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Discover the diversity of the region – in summer, winter, autumn and spring! The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg has so much to offer the whole year long.

This card is your easy access to the whole region, from Bregenz to Nenzing. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card paves the way for the best excursions in the region, is your bus and train ticket, and grants you discounts with bonus partners. You can visit any of the attractions several times: however, no more than once per day.



All partner companies are indicated in the Compact Folder.

- All-inclusive partner – free admission
- Bonus partner – reduced admission

Information about the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card

Validity and price

1-day card € 16
2-day card € 25
3-day card € 32
Children and young people (6–15 years) each pay half.
Children under 6 years go free provided they are accompanied by an adult.

Price advantage

The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card pays off as soon as you have visited just two attractions.
Example: visits to the Karren in Dornbirn and the vorarlberg museum Bregenz together normally cost € 21.40 – with the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card, you can visit them from just € 16 and also travel comfortably from one to the other by public transport.

Bus and Rail

With the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card, you can travel free of charge by bus or train throughout the Vorarlberg region; you can also travel by train to the border stations in Lindau (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg (Tyrol).
Timetable information: Vorarlberg Traffic Company
T +43 (5522) 83951-0, www.vmobil.at

Where can I get the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card?

The card is available directly from our online shop or from Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus and selected partner hotels and tourist centres in the district.
T +43 (5574) 43443-0, office@bodensee-vorarlberg.com
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Network of cycle paths Bodensee-Vorarlberg

- ① Ill-Rhein Route
- ② Villages-cities Route
- ③ Bregenzerwald Route
- ⑤ Gaißau-Dornbirn Route
- ⑥ Leiblachtal Route
- 🚲 Lake Constance Cycle Route

— Signposted cycle tours



You can find an online cycle route planner at: map.bikecitizens.net (search "Vorarlberg")

Further cycle route tips can be found at: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

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Tips and favourite places 2021

The region is characterised by art and culture and the number of high-quality events being staged here can certainly hold its own with urban regions. Audiences, organisers and artists alike have kept the arts and culture going and are finding creative ways of continuing their work in spite of the restrictions introduced as a result of the pandemic. Many artists are responding very flexibly to the news of the day, as is demonstrated by the example of Lisa Suitner, a clown we've featured in our portrait on Page 9. People like her are full of passion, which, in the end, is what leads to quality and success. The varied nature of our cultural life is reflected in the international reputation of formerly small festivals as well as major houses – both are good reasons for a trip to the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region.

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Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card

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Life is beautiful

Our region also saw the introduction of quite a few restrictions during the extraordinary year that 2020/21 has turned out to be. But we've pulled together and are coping well, all things considered. That's one of the reasons why you're holding this brochure in your hands. It provides insights into what's important to us. Our day-to-day work not only brings us into contact with so many different people, it also produces wonderful experiences in nature as well as quiet moments of happiness with culinary and cultural highlights for us. To discover all this is something that you'll have to do for yourself once you get here – but we'll accompany you with our knowledge and innovative ideas.

A good start, for example, would be to take a look at our new website at www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com where you'll not only discover an overview of what makes our region so special but also information about any changes to opening times or current corona regulations and how they'll affect your stay.

We remain confident in spite of the current uncertainties and are planning attractive offers that will transform your trip into a fulfilling experience. It could even be said for the one or other highlight that less is more. The limits on visitor numbers mean smaller groups so you'll be able to enjoy direct encounters and experience many other delights more intensively. That applies to both culinary and cultural offers – but the hiking trails and ski slopes are also currently less busy than usual. Everything in our region revolves around the people who live here and the people who visit as guests. We want everyone to have a good time – so much so that the future generation is of particular concern to us. Our common vision is to make this precious and special place to live the most promising place for children to grow up in and so protect it in the long term.

What is common to us all, exchanges with others and taking an interest in them are part of our everyday life and these qualities shape our openness towards guests because they are particularly all the more important in times of social distancing for health reasons. It's what the landlords, hotel operators and organisers here specialise in – it's what makes life beautiful. We never said it was going to be easy.

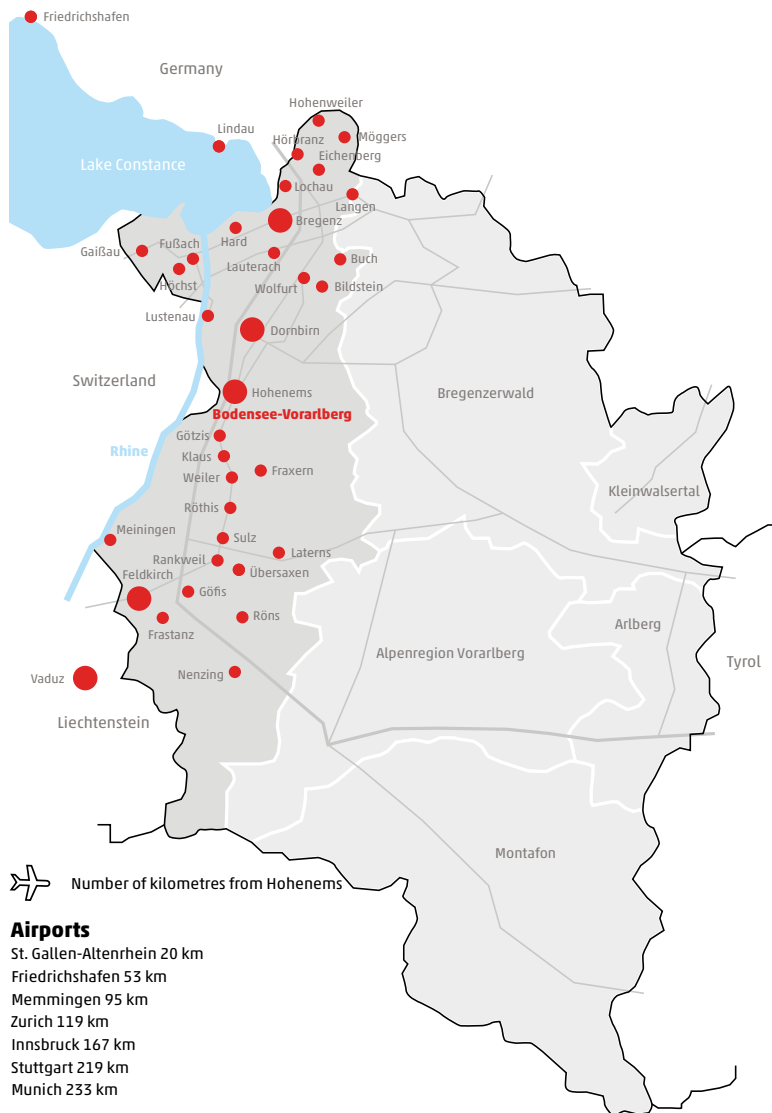
I hope you enjoy the read.

Urs Treuthardt

Managing Director at Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus

Getting here

The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg is easily accessible by all routes, and from all directions, with a very well-developed public transport network. Trains operate between Bregenz and Feldkirch, as do buses and Lake Constance ships of Vorarlberg Lines.



From the North

via Stuttgart – Singen – Meersburg – Lindau
 via Ulm – Memmingen – Lindau
 via Augsburg or Munich – Kempten – Lindau or
 via Munich – Memmingen – Lindau

From the West

via Zurich – St. Gallen – St. Margrethen
 via Zurich – Walensee – Sargans

From the South

via Como (I/CH) – San Bernardino – Thusis – Chur
 via Reschenpass (I/A) – Landeck or Brenner motorway (I/A) – Innsbruck –
 Landeck – Arlberg-Road Tunnel or -Pass

From the East

via Innsbruck – Landeck – Arlberg road tunnel or pass

By air

The closest airports are Zurich (CH), St. Gallen-Altenrhein (CH, scheduled flights with the People's Viennaline to and from Vienna), Friedrichshafen (D, scheduled international flights), Memmingen (D, scheduled international flights with Ryanair and other airlines), Munich (D) and Stuttgart (D).

A shuttle bus operates between Altenrhein and both Bregenz and Dornbirn, and back again. Places are limited and can be reserved via the People's hotline:

Austria: +43 (5572) 203610; Switzerland: +41 (71) 8585160

Single fare: €19.00 per person.

www.peoples.at

Toll sticker

The use of all motorways and dual carriageways in Austria (in Vorarlberg, these are the A14 and the S16) is subject to a fee. You can buy a 10-day, 2-month or a yearly toll sticker.

The motorway section between Hörbranz and Hohenems (A14) is exempt from this toll. (Status December 2020)

Vorarlberg

Facts

Population	397.094 (status 2020)
Area	2.601 km ² (3.1 % of Austria)
Location	In the centre of Europe, on the north-western foothills of the Austrian Alps. On the borders to Germany, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein.
Altitude	395 m above sea level (Lake Constance) to 3.312 m (Piz Buin)

67 % of the population live in the towns and villages of the Rhine Valley, which make up around 17 % of the area of the state of Vorarlberg. The population density in some areas is comparable with that of conurbations.

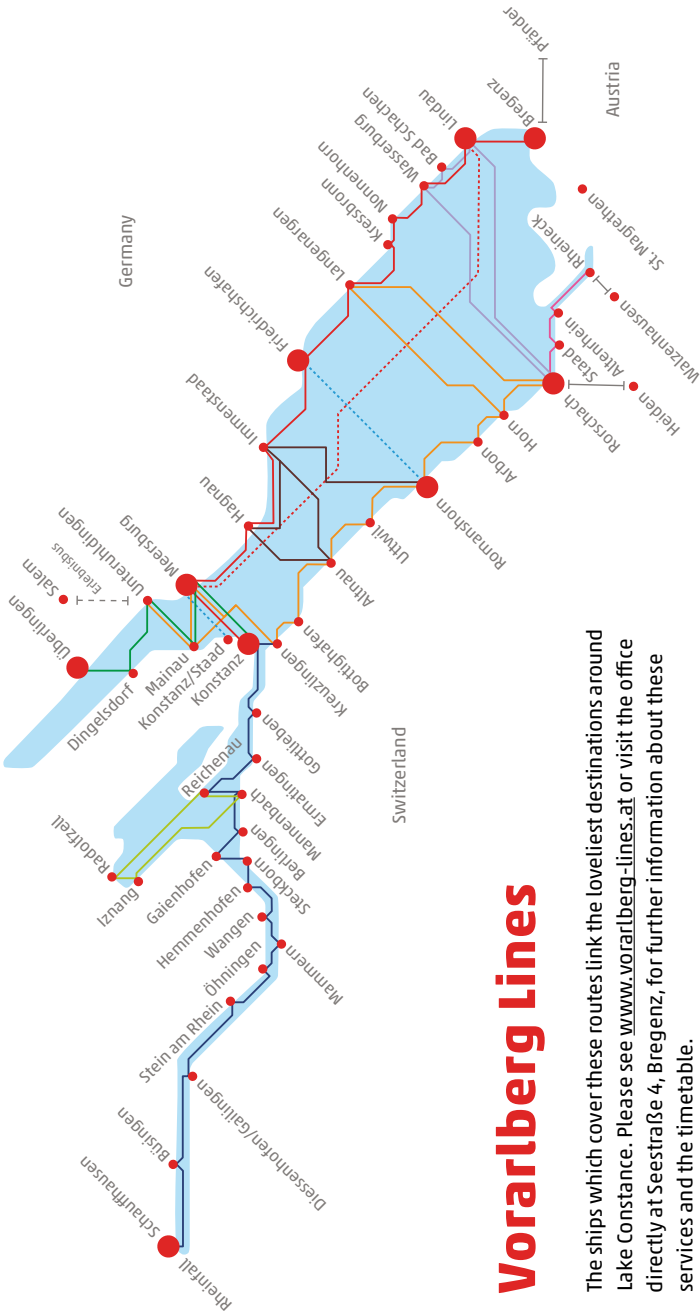
The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg goes even further, in the north to Hohenweiler and in the south to Nenzing. The shore of Lake Constance on the Austrian side extends over a length of 28 km.

180 million cubic metres of drinking water are extracted from Lake Constance every year. Its drinking water quality is deemed to be excellent.

The circumference of Vorarlberg's border is 321 km, with only 69 km of it connecting Vorarlberg to the rest of Austria – a road tunnel, a railway tunnel and the road across the Arlberg, passable all year, cross the high-alpine mountains.

Using public transport in Vorarlberg

The public transport system in Vorarlberg is well developed, and offers a good alternative to driving. A standardised fare system applies to the trains, town and regional buses. The state is divided into "zones". A day ticket for the entire public transport system costs € 15.00 for adults. Timetables and detailed fare information are available at www.vmobil.at: you can also download an app for smartphones from fairtiq. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card entitles you to travel free of charge by bus or train throughout the Vorarlberg region; you can also travel by train to the border stations in Lindau (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg.



The ships which cover these routes link the loveliest destinations around Lake Constance. Please see www.vorarlberg-lines.at or visit the office directly at Seestraße 4, Bregenz, for further information about these services and the timetable.



The dream of making people laugh

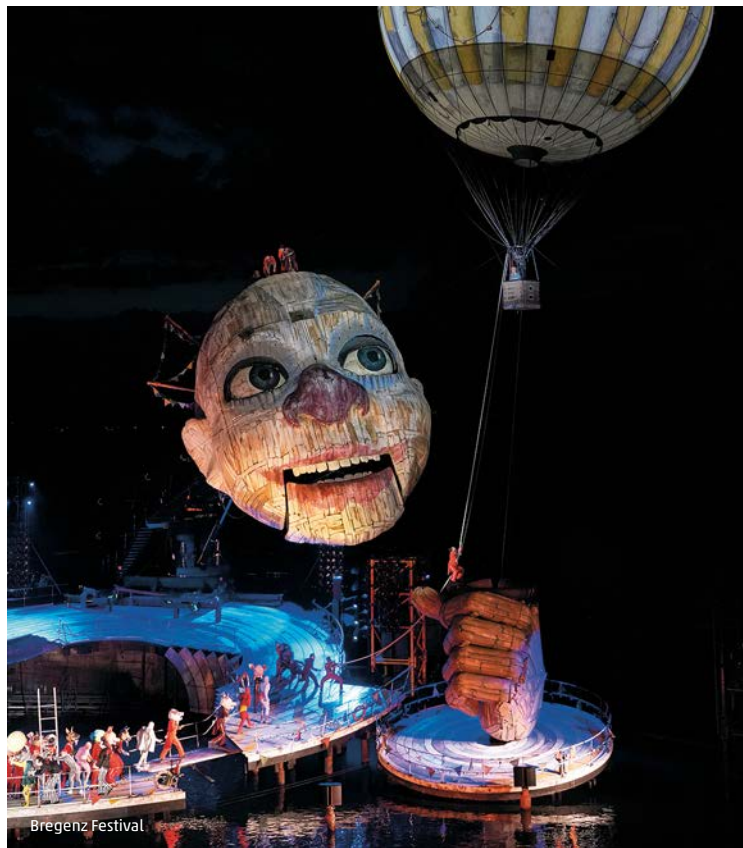
Lisa Suitner has a kind of love-hate relationship with life as a female clown – facing failure and celebrating it in order to touch people is considered a supreme discipline within the performing arts.

This globetrotter has always been drawn to the stage. The first thing she did after finishing school was to set off for India. She travelled and busked and lived in hippie communes and met a young man from Spain along the way. They moved to his home when she fell pregnant. A friend from Germany visited the young family in the Spanish village and took along a clown's nose as a gift. That was one of those moments – Lisa Suitner knew then that she wanted to train as a clown and health clown, and travelled back and forth to Constance once a month for three years to study clowning.

Lisa Suitner's first production for the theatre – 'Ablaufdatum – Geschichten eines Clowns' ('Expiration Date – Clown Stories') – was created in 2013. The piece was about palliative care and was a success for quite a while. 'Heute ist ein schöner Tag zum Sterben' ('Today's a Good Day to Die') was the self-explanatory title of her next own production. The central themes she tackles with both humour and the required depth include borderline experiences, friendships, loneliness and interchangeability. "Clowns generally fail in the small things. I love clowns who manage with just a few props. I like my routines to be able to fit into a single box if possible," says Lisa Suitner, explaining her approach.

She's also been performing more regularly on stage in Vorarlberg for a while now. She's already developing and producing her fourth piece. But she took a short break to go to circus school in Spain. "I wanted to know in 2016 what my body could still do at the age of 30 and I specialised in partner acrobatics and slack rope there." It soon became clear that it wasn't possible to reconcile the hard training with the demands of being self-employed and a mother – nevertheless, she's a virtuoso in drawing on all the skills she's acquired throughout her colourful life and plays an outrageously large number of instruments reasonably well and loves her work, which takes her to her limits. As you'd expect from a love-hate relationship.

More stories: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/people-and-stories



Cultural Life 🇨🇭

Culture is, without doubt, the first answer that comes to the mind of each and every local when asked to name the most prominent feature of life in the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg. Cultural life in the region is high-brow – as high as it possibly can be for a region which doesn't have a big city. Something has established itself here which you normally only find in cultural conurbations, i.e. wide acceptance for art and culture, which leaves a lasting impression on the atmosphere. The major cultural institutions with their international appeal and the many regional productions, of an exceptionally high quality, have contributed equally to this. Essentially, a lively cultural scene influences all areas and boosts the quality of life.

Bregenz

Dance festival Bregenzer Frühling

This dance festival has attracted an international audience since the 1990s. For a good reason: this is the place to experience the stars of the international dance scene, and legendary premières and unforgettable performances have maintained a reliably high standard. Frequent standing ovations express the audience's enthusiasm.

www.bregenzerfruehling.com

Bregenzer Festspiele (Bregenz Festival)

In the summer months, the actors and visitors to the festival turn the town into a multi-cultural meeting point – the opera "Rigoletto" by Giuseppe Verdi is performed for the second time after last year's postponement under the directorship of Philipp Stölzl. The lake stage is one thing – the rest of the programme such as the opera "Nero" by Arrigo Boito, first-class orchestral concerts and other highlights provide plenty reasons to stay in Bregenz that bit longer.

🕒 The festival is held between 22 July and 22 August 2021.

A look behind the scenes

It is the world's largest lake stage – and it welcomes interested visitors to take a look behind the scenes at all the goings-on.

Reserve a guided tour:

➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, T +43 (5574) 4076, 📞 p. 19 – A3-B3

www.bregenzerfestspiele.com

Vorarlberger Landestheater (State Theatre)

The State Theatre brings a breath of fresh air to the classical plays of world literature. Then again, the stage also has plenty space to accommodate the present.

