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# 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 aged up to 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 € 24 (Status December 2022). 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 to 'Lindau-Insel' (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg. Timetable information: Vorarlberg Traffic Company

T +43 (5522) 83951, [www.vmobil.at](http://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.

→ Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus

T +43 (5574) 43443 - 0, [office@bodensee-vorarlberg.com](mailto:office@bodensee-vorarlberg.com)

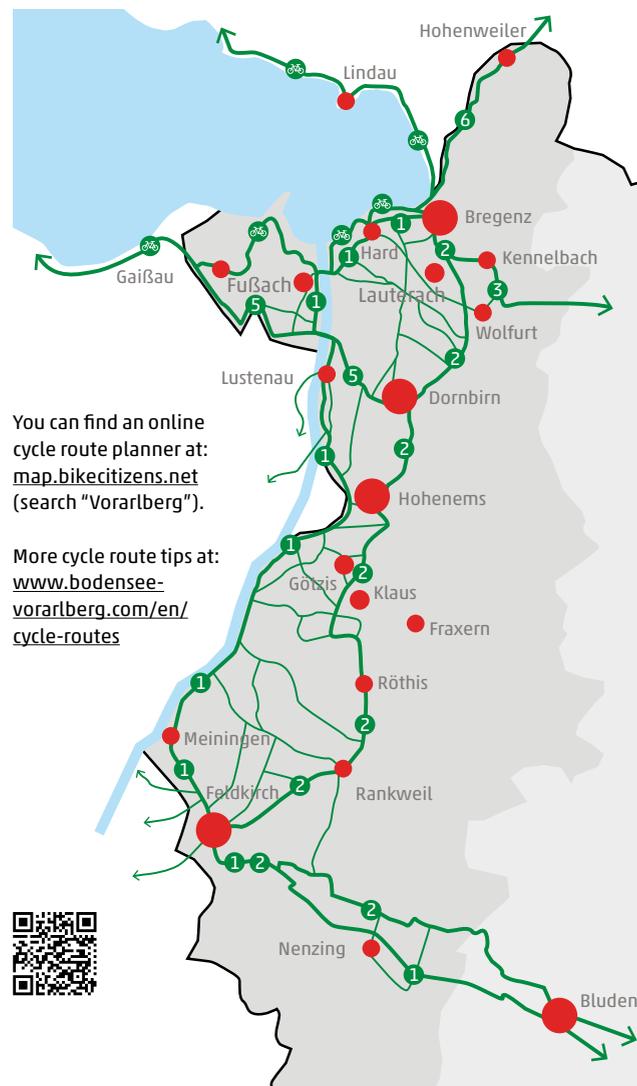
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/leisure-card](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/leisure-card)



# 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](http://map.bikecitizens.net) (search "Vorarlberg").

More cycle route tips at: [www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/cycle-routes](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/cycle-routes)



# The most beautiful excursions with one card

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.

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.

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Tips and favourite places 2023

There are many reasons to keep coming back to the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. Young people who grow up in the region sometimes need to spend some time elsewhere so that they can appreciate the beauty and quality of life more when they return. Page 9 describes how a young designer is doing, after living elsewhere for a few years, suddenly felt a yearning for her home country and now effortlessly combines the best of both worlds. Let yourself be surprised by excellent cuisine, by the view across Lake Constance from one of the mountains and, if possible, by one of the farmers' markets where regionally sourced organic products are sold. All this along with special encounters and unforgettable experiences awaits you in the region. And, if you are still feeling adventurous after a winter walk, there is always the option of joining Brini Fetz on a dip in Lake Constance. Meet her and others who aren't afraid of the cold on Sundays at 10 a.m. Why not join them? Brave enough?!



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

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## What would a trip without encounters be?

It can be a brief glance, a kind word or an unexpected chat. Encounters are an essential elixir for us humans, for our work and for life in general. This magazine presents people with whom encounters are possible along with the places and spaces where they happen and where visitors are welcomed as guests.

We live in a natural environment that is happy to share its lavish beauty. The natural world is often also the reason for people to eventually come back, like the young designer Brini Fetz, who succumbed to her yearning after many successful years in Copenhagen and who has now returned to the shores of Lake Constance. Get to know the young woman in this magazine's profile and you will also become a little better acquainted with the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. Let yourself be inspired and touched by art, the trades and crafts as well as by the special kind of cuisine that the region has to offer. All these disciplines are an expression of a distinct vitality and innovative strength that are worth exploring.

The people of the region are accustomed to find creative solutions and overcome crises. They have above all learned that it is best to work together. Almost anything is possible when people join forces. That is why this region has become a hotspot for unique cultural diversity without the need for a big city. It has also become a draw for music, architecture and design. All the things that make life beautiful and enjoyable are made here with lots of passion and great dedication. We are grateful for all the treasures that our region has to offer and that we are delighted to share with you whether you allow them to touch you is entirely up to you. We are opening lots of doors for you and it is up to you to choose the ones you wish to enter. Enjoy the read and your stay in the beautiful Bodensee-Vorarlberg region.

Urs Treuthardt  
Managing Director, Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus

# About the region

A central haven of tranquillity in Vorarlberg is Lake Constance whose shoreline on the Austrian side stretches for 28 kilometres through nature reserves and publicly accessible bathing areas. Its water quality is outstanding. It supplies, for instance, southern Germany with 128 million cubic litres of drinking water each year.

