive fashion. Hartmut Skerbisch's steel sculpture "Lichtschwert" (light sabre), which stands in front of the opera house as a symbol of openness and tolerance, forms an exciting contrast.

[regiongraz.at/opera](http://regiongraz.at/opera)

**KAISER-JOSEF MARKET**



Graz's largest farmers' market can be found behind the opera house on Kaiser-Josef-Platz. The farmers from the region bring their self-produced products into the city and offer its residents the chance to buy fruit, vegetables, plants, flowers, seed oil, bread and much more. A special experience for the eyes and the tastebuds.

[regiongraz.at/kaiser-josef-market](http://regiongraz.at/kaiser-josef-market)



Graz Museum Schlossberg

**GRAZ MUSEUM**



Graz Museum is the cultural history museum of the city of Graz, whose collections and exhibitions deal with both the history and the present of the city. The Graz Museum Schlossberg presents the history of the Schlossberg and its significance for Graz in a contemporary way.

[regiongraz.at/graz-museum-en](http://regiongraz.at/graz-museum-en)



Franciscan Monastery

**FRANCISCAN CHURCH & ABBEY**



The Franciscan church, a Gothic hall church, is connected to the Franciscan abbey. Take a look inside the abbey; the Gothic cloister to the Chapel of St. James will impress you!

[regiongraz.at/franciscan-monastery](http://regiongraz.at/franciscan-monastery)

● **SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

**Graz Card**

Discover Graz in 24, 48 or 72 hours. Public transport, museums, Schlossberg are included here.

[graz-card.com](http://graz-card.com)

**Guided tour of the Old Town**

From January to December, the Old Town tour takes place daily at 2.30 pm.

takes place every Friday at 4 pm.

**Inner Courtyards & More tour**

From May to October, the Inner Courtyards & More tour



You will find more information and tours at: [regiongraz.at/guided-tours](http://regiongraz.at/guided-tours)

# GRAZ, CAPITAL OF DELIGHT

Eat. Drink. Enjoy.

## THE LONG TABLE OF AUSTRIA'S CAPITAL OF DELIGHT

The Capital of Delight's highlight of the year is undoubtedly the Long Table: A wonderful late summer's evening, a stunningly laid table, superb culinary delights, fine wines from the local region and the magical backdrop of the Schlossberg, clock tower and town hall – these are the ingredients for an incredibly enjoyable evening.

[regiongraz.at/long-table](https://regiongraz.at/long-table)

## TRAVEL TO PLEASURE BY OPEN-TOPPED BUS

Culinary tours of the city centre are very popular and already have a long tradition in Graz. Anyone who likes to be even more comfortable and would like to get to know some worthwhile culinary destinations outside the city centre – obviously with expert accompaniment from a qualified guide – should just get on board!

[graztourismus.at](https://graztourismus.at)

## CULINARY CITY TOURS

A leisurely tour with appetising calling points on the way, garnished with amusing anecdotes. With lots of interesting information about cookery and enjoying great food, about the origins and special attributes of our products – complemented of course by appetising samples from kitchen and cellar. Strolling, eating and drinking is the motto!

[genusshauptstadt.at](https://genusshauptstadt.at)

## GRAZ TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

Graz has a little culinary sensation in store. Various types and varieties of truffle have been discovered in the city forests! The Truffle Festival's programme includes guided hikes, an international truffle market and truffle dishes in the partner establishments.

[regiongraz.at/truffle](https://regiongraz.at/truffle)



The Long Table of Austria's Capital of Delight



Culinary city tours



Trip by open-topped bus



Graz Truffle Festival

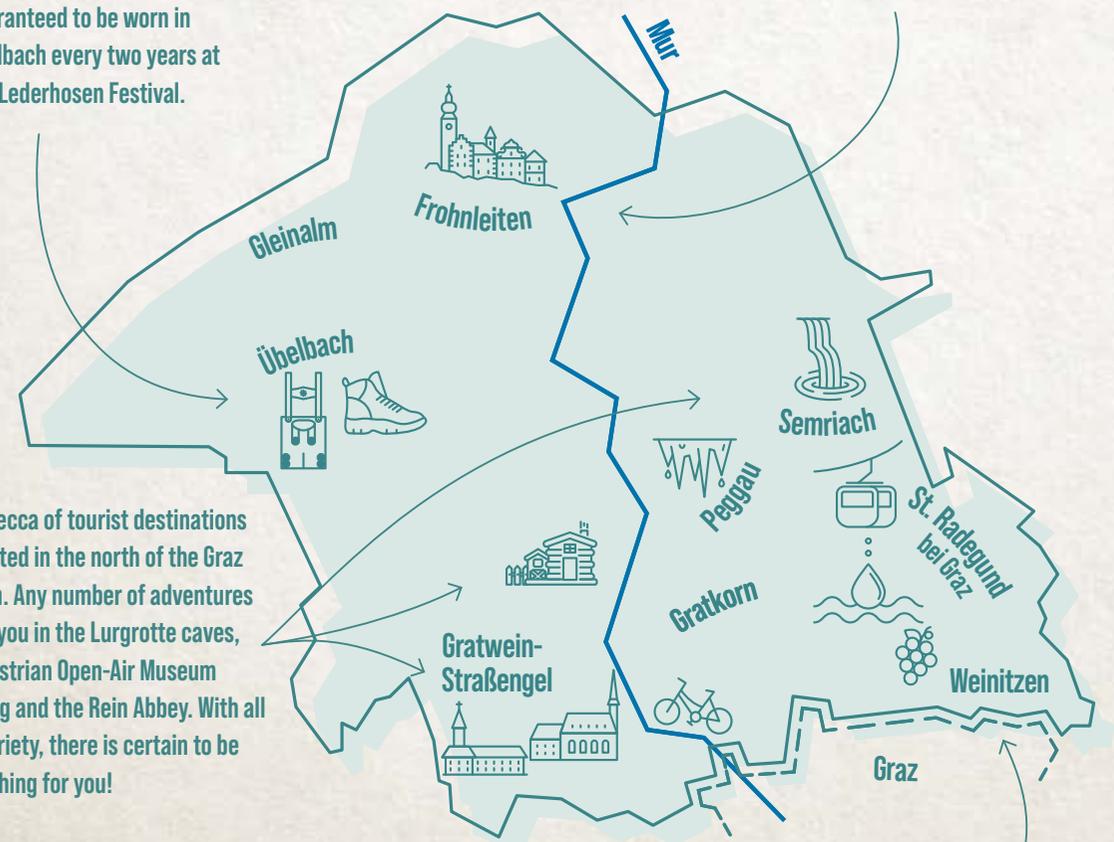
The north is dominated by Graz's local mountain, the Schöckl. Graz's mountainous region and the Gleinalm mountain range await with many secret tips, small and large summit climbs – from the Hochalpe to the four one-thousanders around Rein Abbey up to the frontiers of the state capital Graz.

# Let's head NORTH

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

If you drive north from Graz, after about 30 km the romantic skyline of Frohnleiten will catch your eye. Discover this more than 700-year-old town located directly on the river Mur.

Dirndls and lederhosen are guaranteed to be worn in Übelbach every two years at the Lederhosen Festival.



The mecca of tourist destinations is located in the north of the Graz Region. Any number of adventures await you in the Lurgrotte caves, the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing and the Rein Abbey. With all the variety, there is certain to be something for you!

Nature adventure trail at the Eisenbergerhof in Weinitzen – ten stations for meditation in harmony with nature!



# NATURE AND CULTURE YOU CAN TOUCH – FEEL THE DNA OF THE NORTH

Healing springs, fascinating caves, rushing waterfalls, tranquil rural life as in times gone by – these are just some of the highlights in the north of the Graz Region.

## AUSTRIAN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM STÜBING



Wander through the whole of Austria in a few hours, from Burgenland to Vorarlberg, and at the same time also get to know the idyllic surroundings, ways of building and living, and regionally typical tools of bygone days – possible and worthwhile in the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing. It is a world of rural life and work that lives on and can be discovered with all the senses in a side valley of the Mur in about one hundred original rural buildings from 6 centuries.