➔ Seestraße 2, T +43 (5574) 42870-600, 📞 p. 19 – F3

www.landestheater.org

Theater KOSMOS

Always on the look-out for unusual plays and authors, the team at the KOSMOS theatre guarantees the audience a view of contemporary literature and the indelible attraction of theatre makers who give their life's blood to what they do.

➔ Mariahilfstraße 29, T +43 (5574) 44034

www.theaterkosmos.at

Künstlerhaus Palais Thurn und Taxis

The headquarters of Vorarlberg's Professional Association of Visual Artists and an exquisite exhibition programme give a lease of life to the town palace – the park around the estate is home to botanical sights well worth seeing.

→ Gallusstraße 10, T +43 (5574) 42751, ☎ p. 19 – E7

www.kuenstlerhaus-bregenz.at

Environs

Kammgarn Kulturwerkstatt

In 1996, the disused premises of Schoeller in Hard were converted into a cultural centre which, since then, has been livening up the old walls with music, theatre, stand-up comedy and a children's programme. The Kammgarn Kulturwerkstatt is the setting for the Foen-X stand-up comedy festival and part of the hardcover literature festival, is home to the arthouse cinema every Wednesday, and hosts over 120 events per year. Stop off at the Kultur-Café after each event to exchange opinions.

→ Spinnereistraße 10, Hard, T +43 (5574) 82731

www.kammgarn.at

Dornbirn

Spielboden

The Spielboden, which hosts concerts, theatre, cinema and legendary club nights as well as socio-critical discourses is a central location for cultural life in Dornbirn.

→ Färbergasse 15, T +43 (5572) 21933

www.spielboden.at

Art Bodensee

Small, exquisite and innovative – that is how renowned, regional and international galleries present themselves ☺ between 25 and 27 July 2021 at the Art Bodensee art fair in Dornbirn.

www.artbodensee.info

Gustav

International salon for high-quality consumer goods – the "Die Gustav" fair is being held in the Messequartier Dornbirn ☺ between 15 and 17 October 2021.

www.diegustav.com



Art Bodensee, Dornbirn

Environs

Freudenhaus

The Freudenhaus in Lustenau is a wonderfully unconventional place that offers plenty of space for circus, theatre, stand-up comedy and music. The circus tent, which has found a permanent home in the Millenniumpark in Lustenau, is the venue for a broad variety of different events.

→ Millenniumpark, Lustenau

www.freudenhaus.or.at



For more culture tips and corona-related changes to dates, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com



Homunculus, Hohenems

Homunculus

Heroes, myths and fairytales, told with a modern twist and magnificently interpreted using puppets – that is the Homunculus puppet theatre festival in Hohenems. Theatrical productions which delight the regular audience and guests alike have been staged here for 30 years. Every year, the productions have a thematic motto specified by artistic director Susanne Claus. 2021 marks the festival's 30th anniversary.

🕒 6 to 14 May 2021

➔ Löwensaal Hohenems, 📄 p. 53 – F3

www.homunculus.info

Schubertiade Hohenems

The Schubertiade is one of the most renowned classical music festivals worldwide. Nowhere else does the programme cover such a large number of lieder recitals with the best artists in the world in such a short space of time. The festival also includes chamber concerts and piano recitals of the highest quality. The programme is rounded off by orchestral concerts, readings, lectures and masterclasses with great artists. The main event locations are the Angelika Kauffmann Hall in Schwarzenberg and the Markus Sittikus Hall in Hohenems, both of which guarantee an incomparable musical experience with their phenomenal acoustics.

🕒 April to May, September to October 2021

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Saal, T +43 (5576) 72091, 📄 p. 53 – E4

www.schubertiade.at

Hohenems

Emsiana

It's worth finding out more about Hohenems – and with a much broader focus than on just its unique history. The latest developments in this small town include a culture festival, which is by now writing history itself. From classical concerts to world music and contemporary art exhibitions through to children's performances, this culture festival makes Hohenems a place to remember.

🕒 29 April to 5 May 2021

www.emsiana.at



Lisa Suitner

Clown, actress, musician

"The Saumarkt theatre is an important companion for me. Of course, this is because the LisaFestival with my clown friends takes place there every summer, but also because it offers a very varied programme in general."

Theater am Saumarkt, Feldkirch

Tip

Feldkirch

poolbar-Festival

The festival for young people – for full six weeks, the poolbar-Festival in Feldkirch applies itself to a high-quality, original programme. Music, architecture, graphic arts, art, dance and film are there for the taking

🕒 between 9 July and 15 August 2021.

➔ Altes Hallenbad im Reichenfeld, ☎ p. 75 – D7

www.poolbar.at

Theater am Saumarkt

The Saumarkt theatre plays an important part in cultural education which continuously picks up on current trends and places them in the limelight. Concerts, theatre, literature, stand-up comedy and film for all ages are on the varied programme, as are discourses pertinent to society.

➔ Mühletorplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 72895, ☎ p. 75 – D5

www.saumarkt.at

Johanniterkirche (Church of the Order of St. John)

Originally a hospice of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem built in 1218, after a changeful history, the small church in the middle of the historic centre of Feldkirch now houses an exceptional exhibition centre for contemporary art.

➔ Marktgasse 1, ☎ p. 75 – E5

www.johanniterkirche.at

Kunst Palais Liechtenstein

On the second floor, the time-honoured rooms of an old town palace offer a stage for established as well as up-and-coming contemporary artists. Although the focus is on the fine arts, the exhibition programme also includes cooperation with other types of art.

➔ Schlossergasse 8, ☎ p. 75 – E4

www.palaisliechtenstein.at

Montforter Zwischentöne

In three event cycles per year, the “Montforter Zwischentöne” festival enters into a new form of dialogue between music and the audience. This opens up spaces for dialogue with musicians – even private rooms turn into meeting places for an evening.

🕒 2 to 27 February 2021 – Following and Leading the Way

2 to 26 June 2021 – Paths and Ideas

12 November to 7 December 2021 – Experiments on the Sacred

➔ Montfortplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 9009, ☎ p. 75 – F5

www.montforter-zwischentoene.at



Poolbar festival, Feldkirch

POTENTIALE

The POTENTIALE creates space. For the possible and the seemingly impossible. Autumn sees Feldkirch becoming the venue for regional and international works in the fields of design, photography and media art. That's because the POTENTIALE trade fair in the Reichenfeld quarter is where designers, design talents and photographers are presenting their latest works for sale. Exhibitions are as much a part of the festival as a vintage market, outdoor installations and many surprising interventions in urban space.

🕒 12 to 14 November 2021

➔ Schlossergasse 1, T +43 (5522) 9009-0

www.potentiale.at

Bregenz

Bregenzer Festspiele
(Bregenz Festival) and
Festspielhaus Bregenz A3-B3
Port building and Café "Die Welle" F2
Pfänder Cable Car H2
vorarlberg museum F3

Kunsthaus Bregenz (arts center) F3
Parish church St. Gallus F7
St. Martins tower G6
Palais Thurn und Taxis E7
Vorarlberger Landestheater
(State Theatre) F3



← to the city map



Bregenz



With the mountain behind it and the wide blue of Lake Constance at its feet – that's how Bregenz welcomes its guests with a generosity that's not easy to outdo. That's also evident from the fact that the entire shore on the Austrian side of the lake is freely accessible, which opens up free vistas for people to experience nature as well as choose from a wealth of art and cultural offerings while staying in a small but thoroughly urban district. A free vista is needed to hone it for more

pearls, a second look is often even more valuable.

Of course – the Bregenz Festival is spectacular and attracts ever new guests like a magnet. It's something that needs to be seen and experienced. Many visitors travel to Bregenz for the first time specifically for the festival only to discover that a short stay is in no way enough. A quick glance at the Landestheater's programme is sufficient temptation to extend the stay but a second look at the rare panorama that the Pfänder presents

across the national borders is also highly enticing. Wonderfully prepared hiking trails start right on the front doorstep – and those who've enjoyed them once will always want to return. Fans of architecture will find buildings that inspire in many different ways and that range from the historical to the innovative, the Kunsthhaus and the vorarlberg museum in the city centre, for example, are two famous architectural beacons. But there's much more to discover. The quality with which art, culture and culinary delights play into each other's hands is truly unique because quality of life is something that's understood quite well in this more Alemannic region. Innovation also comes from taking pleasure and good food.



1 View of the Upper Town of Bregenz | 2 View from Pfänder | 3 Port

4 Fischersteg | 5 Anton-Schneider street festival | 6 Bregenzer Frühling (dance festival)

City Lights



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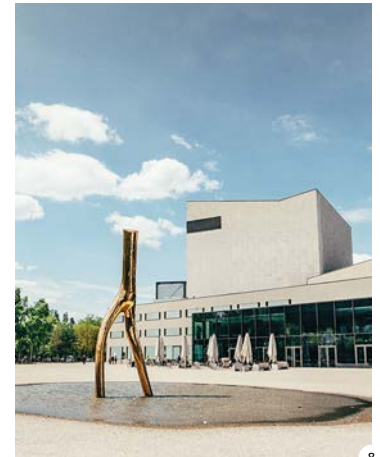
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- 1 Old military baths ("Mili")
- 2 KUB Café Bar | 3 Alpine wild park
- 4 Musical walk, Bregenz Upper Town
- 5 State Theatre
- 6 Classical concerts on board the MS Sonnenkönigin
- 7 Molo | 8 Festspielplatz
- 9 Strandbad Bregenz (outdoor pool)

Museums

It is practically impossible to determine the wealth of the region's museum scene, since committed private people in many places have a passion which they make publicly accessible to others – frequently with an astonishingly professional outcome. This list includes a selection of these private collections as well as the major museums, which are also worth a visit by architecture enthusiasts.



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1 KUB (arts center)

2 inatura museum


The following opening times are the regular opening times. Restrictions might apply during company holidays, exhibition change-overs and on public holidays.

Bregenz

vorarlberg museum

The culture of the state has been preserved, explored and made available to the public for over 150 years. Since opening its doors in 2013, the structural extension also expresses the conceptional reorientation which has completely blown away any trace of outmodedness and boredom evoked by the name "regional museum".

🕒 Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Mon only open on bank holidays


➔ Kornmarktplatz 1, T +43 (5574) 46050,  p. 19 – F3

www.vorarlbergmuseum.at

Kunsthau Bregenz (KUB)

Peter Zumthor has created a work of art in which to present art. With regard to both its content and its architecture, the building is considered throughout Europe as one of the major exhibition houses for contemporary art, offering a high-class art education programme for visitors of all ages.

🕒 Mon to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(closed during exhibition change-overs)


➔ Karl-Tizian-Platz, T +43 (5574) 48594433,  p. 19 – F3

www.kunsthau-bregenz.at

Pfänder Cable Car Museum

A look at the history of Vorarlberg's first cable car, which started operation in 1927.

🕒 Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.


➔ Steinbruchgasse 4, T +43 (5574) 42160-0,  p. 19 – H2

www.pfaenderbahn.at

St. Martin's Tower Museum

Bregenz's landmark, located within the old town walls, has a baroque onion dome and houses a small museum.

🕒 May to October: Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, T +43 (5574) 4101560,  p. 19 – G6

www.martinsturmbregenz.at

Environs

Kunst im Rohnerhaus Museum

The private museum housed in an interesting new building exhibits a permanent collection of works by artists from Vorarlberg, from the 17th century through to the present.

☉ Every first Sunday of the month 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Kirchstraße 14, Lauterach, T +43 (676) 7032873

www.rohnerhaus.at

Textildruck-Museum Mittelweiherburg

Exhibits from the world of textile printing are displayed in the former moated castle.

☉ April to October: Wed and Sat 5 to 7 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and by appointment.

➔ Mittelweiherburg 3, Hard, T +43 (5574) 697629

www.hardambodensee.at

Fire service old-timer Museum

Historical equipment and fire engines from 140 years.

☉ Wed from 7.30 p.m. and by arrangement

➔ Bommenweg 1, Hard, T +43 (664) 4521570


www.feuerwehr-oldtimer-hard.at

Dornbirn

Mohren Biererlebniswelt – Beer Museum

The Mohrenbrauerei (brewery) in Dornbirn has been dominating beer culture in Vorarlberg since 1834. Exhibits from the Huber family, which owns it, are presented on an area of 700 m² spread over four storeys. The exhibits include the chance to admire the restored brewing equipment from an old craft brewery in the region.

☉ Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri, Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.


➔ Dr.-Waibel-Straße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 3777 200,  p. 35 – F4

www.mohrenbrauerei.at

inatura Museum

The inatura is an interactive exhibition as well as a documentation centre and research facility. The modern museum concept, interesting architecture and child-oriented, interactive presentation of the objects make this revitalised industrial building into an attractive destination for an outing.


☉ Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Jahngasse 9/Stadtgarten, T +43 (5572) 232350,  p. 35 – C6

www.inatura.at

Kunstraum Dornbirn

The assembly hall of the former Rüscherwerke (Rüsch Turbine Works) has been transformed into a space where current trends in international art are presented in three to four exhibitions every year.


➔ Jahngasse 9, T +43 (5574) 6970,  p. 35 – C6

www.kunstraumdornbirn.at

Stadtmuseum Dornbirn

The Stadtmuseum Dornbirn is housed in a 200-year-old patrician house directly on the market square, with a collection on display that focuses on the history of Dornbirn. Selected items from everyday life are presented over three storeys, and are supplemented by special exhibitions on cultural history and contemporary urban topics. One thematic focus in the museum's collection is the internationally important textile sample archive, with over 300,000 items.

☉ Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Marktplatz 11, T +43 (5572) 3064911,  p. 35 – E3

www.stadtmuseum.dornbirn.at

Rolls-Royce Museen

British elegance may be experienced at the Vonier family's Rolls-Royce museums in Dornbirn-Güttele. The Rolls-Royce Automobilmuseum, with the previous, more extensive collection in an old industrial building, takes you back in time through the history of Rolls-Royce from 1904 to 1906. Another smaller Rolls-Royce museum has been located next door for a while now.

☉ Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in summer: extended and in winter: shortened opening hours – see website

➔ Güttele 10, T +43 (5572) 52652; Güttele 11a, T +43 (5572) 386693


www.rolls-royce-museum.at

www.rolls-royce-automobilmuseum.at

FLATZ Museum

Wolfgang Flatz, the actionist artist from Dornbirn, has a museum dedicated to him during his lifetime which enables the examination of artistic stimuli of our time.

☉ Fri 3 to 5 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

➔ Marktstraße 33, T +43 (5572) 306-4839,  p. 35 – E4

www.flatzmuseum.at

Christbaumschmuck Museum

You can view about 22 years of a passion for collecting things here, sorted, decorated and catalogued according to epochs. It is one of only three Christmas decoration museums in Europe.

☉ December and January: Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Montfortstraße 34, T +43 (5572) 23128, Familie Huschle

Crib Museum

A collection from all over the world displays nativity scenes and figures providing various interpretations of the Holy Night. The 400 m² full of exhibits include a particularly large piece which shows the Sufferings of Christ, with over 90 figures around a scene of the Passion. The collection is always worth a visit, even from a non-religious point of view.

🕒 1 May to 6 January: Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Gütle 11c, T +43 (5572) 200632

www.krippenmuseum-dornbirn.at

Environs

Rhein-Schauen – Museum and nostalgic Rheinbähnl

The River Rhine played an essential role in the life of our forefathers – its flooding brought not only bountiful harvests but also a lot of suffering. It is the focus of the exhibition, including a topographical model of the course of the river, from the sources through to Lake Constance. You can take a ride on a nostalgic steam engine.

🕒 Museum: End of April to end of October: Thu to Sun 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Extended opening times in summer – see website.

Train ride: End of April to end of October: Thu to Sun – see website.

➔ Höchster Straße 4, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 20539

www.rheinschauen.at

Rauch's Radiomuseum

Some 550 objects dating from the period of between around 1920 and 1970 present developments from the first receivers to arrive in the region to the most modern of sound machines.

🕒 Thu and Fri 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and by appointment

➔ Hofsteigstraße 21, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 82784 oder +43 (664) 2209064

www.radiomuseumlustenau.at



Jewish Museum Hohenems

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The Jewish Museum, at home in the former Villa Heimann-Rosenthal, documents the history of the Jewish community which lived in Hohenems for more than four centuries until it was wiped out during the Nazi era. It also addresses Jewishness in Europe today, the diaspora and Israel, as well as issues pertaining to the future of the European immigrant society. It has already achieved international popularity thanks to its events and activities.

🕒 Tue to Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Schweizer Straße 5, T +43 (5576) 73989-0, 📄 p. 53 – E2

www.jm-hohenems.at

The Museums of the Schubertiade in Hohenems

Franz Schubert and great performers of his works are elucidated in the historically interesting buildings around Marktstraße in Hohenems. Exhibits pertaining to the life, work and reception history of the composer worth viewing are located here. The collection of the legendary singer Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and her husband, the English record producer Walter Legge, provides insights into the world of music surrounding Karajan, Furtwängler and Callas.

➔ T +43 (5576) 72091

www.schubertiade.at

Franz-Schubert-Museum

The Franz Schubert Museum shows the brief life of the great Viennese composer who produced so many outstanding compositions.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 1, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F3

Schubertiade-Museum

The attempts to deepen our understanding of Franz Schubert's works and what kind of person he was are shown in a building that dates back to 1659. The exhibition focuses on individuals connected to Schubert, whether as artists who performed his work, publishers or authors.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 15, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F2

Legge-Museum

Documents from the archive of Walter Legge, the most important classical record producer, are reminders of many individuals from the world of music, from Maria Callas to Herbert von Karajan. A separate room is dedicated to the writer Stefan Zweig, whose grandfather used to live in the building.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 5, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F2

Elisabeth-Schwarzkopf-Museum

Elisabeth Schwarzkopf (1915–2006) was one of the most outstanding singers of the 20th century. Her career, which had so many high points, and which is documented by numerous recordings that set new standards, is presented with documents from her archive.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Villa Rosenthal, Schweizer Straße 1, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F3

Nibelungen-Museum

The success of the Song of Nibelungs began with the discovery of manuscripts C and A in the Hohenems palace (1755 and 1779). The main themes of the museum are Wagner's "The Ring of the Nibelung" and other important renditions of the Nibelung theme for stage and film.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 6, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F3

Schuhmacher-Museum

The parts of Karl Nachbauer's (1890–1980) shoemaker's workshop remind us of a craft that has now almost died out.

🕒 Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 15, T +43 (5576) 72091, 🏠 p. 53 – F2

Stoffels-Säge-Mühle – Saw Museum

The open-air mill museum documents 2,000 years of milling technology through to the modern era.