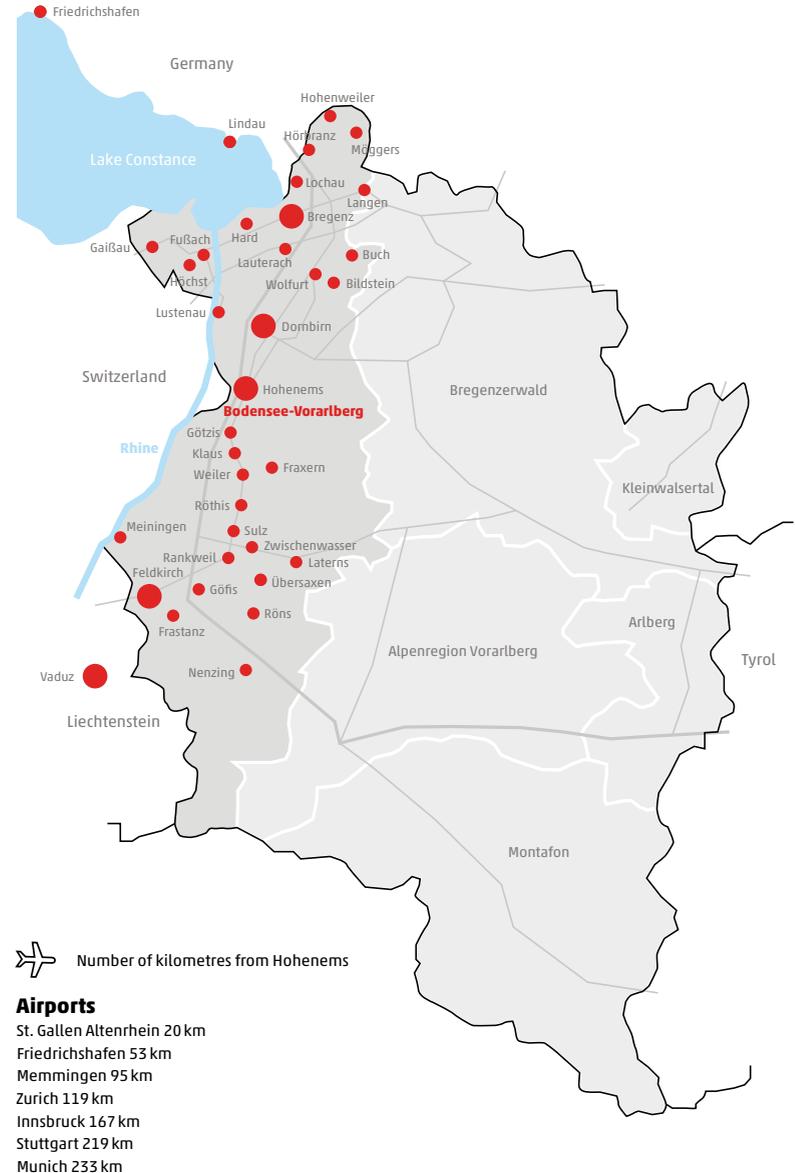
The Bodensee-Vorarlberg region is one of six tourism destinations in Vorarlberg. Our activities focus on the area between Hohenweiller in the north and Nenzing in the south of the region and – not to forget – the Rhine Valley in between with its four cities of Dornbirn, Feldkirch, Bregenz and Hohenems. Around two-thirds of Vorarlberg's population live and work in the conurbations located within the Rhine Valley.

A remarkable density of internationally successful companies, innovative start-ups and a cultural and culinary diversity is to be encountered here that comes close to that usually only found in urban agglomerations – with all the benefits and disadvantages. Traffic, for instance, is sometimes heavy, particularly on days that are great for skiing and during the summer travel season, but the public transport network and particularly the steadily growing network of cycle paths offer very convenient and attractive alternatives.

At the lowest point, Vorarlberg is situated at an altitude of 395 metres above sea level. The Piz Buin, at 3,312 metres, is the highest point in the region. The region covers an area of 2,601 square kilometres, which only represents 3.1 % of Austria's total size – a small region that's full of magnificent natural spectacles and urban amenities. About 400,000 people live where others enjoy spending their holidays – most of them are able to appreciate the quality of life here.

# Public transport

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 € 15.70 for adults. Timetables and detailed fare information are available at [www.vmobil.at](http://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 to 'Lindau-Insel' (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg.



# 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. The trains (between Bregenz and Feldkirch) and buses are complemented by the vessels that Vorarlberg Lines operates on Lake Constance and that are used both as a means of transport and for excursions.

## 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 – Thuisis – 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

