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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's just a few kilometres out into the countryside.
Rare natural sights 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 amazing to breathe the air in the fresh, green countryside and to enjoy the unspoilt beauty of Styria. www.regiongraz.at





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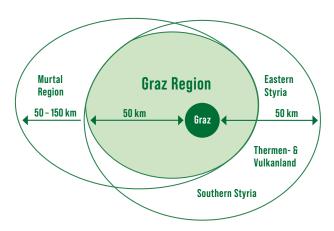


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# HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

In this brochure you will find numerous worthwhile destinations in the immediate vicinity of Graz, in the Murtal Region, Eastern Styria, in 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.





### **CURRENT BUS AND TRAIN CONNECTIONS:**

"Mobil Zentral" travel information: T +43 50 678910 Information at verbundlinie.at "flux" taxi service: T +43 50 616263 Information at flux.at

# TOP DESTINATIONS

# in the Graz Region & Styria:

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

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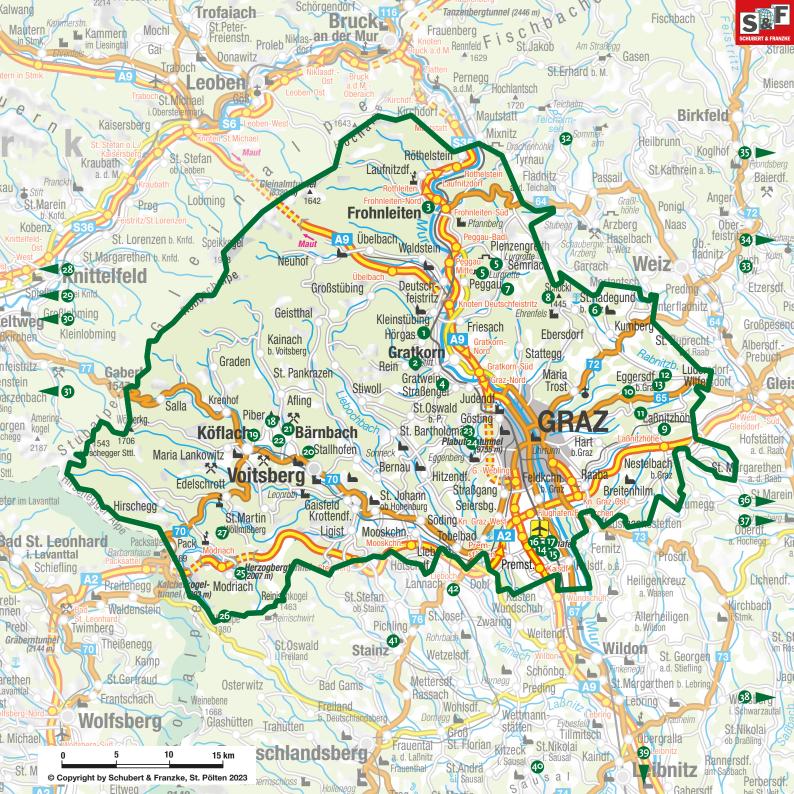
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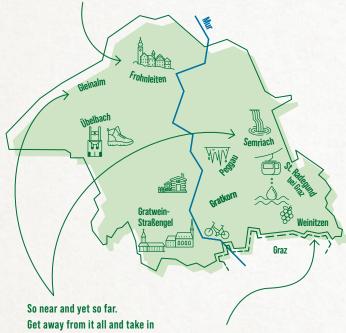
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# The R2 Mur Cycle Path is a key fixture in the north. In the Graz Region it wends its way from Frohnleiten to Graz before heading further south. It links up several sights which makes it ideal for exploring the region by bicycle. R2 Mur Cycle Path near Frohnleiten

# NORTH

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

From the 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 to discover here.



Get away from it all and take in the fresh air on a hike through the meadows of the Gleinalm, Semriach and on the Schöckl.

In Weinitzen, with its ten stopping points, the nature adventure trail invites you to pause, reflect and relax. 6 Graz Region – North | 7

# NATURE AND CULTURE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS – FEEL THE DNA OF THE NORTH

In addition to the superb highlights of Rein Abbey, the Austrian Open-Air Museum Stübing and Lurgrotte cave, we would like to take this opportunity to share our favourite tips among friends.





# AUSTRIAN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM STÜBING

Enjoy the idyllic surrounding of the open-air museum in Stübing. Wander through Austria from the Burgenland to the Vorarlberg regions and learn about the building methods and ways of life as well as the typical regional tools from bygone days. This world of rural life and work lives on in a quiet tributary valley of the river Mur and consists of around one hundred original rural buildings spanning six centuries. 1 April - 31 Oct.: 9 am - 6 pm, every day (admission until 4 pm) | Nov.: Sat. & Sun. 10 am - 4 pm (admission until 3 pm) | Enzenbach 32, 8114 Stübing T+43 3124 53700, freilichtmuseum.at