[freilichtmuseum.at](http://freilichtmuseum.at)



Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing

## FROHNLEITEN



Romance, atmosphere and unspoiled outdoor experiences combine into a very special excursion destination: Frohnleiten. The Mediterranean main square with its cosy beer gardens in a historical setting and the Volkshauspark with its variety of plants idyllically situated on the banks of the Mur make Frohnleiten a place where you are always happy to stay a little longer. One special treat are the entertaining music events from jazz to classical music and the theatre on the main square.

[regiongraz.at/frohnleiten-en](http://regiongraz.at/frohnleiten-en)



Tiebersee



Frohnleiten



Maria Straßengel Pilgrimage Church

### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Maria Straßengel Pilgrimage Church

The Maria Straßengel Pilgrimage Church, enthroned on a hill to the north of Graz, is visible from far away. An important church building of Austrian High Gothic. [regiongraz.at/maria-strassengel-pilgrimage-church](http://regiongraz.at/maria-strassengel-pilgrimage-church)

#### Fairy tale trails

Fairy tales are enchanting! On the Fairy Tale Trails in Peggau and Semriach, exciting fairy tales and vivid stories cast their spell on young and old. [regiongraz.at/theme-paths](http://regiongraz.at/theme-paths)

### ● SPORT & LEISURE

#### Murhof Golf Club

A day of golf at the Murhof is always something special! In the spring, the delicate perfume of a thousand narcissi wafts through the fairways. In summer, this place is as well-shaded as an English garden. In autumn, it lives up to the motto “fresh, juicy, Styrian” with all kinds of ripe fruit. [murhof.at](http://murhof.at)

#### Tieber Leisure Centre

Relaxation and soaking up the sun out in the country, fun in the water – the Sport & Leisurpark Frohnleiten and the Tieber Leisure Centre

offer this and much more besides.

[tiebersee.com](http://tiebersee.com)

#### Mur Cycle Path

The R2 Mur Cycle Path is prominent in the north, running from the direction of Frohnleiten via Gratkorn to Graz and further into the south. It connects numerous attractions such as Rabenstein Castle, the Lurgrotte cave in Peggau and the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing, making it ideal for exploring the north on two wheels.

[murradweg.com](http://murradweg.com)



It is possible to take a look behind the walls of the Rein Cistercian Abbey with the monks of Rein!



Hexenexpress Schöckl in St. Radegund

## SCHÖCKL



Although it is not exactly the highest at 1,445 metres, the Schöckl, Graz's local mountain, is still a popular excursion destination. Many people hike on it several times a week, scale it by mountain bike or appreciate the ride up there from St. Radegund by cable car, to quickly get into its heights and away from everyday life. The Schöckl is also a special adventure for all fans of paragliding, for mountain bikers and downhill cyclists. Further challenges such as the Schöckl Trail Area and the motor-skills obstacle course "Balance" await. [schoeckl.at](https://schoeckl.at)

## REIN CISTERCIAN ABBEY



The Baroque monastery of Rein rises picturesquely around 20 km away from Graz. Cistercian monks have lived here continuously since 1129, making it the world's oldest still-active Cistercian monastery. 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. [stift-rein.at](https://stift-rein.at)



View from the Schöckl

## ● SPORT & LEISURE

### St. Radegund Spring Trails

The 22 springs are strung together like a string of pearls along the extensive hiking trails. Thanks to the varied soil conditions and other influences, the ebullient waters of the individual springs have an individual composition – resulting in different curative effects. [regiongraz.at/spring-trail](https://regiongraz.at/spring-trail)

### Bad Weihermühle

This natural swimming lake offers relaxation and entertainment for those seeking rest and recreation and sports lovers – not only in summer, but also in winter. [erlebnisbad-weihermuehle.at](https://erlebnisbad-weihermuehle.at)

### Schöckl Climbing Park

At the foot of the Schöckl, all climbing fans definitely get

their money's worth. Four different routes in different levels of difficulty guide you in heights of two to twelve metres.

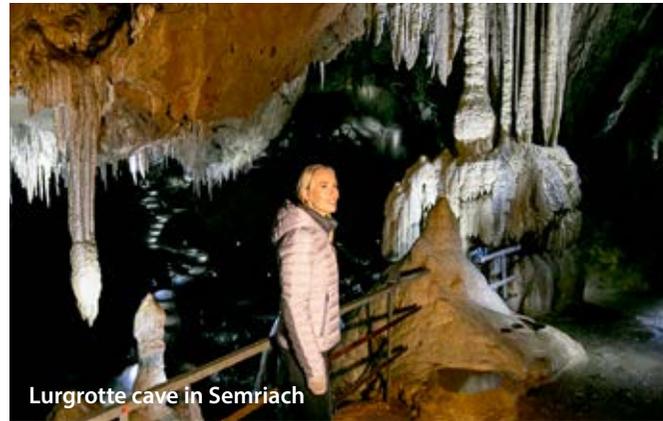
[kletterpark-schoeckl.at](https://kletterpark-schoeckl.at)

### LURGROTTE IN SEMRIACH



Stalactites cling to the ceiling, stalagmites grow from the ground. This mnemonic will perhaps help you to distinguish the wonderful dripstone formations in the Lurgrotte cave. It is Austria's biggest dripstone cave, in which enchantingly delicate yet mighty artworks have been forming in the lime deposits for millions of years. Special lighting and sound effects allow one to grasp the full extent of this bizarre dripstone underworld – which includes the world's biggest freehanging stalactite.

[lurgrotte.at](http://lurgrotte.at)



Lurgrotte cave in Semriach

### LURGROTTE CAVE IN PEGGAU



In the guided tour through the Lurgrotte from the Peggau side one is constantly accompanied by the water. It gurgles and patters, it roars and rumbles, but it also forms peaceful lakes and underlines the meditative mood. Since 2019, the Prehistoric Museum Peggau has been located in the Lurgrotte. On their journey into prehistory, whoever enters the Lurgrotte in Peggau will encounter the skeleton of a cave bear, a mammoth's tusk and plants that apparently grow without daylight.

[lurgrotte.com](http://lurgrotte.com)

A dream home in the Lurgrotte: Bats are loyal little creatures! If they feel comfortable somewhere, they keep returning to the same place for their whole lives – with a life expectancy of up to 30 years! In winter, around 800 bats find a peaceful home in the Lurgrotte Peggau – one of Styria's biggest destinations for cave-hibernating bats.



Lurgrotte cave in Peggau

### SEMRIACH IS A HIKING PARADISE



The hiker looking for recreation will find in Semriach a compact network of hiking trails ranging from easy footpaths to demanding mountain routes with height differences of up to 800 metres. The romantic Kesselfallklamm gorge can also be easily crossed with children, thanks to well-secured climbing paths. After approx. 1.5 hours of exciting walking time and 200 metres in altitude, your Kesselfall snack will taste especially good! [regiongraz.at/semriach-en](http://regiongraz.at/semriach-en)



Kesselfallklamm gorge in Semriach

#### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

##### Rabenstein Castle

Up on a rocky spur, Rabenstein Castle towers and watches over the Mur valley. The castle's beginnings date back to the 12th century. You also get a great view of the castle as you pass on the Mur Cycle Path. [burg-rabenstein.at](http://burg-rabenstein.at)

#### ● SPORT & LEISURE

##### Archery in Semriach

Experts and beginners can prove their accuracy with a bow at 9 archery ranges with a distance of 18 m in

an indoor hall. Anyone who prefers to pursue archery outdoors will find just what they are looking for on the 3D course with 28 three-dimensional "animals". Starting point and registration are located at the Trattnerhof inn. [bsc.semriach.com](http://bsc.semriach.com)

##### Archery in Gratwein-Straßengel

Archery is now also available in the municipality of Gratwein-Straßengel! As soon as you enter the 3D Styrian Archers' Parcours, you are enthralled by the idyllic nature and the atmosphere

of a primeval forest. There are numerous 3D wild animals waiting for the whole family – whether young or old, beginner or expert.