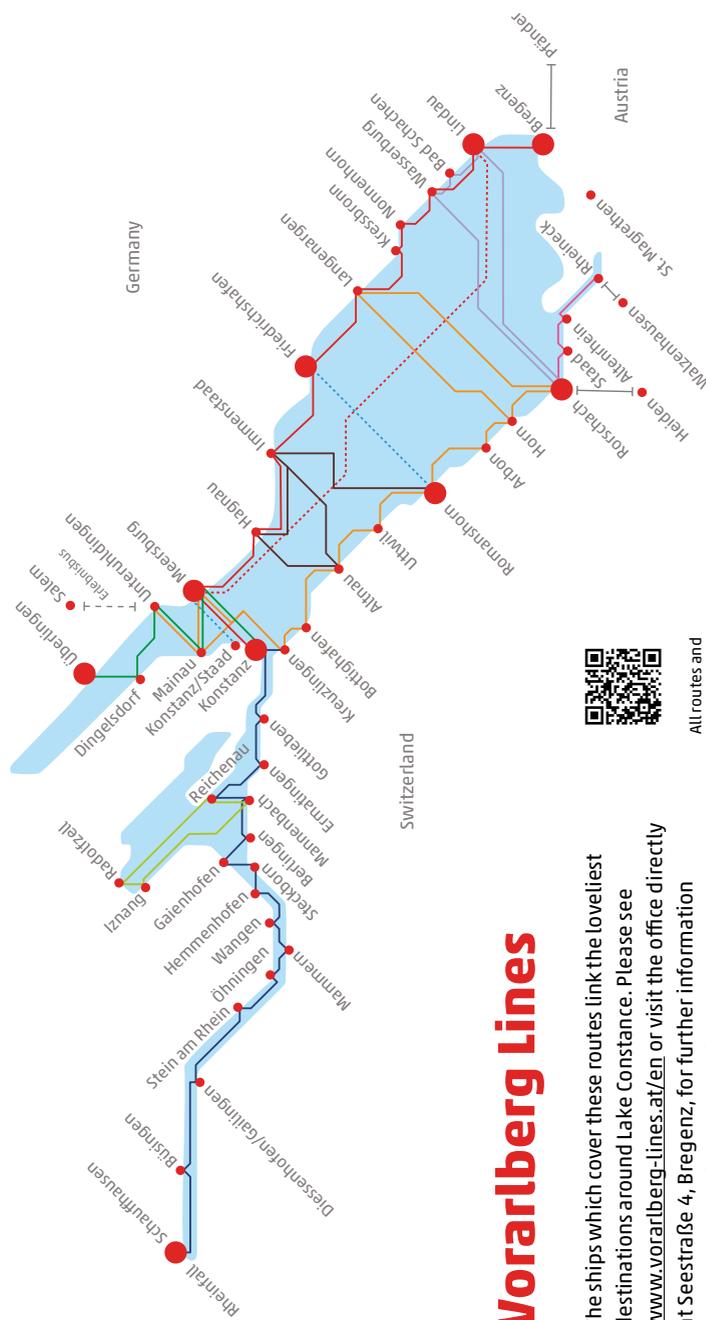
## By air

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) 203 610; Switzerland: +41 (71) 858 51 60 or [info@peoples.ch](mailto:info@peoples.ch)  
 Single fare: € 19 per person.  
[www.peoples.at](http://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 freeway section between Hörbranz and Hohenems (A14) is exempt from this toll. (Current state: December 2022)



# Vorarlberg Lines

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



All routes and timetables



## Breathe in, breathe out.

**Brini Fetz loves cold-water swimming and, thanks to a soft spot for food, founded her designstudio hej studio, which specialises in food branding.**

After studying business and graphic design in Vienna, Brini Fetz found her ideal master's programme in Denmark at the Copenhagen Business School: Management of Creative Business Processes. Thanks to her locally founded and food focused Event- and Communication business, two planned years in Copenhagen turned into eight. During that time Brini did not only learn to speak Danish, but also to love swimming in icy cold water, which is firmly rooted in the culture of the far north.

"There has been lots of research on cold-water swimming, the body produces all kinds of endorphins and adrenaline in cold water, in other words: everything that makes you happy," she explains. She also brought winter swimming back to Vorarlberg with her. Back home, Brini specialised in food branding and in 2020 founded her designstudio hej studio in Bregenz.

She is happy to explain why she returned to Vorarlberg: "Living in a region like this, where mountains meet the lake it's a luxury. Where else can you do a quick hike up the Pfänder mountain, take the cable car back down and quickly hop into the lake all before work? I also like the mentality here, the pragmatism. Together with the curious, open spirit of the north, this creates a fertile ground for everything we do at hej studio."

With the end of summer season, the ice swimmers usually meet once a week to start getting used to the increasingly colder water as temperatures in Lake Constance begin to drop. The pier in Bregenz is the unofficial spot for the Sunday dip this winter. "Anyone who'd like to experience this is welcome. You simply get in the water and all you have to do is remembering to: breathe in, breathe out."



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[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/people-and-stories](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/people-and-stories)

# Culture meets you.

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.



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## Cultural events

### Bregenz

#### Bregenzer Festspiele (Bregenz Festival)

'Madame Butterfly' – the famous opera by Giacomo Puccini – is going to be presented on the Bregenz lake stage for the second time in summer 2023. The story is about a Japanese geisha girl's tragic love. Giuseppe Verdi's 'Ernani' a gripping drama about love and revenge is being performed at the house opera at the Festspielhaus. The orchestra concerts invite audiences to travel on exciting explorations through a variety of sounds and cultures.

🕒 festival season: 19 July to 20 August 2023

➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 40 76, 📞 p. 10

[www.bregenzerfestspiele.com](http://www.bregenzerfestspiele.com)

#### 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. Guided tours take place from 🕒 the end of May until the end of the festival season.

#### 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.

🕒 March to June 2023

➔ Festspielhaus Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 410 15 11 and ticket hotline

+43 (5574) 40 80, 📞 S. 13 – 9

[www.bregenzerfruehling.com](http://www.bregenzerfruehling.com)



#### Stefanie Brugger

Proprietor Moritz Bio-Restaurant, Hohenems

*"The Homunculus Puppet Theatre Festival is just as much a thrill for our boys as it is for me and my husband. Fascinating stories uniquely presented with puppets. It captivates us every year!"*

Homunculus

Tip

The stated event dates represent the published dates (as of December 2022). No liability will be assumed for changes or postponements.

### Dornbirn

#### Die Gustav

'Die Gustav' is the international salon for exceptional design and the culture of pleasure. From handmade jewellery and design-oriented sofas to gourmet spices and organic wine – there's always something to meet the demands of good taste.

🕒 20 to 22 October 2023

➔ Messeplatz 1, Dornbirn, 📞 p. 12 – 3

[www.diegustav.com](http://www.diegustav.com)

#### Szene Openair

The 'Szene Openair' festival at Old Rhine is cult since 1990. The music festival offers a variety of alternative music and attracts famous artists as well as exciting newcomers.

🕒 3 to 5 August 2023

➔ Alter Rhein, Lustenau

[www.szeneopenair.at](http://www.szeneopenair.at)

### 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 more than 30 years. Every year, the productions have a thematic motto.

🕒 11 to 19 May 2023

➔ Löwensaal, Hohenems, 📞 p. 12 – 2

[www.homunculus.info](http://www.homunculus.info)

#### Schubertiade Hohenems

The 'Schubertiade' is one of the most renowned classical music festivals world-wide. 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 main event locations are in Schwarzenberg (Angelika Kauffmann Hall) and in Hohenems (Markus Sittikus Hall), both of which guarantee an incomparable musical experience with their phenomenal acoustics.

🕒 27 April to 8 October 2023

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Saal, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91, 📞 p. 13 – 8

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

## 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.

🕒 4 to 7 May 2023

→ Hohenems

[www.emsiana.at](http://www.emsiana.at)



Tip

### Brini Fetz

Proprietor hey studio, Bregenz

*"Culturally, there is so much going on in Vorarlberg. I am a big fan of the 'Montforter Zwischentöne' for example - a festival between dialogue and music, where everything revolves around artistic, dramaturgical interpretations of everyday culture. The formats are very progressive and combine classical music with modern productions."*

Montforter Zwischentöne

## Feldkirch

### poolbar-Festival 📅

The 'Alte Hallenbad' in Feldkirch turns into cultural hotspot in summer. The programme ranges from family-friendly jazz breakfasts in the park, cinema, cabaret, slams, discussions to concerts until dawn by renowned bands and those that are still considered insider tips.