🕒 25 April to 31 October: Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Sägerstraße 11, T +43 (5576) 72434, 🏠 p. 53 – G6

www.museum-stoffels-saege-muehle.at

Feldkirch

Schattenburg Castle Museum

Today, the museum's eighteen rooms still offer an impressive look at the life-style of earlier centuries, from wall paintings and religious art through to suits of armour. It is family-friendly, has a restaurant in the old building and a lovely view across the roofs of Feldkirch.

🕒 Tue 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fri to Sun 1 to 5 p.m.

➔ Burggasse 1, T +43 (5522) 71982, 🏠 p. 75 – G5

www.schattenburg.at

Radio Museum Goaszipfl

Over 120 radio receivers from the early days of radio. The exhibitor and amateur radio operator Karlheinz Mallinger presents his collection pieces in a small room in his house. In addition to the classic radio receivers, pocket radios, shellac record players, a wire tape recorder, television sets and measuring instruments are exhibited for viewing.

🕒 By arrangement

➔ Neustadt 43, T +43 (664) 3873545, 🏠 p. 75 – F5

k.mallinger@lampertmail.com



For more museum tips and corona-related changes to opening hours, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

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Schattenburg castle museum, Feldkirch

 **All-inclusive partner – free admission**

 **Bonus partner – reduced admission**

Information pertaining to the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card, public transport, important addresses and telephone numbers as well as a map of the new network of cycle paths can be found in the jacket.

“Römervilla” Open-Air Museum

Three buildings from a Roman estate from the period between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD can be viewed in the open country, including a partially preserved hot-air heating system.

➔ Brederis, close to the sports field, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 405-0
www.rankweil.at

Museum for Printmaking

The flair of an authentic artist's-printing studio is inspiring. The classic techniques of printmaking can be experienced for example on a fully functioning historical lithographic printing press.

🕒 Thu 6 to 8 p.m. and by arrangement. Outside of exhibitions the museum can be visited by appointment.

➔ Hartmanngasse 15a, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 41737
www.markusgell.com

Vorarlberg Museum World

The Vorarlberg museum world brings seven museums together under one roof on more than 2500 m²: the electrical museum, the state fire brigade museum, the Vorarlberg hunting museum, the rescue museum, the tobacco museum, the “grammophonium” and the museum cinema.

🕒 Wed and Sat 1 to 5 p.m.

➔ Obere Lände 3b, Frastanz, T +43 (676) 5440970
www.museumswelt.com

Bienenmuseum Immenhof

The first bee museum in Vorarlberg – with a bee nature trail.

🕒 April to September: Fri 4 to 7 p.m. and by arrangement

➔ Dorfstraße 5, Nenzing-Gurtis, T +43 (650) 4722098, Mrs. Berchtold

Küblerei-Museum

The cooper trade was first mentioned around the year 1636. Small private collection.

🕒 By arrangement

➔ Unterwaldstraße 3, Laterns, T +43 (5526) 381, Mr. Nesensohn

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Rappenlochschlucht (gorge)



Dornbirn



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A spectacular vantage point that presents views across the Rhine Valley and the neighbouring countries is located high above Dornbirn – the Karren is considered a challenge among the more active hikers. So it's great that there's a cable car to take visitors up – whatever the route, the trip is worthwhile for this one deep breath – and, of course, for the culinary delights. The largest city in the Rhine Valley bears the marks of its past industrial successes and has come up with new ways of filling the old architecture with new life. Innovation and pioneering spirit have always characterised the city – but quality of life has never been ignored either. Vibrant life at almost any time of the day is to be encountered at the large market square, the weekly market is a hub for traders of regionally produced and healthy food as well as for social interaction. Various bars and restaurants have settled around the extensive centre so that a sound culture

of dining has also become established there over the years. The outdoor version has demonstrated its benefits particularly in the current circumstances. A fine sense of design and culture is evident at the former Rüscher works that the Kunstraum Dornbirn currently occupies. The inatura nature museum is also located in the renovated complex of old buildings. The city generally offers a

Shout, yell or jump up and down with enthusiasm, from fear or out of principle – but please, for heaven's sake do not remain aloof. There is too much aloofness in the world as it is.

wide range of activities for all ages – the new municipal library with its quiet reading corners and stunning architecture in the direct vicinity, for instance, is something that's not to be missed. It's possible to combine the flair of the city with enchanting experiences of nature that's not far away, for example, a walk along the banks of the River Ach. The route leads uphill to the spectacular Rappenloch gorge and on to the Ebnit, a picturesque, hidden enclave.



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4 Spielboden | 5 Christmas market

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4 Ristorante Pizzeria Etna | 5 Kunstraum (exhibition hall) Dornbirn

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Building Culture


The historic architectural legacy of the state is witness to the eventful history along the River Rhine which, like all border areas, was a melting pot. Even back in the Middle Ages, there were connections to the major metropolises of the time, either via the ecclesiastical history or via the marriage policy. Many a palace complex bears features of a foreign architectural style, such as the palace in Hohenems. The urban orientation of modern-day life had its roots in its earliest history.

This is reflected in the architectural works of today – over the past quarter of a century, the state has progressed to become an affirmed destination for those interested in architecture. The architects are setting new standards when it comes to forms, materials and ecological methods of building, thereby realising bold new projects. For instance, take a trip to the LifeCycle Tower in Dornbirn for a visit to an ecologically-oriented future.

Architecture

vai Vorarlberger Architektur Institut

It was on the initiative of members of the national association of architects of the state which brought about the Vorarlberger Architektur Institut in 1997. The sustainable consolidation of building culture in Vorarlberg is the association's objective. The vai regularly holds exhibitions, offers round-table events, guided tours of particular architectural gems and operates a reference library which also contains numerous periodicals.


→ Marktstraße 33, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 51169,  p. 35 – E4
www.v-a-i.at

Bregenz

Kunsthaus Bregenz (arts centre)

Architect Peter Zumthor


The lake with its constantly changing plays of light provides the outer decoration for the glass lamp structure that encloses the concrete cube of the Kunsthhaus. It was intended to be a simple container for art, said Peter Zumthor at its opening, and because he always radically implements whatever he has found to be right, the exhibiting artists are confronted with this grandiose simplicity. There is no view from the inside out, the exhibition rooms in the three upper storeys are each limited by concrete walls behind which the staircases and lifts disappear and even the daylight and artificial lighting are only allowed in through the ceilings between the storeys.

→ Karl-Tizian-Platz, T +43 (5574) 485940,  p. 19 – F3
www.kunsthhaus-bregenz.at

vorarlberg museum (state museum)

Architects cukrowicz.nachbaur

"The museum contains Roman vessels, up to 10,000 copies of which were manufactured in one firing", says Anton Nachbaur. "So this is real mass production. We asked ourselves what the equivalent would be nowadays. That's how we hit on the idea of the plastic bottles that you see everywhere." These now decorate the facade of the new part, which opens onto Kornmarktplatz, whilst the historically preserved part remains facing the lake. Inside, thick earth plaster walls and untreated wooden floors convey a natural atmosphere.

→ Kornmarktplatz 1, T +43 (5574) 46050,  p. 19 – F3
www.vorarlbergmuseum.at

“Die Welle” (harbour building)

Architects Wolfgang Ritsch, Nägele Waibel, Bruno Spagolla

“Die Welle” serves both as the harbour building and a cafe, fits perfectly into the complex of large buildings on Seestraße and, with its automatically opening and closing glass front, provides a softer response in size and shape to the glass cube. In any case, in the “Welle”, far away from the noise of the traffic, you can sit exactly where the sun looks most beautiful at sunset.

→ Seeanlagen 738, T +43 (664) 1608161, [👁 p. 19 – F2](#)

www.diewelle.at

Festspielhaus Bregenz (festival house)

Architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller

The tiered stands, with 7,000 seats and a view of the stage and the open horizon, are one of the landmarks of Vorarlberg. The event venue and congress centre, however, also boasts a large hall with 1,800 seats, various studios and the Werkstattbühne area. In 2006, the original building, dating from 1979, was renewed and expanded by architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller. The Festspielhaus Bregenz has been an architectural highlight on the shores of the lake for decades and copes elegantly with the impressive numbers of visitors.

→ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, T +43 (5574) 4130, [👁 p. 19 – A3](#)

www.kongresskultur.com

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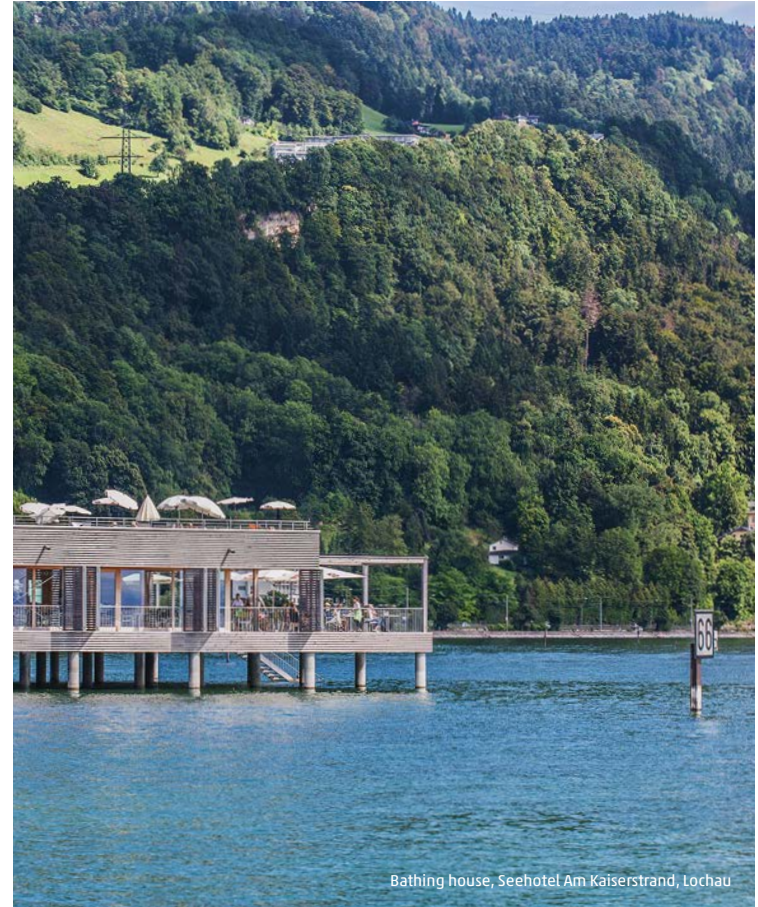
Michelehof (farmhouse)

Architect Philip Lutz

Schnapps distillery, sales room, tasting room, schnapps warehouse, machine hall and workshop – plus three generations housed in the residential part of the farmhouse and a shed for the cows; all of these are harmoniously contained and sensibly designed in the new construction by Phillip Lutz. And this is precisely what it needed, because customers for the legendary schnapps from the Michelehof appear regularly and in vast numbers – and rightly so.

→ Marktstraße 26, Hard, T +43 (5574) 72412

www.michelehof.at



Bathing house, Seehotel Am Kaiserstrand, Lochau

Badehaus, Seehotel Am Kaiserstrand (bathing house)

Architects Lang + Schwärzler

A 40 m long footbridge leads from the lakeside promenade to the bathing house, which towers out of the water on stilts. It complements the Hotel am Kaiserstrand as a stunning structural element, reached directly from reception along the garden pathway and the footbridge. The enclosed wooden box faces the sun, and the café terrace and sun deck are screened from sight on the shore side.

→ Am Kaiserstrand 1, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 58111

www.seehotel-kaiserstrand.at




Library, Dornbirn

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inatura Museum (interactive nature exhibition)

Architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller, Hermann Kaufmann, Christian Lenz

The industrial history of Dornbirn left a disused assembly building and foundry on the site of the Rüscher works. inatura – which is both an interactive exhibition and a research and documentation centre for the nature of Vorarlberg – found its natural home in the industrial premises. To build the museum and the municipal park designed by the landscape architects Rotzler Krebs Partner, parts of the building had to be demolished but the assembly building, the old and new foundry, the turning shop and the smithy have been retained. An extension was required for the offices and ancillary rooms.


→ Jahngasse 9, T +43 (5572) 23235,  p. 35 – C6

www.inatura.at

das stadtbad (indoor pool)

Architects cukrowicz.nachbaur

Worth a visit, especially by families, is the redesigned old swimming pool dating back from the 1960s. A sports pool and the parent-and-child area have been added to the existing pool. The entire exterior skin of the swimming pool is made of copper. A fully enclosed black body towers above the new swimming pool with visual and acoustic features to create a multimedia ambience.


→ Schillerstraße 18, T +43 (5572) 22687,  p. 35 – F6

www.stadtbad.at

Stadtbibliothek Dornbirn (library)

Architects Christian Schmölz, Dietrich|Untertrifaller

The library in Dornbirn's Schulgasse, newly built in 2019, is one of the city's architectural highlights. Reflecting the building's function, the oval facade with more than 7,000 ceramic bricks is reminiscent of bookcases and shelves. Floor-to-ceiling windows in all four directions allow the light to flood through the building and symbolise openness and tolerance for all.

→ Schulgasse 44a, T +43 (5572) 306 4820,  p. 35 – C5


www.stadtbibliothek.dornbirn.at

Feldkirch

Montforthaus (cultural and conference centre)

Architects Hascher Jehle, Berlin and Mitiska Wäger, Bludenz

The secret of successful architecture in the heart of a network of narrow old city streets can be admired in Feldkirch; soft, twisted shapes make ideal use of the available space without producing an ugly rear site anywhere. The historic Old City and a listed city wall contrast very charmingly with the light, bright facade, and the mighty rock wall on one side and the Schattensburg on the other look down in a kindly way on the new building.

→ Montfortplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 9009,  p. 75 – F5

www.montforthausfeldkirch.com

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Islamischer Friedhof (Islamic cemetery)

Architect Bernardo Bader

A further award-winning feature is the only Islamic cemetery in the state of Vorarlberg. It is also one of only two Islamic cemeteries in the whole of Austria. This cemetery won one of the most internationally important architecture prizes in the form of the "Aga Khan Award".

→ Schotterried 1, Altach, T +43 (664) 4355927

www.altach.at

Artenne (old farmhouse)

Architect Hansjörg Thum

The barn of a farmhouse built in 1841 now houses a lively cultural centre with contemporary literature, film and art. In the Walgau region, buildings of this type have mainly disappeared, which is why the exhibition and event venue is set to be used for a long time. During the essential alteration work, the original structure was retained as far as possible, with new elements supplementing the historic part. The complex network of different levels was also tackled with great care, and the levels are connected by two staircases and a footbridge, instead of a central staircase. The former timber-plank hay loft has been transformed into an unusual exhibition space and the entire building is an exceptional architectural jewel.

→ Kirchgasse 6, Im Walgau, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 64417

www.artenne.at

Wasserhaus Götzis (work of art)

Architect Fridolin Welte

This concrete cube is a meditative place where everything revolves around the vital element of water. The artist Fridolin Welte designed the building in 2003 as part of an art competition. The Wasserhaus features walls with holes that resemble a membrane. It is reminiscent of how the human skin works as it breathes, protects and cools.

→ Montfortstraße 88, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 625010

www.arbogast.at/freiraeume/wasserhaus




For more building culture tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Historical buildings

Bregenz

St. Martins tower and chapel

The choir is adorned with a Gothic fresco cycle from the 14th and 15th centuries, a baroque Madonna adorns the east wall and, on the south wall, a Gothic ambry dating from 1492 has a pride of place. The two side altars, the way of the cross and the life-size wooden statue of St. Martin with beggar in the nave of the chapel are unique. The adjacent St. Martin's tower used to be a storehouse before it was turned into a watchtower in around 1600. Its baroque, wooden-shingle onion dome is the largest in Central Europe.

→ Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, T +43 (5574) 4101561,  p. 19 – G6


Castle Hohenbregenz, Gebhardsberg

The Gebhardsberg was appreciated as one of the best vantage points in the whole of the Lake Constance area even 900 years ago. Of the "Hohenbregenz" fortress (today's Gebhardsberg ruin), all that is left are the remains of the walls. Today a castle restaurant with a medieval ambience and a magnificent panorama terrace sits enthroned in this spot.

→ Gebhardsbergstraße 1, T +43 (5574) 42515

Parish church St. Gallus

Converted in the 18th century according to the plans of the baroque master builder Franz Anton Beer, this church stands on the very foundations of a Romanesque church from the second half of the 5th century. A lovely example of Lake Constance baroque art. The silver altar can be viewed upon request.

→ Kirchplatz 3, T +43 (5574) 90180,  p. 19 – F7

Environs

Basilica Maria Bildstein

The Basilica Maria Bildstein is able to look back on many centuries of pilgrimage. After the apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1629, the chapel was no longer large enough. In 1662 Michael Kuen, a master builder from Bregenz, designed a new church and in spring 2018 the pilgrimage church was declared a basilica as the result of its most recent renovations. Its exposed location with fantastic views makes it a popular destination in the region.

→ Dorf 1, Bildstein
www.maria-bildstein.at



Paul Burtscher

Priest, Bildstein

"The basilica in Bildstein is an outstanding structure. It's the first baroque church in Vorarlberg, built by the Bregenz architect Michael Kuen. The church seems unique, particularly as an early baroque building with coffered ceiling."


Basilica Maria Bildstein

Tip

Dornbirn

Rotes Haus (red house)

The house dating back to the early 17th century is one of the last baroque Rhine Valley houses in Vorarlberg, and is considered the town's landmark. The deep-red wooden facade is remarkable, and lends its name to today's restaurant.


→ Marktplatz 13, T +43 (5572) 31555,  p. 35 – E3

www.roteshaus.at

Hohenems and Environs

Ruine Alt-Ems (castle ruin)

The ruins of one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe sit enthroned above the town of Hohenems: today's ruins at Alt-Ems were 800 m long and up to 85 m wide, had 7 gates, 1 drawbridge and 47 chambers. The castle, originally Guelph and, between 1179 and 1191 Stauffian, has been redeveloped and is preserved for future generations.


→ Schlossberg, T +43 (650) 8620586,  p. 53 – H4

www.alt-ems.at

Renaissance Palace Hohenems

Architect Martino Longo, building commenced in 1563

The palace used to be the residence of the Counts of Ems (their marriage policy lead to them being related to the Medici) and, along with Gloppe castle and Alt-Ems castle ruin, is still privately owned. Of special mention regarding the history of the palace is the discovery of manuscripts A and C of the Song of the Nibelungs.