[bogensport-bogenbau.at](http://bogensport-bogenbau.at)

##### Islandpferdehof Hoyos

Horses have 3 actions. Not quite, because Iceland horses have 5 actions: Walk. Trot. Tölt. Canter. Pace. At the Islandpferdehof Hoyos in Semriach, you can try out this special feature in riding lessons and enjoy your holiday at the farm.

[regiongraz.at/hoyos-horses](http://regiongraz.at/hoyos-horses)

# TIPS FOR FOODIES

Not to be missed!

## CULINARIUM IN FROHNLEITEN

Cuisine is particularly important in this medieval town on the Mur and offers a variety ranging from rustic treats to international haute cuisine. The focus is on high-quality regional products. Providing an insight into this cuisine, there is the “Culinarium Frohnleiten”, which takes place every year in September.

[regiongraz.at/frohnleiten-en](http://regiongraz.at/frohnleiten-en)

## WINE, WINE, WEINITZEN

There is no wine route as far as the eye can see, but a very special little drink flourishes here in the north of Graz. At the restaurant “Genusstreffpunkt Höfer”, which has been awarded two Gault-Millau toques, Manuel Schwarze, cellarer and chef in one person, ensures the finest pleasure and best quality in your glass and on your plate – to taste in the cosy Landhaus or in the wine shop with modern architecture.

[genusstreffpunkt.at](http://genusstreffpunkt.at)

## SCHMACKHAFTE LURGROTTE CAVE

Underground adventures and heavenly enjoyment are combined at the Lurgrotte cave in Peggau. A cave guide and Philipp Pirstinger – chef and wine sommelier – accompany visitors through the cave – located approximately 200 metres under the earth’s surface – and create exclusive culinary delicacies, tailored to the dripstone formations.

[regiongraz.at/tasty-lurgrotte](http://regiongraz.at/tasty-lurgrotte)

## CUISINE AROUND THE SCHÖCKL

Everything the heart and the taste buds desire can be found in Semriach and St. Radegund – from modest pub food to creative, elevated cuisine. However, it is not just the cooking itself that can be tasted. One also has to try the products of the local producers and direct marketers.

[regiongraz.at/culinary](http://regiongraz.at/culinary)



Culinarium in Frohnleiten



Schmackhafte Lurgrotte cave



Outdoor indulgence



Creative cuisine



On the sebastian RELOADED® Adventure Trail in Laßnitzhöhe, nature lovers can face their “inner couch potato”, feel strong enough to take on anything or “have their weight measured in gold”. This adventure trail offers fun and entertainment for the whole family.

# Let's head EAST

Eggersdorf bei Graz – Hart bei Graz – Kainbach bei Graz – Laßnitzhöhe – Nestelbach bei Graz – Vasoldsberg

Anyone who wants to appear in the next series of Ninja Warrior should definitely pay a visit to Kainbach bei Graz. But the Ninja Box also has something to offer for beginners and kids.

Instead of a trip to Rome, the Chapel Tour by bicycle or e-bike over seven hills around Eggersdorf near Graz is highly recommended. And to finish, a leap into the cool waters of Naturbad Eggersdorf!



At the MG Modern Golf club, you don't always need a club to reach the hole. With disc golf, and foot golf, fun and variety is guaranteed.

With friendly and fluffy alpacas on the lead, everyone quickly focuses on what is most important. They quickly make you forget the everyday stress and together you explore the landscape on a hike.

# THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST! AND BECAUSE IT'S SO NICE HERE, IT STAYS!

A really enjoyable place in the sun – ultimately, everything here revolves around health, beauty and well-being, around cuisine, culture, music and nature.

## SEBASTIAN RELOADED® ADVENTURE TRAIL IN LASSNITZHÖHE



The Laßnitzhöhe health resort, just 15 km away from Graz, quite rightly bears the title “Heilklimatischer Kurort” (healing climate health resort) and stands for medicine, health, nutritional expertise, beauty and vitality. No wonder it is home to the sebastian RELOADED® Adventure Trail (named after health pioneer Sebastian Kneipp). Along the approximately 7 km-long adventure trail, you come upon 25 stations, which promise a humorous adventure full of exercise. For instance, you can face your “inner couch potato”, feel strong enough to take on anything or “have your weight measured in gold”. This themed trail makes you addicted to “exercise in the country”.

[sebastianreloaded.at](http://sebastianreloaded.at)

## ARBORETUM & TEEHAUS



The Arboretum and Teehaus in Laßnitzhöhe are known as precious “jewels in the country”: a botanical garden in the middle of nature with an incredible collection of primeval forms of trees and bushes combined with a purposely planted landscape. There is a Teehaus pavilion in the middle of the arboretum. A quiet place where the tranquillity reaches your inner being, where you can consciously listen to nature and have room to breathe.

[regiongraz.at/arboretum-en](http://regiongraz.at/arboretum-en)



sebastian RELOADED® in Laßnitzhöhe



Arboretum and Teehaus in Laßnitzhöhe



Planets Trail in Eggersdorf

## PLANETS TRAIL & NATURAL POOL EGGERSDORF



Step by step through the solar system – the 6 km-long Planets Trail in Eggersdorf bei Graz makes it possible. This educational trail for all generations is guaranteed to widen your horizons. If you want to cool down, there is the Natural Pool Eggersdorf, offering the very best quality water without any added chemicals.

[regiongraz.at/planetary-path](http://regiongraz.at/planetary-path)  
[regiongraz.at/natural-pool](http://regiongraz.at/natural-pool)

## ALPACA HIKES



Fancy and relaxed tour with alpacas through flower meadows and forests? Then you are here at the right place.

[schoeckblick-alpakas.at](http://schoeckblick-alpakas.at)  
[huegellandalpakas.at](http://huegellandalpakas.at)



Schoeckblick Alpacas

## ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

### Klingensteiner Achteckstadel

Vasoldsberg, the gateway to the Hügelland region, attracts many visitors and especially hikers with the Klingensteiner Achteckstadel. It stands out due to its ornamental bricks and was the first rural barn in Austria to be listed as a historical monument.

[regiongraz.at/vasoldsberg-en](http://regiongraz.at/vasoldsberg-en)

### Taggerhof in Kainbach bei Graz

The picturesque Vierseithof is well known as a recreational area for stress-plagued city-dwellers, who also like

to climb the way of the cross to Calvary Hill or enjoy the “Schloss-Spiele Reinthal”.

[regiongraz.at/kainbach-en](http://regiongraz.at/kainbach-en)

### Schaftalberg Weather Tower

It 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.

[regiongraz.at/kainbach-en](http://regiongraz.at/kainbach-en)

### Birth house of Johann Joseph Fux

Johann Joseph Fux went down in history as the most important Austrian Baroque composer and the court music director of the emperor. In his place of birth Langegg –

part of the municipality Nestelbach bei Graz – a memorial plaque remembers him. The Johann Joseph Fux Conservatorium in Graz is proud to bear his name.

[regiongraz.at/nestelbach-en](http://regiongraz.at/nestelbach-en)

## ● SPORT & LEISURE

In addition to the classics such as tennis courts and an indoor swimming pool, Hart bei Graz is also home to an ice arena, a racket sports complex and pickleball. Cycling tours, hiking trails and the MG Modern Golf club round off the sporting options.