# **REIN ABBEY**

Approximately 20 km north of Graz lies the baroque monastery complex of Rein. Cistercian monks have lived here continuously since 1129. This makes it the oldest Cistercian monastery still in existence in the world. The baroque abbey church radiates sublime beauty, the library is home to impressive medieval manuscripts from the monastery's own scriptorium, and the extensive monastery woods are an invitation for strolls and walks. Guided tours from End of March, every day, 10.30 am & 1.30 pm | Rein 1, 8103 Gratwein-Straßengel, T +43 3124 51621, stift-rein.at

# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

### Fairy tale trails

Themed paths, such as Peggau children's trail which is all about Peggi the bear, or the enchanted path along the educational hiking trail in Semriach, invite you to explore and learn about the region.

regiongraz.at/theme-paths



### **FROHNLEITEN**

Romance, atmosphere and an authentic experience of nature combine to create a very special destination: Frohnleiten. The Mediterranean car-free 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 visitors are always happy to stay a little longer. Entertaining music events from jazz to classical music and the theatre on the main square are a special treat. 8130 Frohnleiten, T +43 3126 2374, regiongraz.at/frohnleiten-en





# 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 fortified wall encloses the rectory, the taverna, the Baroque "new building" and the pilgrimage church, which with its tower is one of the most important high gothic religious buildings in Austria. By the way: a varied walk with wonderful viewpoints leads from the ruins of Gösting castle in Graz to Maria Straßengel. Church open all year round | Guided tours can be arranged for a voluntary donation at the rectory | Am Kirchberg 16, 8111 Gratwein-Straßengel Pfarramt: T+43 3124 51255





# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

### Rabenstein Castle

Perched on a rocky spur high above the Mur, Rabenstein Castle dates back to the 12th century and is open to visitors to this day.

burg-rabenstein.at

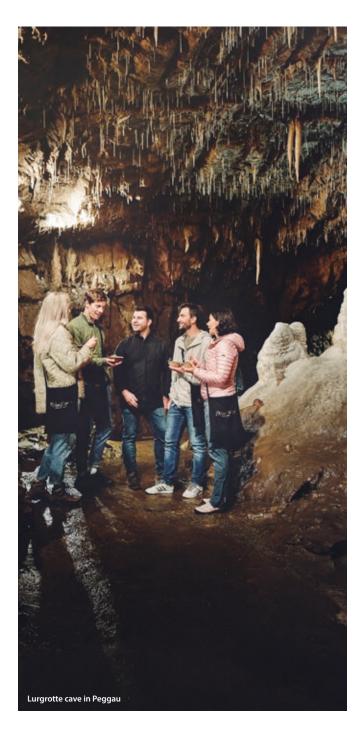
# SPORT & LEISURE

### Gleinalm

On the Gleinalm meadow, walkers can admire the young Lipizzaner mares in summer and take in the sweeping views of Styria. The Gleinalm Speik, the cosy mountain refuge and the Maria Schnee mountain church are highlights for every hiker.

regiongraz.at/gleinalm-en

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# LURGROTTE CAVE IN PEGGAU & SEMRIACH



Austria. Surface water has been seeping into the cave which the Lurbach river has eroded into the limestone rock for millions of years, constantly depositing limestone and forming impressive, fragile and powerful works of art. Visitors can immerse themselves in this fascinating world from either Peggau or Semriach.

Peggau: April: Tue. – Fri., 11 am, 2 pm & 3 pm |

Sat. & Sun. at every full hour from 10 am – 3 pm

1 May – 4 July: Mon. – Fri., 11 am, 2 pm & 3 pm |

Sat., Sun. & public holidays at every full hour from 10 am – 3 pm

5 July – 7 Sept.: every day at every full hour from 10 am to 3 pm

8 Sept. – 31 Oct.: Mon. – Fri., 11 am, 2 pm & 3 pm |

Sat., Sun. & public holidays at every full hour from 10 am – 3 pm

Lurgrottenstraße 1/2, 8120 Peggau, T + 43 680 2324281, *lurgrotte.com* 

Lurgrotte cave is the largest dripstone stalactite cave in

Semriach: 15 April – 31 October: every day, 11 am, 2 pm & 3.30 pm 5 July – 31 Aug.: also 9.40 am & 12.40 pm 2 Nov – 14 April: Sat. 2 pm, Sun. 11 am | Lurgrottenstraße 1, 8102 Semriach, T +43 664 3497219, *lurgrotte.at* 

## SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

Lights and sounds at the

Lurgrotte cave, Semriach
A light show allows the
largest stalactite cave in
the world to shine in a
completely new light. The
special light effects reveal
a true cosmos of shapes
and colours which remained hidden until relatively recently.

# Prehistoric Museum at Lurgrotte cave, Peggau

The Prehistoric Museum has been situated at the Lurgrotte cave in Peggau since 2019. On entering the Lurgrotte in Peggau on their journey into prehistory, visitors encounter the skeleton of a cave bear, a mammoth's tusk and plants that apparently grow without daylight.