→ Schlossplatz 8, T +43 (5576) 77888,  p. 53 – F4

www.palast-hohenems.at

Jewish Museum Hohenems 🇮🇹

The Heimann-Rosenthal villa, built in 1864, Jewish Museum since 1991, is a fine example of the careful adaptation of living quarters into a public building.

➔ Schweizer Straße 5, T +43 (5576) 73989-0, 🗺 p. 53 – E2

www.jm-hohenems.at

Jonas-Schlössle (castle)

The Jonas-Schlössle in the Lake Constance region is regarded as a special example of a stately residence from the Renaissance period. The listed building's interior impresses with artistically carved wooden ceilings, massive timber beams and magnificent wall panelling. Nowadays the Jonas-Schlössle is used as a characteristic location for Christmas markets and wedding fairs and is home to the Schlössle bar, where visitors may take a drink or two in unique surroundings.

➔ Junker-Jonas-Platz 1, Götzis

Feldkirch

Schattenburg (castle)

From the early 13th through to the late 14th century, the impressive castle in Feldkirch was the seat of the Counts of Montfort. The keep, the highest part of the Schattenburg, is a lovely observation platform, enabling a view across the whole of Feldkirch.

➔ Burggasse 1, T +43 (5522) 3043510, 🗺 p. 75 – G5

www.schattenburg.at

Katzenturm (tower)

The eight-storey, round tower is a keep which was erected in 1507 as part of the town walls.

➔ Hirschgraben, 🗺 p. 75 – E3

St. Nikolaus cathedral

This is Vorarlberg's most significant gothic church, consecrated as a parish church in 1218. Following severe fires in the 14th and 15th centuries, it had to be rebuilt in 1478, this time bearing the late gothic nave and gable roof it still has today. Upon the establishment of the diocese of Feldkirch, the parish church was made into a cathedral in 1968.

➔ Domplatz 6, T +43 (5522) 722320, 🗺 p. 75 – F4



Environs

Basilica Rankweil

The basilica is the landmark and heart of Rankweil. The church on the Liebfrauenberg, at an altitude of 50 m, is a fortified church – a special form of early Christian places of worship in Rhaetia built on a height making it hard to reach. Along with the artist Matt Mullican, the architects Cukrowicz and Metzler have extended the space of the Landesgedächtniskapelle. An oblique ray of light falls onto the glass cabinet which houses mementos. The chapel has become a unique monument.

➔ Liebfrauenberg 10, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44224

www.basilica-rankweil.at

Burg Alt-Montfort (castle)

The castle ruin of Alt-Montfort, mentioned as early as in 1206, sits atop a hill next to Weiler. Hugo I named it "Starkenbergr", giving himself the same name from this time too. It was destroyed in the 15th century during the Appenzell Wars.

➔ Weiler

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Hohenems



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The town at the foot of the Schlossberg (castle mountain) is able to look back on an eventful history – Alt-Ems Castle was one of the largest castles in the southern German region at the end of the 12th century. The Counts of Hohenems began building their Renaissance palace at the foot of the Schlossberg in 1560. At the time, they had family links to the Medici in Milan. Two of the most important manuscripts of the Nibelungenlied (Song of the Nibelungs) were discovered in

the castle's library in the 18th century. A Jewish settlement was established from the 17th to the 19th century under the patronage of the Count of Hohenems, which produced cultural as well as economic benefits. Vorarlberg's first printing shop was founded in Hohenems and the region's first coffee house opened here in 1977 – 'Kaffeehaus Kitzinger' quickly became the place where a reading circle was established. The develop-

ments over history are familiar because – like the rest of Europe – Hohenems fell into a state of cultural dormancy ... a condition that, however, has now clearly come to an end. Not only the Schubertiade – the festival that celebrates Schubert – with its international audience has shaped the face of the city for decades, the loving restoration of the historic Marktgasse and the Jewish district has meant that Hohenems now enjoys a life that is full of vibrant culture. Even the sleeping beauty of the villa that once belonged to Iwan and Franziska Rosenthal is being given a new lease of life: over the next two years, it will become home to, among other things, the future Literaturhaus Vorarlberg and so make a valuable contribution to the revival of the tradition of literature that Hohenems had enjoyed in the past. This small vibrant town that nestles between the foot of the Schlossberg and the banks of the Old Rhine also has wonderful areas to offer for recreation.

You might feel awkward, but still – hug a tree at least once in your life. Just go ahead and do it. Hugging a tree by surprise sends a wave of exhilaration through the forest, which has a positive effect on the oxygen level.



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Weiss restaurant, Bregenz

Food and Drink 🍴

For such a small geographical region there is an exceptional amount of exclusive restaurants and attractive establishments to choose from. Not only does the region breed creative minds and culinary talents – it also seems to attract them. Many chefs have international training behind them, and have returned with a new idea of what makes life so good: great food, a refined drinking culture and a cultured nightlife.



Marcél Herburger

Restaurateur, Mohren Rankweil

"I like to visit friends at the former Pier 69 harbour restaurant. And then it's a must to take an evening stroll along the lake as the perfect end to a perfect day."

Pier 69, Bregenz

Tip

Bregenz

Restaurant Goldener Hirschen

The traditional restaurant makes you think you have stepped into a picture book. It offers consistent-quality plain cooking and the charm of a restaurant which has been just that for centuries. In the adjoining beer bar a variety of different regional and international beers are served.

→ Kirchstraße 9, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42815, 🍷 p. 19 – F5

www.hotelweisseskreuz.at

Maurachbund Stadtheuriger

The tavern is located just a few metres from the centre of Bregenz and the Rhomberg family serves more than 40 selected Austrian wines there. Tasty treats are also available from the buffet and the ambience is rounded off with music that's typical of the wine taverns to be found in Vienna.

→ Maurachgasse 11, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 44446, 🍷 p. 19 – G5

www.maurachbund.at

Weiss Restaurant

The restaurant, bar and café is a place for everyday, spontaneous meets and meals served in celebration of special occasions. Founded by three young, creative people, united by their talent and passion for gastronomy, which is a promising concept for culinary delights.

→ Anton-Schneider-Straße 5, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 90859, 🍷 p. 19 – G4

www.weiss-bregenz.at

Petrus Café Brasserie

The Petrus Café that offers the flair of a French-Belgian brasserie is where visitors can feel good and enjoy spending time engrossed in stimulating conversations. The menu reads like an excursion into the Belgian-French world of home-made fries and other fine creations that simply spoil patrons for choice.

→ Anton-Schneider Straße 11, Bregenz, +43 (664) 4369457, 🍷 p. 19 – G4

www.petrus-bregenz.at

Theatercafé

The tradition of the coffee house and home-made confectionery just as you want it. A branch has opened straight opposite, in the vorarlberg museum. Natural products from the region are greatly esteemed here, with the around 40 cakes and gateaux produced here daily made from healthy spelt flour. Miss out on the home-made chocolate creations and you'll be sorry!

→ Kornmarktstraße 4, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 47115, 🍷 p. 19 – F4

www.theatercafe.at

Restaurant Kornmesser

A baroque building from 1720, restored with a high degree of sensitivity, fantastic beer garden under a huge chestnut tree, with good home cooking. You get a lovely view of the lake from the balcony.

➔ Kornmarktstraße 5, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 54854, **II** p. 19 – G3
www.kornmesser.at

KUB Café

The establishment in the Kunsthhaus bears the trademark style of architect Peter Zumthor: a large terrace on the square in front of the KUB in the summer and a cool, black box for drinks, superb music and specialised snacks in winter.

➔ Karl-Tizian-Platz, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 58070, **II** p. 19 – G3
www.kunsthhaus-bregenz.at

Restaurant & Bar Hotel Messmer

Hotel Messmer is located in the heart of Bregenz and the culinary variety that its restaurant serves doesn't only attract guests from the hotel. A rich breakfast buffet, frequently changing main courses and delicious menus for gourmets leave nothing to be desired – either at lunchtime or in the evenings.

➔ Kornmarktstraße 16, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42354, **II** p. 19 – G3
www.hotel-messmer.at

PIER 69

PIER 69 at the Bregenz harbour not only impresses with its fantastic location immediately on the harbour promenade but also with the large and small delicacies that it serves at lunch and dinner time. Its spacious, comfy outdoor area and the fact that it serves hot food all day make the PIER 69 the place to spend a relaxing time out at any time of the day or year.

➔ Seestraße 4, Bregenz, +43 (5574) 43202, **II** p. 19 – G2
www.pier69.at

Wirtshaus am See

Both outside in the summer, during the festival period right on the lakeside promenade in Bregenz and inside in the winter, cosying up next to the open fireplace – the Wirtshaus am See is a must for all visitors to Bregenz and gourmets of the Austrian cuisine.

➔ Seepromenade 2, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42210, **II** p. 19 – C3
www.wirtshausamsee.at

Casino Restaurant Falstaff

Gambling passion and an elegant dinner are easily combined in the Casino Restaurant Falstaff. A part of the restaurant is located on a gallery, and offers a view of the gambling tables. The cloud restaurant and the cloud lounge during the summer offer views towards the lake. You just need to step outdoors to take a walk along the shore of the lake should you need to clear your head between dessert and placing your bet.

➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 45127–12500,
II p. 19 – B4
www.falstaffbregenz.at

Divvy Restaurant

The DIVVY Restaurant is located in Bregenz on the shores of Lake Constance and presents a culinary experience with a French touch. The modern restaurant offers a terrace that presents views of the lake and that is the ideal setting to enjoy an evening meal before visiting the Bregenz Festival.

➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 2, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 46100181,
II p. 19 – B4

Restaurant Babenwohl im Hotel Schwärzler

The à la carte eatery at Hotel Schwärzler in Bregenz serves a selection of urban trend dishes and international classics in addition to the classic dishes customarily served at inns in Austria. Regional, fresh and local products are very important here.

➔ Landstraße 9, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 4990
www.schwaerzler.s-hotels.com

Germania Restaurant

Hotel and restaurant which enjoys a location close to both the lake and to the town centre. The menu changes weekly, the good plain kitchen with its seasonal products always includes regional produce. A true insider tip.

➔ Am Steinenbach 9, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42766-0
www.hotel-germania.at/de/restaurant

Burgrestaurant Gebhardsberg

Even 900 years ago, the former lords of the castle knew where the best view across the land and far across the lake was to be had. Burgrestaurant Gebhardsberg convinces with a fantastic sun terrace, traditional cuisine, regional ingredients and an – incidentally spectacularly beautiful – wine cellar.

➔ Langenerstraße 5, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 47711
www.greber.cc

Möth

As you would expect from a tavern, there's one thing above all else that it specialises in besides hearty snacks with bread made with regional specialities: wine. Möth is the largest producer of wines in Vorarlberg and its grapes ripen around the tavern and near Lake Constance.

→ Gebhardsberg 1, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42515

www.moeth.at

Environs

Restaurant Mangold

The toque-bearing restaurant is located in a small side street, has a romantic courtyard and offers some of the best food in the state. It is recommended that you reserve – the reputation of the Mangold goes well beyond the borders.

→ Pfänderstraße 3, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 42431

www.restaurant-mangold.at

Fritsch am Berg

A view across the lake and a mountain panorama coupled with traditional cuisine and modern architecture – this sets the scene for enjoying a glass of good wine and taking in the spirit of the establishment.

→ Pfänder – Buchenberg, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 43029

www.fritschamberg.at

Panorama Restaurant Schönblick and Restaurant Mehdaflu

The hotel with the most spectacular view of Lake Constance and the Swiss mountains. The spacious terrace appears to float above the panorama. The panorama restaurant Schönblick and the restaurant Mehdaflu are good enough reasons to travel to Eichenberg.

→ Dorf 6, Eichenberg, T +43 (5574) 45965

www.schoenblick.at

Restaurant Johann

Everything, just no frills. Gasthaus Johann has always worked to the understanding that plain fare is good food. Rafaela and Alexander Berger, who run the business, took the liberty to compose a menu of their favourite dishes. The food is meant to remind guests of the times they had lunch at 'Grandma's'. The dishes are freshly prepared every day with ingredients from the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region.

→ Bundesstraße 85, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 70722

www.gasthaus-johann.at



Restaurant Guth

A toque-bearing restaurant, an outdoor lounge, modern architecture, garden and the alchemy of exquisite food – you really should reserve in good time to get a seat here.

→ Wälderstraße 10, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 72470

www.restaurantguth.at

Gasthaus Käth'r

A lovely old country inn with beer garden right next to the village stream – an idyllic spot serving up home-style cooking, child-oriented and informal.

→ Seestraße 22, Hard, T +43 (5574) 87588

www.hotelamsee.biz

Fischerheim Schleienloch

A local restaurant in the middle of the Rhine Delta nature reserve, with wooden benches, a shaded terrace and fresh fish specialities. It is also the perfect place to stop off at the end of a long ramble along the Rhine embankment or to satiate your desire to experience nature and enjoy some delicious food.

→ Rechter Rheindamm 60, Hard, T +43 (5574) 78220

www.fischerheim.at

Fischerstüble

Are you out and about on a sailing boat? The fish restaurant in Fußach is located right on the harbour and specialises in fish and in the flair of a Mediterranean oasis. As unpretentious as it is unforgettable.

🕒 Open between mid-April and mid-September.

→ In der Schanz 30, Fußach, T +43 (5578) 75750

www.fischerstueble.at

Restaurant Ochsen

In Bildstein, a place of pilgrimage, gastronomy is an ancient tradition. The Ochsen cooks regional products with a great deal of attention and love. In the warmer months guest can sit in the comfortable garden outside.

→ Dorf 71, Bildstein, T +43 (5572) 58371

www.restaurant-ochsen-bildstein.eatbu.com

Restaurant Traube

Luxury and happiness are to be found at Hotel und Gasthaus Traube in Bildstein. At 250 m above the Rhine Valley, the restaurant boasts a magnificent panoramic terrace with incomparable views and delicious food and drinks.

→ Dorf 85, Bildstein, T +43 (5572) 58369

www.hotel-traube.at

Kreuz Bildstein

Right next to the incredibly beautiful pilgrimage church in Bildstein, one of the state's most impressive sights, is the traditional Gasthaus Kreuz. The restaurant, over 200 years old, boast a spacious sun terrace with a breath taking panorama which affords visitors a lovely view. The good, plain yet exquisite food is just as tasty when enjoyed next to the cosy tiled stove in the winter.

→ Dorf 72, Bildstein, T +43 (5572) 58370

Dornbirn

Panoramarestaurant Karren


The location and the architecture are breathtaking. You won't forget the view across the landscape in a hurry. If you hiked here (976 m above sea level), we bet you won't be forgetting the first sip of a well-earned drink for a while, either. Rest assured: this climb is worth it!

→ Karren mountain station, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 54711,  p. 35 – D7

www.karren.at

Restaurant Rotes Haus


High-class cuisine which focuses on regional dishes can be found in the legendary restaurant on the market square – the historic building is listed. There are several reasons for paying it a visit – not least of all its cuisine!

→ Marktplatz 13, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 31555,  p. 35 – E3

www.roteshaus.at


Café Steinhauser

This café has been a meeting place on the market square for decades, and this is thanks not only to its location. It's some kind of central gathering point for urban contemporaries who come here to breathe in the town air against this ambience.

→ Marktplatz 9, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 31333,  p. 35 – E2

Innauer Restaurant-Bar

After-work meeting place in a centrally located establishment which is tastefully furnished and bears modern digital art. Good drinks, DJ culture and a small yet choice menu.

→ Marktstraße 33, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 203488,  p. 35 – E4

www.innauer.com

Gemsle


The time-honoured inn boasts a fine wine cellar which also serves as an original setting for events, and a summery garden with wine arbour and the romantic flair which characterises the entire establishment. The cuisine is traditional with a slight twist, greatly increasing the quality.

→ Marktstraße 62, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 200918

www.gemsle.at

Gasthaus Bierlokal

The garden that is open to guests fills up at practically any time of day as soon as the weather starts getting warmer. Appropriate dishes that go well with a cool beer, great quality hot food that's served all day, and the fast and friendly service guarantee that the tables are always full.

→ Marktstraße 12/2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 53850,  p. 35 – E3

www.bierlokal.at

BAR10

BAR10 – located on the ground floor of BAR10ZIMMER, a small city hotel in Dornbirn – is a place to go at any time of the day. Be it breakfast, coffeebreak, lunch, aperitif or evening meal. BAR10 is open all day and serves selected seasonal dishes and refreshing drinks. Culinary delights from early in the morning until late in the evening!

→ Marktstraße 73, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 890 999

www.bar10zimmer.at

Martinspark Restaurant

Martinspark Restaurant is located in Dornbirn's city centre and stands out as a culinary and architectural highlight. The restaurant's architecture is reminiscent of a ship's hull and the first floor is where chef Dominik Baitz delights his guests with Austrian classics as well as with modern variety.

→ Mozartstraße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 3760, **II** p. 35 – D3

www.viennahouse.com/martinspark-dornbirn

Hotel Restaurant Zum Verwalter

The half-timbered building of Zum Verwalter – a small and fine boutique hotel – in Dornbirn Oberdorf has been lovingly restored and, since completion of the work, has been attracting guests with excellent cuisine and modern hospitality in its historic setting. The dishes served are prepared with high-quality, regional and locally sourced ingredients.

→ Schlossgasse 1, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 23379

www.zumverwalter.at

Restaurant Schiffl

Regional plain fare, lovingly prepared in a restaurant which is about 130 years old and which was refurbished with a great deal of sensitivity. The small beer garden is located underneath an arbour with a view of an old alleyway which functions as a centre of its own in historical Dornbirn.

→ Mühlebacherstraße 25, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 33023

www.schiffl-dornbirn.at

Gasthof Gütle

The story about the first telephone call ever made by Emperor Franz Josef in the old restaurant is legendary – the industrialists and entrepreneurs of the state were up to date even then – indeed, even one step ahead of the emperor. The “Kaiserstube” is still a place of comfort, the good traditional cooking exactly what you would wish for, and you'd have to go a long way to find a more idyllic beer garden.

→ Gütle 11, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 201540

www.guetle-gasthof.at

Restaurant Hotel Krone

It was already famed for its high-quality cuisine even before Dornbirn had established today's high density of top-notch bars and restaurants. And that hasn't changed to this day. There is a long history within the Rhomberg family for serving culinary variety and sourcing ingredients from the region. Gasthaus Krone stands for hospitality, regional delicacies and the cultivation of traditional pub culture.