[regiongraz.at/hart-en](http://regiongraz.at/hart-en)

# SOUR, SWEET, HEARTY AND HOT

A real regional mix of enjoyment

## YIN GIN, CHEERS AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL

Whatever language we use to say cheers to each other, you will find only the authentic and the finest in your glass (and on your plate as well, of course)! Be sure to try "YIN GIN inspired by 6020" by Stefan Liebmann from the hotel of the same name in Laßnitzhöhe. You will notice a love of good food and a healthy awareness of regionality and sustainability at the "Allerleierei" (retro farm shop). [allerleierei.at](http://allerleierei.at)

## OLD-STYLE STYRIAN FOOD

When a father cultivates his own land with his son, farms pigs, and runs a bakery and inn, this can only be good for the guest. At "Reiß Heuriger" in Eggersdorf, all products meet: from "Brettljause" to "Schlachtplatte" to down-to-earth inn cuisine. Totally in keeping with the slogan "From nose to tail". Farm shop included! [reiss-heuriger.at](http://reiss-heuriger.at)

## SCHMANKERLWANDERTAG

Attention all foodies: every September, the popular Schmankerlwandertag takes place in Laßnitzhöhe. On this day, the food establishments indulge with regional delicacies and ensure that no-one wanders hungrily on the sebastian RELOADED® Adventure Trail. Here, exercise is combined with cuisine and a very pleasant time in the country.

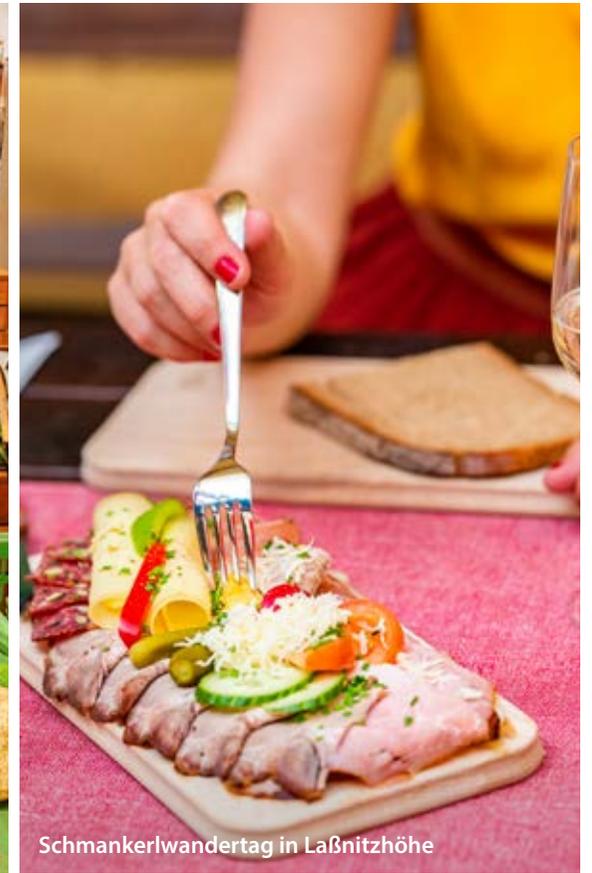
[regiongraz.at/culinary-hiking-day](http://regiongraz.at/culinary-hiking-day)

## HOW'S ABOUT SOMETHING SOUR...

You can indulge in truly earthy pleasures with the Pölzer family in Eggersdorf bei Graz. Regional specialties such as vinegar, dressing and mustard are produced here, and appreciated all over the world. The basis are the regionally typical apple varieties that grow on the in-house orchards. Vinegar fans are spoiled for choice and can choose from 22 varieties. [essigkultur.at](http://essigkultur.at)



The Allerleierei in Laßnitzhöhe



Schmankerlwandertag in Laßnitzhöhe



Reiß Heuriger in Eggersdorf



Pölzer Spezialitäten in Eggersdorf



Graz's sea - with the Schwarzl Leisure Centre, the Schwarzl See has a lot to offer: Aquaropa Ninjapark, surfing, diving, water skiing, wakeboarding, paintball action and much more.

Schwarzl Leisure Centre in Premstätten

# Hey, let's head SOUTH

Feldkirchen bei Graz – Gössendorf –  
Kalsdorf bei Graz – Lieboch –  
Premstätten – Seiersberg-Pirka

Into the countryside! At the Graz city boundary, you can enjoy the Florianiberg and Gedersberg on a forest walk. So close that you can even visit them conveniently by public transport.

With its Murauen, Gössendorf is a local recreational area for many Grazers and the home of rare bird species.

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

Graz Airport in Feldkirchen bei Graz not only brings guests from around the world to the region, but can also be visited. A visitor terrace, a restaurant and tours are on offer.



# THE SOUTH SOUNDS LIKE RECREATION, PLEASURE & ADVENTURE!

Stop! Make sure you take a break, not just if you are cycling by on the Mur Cycle Path – relax and enjoy!

## JUMP25



Fun and thrills for adrenaline junkies are guaranteed at Airbase One. One of Austria's biggest trampoline parks, Jump25, captivates with hip attractions such as the landing pits, high-performance trampolines, free-jump area and the like. [jump25.at](http://jump25.at)



JUMP25 in Kalsdorf

## AUSTRIAN SCULPTURE PARK



The Austrian Sculpture Park in the municipality of Premstätten looks almost like the playground of an enormous child. It is part of the Universalmuseum Joanneum. The spectacular ambience provides a fitting setting for more than 70 magnificent sculptures of renowned Austrian and international artists and makes it a popular events venue and excursion destination. By the way: the park has also been awarded by the Guardian as one of the best 10 sculpture parks in Europe and can be visited free of charge! [skulpturenpark.at](http://skulpturenpark.at)



Austrian Sculpture Park in Premstätten



Copacabana in Kalsdorf



Lieboch Railway Museum

### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Austrian Aviation Museum

Try out your flying skills and look at various planes and uniforms – a flight simulator and planes of all types and from all eras make this possible in Feldkirchen bei Graz. [luftfahrtmuseum.at](http://luftfahrtmuseum.at)

#### Lieboch Railway Museum

Everything on track? At the railway museum, certainly. The former state railway steam engine 56.3115, the accessible steam train driver's cab and other exhibits can be visited. [stef.at](http://stef.at)

#### Passionsspiele

Every three years, around Easter time, the popular Passionsspiele take place in Feldkirchen bei Graz. [ssgf.at](http://ssgf.at)

### ● SPORT & LEISURE

#### Copacabana

Get to Copacabana without flying? Holiday flair, palm trees, beach, crystal clear water, sun loungers, diving school, beach volleyball, bathing island and top catering. All this is on offer at the Copacabana in Kalsdorf bei Graz. [copacabana.at](http://copacabana.at)

#### Cycling

In the south, the R2 Mur Cycle Path runs from Graz towards Feldkirchen bei Graz and Kalsdorf bei Graz. Before going into southern Styria, it is worth enjoying the cycle tours "Flair of the South" or "River and Adventure Tour". [regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling](http://regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling)

# THIS IS HOW THE SOUTH TASTES

A pleasure trip close to you!

## PREMSTÄTTEN GETS IN A PICKLE

Pickled foods are meant to make you cheerful and be very healthy! But above all, they are delicious – try the “Premstättner Kraut” from Hillebrand, Austria’s first “Genuss-Bauernhof” - “pleasure farm”, or the pumpkinseed oil from Zachenegger Pumpkin Farm. You can also enjoy great, toque-rated cuisine in a cosy atmosphere at the Restaurant Kupferdachl. [genussbauernhof.com](http://genussbauernhof.com), [kupferdachl.at](http://kupferdachl.at), [zachenegger.at](http://zachenegger.at)

## KALSDORF – THE WAY TO A MAN’S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH

There are several culinary stops in Kalsdorf and a lot revolves around pumpkins: at the Haindl mill, you will find the finest 100 % genuine pumpkinseed oil and high-quality, freshly ground flour. Pumpkin seeds are also processed at the Berghofer Farmery – here visitors can see how these Styrian snack seeds develop and also taste them straight away! [haindlmuehle.eu](http://haindlmuehle.eu) [farmery.at](http://farmery.at)

## TODAY IS NOODLE DAY

Every day is noodle day at the Temmelhof in Lieboch. In the noodle factory, eggs from the in-house free range chickens are processed into noodle specialities. In addition to the classics, new noodle creations are also produced. At the farm shop, you can find products of the organic farming productions of the region, and of course the noodles from the Temmelhof. [temmelhof.at](http://temmelhof.at)

## WHERE SLOW FOOD IS WRIT LARGE

More than 40 cultivated and wild herbs, approx. 40 open-pollinated vegetable varieties and numerous rarities and snack fruit crops grow here under the sun on the Floriansberg – entirely in their natural state! Sabine Lienhart cultivates the Lienhof by hand, taking into consideration a healthy coexistence of small creatures like little worms and larger vegetable-lovers. Simply sustainable! [lienhof.at](http://lienhof.at)



Hillebrand Farm in Premstätten



Temmelhof in Lieboch



Haindl Mühle seed oil mill in Kalsdorf



Lienhof in Seiersberg-Pirka



Every spring, the birth of the first foal is eagerly awaited at the Lipizzaner Stud in Piber. The foals come into the world with black, brown or grey coats. It is only during the next four to ten years that they take on the typical white colour for which the Lipizzaners are famous.