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# **SPRING TRAILS**

22 architecturally artistic springs in St. Radegund bei Graz can be explored on a variety of circular trails. The artworks bear the names of aristocratic benefactors, visitors to the spa and the great spa doctors of the 19th and 20th centuries. Tip: download the audio guide app to explore the "Hungarian trail" 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 230116, regiongraz.at/spring-trail



# **KESSELFALL GORGE**



Wonderful paths wend their way past wildly romantic waterfalls. It is possible to walk around this gorge relatively easily within an hour, also with children, on the well secured climbing paths. At the top end is the market town of Semriach - an inviting place in which to plan a break. Starting point: Sandwirt Kesselfallstraße 13, 8102 Semriach T+43 3127 8226

regiongraz.at/kesselfallklamm-en







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

Cable cars: 1 May - 30 Sept.: Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm | Sat., Sun., public holidays & summer holidays: 9 am - 6 pm |

April, Oct.: Mon. – Sun. 9 am – 5 pm Nov. - Feb.: Mon. - Sun. 9 am - 4.30 pm

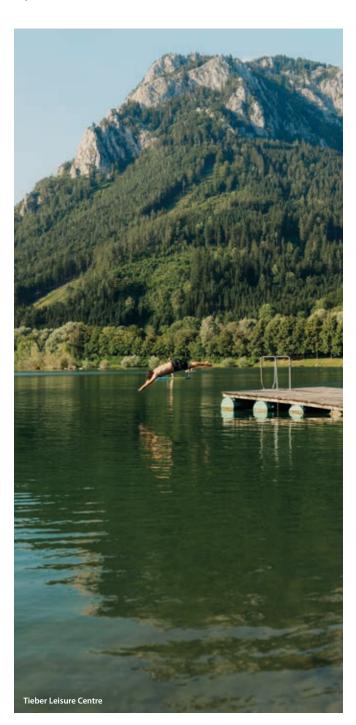
Hexenexpress: 1 May - 30 Sept.: Mon. - Fri. 10 am - 4.30 pm | Sat., Sun., public holidays & summer holidays: 9 am - 5.30 pm

Oct.: Mon. – Sun. 10 am – 4.30 pm

Schöckl cable cars, Schöcklstraße 23, 8061 St. Radegund T+43 3132 2332, schoeckl.at, schoeckl-trail-area.at







# HOW THE NORTH GETS SPORTY

Sport in the north drives your troubles and worries forth.

TIEBER LEISURE CENTRE

T +43 3127 41500 *tiebersee.com* 

FROHNLEITEN SPORT &
LEISURE PARK

T +43 3126 51190 regiongraz.at/frohnleitensport-park

ST. RADEGUND SWIMMING & LEISURE PARK

T +43 3132 5344 radegund.info/freizeitzentrum

SEMRIACH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

T +43 664 5700217 regiongraz.at/semriach-pool

BAD WEIHERMÜHLE LEISURE CENTRE T+43 664 8418932

erlebnisbad-weihermuehle.at

**MURHOF GOLF CLUB** 

T +43 3126 3010 *murhof.at* 

3D STYRIAN ARCHERS TRAIL STRASSENGEL bogensport-bogenbau.at

ARCHERY IN SEMRIACH bsc.semriach.com

SCHÖCKL CLIMBING PARK T +43 677 62422725

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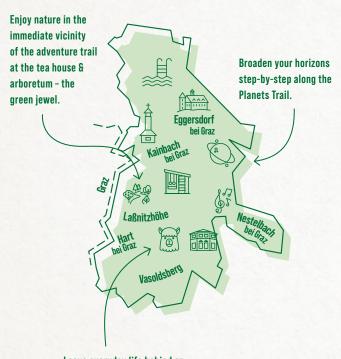
**ZOTTLERHOF ALPACAS** T +43 664 4529868

zottler.com

# On the sebastian RELOADED® adventure trail in Laßnitzhöhe, nature lovers can do battle with their "inner couch potato", "tear trees from the soil" or "have their weight measured in gold". This adventure trail offers fun and entertainment for the whole family. sebastian RELOADED® adventure trail

# EAST

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



Leave everyday life behind on a tour with some alpacas. After your tête-à-tête, your worries, stresses and cares will be forgotten in no time. Graz Region – East | 19

# THE EAST STANDS FOR HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING!

Find out what Arboretum or sebastian RELOADED® mean and what's behind terms such as "forest bathing" and "Ninjabox".







# SEBASTIAN RELOADED® – THE ADVENTURE TRAIL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The family-friendly adventure trail in the climatic health resort of Laßnitzhöhe is an unforgettable experience. The popular "Schmankerlwandertag" (day of hiking and eating) takes place here every autumn. It is around 7 km in length, it's fun for the whole family and it introduces everyone to a new awareness for health in a fun way. The 25 interactive adventure stations have been given a "healthy" makeover with lots of fun and fitness and make you want to "get moving in the great outdoors". sebastianreloaded.at

# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# Arboretum & forest bathing

Finally let go – whether it's in the arboretum, a unique botanical garden with a tea house or with a spot of forest bathing, when you can engage with the wonder of nature with all your senses. Your quality of life is certain to increase when you "immerse" yourself on the Laßnitzhöhe!

regiongraz.at/arboretum-en

# Johann Joseph Fux The municipality of Ne

The municipality of Nestelbach near Graz was the birthplace of baroque composer and court conductor Johann Joseph Fux. The Johann Joseph Fux Conservatoire in Graz proudly bears his name. regiongraz.at/fux-denkmal-en

### SPORT & LEISURE

### Hart bei Graz

Any number of leisure activities await you here. In addition to classics such as the 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 a golf course round off the sports activities that are on offer.