→ Hatlerstraße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 22720

www.kronehotel.at



Martinspark Restaurant, Dornbirn

Restaurant Hotel Hirschen

The historic building has been transformed into a lodging that boasts a stylish and modern ambience. The restaurant treats its guests to dignified cuisine, art and warm hospitality. The cuisine is founded on regional as well as international dishes while the wine cellar serves the appropriate wines to go with them.

→ Haselstauderstraße 31, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 26363

www.hotel-hirschen-dornbirn.at

Gasthof Dreiländerblick Dornbirn

The Dreiländerblick enjoys a lovely location on the Bödele, on the way to Dornbirn. The view is fantastic. An experience for each and every guest. The cuisine is regional, traditional, fresh and delicious.

→ Oberfallenberg 14, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 21128

www.gasthof-dreilaenderblick.at

Hotel Restaurant Berghof Fetz

The legendary sun terrace on the Bödele has always been a popular meeting place for those hungry for the sun, hikers and skiers. The ski lift is within walking distance and the numerous hiking routes all lead to the Berghof Fetz and its good, plain cooking.

→ Bödele 574, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 77400

www.berghoffetz.at

Hohenems

Café Lorenz

You'll have no problem making one of the cafés in Hohenems your favourite, so great is the choice. Café Lorenz is a traditional establishment. In the morning, it tempts you in with its fantastic breakfast, featuring any amount of produce from its own bakery, lunch is made from regional products, and you'll find it hard to resist the café's own cakes and gateaux.

➔ Bahnhofstraße 17, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72332, **II** p. 53 – C4
www.hotel-cafe-lorenz.at

Restaurant im Palast

Dinner with entertainment is not just a promise here – it is practised. The restaurant located in the palace offers guests an array of popular events, from the murder-mystery dinner through to the knights' meal, combined with culinary outings to the Middle Ages or to local game.

➔ Schlossplatz 8, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 77888, **II** p. 53 – F4
www.palast-gastronomie.at

Schlosskaffee – chocolate manufactory

Countless guests have already enjoyed guided tours of the café's own chocolate manufactory. And the selection of home-made cakes, gateaux and chocolates is a great reason for many locals to visit Hohenems.

➔ Schlossplatz 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72356, **II** p. 53 – F4
www.schokoladengenuss.at

Frida Bioladen & Café

The café serves breakfast, lunch and coffee and cake. The concept: healthy, conscious consumerism. You are immediately made to feel welcome as soon as you step into the small, cosy café, the food is excellent and, naturally, really healthy.

➔ Marktstraße 28, Hohenems, T +43 (650) 2711125, **II** p. 53 – F2
www.frida-bio.at

Landgasthof Hirschen

Landgasthof Hirschen is the oldest inn in Hohenems that has never ceased trading; it has always been a place for good food and socialising. Deeply rooted in its location, the establishment has a profound understanding of the region and its character. Those wanting to enjoy food that has been home-made from local products will happily find what they're looking for at this inn.

➔ Marktstraße 56, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72345, **II** p. 53 – F1
www.landgasthof-hirschen.at

Adler

"Despite its somewhat unusual interior, this restaurant has become an institution for gourmets and connoisseurs," writes Gault&Millau in a review. The restaurant has cult status, thanks to the original restaurant with its dry charm.

➔ Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Straße 104, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72292
www.adlerhohenems.com

Café Schatz

The day commences with an extensive breakfast buffet with fragrant rolls, coffee and pastries. Fine menus are set out for lunch and home-made cakes and tarts from its own bakery for dessert. Haus Schatz is home to a hotel with café, a bakery and a butcher's shop so there's a correspondingly extensive range of options to choose from.

➔ Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Straße 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72246, **II** p. 53 – D6
www.metzgerei-schatz.at

Berghof Genusswerkstatt Hohenems-Reute

The Genusswerkstatt in Hohenems-Reute is above all characterised by its dedication to the craft of cooking. The dishes served – be it pasta, chutneys, sorbets or cakes – are all home-made while the panorama that presents views of Schloss Glopper, the Rhine Valley and the surrounding mountains are unequalled.

➔ Reutestraße 54a, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 98235
www.die-genusswerkstatt.at

Environs

Hubers am Garnmarkt

The "it" restaurant that serves hot food throughout the day. Hubers already opens its doors in the morning and treats its guests to breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. Ideally located at the Garnmarkt Götzis, particularly the cosy sun terrace becomes a popular place in summer for a refreshing drink and the perfect starting point for a stroll afterwards. And how could a day end better than with a glass of wine at Hubers?

➔ Am Garnmarkt 1, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 54388
www.hubersamgarnmarkt.at

Millrütte Resort

The Alpengasthaus Millrütte, at 1,100 metres above sea level, is an insider tip for a truly romantic alpine-hut experience. This rustic building has been sympathetically and respectfully restored and consequently presents visitors with a flavour of historical life in the mountains, peace and a sense of security combined with the classics of local cuisine. It has always been a popular destination for outings, its roots date back to 1746.

→ Millrütte 1, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 62291

www.millruette.at

Feldkirch

RIO: cinema, restaurant, pizza, bar

The cinema has a lounge, new bar and serves tasty pizzas in the restaurant.

→ Marktgasse 18, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 31464-10, II p. 75 – E4

www.rauchgastronomie.at/rio

Dogana

Café and bar are located on the ground floor, the restaurant is located on the first floor of a historic town house which has been renovated and styled with a great deal of loving attention. Good fare and a select wine menu invite you to return. The food is as flexible as it is varied.

→ Neustadt 20, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 75126, II p. 75 – F5

www.dogana.com

Café April

The small restaurant concentrates on its legendary breakfast and its lunch menu. One can always find some vegetarian dishes, two set lunches to choose from, and one menu dedicated solely to breakfast. A large selection of exquisite teas, coffee sourced from Fair Trade suppliers, herbs and vegetables from the establishment's own garden, home-made bread are clear signs of the main themes at this gem in the old town.

→ Neustadt 39, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 20848, II p. 75 – F5

www.aprilcafe.at

Restaurant E3 in Montforthaus

"Good catering is one of the most important parameters in an establishment for culture and congresses," says Edgar Eller, managing director of Montforthaus. In addition to its open, inviting architecture, the roof terrace restaurant on top of Feldkirch's Montforthaus uses regional products.

→ Montfortplatz 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 9009-3366, II p. 75 – F5

www.montforthausfeldkirch.com

Braugaststätte Rössle Park

The copper boiler in the entrance already gives you a culinary clue – an alehouse with panorama windows affording a view of the new Montforthaus right at the foot of the Schattenburg. The hearty dishes are part of the ambience as is the large screen which attracts the crowds during the Champions League.

→ Rösslepark 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 76543, II p. 75 – F6

www.roesslepark.at

Schlosswirtschaft Schattenburg

The old castle sits enthroned above the small town, a fantastic castle courtyard leads from the passage through the exhibition into a spacious, cosy restaurant which is famous for having the biggest schnitzels in the whole of Vorarlberg. The fare is traditional and good. The castle courtyard is also open to guests in the summer.

→ Burggasse 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 72444, II p. 75 – G5

www.schattenburg.cc

Wirtschaft zum Schützenhaus

Hearty beef soup, roast beef with onions, Wiener Schnitzel – you can expect to find typical pub fare here. "Katz im Sack" is a regional and seasonal surprise menu, which is very popular too. The romantic beer garden reveals a view of the Swiss mountain range, the historic masonry and the nearness to the Schattenburg make you forget the time. The marksman plate museum is located in the restaurant area.

→ Göffiser Straße 2, Feldkirch, +43 (5522) 85290, II p. 75 – H5

www.schuetzenhaus.at

Restaurant Montfort – das Hotel

From a relaxed start to the day at the extensive breakfast buffet to evening dining followed by a 'nightcap' at the hotel bar, everything is possible here. The restaurant invites its guests to enjoy themselves and feel comfortable and the kitchen rounds this feeling off with its seasonal and regional dishes.

→ Galuragasse 7, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 72189

www.montfort-dashotel.at

Hotel-Landgasthof Schäfle

Hotel, beer garden and award-winning restaurant. It produces its own wine on Feldkirch's local mountain, keeping up the traditional aspect of the time-honoured country inn and good traditional cooking skills.

→ Naflastraße 3, Feldkirch-Altenstadt, T +43 (5522) 72203

www.schaeffle.cc

Environs

Altes Gericht

The old court has been known for decades for its high-end cuisine which has received several awards, and the wine cellar is legendary. Enjoy romantic dining under the shade of old trees in the garden. A historic vaulted cellar is sometimes used as a theatre set. This establishment has a unique ambience of its own.

→ Taverneweg 1, Sulz, T +43 (5522) 43111

www.altesgericht.at

Alpengasthof Gamperdona

The Gamperdona alpine restaurant is the base for lovely rambles and hikes in the Nenzinger Himmel nature reserve – it is not without reason that people stop off at the so-called “heavenly restaurant”! Traditional dishes through to the enormous ice-cream sundae are served in the cosy restaurant or on the sunny terrace.

→ Löchera 126, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 64606

www.himmelwirt.com

Hörnlingen

The Hörnlingen is a modern place to eat and drink that serves its guests only fresh products from Vorarlberg in line with the food-sharing principle and that adapts to the seasons as they occur in the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. There is no menu, guests can let themselves be guided by their appetite and the chef's cooking skills. The perfect place for all those who've always wanted to experience a mix of pub, wine bar and club.

→ Bahnhofstraße 25, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 25458

www.hoernlingen.at

Gasthof Mohren

The Mohren in Rankweil is a popular restaurant offering good and traditional cooking and a selection of fine wines. The garden is especially lovely, it blooms and smells throughout all seasons of the year. The chickens, rabbits and co. are also happy to welcome visitors.

→ Stiegstraße 17, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44275

www.mohren.at

Gasthof Schäfle

You sit in the shade of the old plane trees in summer and in front of the old wooden shingle facade in the beer garden. The historic building is part of Austria's cultural heritage, it has been carefully renovated, preserving the flair of the old restaurant. A selection of fine wines and friendly service are just as much a part of this establishment as is the traditional cuisine, reinterpreted by the chef.

→ Sigmund-Nachbauer-Straße 14, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44548

www.schaeffle.com

Rankweiler Hof

Rankweiler Hof is situated at the heart of the market town of Rankweil and has always opened its doors to its guests. The building's history is revealed by the many small details and by the more than 300-year-old ceiling in the restaurant. It has established close links to the region, focusing on sustainability and a distinct sense for quality. Depending on the season, the menu also features such specialities as game and goose as well as butcher's platters. There is an idyllic guest garden during summer.

→ Ringstraße 25, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44113

www.rankweiler-hof.com



Hörnlingen, Rankweil



For more restaurant tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Feldkirch

Altes Hallenbad D7

Katzenturm E3

RIO cinema E4

Schattenburg (castle) G5

Johanniterkirche (Church of
the Order of St. John) E5

Kunst Palais Liechtenstein E4

Wildlife park Feldkirch F1

Montforthaus F5

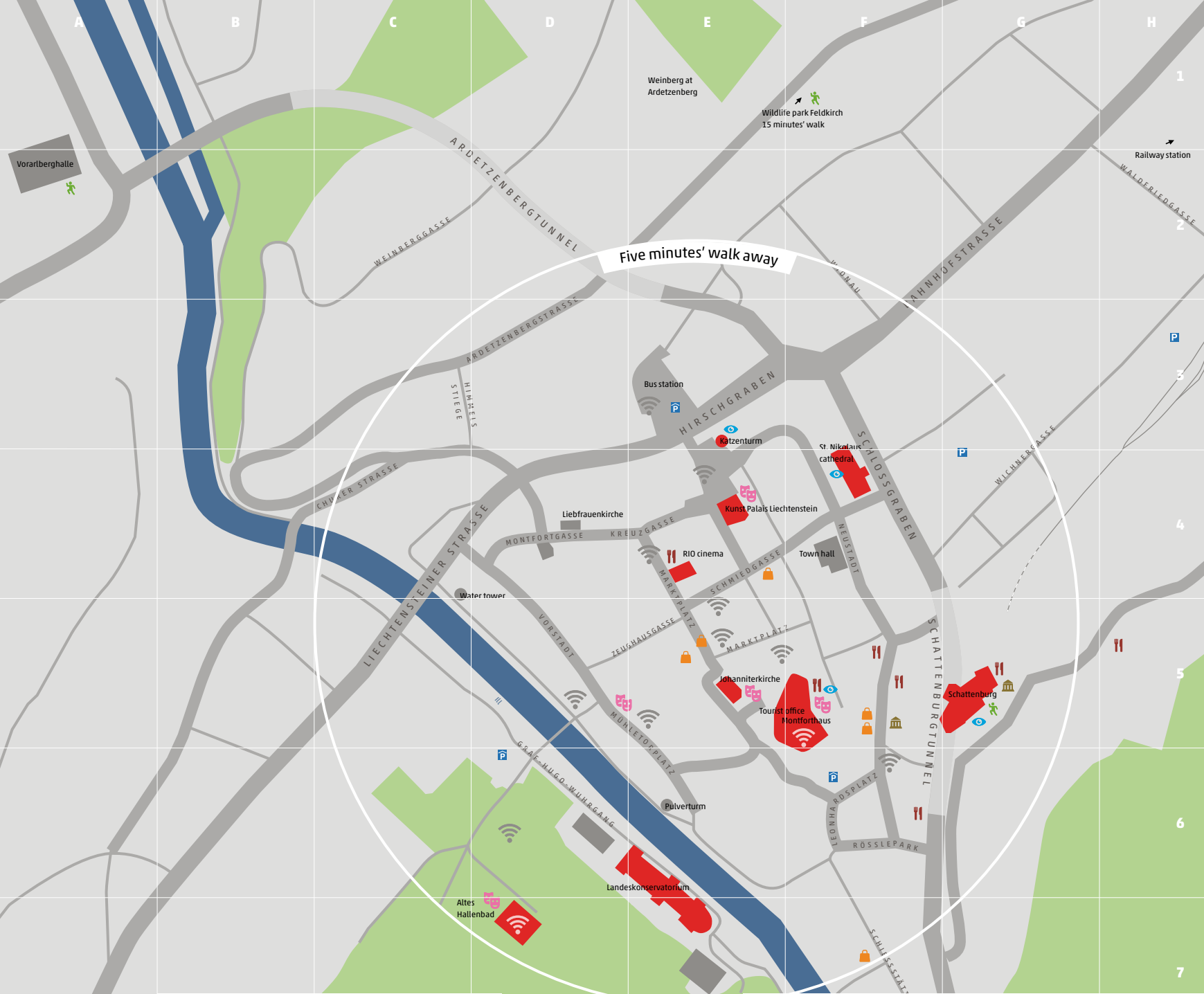
St. Nicholas cathedral F4

Landeskonservatorium E6



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Schattenburg



Feldkirch



The historic town centre of Feldkirch is steeped in history – it celebrated its 800th anniversary in 2018 – and it continues to shape the region today with strong cultural impulses and a lively young scene. Such literary greats as Sir Conan Arthur Doyle, inventor of the famous Sherlock Holmes, have left their mark on the small town. He visited Feldkirch's Stella Matutina, the then famous grammar school, that this year will become Vorarlberg's first private university. A wide range of cultural highlights are presented in the Reichenfeld quarter, above all the poolbar Festival. The Montforthaus' ultra-modern architecture has been skilfully interacting with the historic old town since 2015 and attracts concert and congress audiences from across the world to its beautiful spaces. Because Feldkirch has always been a border town, which is one of the reasons for its early prosperity, everything that makes life beautiful has always flourished there. And continues to do so. Of course, the places to eat and drink are pleasantly varied and of a high standard – but what's special is to sit under the arcades and enjoy the view of the almost unspoilt city centre, with the imposing Stadtschrofen on one side and the medieval Schattenburg on the other. The city's extensive area transitions gently into wonderful quiet zones with woods, quarry lakes and local mountains. And, high above the city, behind the impressive rock, Buddhist monks have been chanting for peace – and for balance in the world – for many years.

Food is a means of exerting control in this world. Steamed, boiled, eaten, and digested – this is how the body reproduces a part of the world and remains connected to it. You'd best choose a restaurant with good food.



1 Wine festival | 2 Montforthaus | 3 Jugglers in the yard
4 Weekly market | 5 Offene Bühne | 6 Feschmarkt

City Lights



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- 1 Poolbar festival | 2 Peravinum
3 Wildlife park | 4 Workshop for Children
5 Montforter Zwischentöne Concert Walk
6 Marktgasse | 7 Schattenburg | 8 Poolbar festival




Shopping

A region is also defined by the items it produces. The following (small) selection of shopping options shows the high degree of professionalism and creativity of local entrepreneurs and craftspeople, featuring the smallest of product ranges through to internationally successful brands. It is no problem at all to find quite unique products in the region Bodensee-Vorarlberg for you to buy – things which you may never find anywhere else.


Valentini Schuhe

Lovely shoes are an essential part of daily life – for most people at least. You are guaranteed to find an exquisite selection of the latest designers of shoes and bags at Valentini.

→ Römerstraße 9, Bregenz
T +43 (5574) 43533,  p. 19 – E6
www.valentini-schuhe.com


fesch LIVIN

Lovely things from Scandinavia and a reliable address for tasteful gifts of all sizes – at fesch LIVIN, you will find furniture, lamps and exceptional toys.

→ Kirchstraße 14, Bregenz
T +43 (699) 10960593,  p. 19 – F6
www.feschlivin.at


4D Outfitters

The perfect range of clothing, literature and home accessories for people who have almost everything, but not quite.

→ Kornmarktstraße 7, Bregenz
T +43 (5574) 20710,  p. 19 – G3
www.4dbregenz.at

Strolz Leuchten

At Strolz Leuchten, people with an eye for detail can pick up lights which are made from high-quality – right down to the very last screw. Each and every lampshade is hand-made by Anna-Claudia Strolz herself.

→ Römerstraße 7, Bregenz
T +43 (5574) 43563,  p. 19 – E5
www.strolzleuchten.at



Wolford

Outlet or boutique – the high-class brand of hosiery and more has its headquarters here. Wolford collections are available at the best addresses in the world. It is in Bregenz, however, that the heart of the company palpably beats. Once you have finished shopping, the restaurant and café invite you to a drink in your new outfit.

→ Wolfordstraße 1-2, Bregenz
T +43 (5574) 690-1864
www.wolford.com

Hops & Malt

300 types of beer from all over the world combined with the valuable consulting of connoisseurs and lovers – this is an awesome location for beer gourmets. Also, unique souvenirs can be found here.