# Head straight for the WEST

Bärnbach – Edelschrott – Geistthal-Södingberg – Hirscheegg-Pack – Köflach – Ligist – Maria Lankowitz – Mooskirchen – St. Bartholomä – Thal – Voitsberg

In Geistthal-Södingberg, the newly set up mountain bike course awaits many sport-enthusiastic visitors.

Luahmbudl and Kegelbudl are the names given to St. Bartholomä's listed bowling alley by its residents. The alley is a so-called "cone tree", cut from the trunk of an alder.



The picturesque alpine-pasture landscape of the "Steirischen Rucksackdörfer" is an excellent place to go hiking and to enjoy nature. Speeding downhill in a toboggan at the "Steirarodl" in the idyllic village of Modriach promises the ultimate adrenalin kick.

Fun in the water for all ages at the Schlossbad Bärnbach! 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> of water and 3.5 ha of lawn in the spaciouly laid out park around Schloss Altkainach.

# IN THE WEST, FABULOUS TREASURES WAIT TO BE DISCOVERED!

Here you will find the right thing for every taste: unique churches, romantic lakes, a museum for Arnie, thoroughbred white horses and much more besides.

## ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER MUSEUM



"I'll be back." There is hardly anybody who does not know that this famous quote comes from Arnold Schwarzenegger. In the museum and his birth house in Thal, you will get an insight into the childhood and career of this world star. [arnieslife.com](http://arnieslife.com)



Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum in Thal

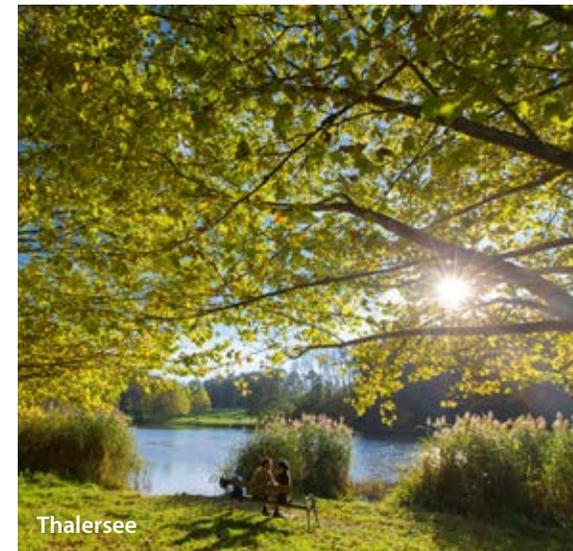
## THAL



A famous son, green forest and a romantic lake – that may well be reason enough to visit the pretty market municipality of Thal. You can round off your trip with a visit to the Ernst Fuchs Church / parish church of St. James. This church in Thal, designed by the renowned Austrian artist Ernst Fuchs, sparkles with glass crystals, in the colours of the rainbow, and is full of mythical symbols. The Thalersee Golf Club impresses with its 18-hole course "Windhof" as well as the Steinfeld course for beginners and occasional golfers. [regiongraz.at/thal-en](http://regiongraz.at/thal-en)



St. James's Church in Thal



Thalersee

The Thalersee offers opportunities for recreation and happiness in both summer and winter.



Big Lipizzaner tour

## ● SPORT & LEISURE

Cycling is a particular delight in the "Lipizzanerheimat". On the Big Lipizzaner Tour, you go through the home of the world-famous white horses. Idyllic villages such as Mooskirchen, known for its wonderful floral decorations, Geistthl, where

the two Ways of St James (starting at Thal & Seckau) meet, Ligist with the start of the Schilcher Wine Route and Maria Lankowitz – a pilgrimage site to Mary – lie along the route. Rivers, streams, shaded forests and alpine meadows ensure variety. [regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling](http://regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling)

**Arnold Schwarzenegger Circular Hiking Trail**  
Stations have been set up on the hiking trail that show the individual stages of Arnold Schwarzenegger's life. The start and destination is directly in front of St James's Church in Thal!

### MARIA LANKOWITZ PILGRIMAGE CHURCH



This church, with its Baroque high altar, holy picture, treasure chamber and Antoniuskapelle chapel is the second-biggest pilgrimage church to Maria in Styria, and is known for processions and pilgrimages. The most tradition-steeped pilgrimage by foot is probably the one from Obdach; people have been pilgrimaging across the Stubalm to Maria Lankowitz every year since 1690. [wallfahrtskirche-marialankowitz.at](http://wallfahrtskirche-marialankowitz.at)



Maria Lankowitz Pilgrimage Church

### LIPIZZANER STUD PIBER



Nestled in the middle of a gentle, green and hilly landscape, the Lipizzaner Stud Piber is open to visitors. Pluto, Conversano and Maestoso – these three hiking and walking trails bear the names of famous lines of stallions, with which Europe's oldest pure-bred race of horses has been bred for more than 100 years. The knowledge of Lipizzaner breeding is recognised by UNESCO as a piece of "international intangible cultural heritage". [piber.com](http://piber.com)



Lipizzaner Stud Piber

A very special experience is the driving down of the decorated young Lipizzaner stallions from the mountain pastures in September.



St. Barbara's Church in Bärnbach



Bärnbach Glass Museum

### ST. BARBARA'S CHURCH – HUNDERTWASSER IN BÄRNBACH



"A church has to be beautiful, you must feel secure in it and an atmosphere must prevail in it in which one can find a bridge to nature, creation and God." A cheerful house of worship, designed, among others, by the master Friedensreich Hundertwasser. [regiongraz.at/barbara-church](http://regiongraz.at/barbara-church)

### BÄRNBACH GLASS MUSEUM



There is a history of glass production in Bärnbach. Glass has been produced with the handed-down mouth-blown method since 1805 in Bärnbach. Every year from April to December, you can experience exhibitions on the subject of glass on more than 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Something special awaits you in the glass-works: see the glass-blowers at work, up close, only possible after prior booking. [glasmuseum.at](http://glasmuseum.at)

### ● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

#### Voitsberg Schlossberg

The West Styrian Sagenberg was designed by Styrian artists – with sculptures and saga-telling panels with mystical stories and artistic illustrations. Right next to the Obervoitsberg castle ruins lies the Erzherzog-Johann Sensory and Pleasure Garden. The "Naschgarten" snack garden is also the gateway to the Energy Adventure Park Zangtal. Visitors can expect art objects on the subject of mining, road

design, energy and nature. [voitsberg.gv.at/energie-erlebnispark.at](http://voitsberg.gv.at/energie-erlebnispark.at)