🕒 7 July to 14 August 2023

→ Altes Hallenbad im Reichenfeld, Feldkirch, 📞 p. 12 – 4

[www.poolbar.at](http://www.poolbar.at)



Scan to discover always up to date event tips or go to:  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/eventcalendar](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/eventcalendar)

## Musik in der Pforte

The series of chamber-music concerts in Feldkirch has been presented at venues across Vorarlberg for more than two decades now. 'Musik in der Pforte' approaches the terrain of chamber music in a curious and questioning style. The concert formats combine such separate genres as literature, philosophy, theatre and music and regularly thrill sold-out venues.

→ Herrengasse 10 – 12, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 304 12 72

[www.pforte.at](http://www.pforte.at)

## Montforter Zwischentöne

The event that is the Montforter Zwischentöne is a festival for the time-spaces between dialogue and music. It's staged once a year and revolves around a different specific theme each time. The themes are associated with seasonal sentiments, customs and festivals. It is in this way that interrelated programmes are created alongside new formats that combine the artists and experts' experiences with the audience's. Two special highlights are the grande finale of the Hugo competition and the 'Kolabor' format, where everyone can take part, in March 2023.

🕒 10 November to 7 December 2023

→ Feldkirch, T +43 (670) 604 28 80, 📞 p. 13 – 6

[www.montforterzwichentoene.at](http://www.montforterzwichentoene.at)

## Cultural institutions

### Bregenz and Environs

### 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. In addition to the main auditorium, whose rising attendance figures promise only good things, children and young people can find an age-appropriate introduction to the world of theater.

→ Seestraße 2, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 428 70 – 600, 📞 p. 12 – 1

[www.landestheater.org](http://www.landestheater.org)

### KOSMOS Theatre

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, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 440 34

[www.theaterkosmos.at](http://www.theaterkosmos.at)

### 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 and hosts further exciting events.

→ Spinnereistraße 10, Hard, T +43 (5574) 827 31, 📞 p. 13 – 7

[www.kammgarn.at](http://www.kammgarn.at)

## Dornbirn and Environs

### 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, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 219 33, 📞 p. 13 – 5

[www.spielboden.at](http://www.spielboden.at)

### TIK Dornbirn

The TiK (Theater im Kopfbau) is located under the roof of the former town hall. This is where Punch-and-Judy shows, cabarets, dance and music events and much more are staged.

→ Jahngasse 10, Dornbirn, T +43 (664) 553 57 79

[www.tik-dornbirn.at](http://www.tik-dornbirn.at)

### 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](http://www.freudenhaus.or.at)

## Feldkirch and Environs

### The Saumarkt Theatre 📄

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.

→ Mühletopplatz 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 728 95

[www.saumarkt.at](http://www.saumarkt.at)



### Kulturbühne AMBACH

Classical piano concerts, cabarets, operas, readings and balls, the 'Kulturbühne AMBACH' offers the appropriate stage for all kinds of events and concerts. The acoustics are unique, the stage is nationally famous and the programme is accordingly varied.

→ Am Bach 10, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 640 60 11

[www.ambach.at](http://www.ambach.at)

### Altes Kino Rankweil

The 'Altes Kino' stands for versatility and variety – a fact that's undoubtedly reflected in its programme, which ranges from readings to cabarets, to summer open-air performances and all kind of concerts.

→ Bahnhofstraße 30, Rankweil, T + 43 (5522) 453 87, 📞 p. 19

[www.alteskino.at](http://www.alteskino.at)



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[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cultural-life](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cultural-life)

# Museum variety meets you.

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 publically 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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## Bregenz and Environs

### 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 to 8 p.m., July and August Mon 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 → Kornmarktplatz 1, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 460 50, 🏠 p. 20  
[www.vorarlbergmuseum.at](http://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.

🕒 Tue 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, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 485 944 33, 🏠 p. 23 – 6  
[www.kunsthau-bregenz.at](http://www.kunsthau-bregenz.at)

### Pfänder Cable Car Museum

The 'Pfänderbahn' valley station, which is a listed building, is home to the Pfänder Cable Car Museum. Here the history of the oldest cable car of Vorarlberg in 1927 is shown.

🕒 Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 → Steinbruchgasse 4, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 421 60 – 0  
[www.pfaenderbahn.at](http://www.pfaenderbahn.at)

### St. Martin's Tower (museum)

The baroque onion dome of the Martinsturm tower in Bregenz effortlessly attracts attention – so it's no surprise that it's become the landmark for the small city with a historic past. A permanent exhibition was opened in 2015 to document developments in Bregenz, the top floor presents a wonderful panoramic view across the city.

🕒 May to October: Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 → Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 410 15 60, 🏠 p. 22 – 4  
[www.martinsturmbregenz.at](http://www.martinsturmbregenz.at)

### Kunst im Rohnerhaus

The museum exhibits a permanent collection of works by artists from Vorarlberg, from the 17th century through to the present and they organize special events from important artists and the art history of Vorarlberg.

🕒 Every first Sunday of the month 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment  
 → Kirchstraße 14, Lauterach, T +43 (676) 703 28 73  
[www.rohnerhaus.at](http://www.rohnerhaus.at)

### Textile Printing 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) 697 629, 🏠 p. 23 – 8  
[www.bit.ly/mittelweiherburg](http://www.bit.ly/mittelweiherburg)

### Fire Service Old-Timer Museum

Historical equipment and fire engines from 140 years.

🕒 Tue from 7.30 p.m. and by appointment,  
 in July, August and September every first Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 → Bommenweg 1, Hard, T +43 (664) 452 15 70  
[www.feuerwehr-oldtimer-hard.at](http://www.feuerwehr-oldtimer-hard.at)

## Dornbirn and Environs

### Stadtmuseum Dornbirn

The Stadtmuseum Dornbirn is housed in a 200-year-old patrician house building 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, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 306 – 49 11  
[www.stadtmuseum.dornbirn.at](http://www.stadtmuseum.dornbirn.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.