→ Maurachgasse 16, Bregenz,
 p. 19 – G5;
Eisengasse 2, Dornbirn,  p. 35 – E2
T +43 (664) 4178714
www.hopsandmalt.at

Wolff Shop + Outlet

In addition to the actual WOLFF collection of underwear for him and her, the outlet shop stocks lingerie and underwear from various manufacturers in a comparably high quality.

→ Heimgartstraße 3, Hard
T +43 (5574) 6781274
www.wolffshop.net

Christine Dünser MANUFAKTUR

Welt-sewn by hand, tree-nailed or double-stitched: our original custom-made shoes are the fantastic result of the old trade of shoemaking, which is enjoying a renewed burst of popularity with the new shoe workshop. Longevity is in.

→ Widagasse 9, Dornbirn
T +43 (664) 2267738
christineduenser-manufaktur.com



For more shopping tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Skinfit

Functional clothing made from high-quality, fast-drying, light and skin-friendly materials. Suitable for regular hiking purposes as well as for high-performance sports – now that is quality!

→ Klostergasse 2, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 890179, 📞 p. 35 – F1
www.skinfit.at

Lingg Bekleidung

Department store boasting the latest fashion labels, plus a collection by the owner, everything a combination of top quality and care.

→ Marktplatz 16, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 34239, 📞 p. 35 – E3
www.linggffashion.com

Denz Herzen

The hand-made porcelain hearts by artist Margit Denz already adorn whole walls in galleries and homes alike, since they are addictive. Their presence alone takes their wit and charm out into the big, wide world. A gift that brings joy for a long time.

→ Egeten 7, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 200934
www.denz.at

DF Shop Lagerhaus

The company produces its entire collection in Altach, and is stocked by exclusive stores worldwide. Your search for original gifts comes to an end in the outlet shop. You'll be spoilt for choice!

→ Schulgasse 70, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 398229
www.dfshop.at

SASU

From natural cosmetics to organic teas and matching designer teapots, SASU offers a wonderful selection of items that simply make people happy. The risotto package is just as lovingly wrapped here as the handbags or toys for young and older children. Apart from that, the goods here are displayed in what is probably the most beautiful apothecary cabinet in the whole city.

→ Schulgasse 20, Dornbirn
T +43 (699) 17153273, 📞 p. 35 – D2
www.sa-su.at

KLEIDERgrün

Responsible consumption is dear to your heart? Here you will find small, international labels such as Lanius, Armandangels and Wunderwerk – fairly and ecologically produced fashion and cool design.

→ Neustadt 38, Feldkirch, 📞 p. 75 – F5
T +43 (650) 4690606
www.kleidergruen.at

Loacker Schmuck & Steine

Precious stones, jewellery and everything you need to highlight your very own style.

→ Schmiedgasse 15, Feldkirch
T +43 (5522) 77672, 📞 p. 75 – E4
www.schmuckundsteine.com

extrigs KUNST.HAND.WERK

It is about time that craftsmanship was appreciated again – “extrigs” is the name of the business behind the Association for the Promotion of Craftsmanship. Artists and craftspeople come here to display and sell their products.

→ Neustadt 44, Feldkirch
T +43 (650) 4009990, 📞 p. 75 – F5
www.extrigs.at

M3 Fashion & Shoes

M3 has been determining trendiness in Feldkirch for 20 years. The designers featured in this boutique aren't easy to find, except in the big cities – and in Feldkirch.

→ Marktgasse 3, Feldkirch
T +43 (5522) 31442, 📞 p. 75 – E5
www.m3fashion.at

Josefine Lustenau

Her own creations made from the finest embroidery, produced in her own studio using cashmere, loden, silk and the finest leather.

→ Reichsstraße 19, Lustenau
T +43 (664) 4658629
www.hoferdaniela-josefine.at

Frauenzimmer

The name says it all. The ‘Frauenzimmer’ (which has two meanings in German: women's room and dame) focuses on tasteful fashion from such small and famous labels as Miss Me, OPUS, khujo and Esprit. Personal advice, a friendly atmosphere and a glass of Prosecco create that boutique shopping feeling. It's the place to go if a new favourite item is on the shopping list.

→ Schlossplatz 13, Hohenems
T +43 (5576) 42664, 📞 p. 53 – E5
www.frauenzimmer.cc



Lisa Suitner

Clown, actress, musician

"KLEIDERgrün in Feldkirch has really cool stuff. They offer fairly and ecological produced fashion – this is how fashion should be."

KLEIDERgrün, Feldkirch

Tipp

Regional specialties

The region has culinary treasures which many a resourceful mind knows how to use – you'd be well advised to enjoy the taste of tradition and the treasures produced by the local soil. This wins international awards as well as loyal customers who arrive bearing long shopping lists.

Xocolat Manufaktur

"The whole world of chocolate" is the title emblazoned across the chocolate paradise located right next to fesch LIVIN in Bregenz's Kirchstraße. Four hundred selected bars of chocolate and an incredible array of delicacies made from the cocoa bean – all this awaits true gourmets who are familiar with the happy-making properties of chocolate. You can throw together your own confectionery – the Xocolat Manufaktur not only produces its secret-recipe creations, it also shares many of its secrets with interested parties in the form of workshops.

→ Kirchstraße 12, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 43157, 📍 p. 19 – F6

www.xocolat.at

Ölmühle Sailer

At the Ölmühle Sailer everything from seeds to pellets is processed: into oil, mash, flour, breakfast porridge and more. Most of it is sold without packaging. There's also a small fine café where visitors may enjoy home-made cakes baked with the Ölmühle's own nut flours.

→ Landstraße 3, Lochau, T +43 (664) 1237004

www.oelmuehle-sailer.at

Fein-Brennerei Prinz

A traditional company with over a century's worth of experience in the field of distilling schnapps, numerous awards and an extensive range of products.

→ Ziegelbachstraße 7, Hörbranz, T +43 (5573) 82203

www.prinz.cc

Dietrich Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten

"It is our declared objective to prevent the extinction of raw materials such as old regional varieties of fruit or corn, at the same time revitalising their tradition for the Vorarlberg cuisine," says the inventor of "Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten", Richard Dietrich. Fine spirits, semolina, "Mostler" and "Zider" apple drinks and even hand-crafted frying pans are on sale. Always a pleasure: tasting in the store.

→ Lerchenauerstraße 45, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 63929

www.dietrich-kostbarkeiten.at



Vorarlberg food of Dietrich

Naturprodukte Flatz

The natural foodstuffs shop in the centre of Hard has been supplying the village with organically produced foodstuffs – including many grown on its own farm – for 20 years now. The farm breeds turkeys and keeps mother cows, hence the shop can guarantee healthy, additive-free meat from animals that enjoyed a dignified life before being processed at the farm.

→ Landstraße 30, Hard, T +43 (5574) 65974

www.naturprodukte-flatz.at

Schobel Höchstgenuss

A further specialist in the art of fine distillation. Above all, however, Schobel Höchstgenuss has made a name for itself with its exceptional range of dried fruit and the increasingly rare "black nuts" – where else can you get your hands on dried strawberries or walnuts lavishly preserved according to an old tradition? Everything is lovingly done by hand. Tasting in the distillery is also a stimulating event.

→ Frühlingsgarten 7, Höchst, T +43 (664) 1245515

www.hoechstgenuss.at

Vetterhof

The family-run Vetterhof has been in farming for 300 years, and has been supplying the region with a popular vegetable box for years. However, the organically produced products are also available at the weekly market and from the farm shop.

→ Alberried 14, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 63395

www.vetterhof.at



Ölmühle Sailer, Lochau

Sennereiladen

It goes without saying that some of the most important regional specialties are alpine cheese and its derivatives. It is available, as is fresh butter straight from the dairy, "Goaßkäsle" (goats' cheese), eggs, honey, jam, pasta, etc. in many places especially at the weekly markets – and in the alpine dairy shop.

→ Schlossgasse 9, Mozartstraße 11a, Dornbirn / Montfortplatz 1, Lauterach / Radetzkystraße 20, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 63205
www.alpenkaese.at

Lustenauer Senf

There are quite a few people who have this mustard sent to them in their native countries as soon as they have tasted it just the once! The range offered by the family-run company, which is already over a century old, is continually expanding, with the products bearing names such as Black Gold, Mustard with Grappa and Raisins. Yet the classic mustard is – and remains – the best of all mustards!

→ Rheinstraße 15, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 82077
www.lustenauer-senf.com

S'Lädele Mohren Biererlebniswelt

Beery gifts from the Mohren traditional brewery. If you have always wanted to learn something different, you can train to become a beer sommelier at Mohren – the art of brewing is a broad subject, with over 1,000 different types of beer in Austria alone!

→ Dr.-Waibel-Straße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 3777-224, 📍 p. 35 – F4
www.mohrenbrauerei.at

Schokoladengenuss Fenkart

The café and chocolate shop is the top establishment on the square. A new feature was added to the cake shop some years ago, making it even more special. You can look through a glass window in the cake shop and watch Gunter Fenkart, the boss, at work – adding a new dimension to sampling the wares afterwards. Even without taking a look behind the scenes, the establishment's own range tastes simply unique.

→ Schlossplatz 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72356, 📍 p. 53 – F4
www.schokoladengenuss.at

Zeughaus Spirituosen Fachhandel

The Zeughaus has long been a household name for those in the know. In addition to being a specialist retailer for high-quality spirits, the Zeughaus is an eldorado for whisky, rum and cognac fans in search of something really good, fine rarities and an expert's advice. Benedikt Fleisch knows the history of every bottle, the particular characteristics of its contents and not infrequently even the people working at the respective distilleries.

→ Zollweh 2, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 53547
www.zeughaus-spirituosen.com

Genuss am Gaumen

Palatable pleasures are created when a 400-year-old vaulted cellar becomes the centre of enjoyment. The cellar with its stylish ambience is the place to discover more than 500 single malts, a broad variety of wines and first-class brandies and grappas. A range that is rounded off with typical 'alimentari' from Liguria, fine chocolate and many other delicious treats. Those who have the opportunity should not miss the monthly tasting of the finest spirits.

→ Im Buch 15, Götzis, T +43 (664) 4373847
www.genussamgaumen.at

SchokoMus

Chocolates, chocolate bars, gateaux and drinking chocolate on a stick made from the best ingredients, by hand, without any preservatives, can be addictive!

→ Schießstätte 8, Feldkirch, T +43 (660) 2710792, 📍 p. 75 – F7
www.schokomus.at

Markets

Naturally, stylish cooking and a healthy diet have their roots in shopping at the weekly market, where fresh produce straight from the farm, fish straight out of Lake Constance and home-made pasta can be found. The collection of home-made jams and herb cosmetics made mainly from regional, natural raw materials: for a great feeling when you know what you are buying.



Bregenz

Market at the **Kornmarktplatz**
Tuesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
🛒 p. 19 – F3

Market in the
Clemens-Holzmeister-Gasse
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Farmer's market in the **Kaiserstraße**
Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 🛒 p. 19 – E4

Market at the **Leutbühl**
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (May to
October), Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
🛒 p. 19 – F5

Dornbirn

Market at the **Marktplatz**
Wednesday and Saturday 7.30 a.m. to
12.30 p.m., in winter to 12 p.m.,
🛒 p. 35 – E2

Hohenems

Market at the **Schlossplatz**
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.,
🛒 p. 53 – F3

Feldkirch

Market in the **Marktgasse** and
Neustadt Tuesday and Saturday,
8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 🛒 p. 75 – E5–F5

Rankweil

Market at the **Marktplatz**
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hörbranz

Market at the **Kirchplatz**
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(mid-March to mid-December)

Hard

Market at the **Bagnoliplatz**
Wednesday 7 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Lauterach

Market at the **Montfortplatz**
Thursday (Every second Thursday of
the month)
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wolfurt

Market at the **Marktplatz**
Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lustenau

The Luschnouar Market
at the **Kirchplatz**
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Götzis

Market at the **Garnmarkt**
Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Market at the **Parish church St. Ulrich**
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(mid-March to mid-December)



Christmas market, Bregenz Upper Town

Christmas markets in the region

There is a magic spell over Vorarlberg in the pre-Christmas season. Once it is already dark in the early evening and the first snowflakes fall, the small and large Christmas markets in the region spread the fragrance of roasted almonds, mulled wine and regional specialties. Small handmade presents and entertainment events for children vary from market to market – which is why it is best to let yourself be inspired everywhere.



Christmas market Bregenz

The Christmas market in Bregenz is open all day and attracts great attention in the inner city. The nativity scene with real animals for petting, a small ice rink, a puppet theatre and many other amusements for children's hearts act like a magnet for children. Sales stalls, tasting culinary delicacies and special meeting places create the contemplative atmosphere which is also part of Advent.

→ Kornmarktplatz, Bregenz,

🛍 p. 19 – F3

A second Christmas market enchants the medieval lanes in the Bregenz Upper Town on the weekends before Christmas. The two markets clearly differ: small and fine in the Upper Town, larger and colourful in the centre of Bregenz.

→ Martinsplatz, Bregenz, 🛍 p. 19 – G6

Christkindlemarkt Dornbirn

The attractions of the Dornbirn Christmas markets focus on the Marktplatz and the Pfarrpark, where pony riding, candle dipping and beautiful handicraft products are waiting. The ice-skating area in front of the church is also well-frequented, and the cheerful atmosphere is supported by the caterers around the Marktplatz, who provide traditional tasting sessions.

→ Marktplatz, Dornbirn, 🛍 p. 35 – E2

Christmas market Feldkirch

Located in the middle of the historic Old Town, the Christmas market invigorates the Marktgasse from the end of November. The setting of the venerable facades even contributes to the Christmas atmosphere, while decorated shop windows and arcades as well as a gingerbread house at Sparkassenplatz attract numerous visitors.

→ Marktgasse, Feldkirch, 🛍 p. 75 – E5



For all Christmas markets, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Activities

It is well-known that the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg has an abundance of developed hiking and cycle paths, skiing areas, swimming lakes and publicly accessible shores to Lake Constance. It is also well-known that many of them

are associated with a varied range of leisure activities for children, families, sportspeople and hikers. However, we would like to take this opportunity to point out that you need time and peace of mind to not rush about from one place

The devastating rage of an ignored plant has to be avoided by all means.

another, but rather to emulate the pebble that falls into the water, i.e. slowly let yourself go in one place. Try standing still awhile and enjoying what you see. You will be rewarded. The tourist destinations close to Lake Constance and in the neighbouring countries also invite you, in concentric circles, to open yourself up to a very special holiday destination, and to come back next year!




Rhine Delta nature reserve

Nature Parks

Alpenwildpark Pfänder (wildlife park)

Pygmy goats, rabbits, deers, alpine ibex and wild boars – plan at least an hour for taking a walk around the alpine wildlife park.

➔ Pfänder 4, Bregenz | Lochau, T +43 (5574) 42184,  p. 19 – H2

www.pfaender.at

Rappenloch- and Alplochschlucht (gorge)

Through one of the biggest gorges in Central Europe, the wooden bridges take you past seriously breathtaking scenes as far as the Staufensee lake, which feeds a 100-year-old power plant. Behind that lies the more gentle gorge Alplochschlucht.

🕒 Tours: Thu 10.30 a.m., mid-June to mid-September

➔ Gütle, Dornbirn, registration: tourismus@dornbirn.at, T +43 (5572) 22188

www.rappenloch.at

Rhine Delta nature reserve

Nature reserve over 2,000 ha with alluvial forests, moist and straw meadows, reed areas and vast sandy beaches. It is home to over 300 rare species of bird.


➔ Gaißau, Höchst, Fußach, Hard, Rheindeltahaus: T +43 (5578) 74478

www.rheindelta.com

Wildpark Feldkirch (wildlife park)

Several forest paths suitable for prams and a forest nature trail cross the game park. Over 140 animals in their natural habitat and large enclosures allow an insight into the lifestyle and special features of the 21 species of wild animal. Free admission.

🕒 Open daily all year round.

➔ Ardetzenweg 20, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 74105,  p. 75 – F1

www.wildpark-feldkirch.at

Doppelmayr-Zoo

Doppelmayr Zoo in Wolfurt has been home to more than 400 animals from more than 70 species since 1963. Some of them – the pygmy goats and donkeys, for example – also enjoy being stroked. Alpacas, fallow deer, yaks, raccoons and more have found a home here. The exotic species include coatis, turtles and kangaroos. Parrots, cockatoos and parakeets, along with native bird species such as snowy owls and pheasants, inhabit the open-air enclosures.

🕒 Open daily all year round.

➔ Bildsteiner Straße, Wolfurt, T +43 (5574) 604

www.doppelmayr.com/unternehmen/doppelmayr-zoo

Cable cars

Pfänder Cable Car

The fastest way up the Pfänder (1.064 m). The six-minute trip with the Pfänderbahn cable car presents unique views across Lake Constance – all the way to Constance on good days.

🕒 Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

➔ Steinbruchgasse 4, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42160-0, 📞 p. 19 – H2

www.pfaenderbahn.at

Karren Cable Car

A panoramic view of the Swiss mountains, the Rhine valley and Lake Constance. The Karren cable car takes visitors, every fifteen minutes, up to the 976-metre mountain summit, which is a starting point for several beautiful hikes. The 12-m-long “Karren-Kante” is a newly built platform offering an additional impressive all-round view.

🕒 April to November: Mon to Sat 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., November to March: Mon to Fri 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sat from 9 a.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

➔ Güttelstraße 6, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 22140, 📞 p. 35 – D7

www.karren.at

Schnifis Cable Car

The nostalgic Schnifis cable car takes you to an area with magnificent views – perfect for hikers, paragliders and even parents with young children. The Henslerstüble at the mountain station is well-known for its culinary delicacies from the region.

🕒 Summer: Tue to Sun 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 6 p.m.;

Winter: Fri to Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 5 p.m.

➔ Jagdbergstraße 200, Schnifis, T +43 (5524) 5161

www.seilbahn-schnifis.at

Laterns Cable Car and summer toboggan run

The safe run has 800 m of speedy bends and bridges. You can hear the delighted squeals of the kids – and adults – far and wide.

🕒 Operates on weekends between mid-May and the mid-June, and between early September and early October.

For opening times, please see www.laterns.net

➔ Kühboden 7, Laterns, T +43 (5526) 252

www.laterns.net



Pfänder Cable Car



Tip

Marcél Herburger

Restaurateur, Mohren Rankweil

"I like spending time with my family relaxing and recharging my batteries for new ideas on the Pfänder. There's a petting zoo there with a view of Lake Constance. Our son just loves it here."