#### Korenstub'n

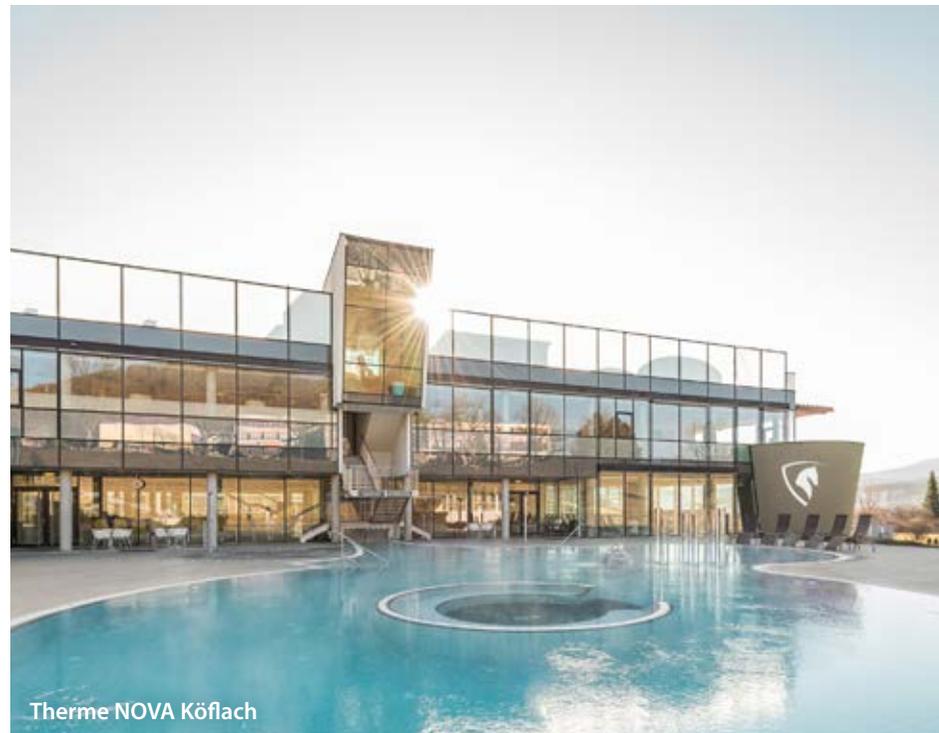
Home is depth, not narrowness. The guiding principle of Hanns Koren, a former Austrian folklorist and politician, is known in Styria and beyond. Culture was especially important to him. Among other things, he is responsible for the establishment of the steirischer herbst, an interdisciplinary festival of contemporary art. In the exhibition devoted to

him in the clock tower in St. Bartholomä, you can find out more about his life and his thoughts.

### ● EATING & DRINKING

#### High-percentage enjoyment

Do you prefer Schilcher, home brew or high-quality schnapps? The Feindestillerie Hochstrasser and the Edelbrennereien Zweiger and Pipifein (distilleries) indulge with noble drops. [schnaps.at](http://schnaps.at), [zweiger.at](http://zweiger.at), [edelbrennerei-pipifein.at](http://edelbrennerei-pipifein.at)



Thermo NOVA Köflach



Wine garden in Ligist

#### LIGIST – START OF THE SCHILCHER WINE ROUTE



Winegrowing played a major role in Ligist and the whole of West Styria from early on. The Celts already laid the foundations for today's Schilcher wine when they cultivated the "Blue Wildbach Vine" from a local vine. The first Schilcher market was held in 1970 in Ligist to make Schilcher better known. In the course of this, the Schilcher Wine Route was also set up. [regiongraz.at/ligist-en](http://regiongraz.at/ligist-en)

#### THERME NOVA KÖFLACH



More than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of thermal waters with a temperature of 34.5 °C, an invigorating waterfall with gravel bay, tropical forest with tropical cave, a fresh Kneipp basin, the mysterious Blue Grotto and the sunlight tower leave nothing to be desired as a strength and energy booster. There is an indoor sports pool for sporty types. Lovers of hot infusions will be spoiled in the spacious sauna area with a breathtaking panoramic view in the Stubalm sauna. [novakoeflach.at](http://novakoeflach.at)



Erzherrzog Johann Golf Course

#### ERZHERZOG JOHANN GOLF COURSE



As the "Styrian Prince", this golf course in Maria Lankowitz impresses with beautiful nature and its perfect condition throughout the whole season! This splendid setting, with its gentle hills and lovely streams, delights golfers and nature-lovers. The par 72, 18-hole course guarantees pure golfing enjoyment. [golf-marialankowitz.at](http://golf-marialankowitz.at)

#### ● EATING & DRINKING

##### Traditional wine taverns

In Ligist, seasonal delicacies such as the "Brettljause" wooden platter with minced bacon, smoked sausage and cheese are served together with regional wines and schnapps in the typical restaurants and wine taverns. [kremser-wein.at](http://kremser-wein.at)  
[buschenschank-dokter.at](http://buschenschank-dokter.at)  
[buschenschank-zach.at](http://buschenschank-zach.at)



Wine tavern snack

# THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Wonderful, walkable alpine meadows and quiet little spots!

## SALZSTIEGL

Nature and activities, adventure, fun and action at 1,320 m above sea-level – there is an active leisure programme on the Salzstiegl in Hirschegg-Pack: climbing, archery, bungee trampolining and downhill rides on giant scooters. Or you can climb on a motorbike and set off on the unique trial route, an adventure on two wheels!  
[salzstiegl.at](http://salzstiegl.at)

## STEIRARODL

Exciting summer tobogganing fun for adults and children. With the highly modern sleds you shoot down the mountain at up to 40 km/h over a total length of almost 1,200 metres. Anyone who prefers a more leisurely pace is also free to set their own speed, however. Then you can go back up again on the lift, comfortable and relaxed, with a view of the picturesque landscape. [steirarodl.at](http://steirarodl.at)

## RESERVOIRS

There are no fewer than three lakes to be discovered in the "Lipizzanerheimat", with the Packer, Langmann and Hirzmann reservoirs. There is fun to be had in the crystal-clear, cool water while bathing, sailing, surfing and rowing. For fishers, the three reservoirs are also a special spot. Simply switch off and enjoy the outdoors.  
[regiongraz.at/fascination-of-water](http://regiongraz.at/fascination-of-water)

## STUBALM

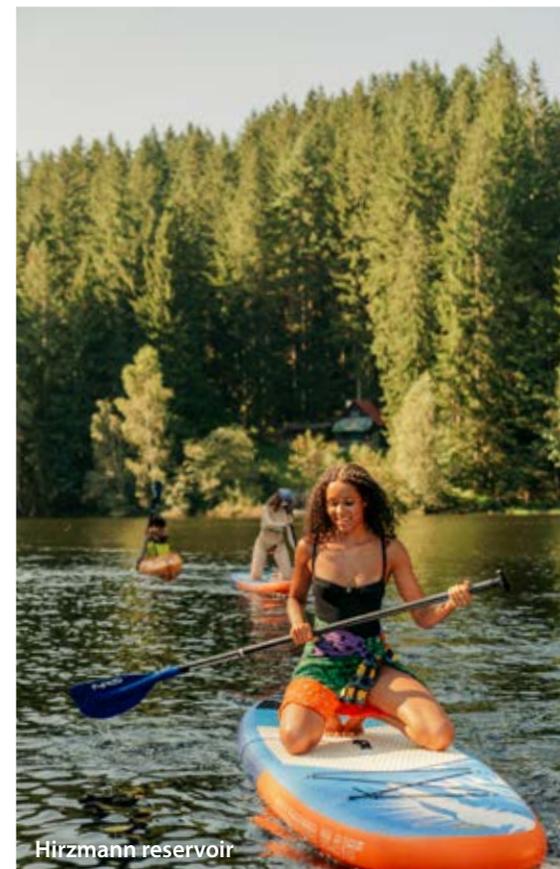
The Stubalm is a place enjoyed not just by the young Lipizzaner stallions who spend their summer days here. The Stubalm is also a wonderful place to hike. After a hike, the Altes Almhaus rewards the hiker with down-to-earth home cooking. However, a visit must also be paid to the Steinerne Miarz.  
[regiongraz.at/hiking](http://regiongraz.at/hiking)



Giant scooters on the Salzstiegl



Steirarodl – Modriach



Hirzmann reservoir



Steinerne Miarz



Advent market at the Graz main square

## ADVENT IS SIMPLY A MAGICAL TIME – WHETHER YOU ARE IN THE CITY OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE!