🕒 Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 → Jahngasse 9, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 550 44, 🏠 p. 22 – 1  
[www.kunstraumdornbirn.at](http://www.kunstraumdornbirn.at)

### 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 m<sup>2</sup> 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) 377 72 00

[www.mohrenbrauerei.at](http://www.mohrenbrauerei.at)

### Rolls-Royce Museums

British elegance may be experienced at the Vonier family's Rolls-Royce museums in Dornbirn-Güttele. The Rolls-Royce Automobilmuseum takes you back in time through the history of Rolls Royce on three floors and with about 60 original cars. Another smaller Rolls-Royce museum has been located next door with focus on special exhibits and the technology behind them.

🕒 Opening hours, see website,  p. 23 – 7

➔ Güttele 10, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 52652; Güttele 11a, T +43 (5572) 386 693

[www.rolls-royce-museum.at](http://www.rolls-royce-museum.at)

[www.rolls-royce-automobilmuseum.at](http://www.rolls-royce-automobilmuseum.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 outing.

🕒 Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Jahngasse 9/Stadtgarten, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 232 350,  p. 23 – 9

[www.inatura.at](http://www.inatura.at)

### Crib Museum

A collection from all over the world displays nativity scenes and figures providing various interpretations of the Holy Night. The 400 m<sup>2</sup> 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.

➔ Güttele 11c, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 200 632,  p. 27

[www.krippenmuseum-dornbirn.at](http://www.krippenmuseum-dornbirn.at)

The stated opening hours represent the regular opening hours (as of December 2022). Restrictions may apply due to company holidays, exhibition change-overs, public holidays or other unexpected reasons.



Crib Museum, Dornbirn

### 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 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

➔ Marktstraße 33, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 306 – 48 39

[www.flatzmuseum.at](http://www.flatzmuseum.at)

### Rhein-Schauen – Museum and nostalgic Rheinbähnle

The Rhine is in focus of the 'Rhein-Schauen-Museum' in Lustenau. Models, stagings, film sequences and showpieces illustrate the history, present and future of the Rhine Valley. Highlight is also a ride on the historic electric locomotive or a nostalgic steam locomotive.

🕒 Museum: End of April to End of October: Sat 1 to 5.30 p.m., in summer also Sun 1 to 5.30 p.m. Train rides: End of April to End of October: Sat 3 p.m., in summer also Sun 3 p.m.

➔ Höchster Straße 4, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 205 39

[www.rheinschauen.at](http://www.rheinschauen.at)



### Rauch's Radiomuseum

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

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

➔ Hofsteigstraße 21, Lustenau, T +43 (664) 220 90 64

[www.radiomuseumlustenau.at](http://www.radiomuseumlustenau.at)

## Hohenems

### Jewish Museum Hohenems

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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 739 89 - 0, 🏠 p. 28

[www.jm-hohenems.at](http://www.jm-hohenems.at)

### Alte-Zeiten-Museum

The 'Alte-Zeiten-Museum' is located in the old village center of Hohenems. The house was built in 1602 and the small museum inside gives insights into the life around 1600 and tells stories from people from the region.

☉ June to September: Sun 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat and Sun 2 to 6 p.m.

➔ Sägerstraße 5, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 762 30, 🏠 p. 23 - 5

[www.alte-zeiten-museum.at](http://www.alte-zeiten-museum.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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91, 🏠 S. 22 - 2

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

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 **Bonus partner - reduced admission**



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### 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

### Nibelungen-Museum

The success of the Songs 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

### 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

### 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)

### 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 720 91

[www.schubertiade.at](http://www.schubertiade.at)



Arche Noah Museum, Hohenems

### Stoffels-Säge-Mühle (saw museum)

The unique 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, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 724 34

[www.museum-stoffels-saege-muehle.at](http://www.museum-stoffels-saege-muehle.at)

### Arche Noah Museum

This museum is the product of Consul Hans Bäumlner's decades-long passion for collecting. He created an impressive collection that centred on art and nature. One hundred and thirty years of art history meet an area of 600 square metres that is dedicated to taxidermy and other finds from nature.

🕒 Fri 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Straße 20, Hohenems, ☎ S. 31

[www.arche-noah-museum.at](http://www.arche-noah-museum.at)



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### Stefanie Brugger

Proprietor Moritz Bio-Restaurant, Hohenems

*"A great museum for the whole family! Put together with lots of love, it documents the history of milling and sawing in a very informative way."*

Museum Stoffels-Säge-Mühle (saw museum)

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### 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.

🕒 April to October: Mon to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., November to March: Tue to Sat 1.30 to 4 p.m. and Sun and bank holidays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

➔ Burggasse 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 304 - 35 10, 🏠 p. 33

[www.schattenburg.at](http://www.schattenburg.at)

### Römervilla (open-air museum)

The open-air museum 'Römervilla' shows the outlines of three buidles of a Roman estate, which was inhabited from the 1st to the 5th century AD. In the near, other objects are presumed for example cattle stables or granaries for crops.

🕒 The museum is freely accessible. Guided tours must be requested independently.

➔ Brederis near the sports field, Kirchstraße 25, Rankweil

T +43 (5522) 405 - 0, 🏠 p. 22 - 3

[www.bit.ly/freilichtmuseum-rankweil](http://www.bit.ly/freilichtmuseum-rankweil)

### Museum for Printmaking

The flair of an authentic artist-printing studio is inspiring. The classic techniques of printmaking can be experienced for example on a fully functioning historical lithographic printing press. In addition, there are always changing exhibitions.

🕒 Only during exhibitions regulated opening hours – see website.

Apart from exhibitions the museum can be visited by appointment.