Pfänder, Bregenz

Cycle paths

Whole new perspectives of a landscape are revealed when you cycle. The cycling paths take you through natural nature reserves, along the banks of the River Rhine, along the shores of Lake Constance, and up hills. The routes that follow are only a small selection of the many paths that cross one of the most attractive regions. This way of getting around becomes even more appealing when you think that you will get to see hidden inns, man-made lakes and rare species of birds and plants that you probably wouldn't get to hear about otherwise.

→ You can find a map of the network of cycle paths in the jacket.

The classic: Around Lake Constance (approx. 260/120 km)

The large route around the lake is 260 enjoyable kilometres long. Or 120 km if you choose short cuts and cover some of the distance by boat. A nice day trip is from Bregenz to Friedrichshafen (approx. 35 km).

Rheindelta (Rhine Delta) tour (approx. 22 km)

The cycle path starts at the Rhine bridge in Fußach-Hard and guides along the Rhine dam to Höchst and Gaißau. Through the natural reserve on the Lake Constance cycle path it leads back to Fußach.

Green Island Tour (approx. 28 km)

This nature trail leads from the Rhine bridge in Fußach-Hard through the natural landscape of the reeds in Hard to the Jannersee, which is an idyllic place for bathing. Then it goes further along the Dornbirn Ach river and to places of relaxation along the Old Rhine in Lustenau. Finally, following the Rhine dam the path leads back to Fußach.

Rheintal (Rhine Valley) cycle path (approx. 47 km)

The Rheintal (Rhine Valley) cycle path leads from Bregenz to Feldkirch along the shores of Lake Constance and the Rhine dam.

Feldkirch: Family tour iris blossom and bathing fun (approx. 32 km)

From the town centre of Feldkirch to Bangs to the Illspitz (Rhine), continue in the direction of Meiningen, return to the artificial lakes, through Rüttenen and Rote Au to Gisingen and Feldkirch. In spring in the reeds, the iris blossom is beautiful and in summer there are wonderful bathing places along the way.

Feldkirch: Dreiländer-Rundfahrt (Tour of three countries) (approx. 30 km)

The "Dreiländerweg Bewegung-Begegnung" is a circular route through the countries of Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland and it leads through especially beautiful landscape.

For a more detailed description of the cycle paths and many more, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Pools and outdoor pools around Lake Constance

Numerous natural bathing spots on the shores of Lake Constance and along the Old Rhine provide areas of relaxation on hot summer days. You will come across secluded bays as well as public baths offering fun and games, historical baths as well as the chance to take a refreshing dip. The water quality in the bathing lakes also corresponds with the high quality of life in these parts. The two indoor swimming pools reflect the region's unique architectural scene and natural landscape – you can choose between a view of the lake and a superior use of form.

Bregenz

Strandbad Bregenz

Two 50 m outdoor pools (one of them heated), 500 m lakefront, kids' pool, slide, playground, beach volleyball, beach football, climbing wall, table tennis and a lot more.

☀ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Strandweg 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

"Mili" (former army swimming pool)

A historical wooden stilt construction above the water, regular bathing spot for the people of Bregenz. The lovingly named "Mili" is definitely worth a visit!

☀ May to September: Daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Reichsstraße, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

Lochau

Strandbad Lochau

With a view of the festival stage, right on the shore of the lake, with many amenities.

☀ May to September: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; July and August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Lindauer Straße 1, Lochau

T +43 (5574) 43386

www.lochau.at

Lustenau

Parkbad Lustenau

Long slide, wild water channel and air bubbles are only three of the many reasons for taking a trip to Lustenau.

☀ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 7.45 p.m.

→ Mühlefeldstraße 21, Lustenau

T +43 (5577) 8181-3210

www.lustenau.at

Hard

Strandbad Hard

One of the largest pools on Lake Constance, featuring Grander water in the outdoor pool, slides, playground, beach volleyball and much more.

Take your own journey of discovery in the tranquillity of the lake.

☀ May and September: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June to August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard

T +43 (5574) 8368220

www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

FKK-Strandbad (nudist beach)

Spacious nudist beach in a lovely nature reserve on Lake Constance, close to Hard. Table tennis, beach volleyball court, bocchia lanes, playground, self-service restaurant, barbecue sites.

☀ April, May and September: Daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June to August: Daily 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

➔ Im Böschen 43, Hard

T +43 (5578) 8368230

www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Hohenems-Altach

Rheinauen

Even if the car park looks full: once you are in, there is a suitable place for everyone on the spacious area right on the bank of the Old Rhine.

☀ May to August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; September: to 7 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Rheinauen, Hohenems

T +43 (5576) 73571

www.rheinauen.at

Feldkirch

Waldbad Feldkirch

Everything a water lover's heart desires: sports pool, adventure pool, sports, shady meadows.

☀ May to September:

Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather); June to August: Guaranteed opening times: Daily 4 to 7 p.m. (whatever the weather)

➔ Stadionstraße 7, Feldkirch

T +43 (5522) 76001-3180

www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Dornbirn

Waldbad Enz

On hot summer days, the best place to cool off is the forest pool, which enjoys a shady location next to the cooler mountain water of the Dornbirn Ach. Open-air forest swimming pool, 50 m sports pool, children's pool, slide, playground, diving platform, beach volleyball courts – this pool is worth a visit!

☀ May to September: Daily 8.30 a.m. to 7.45 p.m., in bad weather until 11 a.m.

➔ Gütlestraße 16, Dornbirn

T +43 (676) 833068790

www.waldbadenz.at

Frastanz

Felsenau

It is Vorarlberg's oldest preserved swimming pool (one pool). Built and opened in 1903, these days it is solar-heated and uses Grander water.

☀ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June to August: Guaranteed opening times: Daily 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (whatever the weather)

➔ Mariagrüner Straße, Frastanz

T +43 (5522) 76001-3150

www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Naturbad Untere Au

The clear water of the natural lake, diving tower, sandy beach, a 40 m long zip wire, slacklines – there is something for all ages here.

☀ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Sattinser Straße 9, Frastanz

T +43 (5522) 52729

www.frastanz.at/naturbad

Nenzing

Walgaubad Nenzing

Wave pool, lazy river, 5 m diving platform, 30°C-pool, slides, 50 m pool, 25 m pool, aquafit programme and all of that in all weathers!

☀ April to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Illstraße 36, Nenzing

T +43 (699) 10125115

www.walgaubad.com

Sulz

Frutzbau

A climbing net in the water, a stream for playing in, bubbles from the bottom and flood shower: you are not likely to get bored in Frutzbau pool!

☀ May to June: Daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; From July to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Frutzbaustraße 5, Sulz

T +43 (5522) 44198

www.gemeinde-sulz.at

Götzis

In the Riebe

The Götzner open-air swimming pool in the Riebe has been 'the place to go' for a splash in summer for more than 50 years. While the grown-ups may count the laps they swim in the 25-metre pool, the little ones are able to let off steam in the adventure pool with slides and a diving platform or play on the sports field and playground. The very little ones have their own toddler area with paddling pool, sunshades and seating. Food and drink are available at the kiosk.

☀ May to September: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ In der Riebe 7, Götzis

T +43 (5523) 62054

www.goetzis.at/schwimmbad

Indoor swimming pools

Bregenz

Seehallenbad

Sports pool, training pool, kids' area, lovely view of the lake.

🕒 Tue to Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May to mid-August: only in bad weather

➔ Strandweg 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

Vitalium

Sauna paradise in the lake swimming pool, with sauna, steam bath, Sanarium®, solarium, whirlpool, spacious roof terrace and separate ladies' area.

🕒 Tue to Fri 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

➔ Strandweg 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.vitalium.at



Tip

Ruth Swoboda

Director, inatura Dornbirn

"I like to stop off at the Dornbirn Ach and take a quick dip in the cool water after a hot day at the office. My favourite places are right next to the ford in Dornbirn or towards Ebnit. It's also really deep there and you arrive home wonderfully refreshed."

Dornbirn Ach, Dornbirn

Dornbirn

das stadtbad

The indoor swimming pool in Dornbirn offers something for everyone, with a sports and multi-purpose pool, children's area and slide, as well as a wellness and sauna area.

🕒 Tue 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wed to Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; September to April: Thu 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., (reduced opening times during summer)

➔ Schillerstraße 18, Dornbirn

T +43 (5572) 22687, 📍 p. 35 – F6

www.stadtbad.at



Harbour, Bregenz

Boat trips on Lake Constance

Vorarlberg Lines

The best way to reach the loveliest tourist attractions on Lake Constance is by boat. For a short trip to Lindau, to the botanical rarities on the Mainau Island, Sea Life in Konstanz – the time on board is a pleasure. Yet the thematic trips such as the three-country panorama trip and others are also very popular, for a good reason.

➔ Vorarlberg Lines – Bodenseeschiffahrt, Seestraße 4, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 42868, 📍 p. 19 – F2

www.vorarlberg-lines.at

Tour of Bregenz Bay

Bregenz as seen from the lake – Vorarlberg Lines take tours of Bregenz Bay 🕒 between 2 April and 24 October 2021. Please see brochures available at the ticket office or the Internet for departure times and dates.

Three-country panorama trip

Extensive trip of Lake Constance which takes you along the Swiss, German and Austrian shores of the lake. Enjoy the lovely views of the shores of the three countries of Lake Constance.

🕒 4 April to 3 October 2021: Daily from Bregenz

www.vorarlberg-lines.at

Steamship Hohentwiel

The old paddle steamer is the perfect way to approach the Bregenz Festival. It has been so lovingly restored that your imagination is immediately transported back to centuries gone by. It is only the on-board gourmet cuisine that is undeniably part of today, as are the trips with Dixie music and the leisurely brunch and literature trips. You won't forget an evening on board.

→ Hard, T +43 (5574) 63560

www.hohentwiel.com

MS Österreich (a historic motor ship)

More than 90 years ago, she served as a passenger ship, ice breaker and warship and, following several refits, was finally decommissioned. But the ship was awakened from its slumber and subsequently restored to its former glory more than four years ago. The result is a historically modern motor ship, which is again shipping on Lake Constance since 2019.

→ Hard, T +43 (5574) 63560

www.hohentwiel.com/oesterreich

Water sports

Bregenz: Boat hire by Hardy Feurstein (promenade next to the gondola harbour)

Rental of paddle, rowing and electric boats, lake taxi, speedboat trips.

→ Seepromenade 2, Bregenz,

T +43 (664) 1487017, ☎ p. 19 – C3

www.bootsvermietung-bregenz.at

Lochau: Sporer Yachting

Sailboat hire, taster courses, basic courses, weekend courses, Lake Constance skipper licence, training centre for sailing and motorboat driving.

→ Alte Fähre im Yachthafen, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 52247

www.sporer-yachting.com

Hard: Boat hire (next to the bathing beach)

Paddle and electric boat hire.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard,

T +43 (664) 1487017

www.bootsverleih-hard.at

Sailing and motorboat school Hard

Sailboats hire and training centre for skipper license, pleasure boat licence for lakes and much more.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard,

T +43 (664) 2312614

www.segelschulehard.at



Fußbach: Sailing and motorboat school

Motorboat hire, Lake Constance skipper licence and many more courses.

→ Kanalstraße 14, Fußbach, T +43 (650) 3820576

www.motorundsegelschule-fussach.at

Surfkultur 🇪🇺 🇩🇪

Stand-up paddle boards, surfboards, canoes and kayaks for hire and guided tours and courses are offered.

→ Hechtweg 4, Bregenz, T +43 (650) 3418002

Surfmax 🇪🇺 🇩🇪

Offers wind surfing courses for beginners and advanced surfers, and rents out surfboards, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes.

→ Grüner Damm, Hard, T +43 (650) 3605400

www.surfmax.at

Ländle SUP

Stand-up paddle boards for hire and guided SUP tours and courses for all levels.

→ Am Kaiserstrand, Lochau, T +43 (664) 73883029

www.laendle-sup.at



View from Bildstein

Hiking

We want to list just a few of the particularly scenic hiking routes to whet your appetite, since it is impossible to introduce them all here. Whether you go hiking alone or with a companion, it will become second nature to constantly stop to reflect and scan the scenery. Since that which awaits you is simply incredibly beautiful.

Fußbach: Lagoon circular walk

Many bird species have found a valuable habitat here because Lake Constance's entire shoreline in the Rhine delta has been placed under protection. A walk leads through the idyllic nature reserve around the lagoon at the mouth of the Rhine in Fußbach. A particularly popular destination for nature lovers and birdwatchers.

🕒 Walking time: 1.22 hours,
30 m altitude difference

Langen: Adventure route

Pfänder – Hirschberg

Popular family hike from Pfänder, the local mountain of the inhabitants of Bregenz, across the Hirschberg to Langen. From mountain Pfänder you have a wonderful panoramic view over the whole Lake Constance and the mountain peaks of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Vorarlberg.

🕒 Walking time: 3.45 hours,
262 m altitude difference

Bregenz: On the Mehrerau

Lake Constance Trail

This walk along the shores of Lake Constance is suitable for young and old, with prams, balance bikes or similar walking aids. It starts at the Festspielhaus and heads towards Kloster Mehrerau. The monastery complex is home to many things of interest – the church, for example, is usually open to the public.

🕒 Walking time: 1.40 hours,
22 m altitude difference

Bildstein: Through Doppelmayr Zoo to Bildstein

This route starts in Wolfurt and continues with a visit to the Doppelmayr Zoo and can be combined with a hike to Bildstein. The route takes hikers through Doppelmayr Zoo uphill into the forest. The Basilica of Maria Bildstein, one of the most famous pilgrimage churches in the Lake Constance region, opens up a breathtaking view across the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region.

🕒 Walking time: 0.50 hours,
248 m altitude difference

Dornbirn: Karren

A very popular hike that presents a view of the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. The trail starts directly behind the valley station and climbs steeply uphill along the Forstweg Oberbürgle (forest trail) across Kühberg to the mountain station. At the top, hikers are rewarded with a panoramic view at the "Karren-Kante" platform.

🕒 Walking time: 1.20 hours,
512 m altitude difference

Hohenems: Ruin Alt-Ems

The 3.7 km long route commences and ends at the church in Hohenems. From here, you go up to Alt-Ems ruin, to the "Gsätzli" lookout point, and return to Hohenems via an agricultural path.

🕒 Walking time: 1.34 hours, 272 m altitude difference

For a more detailed description of the hiking paths, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Götzis: Natural diversity around Götzis

The route follows the remnants of the Ice Age, first crossing the Örfra gorge, then the Mitzgebach gorge and the dry valley with the Mationswiesen.

🕒 Walking time: 2.30 hours, 266 m altitude difference

Rankweil: Water hike

The water hike leads to the rafting of timber on the Frutz to using the energy of the Mühlbach millstream. In the summer, hikers can have fun barbecuing and swimming in the Frutz.

🕒 Walking time: 3 hours, 115 m altitude difference

Feldkirch: Walk through the Wildlife Park Feldkirch

The Feldkirch Wildlife Park with its cleared paths, wildlife feeding and a forest experience is the place to go all year round for short family-friendly hikes on the Ardetzenberg – and all this in the immediate vicinity of the town and boasting views across the roofs of the old town.

🕒 Walking time approx. 1.30 hours, 220 m altitude difference

Übersaxen: Panorama circuit

This family-friendly hike presents magnificent views and takes visitors across meadows and forest paths. The tour is 7.2 km long and leads back to the starting point in the centre of the village of Übersaxen. Perfect for a spontaneous afternoon hike.

🕒 Walking time approx. 2.45 hours, 605 m altitude difference

Laterns: Üble Schlucht (gorge)

The gorge in Laterns is extremely impressive – and natural, above all. Along lovely meadows, you leave the village and go downhill towards the gorge, where the River Frutz has made its way through the rock faces. The path is demanding, wet close to the water. Good footwear is recommended.

🕒 Walking time: 45 minutes, 424 m altitude difference

Nenzing: Nenzinger Himmel

A legendary thematic path on "Lovers' Lane" between the alp settlement of Nenzinger Himmel which is 6.9 km long and passes through Setschalpe taking you to Hirschsee, Panüelalpe and back to Nenzinger Himmel. A well-kept secret amongst connoisseurs of particularly lovely places on earth.

🕒 Walking time: 3.30 hours, 404 m altitude difference



Tip

Ruth Swoboda

Director, inatura Dornbirn

"As someone who's passionate about sharing my knowledge of nature, the Rheinholz (Natura 2000 area) is one of Lake Constance's absolute highlights for me. The walk through the alluvial forest along the Old Rhine where the lake suddenly opens up in front of you is simply magnificent."

Rheinholz, Rhine Delta nature reserve



Skiing

Skiing is for Vorarlberg what the gondola is for Venice. Even the small, unknown skiing areas of the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg possess fine slopes and serious runs, family-friendly small areas (for example with lift tickets) or even concealed dream slopes for those who don't fancy queuing.

Möggers: Luggi-Leitner lifts

Two lifts, ideal for children and beginners. With magic carpet and rope tow.

→ T +43 (676) 9313897
www.skilift-scheidegg.de

Bregenz: Pfänder

Take the cable car up – and back down if you like. There are two lifts at the top. Observe the snow conditions.

→ T +43 (5574) 42160-0
www.pfaenderbahn.at

Buch: Schneiderkopf

Two ski tows and one moving walkway for the kids.

→ T +43 (5579) 8212
www.gemeinde-buch.at

Dornbirn: Bödele

Family-friendly ski area between Dornbirn and Schwarzenberg where snow is particularly assured. It has a good selection of gentle and demanding pistes. Ten lifts, two ski schools, ski rentals, cosy huts and sun terraces.

→ T +43 (5572) 7214
www.boedele.info

Dornbirn-Ebnit: Heumöser lifts

Two lifts and 3 km of pistes offer enough space for advanced skiers and newcomers to the sport alike.

→ T +43 (664) 8224928
www.ebniterleben.at

Übersaxen: Gröllerkopf

Two lifts, night-time skiing and authentic Kässpätzle, very popular amongst families.

→ T +43 (5522) 41311
www.uebersaxen.at

Hohenems: Schuttannen

With its two ski tows and a cosy mountain hut, it is an inside tip.

→ T +43 (664) 8771041
www.sv-hohenems.at

Frastanz: Skilift Bazora

Next to the Bazora ski tow, three further ski lifts provide access to flat pistes. Lovely view, nostalgic wooden lift supports (still working).