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# SCHÖCKLBLICK & HÜGELLAND **ALPACAS**



How does a relaxed tour through meadows and forests or in the midst of protected natural orchards and flower meadows together with some alpacas sound? With their calm and peaceful nature, Alpacas can help drive your worries and stress away – and those who go on an individual trekking tour in the Schöckl or Hügelland region of Graz find themselves quickly convinced. A selection of products such as pillows, wool and much more is also available at the farm shop. Frauensäulenweg 2, 8010 Kainbach bei Graz, T+43 664 5091741 schoecklblick-alpakas.at Kreuzstraße 1, 8076 Vasoldsberg T+43 699 18165111 huegellandalpakas.at



# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# Klingensteiner Achteckstadl Vasoldsberg

This unique rural barn has been listed as a historical monument due to its ornamental bricks. It's a popular place for selfies – and a great place for a romantic photo.

regiongraz.at/vasoldsberg-en

# Kainbach bei Graz

The Weather Tower is a monument in terms of both folklore and architecture. It used to ring to announce bad weather on hot summer's days. The felt art hiking trail is part of the Taggerwaldweg trail. It combines art and nature in a unique way. The culture continues at Taggerhof with the Schloss-Spielen Reinthal theatre group.

regiongraz.at/kainbach-en



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# NINJABOX

The Ninjabox combines the best of ninja sport and ninja trails over an area of almost 1,000 m². Whether for beginners and children or experts – the Ninja Box has the right level of difficulty for everyone.

Hönigtaler Straße 46, 8301 Kainbach bei Graz ninjabox.at





Step-by-step through the solar system – most of us know relatively little about the planetary system and the vast distances in our corner of the cosmos. The 6 km long Planets Trail is an educational pathway for all generations. Kirchplatz 4, 8063 Eggersdorf bei Graz T +43 3117 2221

regiongraz.at/planetary-path



# EGGERSDORF NATURAL POOL



Pack your swimming costume!
Bathe in the excellent-quality water without any added chemicals at Eggersdorf Natural
Pool, an inviting place in which to relax and enjoy yourself.
Badstraße 5, 8063 Eggersdorf bei Graz
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# REGIONAL CUISINE

A selection of gourmet tips to take home with you!

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REITZERS GEMÜSEHOF LASSNITZHÖHE T +43 664 572 3569 reitzers-gemüsehof.at



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# SOUTH

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

Shopping, shopping, shopping! The biggest shopping centre in the south of Austria, ShoppingCity Seiersberg, home to more than 180 shops and eateries, is a special shopping experience – and not only when the weather isn't so great.



Gardening lovers take note: there are two garden worlds waiting to be discovered in Lieboch - Garten Kochauf and the Micko Pflanzenparadies.

The Mur floodplains are a popular recreation area, not only with local people. For a short break from city life, it's worth taking a trip by bicycle to the Auwiese meadows or to putt a few balls on the Grazer MurAuen golf course.

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# THE SOUTH IS A PLACE OF SPORT, RELAXATION AND FUN!

The Mur Cycle Path skirts past this area, but don't keep cycling – make sure that you make a detour and take a break here.

### 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 landscape architect Dieter Kienast covers an area of approximately seven hectares, and is home to more than 80 sculptures. Works by well-known artists from Austria combine with examples of international sculpture. By the way: the park has also been rated by the Guardian as one of the 10 best sculpture parks in Europe, and is also free to visit!

1 April – 31 Aug.: every day, 10 am – 8 pm | 1 Sept. - 31 Oct.: every day, 10 am - 6 pm | Thalerhofstraße 85, 8141 Premstätten T +43 316 8017-9704, skulpturenpark.at





On the site of Airbase One, fun and thrills for adrenaline junkies are guaranteed. JUMP25, one of the largest trampoline parks in Austria, captivates visitors with its popular attractions such as its landing pits, high performance trampolines, free jump area and more. All year around: every day, incl. public holidays 9 am - 9 pm | Waldweg 6, 8401 Kalsdorf T+43 3135 53171, jump25.at





# SCHWARZL LEISURE CENTRE PREMSTÄTTEN

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

T+43 3135 535770 schwarzlsee.at



# COPACABANA KALSDORE

How does Copacabana sound, but without the long journey? This is where you'll find holiday flair, palm trees, beach, crystal clear water, sun loungers, a diving school, beach volleyball, a bathing island and top-quality catering. T+43 664 88976476

copacabana.at





# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# Lieboch Railway Museum

How does a steam engine work? What is the "red flash"? At the Railway Museum everything revolves around transport on the iron rails, with lots of answers to lots of questions. stef.at