➔ Hartmannngasse 15a, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 417 37

[www.markusgell.com](http://www.markusgell.com)

### Vorarlberg Museum World 🏠

The Vorarlberg museum world brings seven museums together under one roof on more than 2500 m<sup>2</sup>: 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 p.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Obere Lände 3b, Frastanz, T +43 (676) 544 09 70

[www.museumswelt.com](http://www.museumswelt.com)



Schattenburg Castle Museum, Feldkirch



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[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/museums](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/museums)

# Encountering buildings meet you.

Attractive excursion destinations to historical and architectural sights are on offer across the region. Vorarlberg has always been a frontier region and a strategically important location, which is why, from the Romans to the Habsburgs, changing powers have built and maintained massively walled outposts. Castles, palaces, churches and ruins remain popular attractions and make it possible for visitors to travel back in time.

But modern architects have also come up with some impressive answers to the demands of today's world. It's not for nothing that entire classes of architectural students take trips to Vorarlberg for inspiration. The following pages can act as a guide if you wish to take a similar trip.



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## Architecture

### Bregenz and Environs

#### 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, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 485 940

[www.kunsthhaus-bregenz.at](http://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, without the plastic bottles. Inside, thick earth plaster walls and untreated wooden floors convey a natural atmosphere.

→ Kornmarktplatz 1, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 460 50,  p. 20,  p. 36 – 3

[www.vorarlbergmuseum.at](http://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 at last, you can sit exactly where the sun looks most beautiful at sunset.

→ Seeanlagen 738, Bregenz, T +43 (664) 160 81 61

[www.diewelle.at](http://www.diewelle.at)



#### Brini Fetz

Proprietor hey studio, Bregenz

"The Milchpilz in Bregenz is simply a cult place to be for me. Its wide range of milk drinks and a small but fine selection of snacks combined with the cool toadstool look have been delighting customers since 1953."

Milchpilz Bregenz, p. 48

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#### Festspielhaus Bregenz (festival house)

Architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller

The floating stage, with 7,000 seats and its view of the stage and the open horizon, is 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. Further reconstruction and renovation work is happening until 2024.

→ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 41 30

[www.kongresskultur.com](http://www.kongresskultur.com)

#### Michelehof (farmhouse)

Architect Phillip 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 stall 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 needs, because customers for the legendary schnapps from the Michelehof appear regularly and in vast numbers – and rightly so.

→ Marktstraße 26, Hard, T +43 (5574) 724 12

[www.michelehof.at](http://www.michelehof.at)

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#### vai Vorarlberg Architecture Institute

It was on the initiative of members of the national association of Vorarlberg architects which brought about the Vorarlberger Architektur Institut in 1997. 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) 511 69,

[www.v-a-i.at](http://www.v-a-i.at)

## inatura Museum

*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. 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, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 232 35,  p. 23 – 9

[www.inatura.at](http://www.inatura.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 façade 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, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 306 48 20,  p. 37 – 7

[www.stadtbibliothek.dornbirn.at](http://www.stadtbibliothek.dornbirn.at)

## Feldkirch and Environs

### Montforthaus (cultural and conference centre)

*Architects* Hascher Jehle, Berlin and Mitiska Wäger

The secret of this successful architecture in the heart of a network of narrow old city streets can be admired in the cultural and conference centre of 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 Schattenburg on the other suddenly look down in a kindly way on the new building.

→ Montfortplatz 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 90 09,  p. 37 – 5

[www.montforthausfeldkirch.com](http://www.montforthausfeldkirch.com)

### Islamic Cemetery

*Architect* Bernardo Bader

A further award-winning feature can be found approximately 15 kilometres away, at the only Islamic cemetery in the state of Vorarlberg. 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) 435 59 27,  p. 41

[www.bit.ly/islamischer-friedhof-altach](http://www.bit.ly/islamischer-friedhof-altach)



Islamic Cemetery, Altach

### Wasserhaus Götzis (art object)

*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) 625 010

[www.bit.ly/wasserhaus-goetzis](http://www.bit.ly/wasserhaus-goetzis)

### 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. 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.

→ Kirchgasse 6, Im Walgau, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 644 17

[www.artenne.at](http://www.artenne.at)

## Palaces and castles

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#### 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, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 425 15

#### Mittelweiherburg (castle)

This moated castle was built in the headwaters of the Harder Dorfbach (Hard village stream) in 1570. It is where Vorarlberg's textile industry was established in 1794 and where a fabric printing shop was later also set up. The textile printing museum commemorates that history to this day.

→ Mittelweiherburg 3, Hard, T +43 (5574) 697 629,  p. 23 – 8

[www.bit.ly/mittelweiherburg](http://www.bit.ly/mittelweiherburg)

#### Schloss Hofen (palace)

The striking renaissance structure built by the Counts of Raitenau established itself as an international centre for science and further education in 1981. Further education courses and master's programmes are available in cooperation with the Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences as well as international universities and colleges.

→ Hofer Straße 26, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 493 04 54

[www.schlosshofen.at](http://www.schlosshofen.at)

#### Schloss Wolfurt (palace)

'Schloss Wolfurt' towers above the municipality of Wolfurt and is able to look back on a long history since 1217. Many changes of ownership have left their mark over the ages. It is today owned by the municipality of Wolfurt. It is scheduled to open as an event location in 2023.

→ Schlossgasse 10, Wolfurt

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#### Ruine Alt-Ems (castle ruin)

The ruin of one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe sits enthroned above the town of Hohenems: today's ruin 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 Staufian, has been redeveloped and is preserved for future generations.

→ Schlossberg, Hohenems, T +43 (650) 862 05 86,  p. 34

[www.alt-ems.at](http://www.alt-ems.at)

#### Renaissance Palace Hohenems

The palace used to be the residence of the Counts of Ems (their marriage policy led 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. Exclusive insights into the premises are granted within guided tours.

→ Schlossplatz 8, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 778 88,  p. 37 – 9

[www.palast-hohenems.at](http://www.palast-hohenems.at)

#### Schloss Gloppe (palace)

Schloss Gloppe is located somewhat concealed within the hill of Hohenems. The building was first mentioned in records in 1401 and it has since been able to look back on an eventful history of destruction, restoration and reconstruction. It has been in the possession of the aristocratic Waldburg Zeil family, which has restored it with great attention to history and detail, since 2016. It has been run as a five-star hotel since 2018.

