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FROM CITY TO COUNTRYSIDE IN 10 MINUTES

The Graz Region combines a city feeling with southern flair in Austria's only capital of delight with nature, culture and many top excursion destinations in every direction.

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EXPLORING
THE SIGHTS
OF THE CITY

Walks through historic
and modern Graz



HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU GOT FOR YOUR STROLL ROUND TOWN?

Three selected walks to the most beautiful and fascinating sights of Graz.

This brochure aims to help you relax and enjoy your exploration of both historic and modern Graz. The three walks we have selected focus on different themes. Or you can of course combine all three walks in any order you like. We have also included suggestions for trips to interesting places just outside the city centre.

Please note opening times according to season.

GRAZ HISTORIC CENTRE WALKING TOUR

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ABOVE THE ROOFS OF THE CITY

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INTERESTING TRIPS OUTSIDE THE CENTRE

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GUIDED CITY TOURS

Guided city tours and excursions (English and German) with various themes to suit your appetite or mood can be booked at Tourist Information Graz Region.

BEFORE WE START: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY.

Fast forward Graz: imperial city, Renaissance gem, centre of science and learning, of (modern) architecture, cultural capital...

Over 900 years of living history in the second largest city in Austria: the many testaments to its eventful past, references to the present and so much vision for the future are waiting to be discovered on a guided walk around the city. Nowhere else in the world will you find outstanding architecture of all styles in such a concentrated area – from the Middle Ages through to the 21st century. In 1999 Graz was added to UNESCO's list of World Cultural Heritage sites.

1128/29:	First documentary mention as "gradec" (small fortress)
1230:	Granted town status and walled
1379:	Designated capital of Inner Austria
1440–93:	Imperial residence under Friedrich III
1564:	Residence of Archduke Karl II
1585:	University founded
1594–99:	Johannes Kepler in Graz
1809:	Besieged by the French, coercive destruction of the fortifications. Clock tower and bell tower ransomed by the citizens of Graz
1945:	Fifteen percent of all residential buildings destroyed in air raids
1958:	"Forum Stadtpark" founded
1963:	Foundation of the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz
1968:	"steirischer herbst" founded
1985:	"styriarte" founded
1999:	Designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site
2003:	Cultural capital of Europe
2008:	Nominated Capital of Delight
2010:	Extension of the UNESCO World Heritage Zone: Eggenberg Palace
2011:	Nominated City of Design
2020:	Graz Year of Culture 2020 – culture creates an urban future



THE SIGHTS OF GRAZ

The three following city walks are a relaxing way to explore the many sights of Graz. Highlights are marked with a 

A The Graz historic centre walking tour: An enlarged map section of sights 1–22 can be found on page 4.

B Graz historic and modern: An enlarged map section of sights 23–36 can be found on page 16.

C Above the roofs of Graz: An enlarged map section of sights 37–50 can be found on page 27.

Points where you can join other walks are marked **A** **B** **C** in the enlarged map sections.

- 1 Landhaus courtyard 
- 2 Armoury 
- 3 Generalihof
- 4 Painted House/Herzoghof
- 5 Hauptplatz/Town hall
- 6 Luegghaus
- 7 Hof des Deutschen Ritterordens
- 8 Stiegenkirche
- 9 Palais Saurau
- 10 Hofbäckerei Edegger-Tax
- 11 Burg/Double spiral staircase 
- 12 Burggarten
- 13 Stadtspark
- 14 Cathedral 
- 15 Mausoleum 
- 16 Priests' seminary
- 17 Glockenspiel 
- 18 Bermuda Triangle
- 19 Stempfergasse
- 20 Parish church
- 21 Opera house
- 22 Kaiser-Josef-Market
- 23 Joanneumsviertel
- 24 Franziskanerviertel
- 25 Franziskanerkirche & Kloster
- 26 Mur Promenade
- 27 Kunsthaus Graz 
- 28 Marihilferplatz
- 29 Murinsel 
- 30 Schlossbergplatz
- 31 Palais Attems
- 32 GrazMuseum
- 33 History Museum
- 34 Sackstrasse
- 35 Kastner & Öhler
- 36 Schlossbergbahn
- 37 Bell tower
- 38 Kasematten stage
- 39 Gothic tower
- 40 Hackher lion
- 41 Graz Museum Schlossberg
- 42 Cannon bastion
- 43 Chinese pavilion
- 44 Turkish well
- 45 Starcke-Haus
- 46 Clock tower 
- 47 Descent to historic centre/Felsensteig
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- 50 Schlossberg slide
- 51 Schloss Eggenberg 
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- 55 Hilmteich/Leechwald
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FACTS AND FIGURES

Population: approx. 300,000

Area: 127.6 km²

Average altitude: 353 m