### **Graz Airport**

Graz Airport is a hub for the local region and is open to visitors. A visitors' terrace and restaurant are available as well as guided tours.

graz-airport.at

# Austrian Aviation Museum

Fly for yourself and see a wide variety of aircraft and uniforms - a flight simulator and aircraft of all kinds and from all eras make this

possible in Feldkirchen near Graz.

luftfahrtmuseum.at

# SPORT & LEISURE

# Styria Karting

The indoor karting track in Kalsdorf bei Graz has a 290 metre track and is also open in poor weather. Put vour driving skills to the test in one of the 200 cm<sup>3</sup>, 6.5 hp rental karts – fun is guaranteed! styriakarting.at

# Florianiberg and Gedersberg

Get out and enjoy the views on a woodland walk which isn't far from the city limits. Easily accessible by public transport (bus 32). regiongraz.at/florianigedersberg-en







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BERGHOFER FARMERY KALSDORF BEI GRAZ T+43 3135 53376 farmery.at

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LIENHOF SEIERSBERG-PIRKA T+43 664 3971359 lienhof.at

**GENUSSBAUERNHOF** HILLEBRAND FARM SHOP & CAFÉ PREMSTÄTTEN T+43 3135 53106 genussbauernhof.com

ÖHLMÜHLE ESTERER **FELDKIRCHEN BEI GRAZ** T+43 316 295112 kernoel-esterer.at

STYRIAN COFFEE **FELDKIRCHEN BEI GRAZ** M +43 664 4314808 steirerkaffee.at

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. Reflect on your action-packed day over a snack and a glass of Schilcher wine in the cosy, traditional atmosphere of the region - that's the Lipizzanerheimat.



# WEST

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

In Geistthal-Södingberg, the newly-created mountain biking trail awaits any number of sports-mad visitors. Luahmbudl and Kegelbudl are the names given to the protected "Bartholomäer Kegelstatt" bowling alley by the locals. The alley is a so-called "Kegelbaum", which means that it was carved from the trunk of an alder tree.



Maria Lankowitz Pilgrimage Church is the second largest Marian place of pilgrimage in Styria.

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

Countless leisure attractions are available in the countryside around Graz - and they couldn't be more different.



Lipizzaner Stud in Piber



# LIPIZZANER STUD IN PIBER

Nestled in the midst of a gentle, green and hilly landscape, the Lipizzaner Stud in Piber is open to visitors. Almost everyone has heard of the famous Lipizzaner horses from the Vienna Riding School. The knowledge and skills surrounding the breeding of the Lipizzaner have been recognised by UNESCO as a piece of "international intangible cultural heritage". The stud farm and the impressive castle are certainly worth a visit.

Piber 1, 8580 Köflach T+43 3144 3323 piber.com

### Climbing park Lipikrax

The foot of the castle hill is home to a climbing park with 60 climbing stations for every level of daring! piber.com/kletterpark



# THERME NOVA KÖFLACH THERMAL SPA



Store up on new energy by setting some time aside for the thermal spa, which is home to more than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of water. An invigorating waterfall with a pebble bay, a tropical forest with a tropical cave, a cold Kneipp pool, the mysterious Blue Grotto and the sunlight tower make sure that no wish goes unfulfilled. There is also an indoor sports pool for those who feel like getting active; fans of hot infusions are pampered in the spacious sauna area, and the panoramic views from the Stubalm sauna are breath-taking.

All year around: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 9 pm, Sun 9 am - 8 pm

An der Ouelle 1, 8580 Köflach

T+43 3144 70100, novakoeflach.at



Discover 24 mystic sagas along with artistic illustrations as you walk along the steep paths around the Obervoitsberg castle ruins.



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# BÄRNBACH GLASS MUSEUM

Here, visitors are able to learn about the subject of glass and glassmaking and admire rarities all year round. By the way, glass has been made in Bärnbach since 1805.

April – Dec.: Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 5 pm, Sat. 9 am – 1 pm | Hochtregister Straße 1, 8572 Bärnbach T +43 3142 62950, *glasmuseum.at* 





# ST BARBARA CHURCH – HUNDERTWASSER IN BÄRNBACH

The St Barbara Church – Hundertwasser in Bärnbach was imaginatively redesigned by famous artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. He has created a remarkable architectural monument which is part of the artistic and cultural heritage of Styria. Summer: every day, 8 am – 8 pm, winter: every day, 8 am – 6 pm | Piberstraße 15, 8572 Bärnbach T +43 3142 62581

regiongraz.at/barbara-church

## SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# Moses fountain

Another highlight in Bärnbach: the Moses fountain designed by renowned artist Ernst Fuchs.

### Lake Thalersee

The romantic Thalersee Lake offers opportunities for recreation and happiness in both the summer and winter. Visitors are able to enjoy idyllic walks and quiet picnic areas. Tip: hire a pedal boat and take your time to enjoy the lake.