→ T +43 (664) 7973659 or
 +43 (680) 2432572
www.frastanz.at/bazora

Zwischenwasser-Furx

The skiing area of Zwischenwasser-Furx boasts two ski lifts, around five kilometres of slopes, a practice area, a dwarf mountain and two children's lifts. It couldn't be more family-friendly. It gets especially exciting at night when the slopes are illuminated and night skiing starts.

→ T +43 (676) 83491650
www.zwischenwasser.at

Nenzing-Gurtis: Gurtis

With four ski lifts, a ski school and ski and snowboard rental, it has everything you need for spending a day in the snow.

→ T +43 (5522) 51589
www.nenzing-gurtis.at

Laternsertal: Laterns-Gapfohl

The largest skiing area in the region offers six lifts and 27 km of well-tended runs for all levels of proficiency. Skiing routes for tourers, natural toboggan run, free child care on the mountain. Well-known for its good price-performance ratio.

→ T +43 (5526) 252
www.laterns.net



Cross-country skiing and winter rambles

When the snow conditions are favourable, several cross-country trails are groomed in the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg. The near-by mountains also offer a limited selection of cross-country trails. On deep-snow days, snow-shoe hikes take you to otherwise practically impassable areas, where the peacefulness and the natural experience are simply enchanting. On most routes, spectacular views of the Rhine Valley and lake keep revealing themselves.

Bildstein

Winter hiking paths
→ T +43 (5572) 58384
www.gemeinde-bildstein.at

Dornbirn: Bödele

Cross-country ski trail (ca. 9 km)
and winter hiking paths.
→ T +43 (5572) 7214
www.boedele.info

Fraxern

Winter hiking paths
→ T +43 (5523) 64511
www.fraxern.at

Nenzing

Approx. 8 km of groomed cross-country ski trails on the Latzwiese in Nenzing, winter hiking paths in Nenzing and Gurtis.
→ T +43 (5525) 63031
www.nenzing-gurtis.at

Übersaxen

Two cross-country ski trails
→ T +43 (5522) 41311
www.uebersaxen.at

For selected winter hiking tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Ice-skating

Ice rink Hard

Ice-skating on Hard's lakeshore – it is hard to imagine a more lovely backdrop for spirited laps on the shiny surface. If you have always fancied yourself as an ice-hockey player, you can rent the entire kit to try it out first.

🕒 Mid-October to mid-March
(more information on the website)

→ Seestraße 63, Hard,
T +43 (5574) 8368220
www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Ice rink Vorarlberghalle Feldkirch

It offers a massive space for all ice-skating fans – whatever the weather. Freely move between the indoor and outdoor rink, do your laps beneath the shiny stars: if the temperatures allow it, the popular Stellafeld is open from November for all types of fun on blades. The ice rink offers protection against bad weather.

🕒 3 October to 10 April: Tue to Fri 9.15 to 11.45 a.m., Sun 9 to 10.45 a.m., Tue, Thu to Sun 2 to 4 p.m., Thu and Sat 8.15 to 10 p.m.
→ Am Breiten Wasen 4, Feldkirch,
T +43 (5522) 760013160, 🗺 p. 75 – A2
www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Game of chance

Casino Bregenz

You can try your luck in the Bregenz Casino, and start the evening off in the Restaurant Falstaff.

→ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 45127, 🗺 p. 19 – B4
www.casinos.at



For more activity tips and corona-related changes to opening times, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Guided tours

Guided tours of Feldkirch, every Wednesday

Accompanied by the "austriaguides", gain new insights rambling through a small yet important historic centre of humanistic history.

🕒 June to September: Wed 2 p.m.

➔ Registration Tourism office Feldkirch:

T +43 (5522) 9009, tourismus@feldkirch.at

Further theme tours: www.feldkirch.travel

Guided tour of the palace in Hohenems

An exciting guided tour that takes place at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays presents exclusive insights into the chambers of the former Counts of Hohenems. The Hohenems Renaissance palace has shaped the history of the town and is today one of the most impressive sights to see there. The guided tour is an invitation to an unforgettable trip through time.

🕒 Wed at 3 p.m.

➔ Registration Tourism office Hohenems:

T +43 5576 42780, tourismus@hohenems.at

Other special tours: www.hohenems.at

Guided tours of Bregenz

The small city on the banks of Lake Constance has much to offer, not only in terms of landscape. It surprises with contemporary architecture, varied cultural and culinary highlights, a dreamy old town and – of course – the world-famous Bregenz Festival. Lots of background information, anecdotes and interesting stories await the participants on their exploration of Bregenz.

🕒 May to August:

Sat + during the festival period Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri and Sat at 10.30 a.m.

➔ Tickets are available from Bregenz Tourismus or at www.events-vorarlberg.at

Other special tours: www.bregenz.travel

Guided tours of Dornbirn

Interesting, entertaining and historical facts about Dornbirn are shared by experienced 'austriaguides' on the guided tours through the rich and diverse city. The participants will also get to know the most important personalities and their lifestyle from the past and present. The guided tours last around 1.5 hours.

🕒 May to October: Wed at 5 p.m.

➔ Registration: Dornbirn Tourismus T +43 (5572) 22188, tourismus@dornbirn.at or at www.events-vorarlberg.at

Other special tours: www.dornbirn.info

Golf and Mini golf

Golfing has also arrived here. For instance in **Rankweil**.

Golfclub Montfort Rankweil

A round of golf in the Golfpark Montfort in Rankweil is not just a sports highlight but also a very special kind of nature experience. The ultra-modern club house in the centre of the golf park is the start and end point of the newly created 18-hole course, and is also a meeting place for golfers and non-golfers alike.

➔ Kirchstraße 70, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 72000

www.golfclub-montfort.com

Mini golf course Bregenz

The mini golf course is located right next to the lake stage and the Festspielhaus Bregenz, on the lake shore promenade.

🕒 Open between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. from April to September (depending on the weather).

➔ Seepromenade, Bregenz,

T +43 (5574) 53185, 🕒 p. 19 – B3

Mini golf course Hard

Mini golf with a view of the lake – the course with international dimensions has already hosted two European Championships and one World Championship.

🕒 Mid of May: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., June, July and August: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., September: 1 to 6 p.m. (depending on the weather – more information on the website)

➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard, T +43 (5574) 8368220

www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Indoor minigolf Hohenems

Fans of mini golf and tournament players can now pursue their passion irrespective of the weather – and even in the winter!

🕒 Mon to Fri 5 to 10 p.m., Sat 2 to 10 p.m., Sun 2 to 8 p.m.

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Straße 20, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 21516

www.vbgv.com

Mini golf course beneath the Schattenburg

Amateur mini golfers enjoy the 18 different challenges presented to them by the pyramid, wavy, somersault and maze holes in the park of the Schattenburg. Families and aficionados alike can tee off at the foot of the castle tower, against a historic background, between May and October.

🕒 May to October: Wed to Sun 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Burggasse 1, Feldkirch, 🕒 p. 75 – G5 www.schattenburg.cc

Day trips

Vorarlberg is made up of six regions, each of which is capable of filling an entire holiday with their beauty, their culture and pleasure. Naturally, however, they are also great for day trips, with the mountain roads and ranges you encounter en route making your trip worthwhile. You are already holding a plethora of information about the region Bodensee-Vorarlberg. The following overview only gives you an outline of the five other regions in Vorarlberg. Yet rest assured: behind the concise chunks of information lies a rich world of discovery.



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1 Tilisunahütte, Montafon

2 Seewaldsee lake, Großes Walsertal

Lech-Zürs am Arlberg

The famous winter ski resort which, despite its extensive skiing areas, classy hotels and high-society guests, has managed to retain its original charm. It offers a discerning range of cultural activities far from the events scene and party zones. The region is an inside tip for summer guests, a greater number of whom are discovering that the hiking routes and spectacles of nature have a particular charm of their own in summer – something the ski enthusiasts couldn't even begin to imagine. For its part, the Philosophicum attracts a clientele of its own to the idyllic location in autumn, turning it into the focal point of philosophical examinations of society.

www.lechzuers.com

Bregenzerwald

In the region of the Bregenzerwald, tradition and design, timber construction and architecture, rural life and internationally recognised craftsmanship live in harmony. A lot has been written about the Bregenzerwald alpine cheese – you really must try it and see for yourself. On the way to the village alpine dairy, don't forget to take a detour to the Werkraumhaus in Andelsbuch and to the Women's Museum in Hittisau. Both institutions can slightly alter your world view, and wouldn't that be a good thing? If you think that nothing can take you by surprise – go along to one of the numerous gourmet establishments for dinner. Maybe you'll get the surprise of your life!

www.bregenzerwald.at



Paul Burtscher

Priest, Bildstein

"I love demanding hikes. Because I'm from Großwalsertal, I enjoy climbing the Zafernhorn or the Glatthorn (above Faschina). These mountains present fantastic views that create a feeling of freedom and light-heartedness."

Tip

Alpenregion Vorarlberg, Großes Walsertal

Montafon

Two impressive mountain ranges surround the Montafon – the Silvretta massif with the Piz Buin, which dwarfs everything else at 3,312 m, and the Rätikon with its glacier slopes. The Silvretta alpine road is considered the “dream road of the Alps” and offers an unforgettable drive – not only for motorcyclists. People started settling in the then undoubtedly inhospitable region 5,000 years ago. Today, 61 cable cars, over 1,100 km of signposted hiking paths and plenty of hotel beds are proof that the region is now a place of hospitality.

www.montafon.at

Alpenregion Vorarlberg

From the town of Bludenz, the Alpenregion extends to the valleys of Brandnertal, Klostertal and the biosphere park of Großes Walsertal. They are all home to mountains, glaciers, forests, mountain lakes and rivers. The Lünensee, shimmering like a crystal-clear, blue glass bead at the foot of the Schesaplana at an altitude of 1,970 m, was elected as the most beautiful place in Austria in 2020. At 2,965 m, the Schesaplana is the highest mountain in the Rätikon, with the history of the Rhaetians still living on in the names of many places. Hundreds of kilometres of hiking paths, ski lifts, golf courses, summer meadows and farms show themselves at their best. Cultural landscapes which have been lavishly tended for centuries characterise the Großes Walsertal. The recognition of it as a UNESCO biosphere park is a guarantee that these cultural treasures will be preserved. The parish of St. Gerold is also a very special place not only because, for decades, it has been the meeting place for internationally successful musical talents who come here to give concerts or record albums – it lies nestled in a valley so narrow and so beautiful it is hard to put into words.

www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Kleinwalsertal

The Kleinwalsertal is almost completely surrounded by high mountains. Its geographical location in the Allgäu Alps means that it has no direct connection with Vorarlberg. It was a duty-free zone for a long time. Since the establishment of the EU, however, this has lost its significance. The diversity of the region, from beginner's runs through to alpine runs for advanced skiers – the skiing area of Kanzelwand-Fellhorn is considered an inside tip, for instance – is what characterises it. Whether it is relaxation, sports or a family holiday you are after, the wealth of options available make sure that many visitors will soon become regular guests. A look into the “Walser Gipfelbuch” online explains why it is set to stay this way!

www.kleinwalsertal.com

Around Lake Constance

Fantastic spectacles of nature, art and culture, historic places and technical features – whatever your senses long for, the shores of the lake offer untold numbers of attractions for your journey of discovery. Maybe you just want to relax, take a lakeside seat and stare off into the distance – with a bit of luck a little steam yacht will sail past.

Blumeninsel Mainau

(flower island) (D)

www.mainau.de

Wallfahrtskirche Birnau

(pilgrimage church) (D)

www.birnaue.de

Kloster und Schloss Salem

(Salem monastery and palace)

(D)

www.salem.de

Affenberg Salem

(monkey zoo) (D)

www.affenberg-salem.de

Pfahlbauten

(pile dwellings) (D)

UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site

www.pfahlbauten.de

Meersburg (castle)

(D)

www.burg-meersburg.de

Neues Schloss Meersburg

(new palace) (D)

www.neues-schloss-meersburg.de

Zeppelin Museum

Friedrichshafen

(airship museum) (D)

www.zeppelin-museum.de

Dornier Museum

Friedrichshafen

(aerospace museum) (D)

www.dorniermuseum.de

Sea Life Konstanz

(D)

www.visitsealife.com

Der Rheinfall

(The Rhine falls) (CH)

The biggest waterfall in Europe.

www.rheinfall.ch

Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein

(art museum) (FL)

www.kunstmuseum.li

Ravensburger Spielaland

(theme park) (D)

www.spielaland.de

Hopfen Museum in Tettngang

(hops museum) (D)

www.hopfengut.de

Kunstmuseum Ravensburg

(art museum) (D)

www.kunstmuseum-ravensburg.de

Säntis-Schwebebahn

(Säntis cablecar) (CH)

www.saentisbahn.ch



Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen

(abbey library) (CH)

www.stibi.ch

It is agreed that the below conditions shall apply to the issuance and use of the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Freizeitkarte (Leisure Card), hereafter known as BVFK:

1. Service content:

Upon purchasing the BVFK, the purchaser (BVFK holder) is entitled to use the services of the service partners set out in the Compact Folder. A direct contract is in place only between the BVFK holder and the service partner. The included services  cover the entitlement to make use of the respective service already paid for with the purchase of the BVFK. Bonus services  entitle the holder to a reduction on the fee payable for the respective service of the service partner being used.

2. Scope of service/Liability:

All service partners undertake to make available to the BVFK holders, in terms both of scope and time, the services labelled as BVFK services to their full extent during the promotion period in question, in line with their usual business hours and general terms & conditions of carriage and business. Bonus partners are subject to the best-price guarantee for individual customers.

Restrictions on taking up services under the BVFK may generally be derived from the operating hours of individual BVFK partner businesses that do not cover the entire BVFK promotion period, due in particular to meteorological conditions. Additionally, limitations may arise due to circumstances in the operating company (e.g. technical faults) and blocking periods – defined by one usage per day and per service partner. The published opening times and conditions of use in the Compact Folder, and the notice board at the service partner's premises, shall be the basis for the given service, but shall not be binding.

Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH reserves the right to terminate the agreement with individual BVFK partner companies and bonus partners for good reason at any time, even during the promotion period, without having to provide the BVFK holder with any compensation for this lost opportunity to make use of the services offered. In particular, Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH accepts no liability of any kind for any damage suffered by the BVFK holder in connection with using the services. Upon using the services offered under the BVFK, the BVFK holder only becomes the contractual partner of the BVFK partner company, to the extent that claims of any kind may be enforced exclusively against the service partner in question.

3. Particular restrictions of individual companies:

Ship and cablecar:

- Vorarlberg-Lines: 10% price reduction for the tour of Bregenz bay and the three country panorama trip.
- Laterns summer toboggan run and cablecar: 10-20% price reduction on the ride.

Others:

- Theater am Saumarkt: 10% price reduction on regular entrance fees.
- Poolbar-festival Feldkirch: 20% price reduction on tickets at the evening box office.
- Surfmax and Surfkultur: 10% price reduction on rental of SUP, canoe, kayak and outrigger canoe (one hour for free for windsurf basic course or trial course).

The BVFK is a leisure card and the services included on it can be used for free once a day for each service partner, with a set blocking time of 00:00. Repeated use with a single partner several times on the same day is not permitted.

4. Validity conditions:

The BVFK card is issued in the name of the holder, is non-transferable and applies only in conjunction with a valid form of photographic ID. The services connected to the BVFK may therefore be used only by the named purchaser within the period of validity of the BVFK (promotion period). The BVFK is valid for one, two or three consecutive calendar days (valid from the date of issuance).

5. Use:

In order to claim the services included, the BVFK holder must present his or her card with the BVFK barcode so that its validity and the holder's identity may be verified by the BVFK partner company with a terminal or by simple visual inspection.

In order to claim the bonus services, the BVFK holder must present his or her card with the BVFK barcode so that its validity and the holder's identity may be verified by simple visual inspection.

The BVFK holder is required to present a valid form of photographic ID upon request. If he or she is unable to do so, free entry to the BVFK partner companies and/or price reduction with the bonus partners may be refused.

6. Misuse:

In the event of misuse or the suspicion of misuse, the BVFK partner companies are entitled and required to confiscate the card without any replacement. The BVFK may not be transferred to third parties – to do so may result in criminal proceedings.

7. Prices and reductions for children:

The prices set out in the Compact Folder (inclusive of value-added tax) are valid for adults and children (one-day card €16.00 or €8.00, two-day card €25.00 or €12.50 and three-day card €32.00 or €16.00). Children under the age of 6 are exempt from paying entrance fees. Children and young people up to the age of 15 are entitled to the reduced tariff.

8. Theft/loss:

If the BVFK is lost or stolen, the purchaser may report this on +43 (5574) 43443-0. Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH accepts no liability in the event of the theft or loss of the BVFK.

9. Applicable law and place of jurisdiction:

Austrian law is exclusively applicable to all contractual relationships. The sole place of jurisdiction is the court legally responsible for Bregenz.

10. Data protection declaration:

When the BVFK is issued, personal data are processed; the BVFK holder consented to this by purchasing the BVFK. The data provided are used to develop and process the BVFK. The BVFK holder agrees that his or her data may be collected and saved on electronic data carriers for the purposes of bookkeeping, contractual fulfilment, etc. Personal data will be passed on to third parties without the consent of the client only in the event of urgent legal requirements or to the extent necessary for the use of the BVFK. Amongst other things, the data may be transferred to the relevant service partners in order to fulfil their service provision or used for statistical and administrative purposes.

Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH takes organisational, contractual and technical security measures, corresponding to the state of the art, to ensure that the requirements of the data protection laws are complied with and that the processed data are protected from any accidental or intentional manipulation, loss, destruction and from access by unauthorised persons.

After the end of the card usage period, these data are blocked from further use and deleted after the retention periods laid down in taxation and commercial law, unless the BVFK holder has expressly agreed for his or her data to be further used or Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH reserves the right to a more extensive use of these data that is legally permissible and of which the BVFK holder is informed below. The client account may be deleted at any time by sending a message to the email address datenschutz@bodensee-vorarlberg.com.

The BVFK holder is entitled to receive information free of charge concerning saved data regarding his or her person and to amend incorrect data, withdraw permissions or to transfer, block or delete these data. In the event of any questions concerning the collection, processing or use of personal data, of information requests, amendments, transfer, blocking or deletion of data and the withdrawal of permissions granted or objection to a particular kind of data use, the BVFK holder may contact Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH directly, using the contact data in the legal notice of the folder.

If the BVFK holder believes that the processing of his or her data infringes the data protection law or that his or her data protection rights are being infringed in any other way, he or she is entitled to complain to the data protection authority as supervisory authority.

Further details are available in the data protection notice on the website www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/data-protection-regulation

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