### City in sparkling light

The oldtown of Graz is romantic – especially when it is resplendent in atmospheric Christmas lighting.

### Advent in the region

The pre-Christmas period in the region is what you would hope for: dreamy, traditional and reflective.

### Active in winter

Skiing, ice skating or tobogganing: winter in the Graz Region is packed full of adventure. You will be surprised!



Ice nativity scene in the courtyard of Graz Landhaus

**TOWN HALL PROJECTION  
AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET  
ON MAIN SQUARE**



Experience how, from twilight, the facade of Graz Town Hall is ablaze with light as an enormous Advent calendar. Pre-Christmas motifs create an Advent mood on the facade of Graz Town Hall.  
[regiongraz.at/advent-calendar](http://regiongraz.at/advent-calendar)



Herrengasse decorated for Christmas



**ICE NATIVITY SCENE  
IN THE COURTYARD  
OF GRAZ LANDHAUS**

It's the magical attraction during the Advent period: the ice nativity scene in the courtyard of the Landhaus. Ice sculptor Kimmo Frosti turns 35 tonnes of ice into a unique work of art. By the way: the Graz ice nativity scene was and continues to be the world's first and only ice nativity scene of this size!  
[regiongraz.at/ice-nativity](http://regiongraz.at/ice-nativity)



Nativity exhibition at Rein Abbey

Experience Advent as it was in times gone by at the "Tannengraß & Lebzeltstern" event in the Austrian open-air museum Stübing.



Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing

**ADVENT IN  
FROHNLEITEN**



In winter, the skyline of the magical little town of Frohnleiten is ablaze with a very special light. The Christmas market creates an Advent mood, with Styrian handicrafts and cuisine.



The Frohnleiten skyline

**● SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES**

**Advent with short distances**

All of the Christmas markets in Graz are easily accessible on foot! In Graz, Advent is regarded as the fifth season, a time when the whole city makes itself as beautiful and varied as possible for its visitors. In Austria's Capital of Delight you can enjoy the Advent period with all your senses.

**Advent market at  
Kesselfall in Semriach**

You can enjoy an extra touch of Christmas atmosphere at the romantic Advent market at Kesselfall in Semriach.

**Barthlmäer Advent**

In Advent, "Alte Kirche" and Kellerstöckl become hotspots for guests and locals. Special focus in the St. Bartholomä Advent is placed on regional handicrafts.

**Looking at the nativity cribs**

Rein Abbey sets the mood for Christmas with a crib exhibition. An impressive variety of cribs made from different materials and from different eras is shown.



You will find more information on Advent in Graz and the surrounding area at: [regiongraz.at/christmas](http://regiongraz.at/christmas)

# JOY TO THE WORLD!

Feel the (pre-)Christmas winter magic.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE GRAZ MAIN SQUARE

A magnificent Christmas tree in the middle of the main square. Decorated Christmas cabins that delight children and adults with delicious snacks and handicrafts. An atmospheric, magical array of lights shines from the town hall to the Christmas tree. Christmas light projections dance dreamily over the white rooftops of the Advent cabins. [regiongraz.at/christmas](http://regiongraz.at/christmas)

## LUMAGICA

The magically-lit park at the Murhof in Frohnleiten offers a magical journey into a sparkling wonderland for the whole family. A 1.5 km long circular route guides visitors through an enchanted world with glowing forest dwellers, majestic figures and a wonderfully illuminated natural setting. You can bring your visit to a cosy conclusion with regional treats.

[lumagica.at/frohnleiten](http://lumagica.at/frohnleiten)

## ADVENT TRAM

Climb out of the Christmas bustle and into the Advent Tram. Enjoy your ride in a Christmas-decorated tram from the Tramway Museum Graz and experience Advent in Graz from an entirely new perspective. The trip is free of charge. Boarding & alighting points: Jakominiplatz – square, main square, Südtiroler Platz – square. Timetable: [tramway-museum-graz.at](http://tramway-museum-graz.at)

## ADVENT MARKET IN PIBER

A small but excellent Advent market takes place in the special ambience of the arcade court of Schloss Piber. The focus is on special crafts and regional specialities. The programme features a musical accompaniment with brass ensembles, choirs and regional music groups. Tip: Blessing of horses on St. Stephen's Day at the Lipizzaner Stud in Piber.

[regiongraz.at/christmasmarkets](http://regiongraz.at/christmasmarkets)



Culinary delights at the Christmas Market



Graz Advent Tram



Lumagica at the Murhof in Frohnleiten

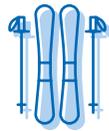


Advent market in Piber

# WINTER SUN, CLEAR, FRESH AIR AND SNOW-COVERED TREES

Far away from the enormous interconnected ski areas, you can relax and weave gently down the snow-covered slopes in the "Lipizzanerheimat". Although the number of piste kilometres and ski-lifts is modest, the same applies to the ski-pass prices!

## SKIING ON THE SALZSTIEGL



This family-friendly skiing area with 12 kilometres of piste stretches from 1,320 m to 1,740 m above sea-level and offers suitable descents for skiers of different levels of ability. For non-skiers, the 2 km-long toboggan run is a real alternative. Tip: Be sure to make a descent on the speed run with speed measurement. [salzstiegl.at](http://salzstiegl.at)

## ST. HEMMA AND MODRIACH



St. Hemma and Modriach are small but excellent ski areas. They are particularly distinguished by their family-friendliness. Modern snow-making facilities mean guaranteed snow and at the weekend it is even possible to go for a floodlit evening ski in Modriach. [sthemma.at](http://sthemma.at), [hoiswirt.at](http://hoiswirt.at)

## THE GABERL



The Gaberl on the Stubalm, at 1,560 m, is one of Styria's traditional skiing areas. Here you will find cosy little rooms, family-friendly businesses and carefree skiing pleasure for families. The pony lift is ideal for beginners and little ski artists. [gaberl.at](http://gaberl.at)

Salzstiegl, Stubalm, Altes Almhaus, Gaberl and Hebalm offer not only gorgeous and safe tours but also cross-country ski tracks on unique landscapes. And by the way: since this winter, the cross-country skiing area around the Hebalmsee with its 6 cross-country skiing trails totalling 11.8 kilometres in length has been recognised with the Styrian Cross-Country Skiing Trail Quality Seal. [regiongraz.at/cross-country-skiing](http://regiongraz.at/cross-country-skiing)



Cross-country skiing in the "Lipizzanerheimat"



Tobogganning



Winter hiking



Skiing

### ● SPORT & LEISURE

#### Tobogganning

Many a childhood memory comes to mind of what fun it was to dart down a slope on a toboggan. These days, you shouldn't just go tobogganning anywhere; rather, you should find an approved toboggan run or tobogganning field. There are plenty of

them in every direction in the Graz Region. [regiongraz.at/sledding](http://regiongraz.at/sledding)

#### Ice skating

Whether you are a beginner or an expert, there is nothing standing in the way of enjoying skating in the Graz Region. There is plenty of tanded ice in ice rinks, on skating grounds, ponds and

lakes in the city and in the country. [regiongraz.at/ice-skating](http://regiongraz.at/ice-skating)

#### Active in the snow

Winter hikes, snowshoeing and going on ski tours in virtually untouched nature offer the perfect way to unwind and slow down. So be sure to try it out! [regiongraz.at/winteractivity](http://regiongraz.at/winteractivity)



Rein Cistercian Abbey

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## LOTS OF CULTURE AND FULL MOBILITY

Explore Graz in 24, 48 or 72 hours comfortably with bus, train or tram and discover lots of attractions free of charge.