# ERNST FUCHS CHURCH – CHURCH OF ST JAMES, THAL

The parish church in Thal, designed by renowned Austrian artist Ernst Fuchs, sparkles with glass crystals in the colours of the rainbow and is full of mythical symbols. The church is the starting point for the West Styrian Jakobsweg trail. Tip: A machine in the entrance area provides light at all times to fully experience the splendour of the church. Summer: every day, 8 am - 6 pm, winter: every day, 8 am - 5 pm Am Kirchberg 3, 8051 Thal T+43 316 572226 regiongraz.at/st-james-church



The municipality of Thal is about 4 km away from Graz. Never heard of it? You're sure to have heard of its most famous citizen: Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum is located in his former home, where you learn all about the childhood and career of the world-famous star.

Linakstraße 9, 8051 Thal

T +43 316 571947, arnieslife.com









# STEIRARODL PARK

An unforgettable adventure awaits you in Modriach. Why not whizz down the mountain at speeds of up to 40 km/h on the 1,200-metre-long summer to-boggan run? With 40 attractions such as a zip line, slide and much more, the park provides for varied and exciting times.

Modriach 25, 8583 Edelschrott T +43 664 88383869 steirarodl.at



Steirarodl

# PACKER RESERVOIR / HIRZMANN RESERVOIR

Get away from it all and enjoy the unspoilt natural scenery – at the Packer and Hirzmann reservoirs, you can cool off in the natural cool water and explore the lake in a boat or on a stand-up paddle board. regiongraz.at



# HEBALM UND HEBALMSEE

The Hebalm meadow nestles on the Styrian side of the border with Carinthia. The gently hilly landscape of the Hebalm is the ideal basis for leisurely hikes in a family group. A hiking trail leads to a viewing platform with awe-inspiring views. regiongraz.at



# Almrausch

In June, a unique natural spectacle takes place around Hirschegg-Pack – the wonderful Almrauschblüte, the flowering of the alpine rhododendrons!

# THE ACTION STARTS HERE

Whether it's for adrenalin junkies or more relaxed sports enthusiasts: from archery, to golf, through to downhill tobogganing, there's something for everyone.

# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# Downhill Monster Scooters on the Salzstiegl

The varied 2-kilometre downhill trip on the monster scooters not only takes you across country but also past meadows, woodland and even through a stream. salzstiegl.at

# Altes Almhaus Archery Trail

The 3D woodland theme park trail, with 37 stations and 89 targets, winds its way through the unique Alpine scenery of the Stubalm meadow and is also an easy walk for families with children.

regiongraz.at/archery-altes-almhaus

# Llama Tours

Ever had a llama as a hiking companion? No? – then it's time you did! With "your" llama, you discover the wonderful mountain region, and don't just enjoy your time together but also take in the splendid views over the Hirschegger Valley.

# EATING & DRINKING

# Mooskirchen

The distilleries and vineyards in Mooskirchen spoil visitors with best-quality drops.

regiongraz.at/mooskirchen-en

# Ligist – the start of the Schilcher Wine Route

This charming place is an insider's tip for visitors who appreciate a unique atmosphere. Delicious snacks, fine wines and the world-famous Schilcher wine make Ligist an ideal starting point for learning all about the Schilcher wine which is originates from Western Styria. regiongraz.at/ligist-en





**SCHLOSSBAD BÄRNBACH** T +43 676 846155280

schlossbad-baernbach.at

# FAMILY ADVENTURE POOL LIGIST

T+43 699 12229704 regiongraz.at/ligist-pool

VOITSBERG INTERACTIVE POOL T+43 3142 21524 regiongraz.at/voitsberg-pool PIBERSTEINER LAKE T +43 3144 2519 koeflach at

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Windhof Course Steinfeld Course T+ 43 316 572867 grazergolf.at

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T +43 3144 6970 golf-marialankowitz.at







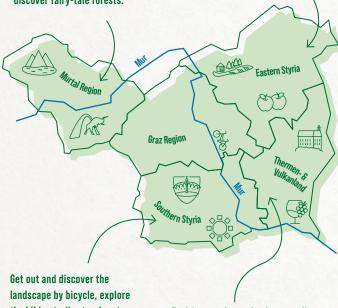


# There's even more to discover in the NEIGHBOURING REGIONS

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

In the Murtal Region you get at taste for adventure, whether it's a rush of adrenaline at the Red Bull Ring or taking it easy in the midst of the pine forests. Dip your toes into refreshing water of the mountain lakes and discover fairy-tale forests.

Eastern Styria means variety. From lofty heights to gentle hills, from the views at an alpine meadow to a picnic under a tree, nature reveals its many different facets and inspires the senses.



landscape by bicycle, explore
the hiking trails step-by-step
or enjoy the excellent wine. The
bottom line: in Southern Styria,
life is simply good.

Exciting castles and palaces, culinary delicacies along Vulkanland Route 66 and soothing thermal water - the Thermen- & Vulkanland region is too beautiful to miss.