→ Reutestraße 19, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 745 55,  p. 43

[www.rentacastle.at](http://www.rentacastle.at)



Schloss Gloppe (palace), Hohenems



Schloss Amberg (palace), Feldkirch

## Feldkirch and Environs

### Schloss Amberg (palace)

Schloss Amberg is to be found nestled within dreamy surroundings at one of the most beautiful viewpoints in Feldkirch. It was built by Emperor Maximilian for Countess Anna von Helfenstein in 1493. Amberg Castle has been owned and managed by the Scheyer family since 1928. A broad range of exciting events are often staged there.

→ Amberggasse 43, Feldkirch, T +43 (5574) 643 460, [📍 p. 44](#)  
[www.schlossamberg.at](http://www.schlossamberg.at)

### 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, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 304 35 10, [📍 p. 33](#)  
[www.schattenburg.at](http://www.schattenburg.at)

### Jonas-Schlössle (palace)

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  
[www.ambach.at/jonas-schloessle](http://www.ambach.at/jonas-schloessle)

## Churches

### Bregenz and Environs

#### Stadtparish 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, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 901 80

#### Herz-Jesu Church

The Herz-Jesu Kirche (Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) rises on a plateau above the centre of Bregenz. Its two steeples and brick-red walls announce the church to visitors from afar. With its lancet windows, it is visually reminiscent of an old Gothic cathedral but one that has been built with bricks.

→ Kolpingplatz 1, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 420 25, [📍 p. 37 – 6](#)

#### St. Martin's Chapel

The St. Martin's Chapel is located in the upper town of Bregenz, next to the St. Martin's tower. The choir is adorned with a Gothic fresco cycle from the 14th and 15th century. This is one of the most precious cultural assets of Bregenz.

→ Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 410 15 61

#### Monastery Church Mehrerau

The only abbey that still fulfils its original purpose to this day is Mehrerau Abbey. It has been one of Vorarlberg's most important cultural sites from the early Middle Ages and remains so to the present day. The church at Mehrerau Abbey surprises with an almost unadorned matter-of-factness and sublime simplicity. Its cellar is home to a culinary venue with a beautiful garden for guests in the courtyard.

→ Mehrerauerstraße 66, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 714 61

#### 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](http://www.maria-bildstein.at)

### Cistercian Abbey Mariastern

The former residence building of Gwiggen with the Loretto Chapel dates back to the 17th century. The abbey welcomes all guests to services, taster days, fasting periods, herbal seminars, the abbey shop and more.

→ Gwiggen 1, Hohenweiler, T +43 (5573) 822 34

## Dornbirn

### St. Martin's Church

The city's parish church of St. Martin is probably the best known church in Dornbirn, located as it is in the middle of Marktplatz, the market square. An interesting feature inside is the fresco on the entrance wall: it depicts the poets Dante and Milton and the artists Michelangelo, Dürer, Rubens and Signorelli as interpreters of hell. A Marian chapel was added to the south; it is home to images depicting scenes from the life of St. Martin.

→ Marktplatz 1, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 222 20

## Hohenems

### Catholic Parish Church St. Karl Borromäus

The magnificent late baroque-classicist hall building that houses the Catholic parish church of St. Karl Borromäus in the centre of Hohenems is already visible from a distance. The church was built at the end of the 18th century to plans drawn up by Jakob Scheiterle.

→ Marktstraße 1a, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 723 12

## Feldkirch and 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, 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) 442 24,  p. 37 – 8

[www.basilika-rankweil.at](http://www.basilika-rankweil.at)



St. Nikolaus Cathedral Feldkirch

### 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, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 7223 20,  p. 47

### Buddhist monastery

Tibetan monk Geshe Rabte Rinpoche founded a Buddhist monastery and study centre on the hill of the Letze in Feldkirch Tisis in 1982. The Dalai Lama paid a visit to Feldkirch shortly thereafter. The white stupa presents views of the surrounding mountains and perhaps also a sense of the special energy that emanates from this spiritual location. A very beautiful path to walk also leads past there up the Stadtschrofen in Feldkirch.

→ Im Buchholz 26, Frastanz, T +43 (720) 510 880

## Other historical buildings

### Bregenz

#### St. Martin's Tower

The Martinsturm, Bregenz's landmark, owes the grand impression it makes to its magnificent baroque onion dome. It was formerly a granary and was converted into a watchtower in around 1600. Its baroque onion dome is covered with wood shingles and is thought to be the largest in central Europe. It is now home to a museum of urban history.

→ Martinsgasse 3b, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 410 15 61,  p. 22 – 4  
[www.martinsturmbregenz.at](http://www.martinsturmbregenz.at)

#### Narrowest house in Europe

The building at Kirchstraße 29 is said to be the 'narrowest house in Europe'. The building does not possess its own external side walls but was inserted into the existing gap between two others. The façade that faces Kirchstraße is only 57 centimetres wide. It today houses the Galerie 9 and 20.

→ Kirchstraße 29, Bregenz,  p. 49  
[www.galerie9und20.at](http://www.galerie9und20.at)

#### Milchpilz (Milk Mushroom)

The Milchpilz (Milk Mushroom) on the lake promenade in Bregenz has long enjoyed cult status. The kiosk stands out for its toadstool design. Milk mixers, dairy products and snacks from Vorarlberg have been on sale here since 1950.

→ Seestraße 2, Bregenz,  p. 36 – 4  
[www.milchpilz.at](http://www.milchpilz.at)

### 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 of Dornbirn. The deep-red wooden facade is remarkable, and lends its name to today's restaurant.

→ Marktplatz 13, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 315 55,  p. 36 – 1  
[www.roteshaus.at](http://www.roteshaus.at)

### Feldkirch

#### Katzenturm (tower)

Just a few sections of Feldkirch's former city wall have survived to this day. The Katzenturm (Cat's Tower) is one of them. It used to be a defensive tower. It is not entirely certain these days how it came by its name. One theory is that the cannons used at this original defensive tower were equipped with devices for aiming called 'Katzenköpfe' ('Cats' Heads).