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## YOUR BENEFITS

**Many attractions included**

### MOBILITY

- Free travel on public transport in the tarif zone 101 during the whole period of validity. The ticket is valid in the entire city area including airport transfer. [verbundlinie.at](https://www.verbundlinie.at)
- Free ride with the Schlossbergbahn funicular (Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Kai 38) and the Schlossberg lift (Schlossbergplatz/Uhrturm). [holding-graz.at](https://www.holding-graz.at)

### MUSEUMS

- Free entry to selected museums of the Universalmuseum Joanneum and Graz Museum for the whole period of validity.

### ATTRACTIONS

- Free walking tour through the historic centre.

### SIGHTSEEING

up to 25 % discount

- Discount advantages in and around Graz.

## TICKETS

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- Online Shop: [graz-card.com](https://graz-card.com)
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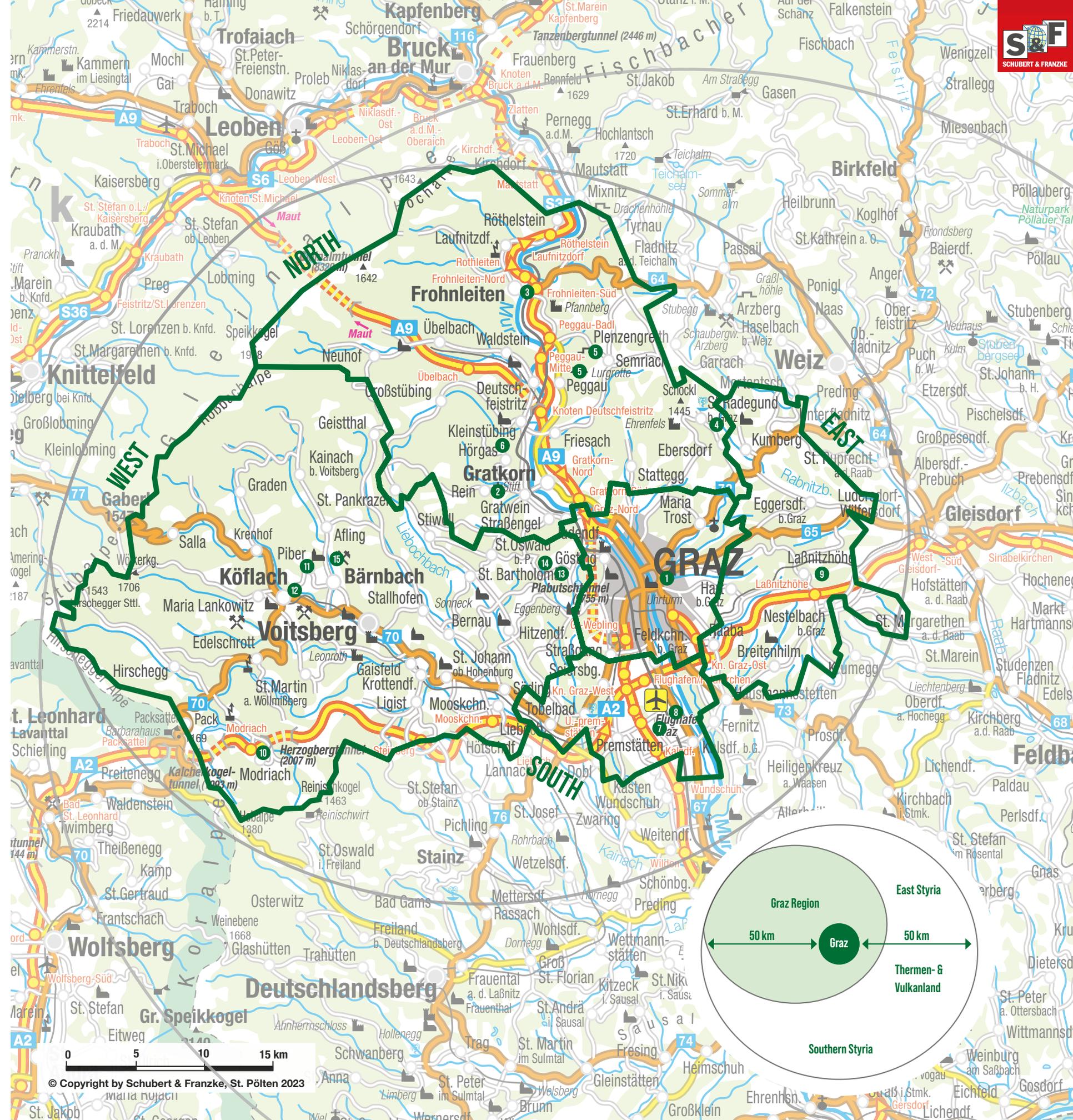


Graz clock tower © Markus Spenger

# TOP DESTINATIONS

- 1 **GRAZ**  
[regiongraz.at/graz-en](http://regiongraz.at/graz-en)
- 2 **REIN ABBY**  
[stift-rein.at](http://stift-rein.at)
- 3 **FROHNLEITEN**  
[frohnleiten.com](http://frohnleiten.com)
- 4 **ST. RADEGUND | SCHÖCKL**  
[schoeckl.at](http://schoeckl.at)
- 5 **LURGROTTE CAVE – SEMRIACH AND PEGGAU**  
[lurgrotte.at](http://lurgrotte.at), [lurgrotte.com](http://lurgrotte.com)
- 6 **AUSTRIAN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM STÜBING**  
[freilichtmuseum.at](http://freilichtmuseum.at)
- 7 **AUSTRIAN SCULPTURE PARK**  
[skulpturenpark.at](http://skulpturenpark.at)
- 8 **GRAZ AIRPORT**  
[flughafen-graz.at](http://flughafen-graz.at)
- 9 **SEBASTIAN RELOADED® ADVENTURE TRAIL**  
[sebastianreloaded.at](http://sebastianreloaded.at)
- 10 **STEIRARODL MODRIACH**  
[steirarodl.at](http://steirarodl.at)
- 11 **LIPIZZANER STUD IN PIBER**  
[piber.com](http://piber.com)
- 12 **THERME NOVA KÖFLACH**  
[novakoefflach.at](http://novakoefflach.at)
- 13 **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER MUSEUM**  
[arnieslife.com](http://arnieslife.com)
- 14 **ERNST FUCHS CHURCH – ST JAMES' CHURCH IN THAL**  
[regiongraz.at/st-james-church](http://regiongraz.at/st-james-church)
- 15 **ST BARBARA'S CHURCH – HUNDERTWASSER**  
[regiongraz.at/barbara-church](http://regiongraz.at/barbara-church)

You will find more excursion tips at [regiongraz.at/excursions](http://regiongraz.at/excursions) and in the brochure "Excursions around Graz".



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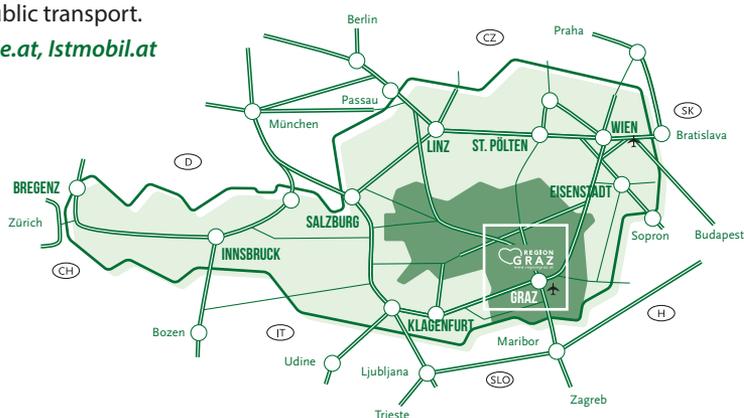
## INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS

Graz Airport offers daily route connections from and to the most important European destinations. Austria's second largest city is also easily accessible by train and coach and has connections to the international motorway network in all directions under the sun.

## LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Within the Graz Region, there are seven S-Bahn connections and a large number of regional buses available. The shared taxi networks GUST-Mobil and VOMobil Lipizzanerheimat complete the local public transport.

[verbundlinie.at](https://verbundlinie.at), [Istmobil.at](https://Istmobil.at)



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