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# MURTAL REGION - IT'S THE MIX THAT MAKES IT

... from Almrausch rhododendron to magic carpet



RED BULL RING

Welcome to the most attractive racing circuit in the world. Every year, the fastest of the fastest from Formula 1, Moto GP and many more show off their skills at the Red Bull Ring. And with the driving experiences on offer you can also try your hand as a racing driver and step on the accelerator yourself. Or how about a look behind the scenes of the racing action? every day, 8 am - 6 pm | Red Bull Ring Straße 1, 8724 Spielberg T+43 3577 202, redbullring.com



### PLAYWORLD SPIELBERG

High spirits abound for the whole family at Austria's largest indoor adventure park. The Playworld Spielberg offers fun and action for the whole family, from exuberant jumps in the jump area to doing battle in the laser area. In the kids area, the youngest can also have fun running around and climbing. A varied programme awaits visitors - and there's no chance of boredom! Playworld Spielberg, Ring Rast Straße 6,

8724 Spielberg, T+43 3512 20400, playworld-spielberg.at





# **FAIRY TALE FOREST**



Princesses, witches, cowboys and pirates are waiting to tell their stories at Fairy tale Forest St. Georgen, and to delight adventurers both young and old with the cowboy fort, pirate ship and much more.

Easter to the end of October, every day, 9.30 am – 6 pm Pichlhofen 60, 8756 St. Georgen ob Judenburg T+43 3583 2116, maerchenwald.at



# CRYSTAL-CLEAR **MOUNTAIN LAKES**

Bright and colourful, the mountains in the Mur Valley enchant visitors with their heather blossoms and alpine charm. Draw on the strengthening energy of the mountain lakes to recharge your batteries, get away from it all and enjoy nature at its most pure. The Ingeringsee, Winterleitensee and Scheibelsee lakes and many more await you! Mur Valley Region T+43 3577 26600

murtal.at/beraseen



### Take the bike

A network of cycle paths in the Mur valley leads from place to place, taking cyclists on the most beautiful bicycle rides through the green region. murtal.at/nimmsradl





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# EASTERN STYRIA

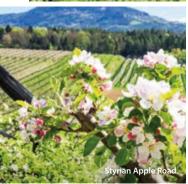
The Garden of Austria is situated 30 km east of Graz.





# ALMENLAND NATURE PARK, THE LARGEST CONTIGUOUS ALPINE MEADOW

Cows, horses, sheep and the famous "alpine oxen" enjoy their summer stay on the spacious meadow landscape surrounding the Teichalmsee lake. Here, the well-marked hiking trails invite visitors to walk around the Hochlantsch, the Sommeralm and the Brandlucken. The forest park with its adventure playground and animals, the climbing course, and the moor hiking trail over the mountain pine moor are highlights for both young and old. 8163 Fladnitz an der Teichalm T+43 3179 23000, almenland.at





### STYRIAN APPLE ROAD

Here, you can cycle through 25 km of orchards, while hiking and cycling paths also lead to farm shops and restaurants. The apple village of Puch is home to the "House of the Apple", the fruit-growing museum with its special exhibition "The Secret of the Apple Men".

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



### LAKE STUBENBERGSEE

With its 40 hectares, the Stubenbergsee isn't just the largest bathing lake in the country, it is also the warmest. With its sand playground for the little ones, diving rocks and beach volleyball, shady sunbathing lawns and plenty of eateries, it is a popular leisure amenity. The lake's attractions also include the new "Seehof Beach Club", the electric boat, the sailing school, several mini golf courses and a large leisure park.

8223 Stubenberg am See

T +43 3176 8882, stubenbergsee.at



# PÖLLAUER TAL NATURE PARK

Two magnificent churches, fanciful gardens, varied hiking trails and delicious products based on the Pöllauer Hirschbirne pear. Regional insider's tips: Ölmühle Fandler cooking oils shop and Lebzelterei Ebner café. 8225 Pöllau bei Hartberg, T +43 3335 4210 naturpark-poellauertal.at, fandler.at

### SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES.

# A trip around the world in just one day

Embark on an open air safari across every continent and see native and exotic animals almost as if they were in the wild. The narrated feeding sessions, Herberstein Castle and the "House of Biodiversity" all promise an interesting day. tierwelt-herberstein.at



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# THERMEN- & VULKANLAND

Too beautiful not to be there!



# RIEGERSBURG

Visible from afar, the over 850-year-old Riegersburg Castle towers above an extinct volcanic rock and offers stunning views over the vineyards of south-eastern Styria. The best way to explore this fortress complex is along the historic footpath or the Leopold-klettersteig via ferrata. Visitors who would prefer to get there more quickly can also take the panoramic lift up to the castle. Riegersburg 1, 8333 Riegersburg T +43 3153 8213, dieriegersburg.at



# ZOTTER CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Unbeatable taste sensations from one of the best chocolate makers in the world! More than 500 different varieties are on offer; handmade and with tempting fillings. The story of chocolate (Erlebniswelt), from the cocoa bean to the chocolate bar and the "Edible Zoo" are must-sees.

Bergl 56, 8333 Riegersburg

T+43 3152 5554, zotter.at

# VINOTHEK STEIERMARK IN ST. ANNA AM AIGEN



More than 200 wines from 120 wine growers provide an overview of Styrian wine from every perspective. This is a place that challenges all the senses, nestling in the centre of the wine village of St. Anna am Aigen with its beautiful location. The Vinothek is the starting point for the "Wine Trail of the Senses", a unique path through vineyards, meadows and forests and past many wine taverns.

Marktstraße 6, 8354 St. Anna am Aigen

T +43 3158 2801, vinothek-steiermark.net

# EATING & DRINKING

# **Gastronomic treasures**

Wine tavern after wine tavern nestle in the gentle (wine) hills, alongside cosy inns, exquisite gourmet restaurants and vendors of traditional Styrian specialities. Always a delight! thermen-vulkanland.at

# SIGHTS & EXPERIENCES

# **Vulkanland Route 66**

The 80 kilometre long "road of the good life" stands for an exceptional concentration of makers of food and drink products. From Vulcano ham through to Gölles' fine brandy, you can try out and enjoy any amount of regional delicacies.

# SPORT & LEISURE

# Variety of thermal spas

In the six thermal spas – Parktherme Bad Radkersburg, Therme der Ruhe Bad Gleichenberg, Thermenresort Loipersdorf, Rogner Bad Blumau, H2O-Hotel-Therme-Resort and Heilthermen Resort Bad Waltersdorf - the soft, healing thermal waters provide for warmth and well-being. The hot springs from a depth of up to 3,000 meters radiate energy and joie-de-vivre. A visit to the thermal baths contributes to your beauty. health and inner balance. thermen-vulkanland.at

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# **SOUTHERN STYRIA**

For wine lovers - beautiful & romantic





# GRENZTISCH – MIZA NA MEJI

The border table is located directly on the state border between Austria and Slovenia and is intended to be a meeting point for cultural exchange. The border, once a dividing element, is at the same time made visible and tangible as a unifying symbol between states, cultures and people. Open to the public | Glanz 31, 8463 Leutschach a.d. Weinstraße, T+43 5 7730520 grenztisch.eu





# **DEMMERKOGELWARTE**

The new viewing platform on the Demmerkogel, which at 671 metres is the highest elevation in the Sausal wine country, impresses with a platform height of 23.8 metres and offers a breathtaking panoramic view in all four directions. It is also intended as a place to share knowledge on the flora and fauna in the forests and fields.

Open to the public | St. Andrä-Höch 74, 8444 St. Andrä-Höch T +43 3457 2258. suedsteiermark.com



# STAINZ CASTLE - UNIVERSAL-MUSEUM JOANNEUM

The Hunting Museum presents the multifaceted cultural history of hunting and exciting natural history. The Agriculture Museum shows the development of agricultural and forestry work from pre-industrial times to the present day. The Erzherzog Johann Museum is dedicated to the progressive initiatives and eventful life of Archduke Johann.

March-Dec., Tue-Sun, public holidays 10 am – 5 pm | Schlossplatz 1, 8510 Stainz | T +43 3463 2772-16 museum-joanneum.at/museenschloss-stainz.at



### POND PARK LANNACH

19 idyllic water-filled ponds have been created from the local brick factory that shut down. These gradually became overgrown by aquatic plants and swamp trees, and an interesting flora and fauna settled in the water and on the shores.

Open to the public all year round | Eisteichstraße 13, 8502 Lannach office@lannach.info





# ACTIVE IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Crazy for fresh air, altitude and awareness of life?

The hiking paradise is easy to reach from the state capital Graz. From the Hebalm to the Gleinalm meadows through to the Schöckl, any number of superb walks are available that are certain to thrill anvone who loves the great outdoors. Choose from a relaxing town walk, a romantic walk in the alpine meadows, a hike with the whole crew, an adventure for connoisseurs and bon vivants. a stroll by the river or lake, or a challenging mountain climb. The reward of magnificent panoramic views is guaranteed.

regiongraz.at/hiking

The popular R2 Mur Cycle Path 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 goes straight through Graz. There are also many rewarding cycle routes to the left and right of the river Mur which lead to interesting destinations and restaurants in every direction around Graz. Both serious and more leisurely cyclists as well as e-bikers can enjoy the Graz Region pedal by pedal. regiongraz.at/pleasure-cycling



Have a look at the brochures "Wandern rund um Graz" and "E-Bike Genuss-Radeln": regiongraz.at/brochures





# THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE RIGHT AT HOME!

Whether you're looking for a great apartment or a cosy room, in the Graz Region you're certain to feel right at home.

Hotels, inns, guesthouses, private rooms, farm holidays, holiday apartments or holiday homes – the choice is yours if you decide to go on holiday in or around Graz. And that's a good thing. After all, a day trip isn't enough if you want to get to know this varied region. Discover the Graz Region!





All accommodation can be found in the brochure "Top Plätze für entspannte Nächte – Hotel Accommodation" (top places to stay for a relaxing night) and online. regiongraz.at/brochures regiongraz.at/accommodation

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Hauptstraße 23 T +43 676 847 895 805

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