→ Herrengasse 18, Feldkirch,  p. 36 – 2



Narrowest house in Europe, Bregenz

# Conscious enjoyment meets you.

What makes life even better: good food, fine drinks and a hospitality landscape of diversity and culture. In this respect, the region is exceptionally fortunate because it is densely populated with attractive restaurants and pubs that boast top-class staff. Many renowned chefs have brought creative recipes and ideas home with them from their experiences abroad and put their ideas of regional cuisine into practice here. The awareness for seasonal offers and environmentally compatible culinary delights is strongly pronounced and also embedded in reliable cooperation with regional food producers. All this is under the motto of togetherness, in good Vorarlberg we say: #zäm.



# Food and Drink 🍴

The list of good restaurants, cafés, bars and ice-cream parlours is so long that it could fill an entire magazine. All these places to visit have been listed on-line for your convenience in such a way that allows them to be immediately filtered by the preferred type of venue.



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- 1 E3 Restaurant in Montforthaus, Feldkirch
- 2 Moritz Bio-Restaurant, Hohenems
- 3 Gasthaus Stern, Bangs
- 4 Fischersteg, Bregenz
- 5 Löwenbar, Hohenems
- 6 Maurachbund Stadtheuriger, Bregenz
- 7 Gasthaus Rössle, Nenzing



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[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/food-and-drink](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/food-and-drink)

## #zäm: a region full of partnerships

When a comparatively small area like the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region is able to boast a countless number of innovative businesses and companies operating to the highest of quality standards, it could be easily assumed that competitiveness is particularly pronounced there. But that is not the case on the contrary. There rather exists a large number of good partnerships that delivers extremely positive benefits to both sides. The region's manageable size does not encourage competitiveness but rather facilitates cohesion. Johannes Allgäuer from the Sennhof in Rankweil, for example, is sure of it: "Everyone knows everybody else here in some way. And if you need something from someone, you always know someone who has a phone number." It seems that people have understood one thing, particularly in the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region: a lot of things work better if you are not always anxious that your opposite wants to take something away from you.

Many of the partnerships in the region extend far beyond traditional business relationships. Sometimes they result in new business models, sometimes in innovative products and sometimes even in friendships. The #zäm project developed by Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus, Markus Curin and Super BfG brings these partnerships into focus. It shines the spotlight on the companies involved, presents joint projects and also frequently brings the interpersonal relationships into focus. #zäm uses these examples to show that it is not only the companies themselves that benefit from such joint ventures. The entire region, its guests and not least the people who live there are able to draw from the benefits. That is why we will continue to share exciting and inspiring stories under the #zäm heading.



1 Nikolai Jochum and Sanjay Bösch in the monastery garden in Bregenz



2 Strawberries from 'Schobel Höchstgenuss' before the special drying process



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[www.zäm.at](http://www.zäm.at)



### Stefanie Brugger

Proprietor Moritz Bio-Restaurant, Hohenems

*"For me, it's great that the #zäm project gives us a stage to tell our stories. Partnerships with like-minded people find recognition here, which normally happens behind the scenes."*

#zäm – living, enjoying and working together

## #zäm in flash light



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- 1 Visit of farm 'Innauerhof' in Eichenberg with proprietor of Moritz Bio-Restaurant
- 2 Asparagus from 'Winderhof' in Dornbirn
- 3 Production at 'Schokoladengenuss Fenkart' in Hohenems with Schobel's dried fruits
- 4 Products from 'Dietrich Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten' displayed at 'Mesmerhaus Bildstein'
- 5 Vines at the Vineyard Möth in Bregenz
- 6 'Gasthaus Rössle' is preparing Nino's 'Ländlefish'
- 7 Sanjay Bösch with his fermented products
- 8 Buffalo mozzarella from Bernd Gerer
- 9 Grain control of 'Emmer' from Management board of 'Vorarlberger Mehl' and 'Sennhof'

# Regional treasures meet you.

Weekly markets and speciality shops carry within them the taste of a federal state. And each region has its own specific types of culinary product, which are well worth seeing – or rather experiencing and enjoying. It would almost be criminal to pay too little attention to them because they're easy to find in any locality and produce sensations that remain unforgettable. Anyone who has ever tasted a Lustenau mustard or a bag of Fraxner cherries or Vorarlberg mountain cheese... not to mention chocolates made by the craftspeople of Vorarlberg – there's not only abundance and pleasure but also the know-how for refining the region's natural produce into products that deliver maximum enjoyment.

# Shopping



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## Regional specialities

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.

## Bregenz and Environs

### Alma Käse

Over 100 years ago, 'Alma' was founded by Vorarlberg farmers. Later, the private cheese dairy 'Rupp' has taken over and sells now under the brand 'Alma' first-class mountain, alp, cut and spread cheeses as well as other regional specialties. Available, in 'Alma Käslädele' in Hard and in the direct sale in Hörbranz, as well as directly in the mountain dairies 'Lutzenreute' and 'Hinteregg' and in the online store. Also guided tours in the alpine dairies are possible.  
→ [www.alma.at](http://www.alma.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) 822 03  
[www.prinz.cc](http://www.prinz.cc)

### Xocolat Manufaktur

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. They also share their secrets within workshops.  
→ Kirchstraße 12, Bregenz  
T +43 (5574) 431 57  
[www.xocolat-bregenz.at](http://www.xocolat-bregenz.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. Every gourmet and health-conscious person will find beautiful, regional gift ideas there.  
→ Landstraße 3, Lochau  
T +43 (664) 123 70 04  
[www.oelmuehle-sailer.at](http://www.oelmuehle-sailer.at)



### Brini Fetz

Proprietor hey studio, Bregenz

*"Bars of chocolate, chocolates and all kinds of delicacies that are made from cocoa beans are to be found in the Xocolat Manufactory. Martina and her team create the right chocolate for every season - my personal chocolate paradise!"*

Xocolat Manufaktur, Bregenz

Tip

### Dietrich Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten

'Dietrich Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten' saves Vorarlberg raw material from extinction and processes them into special treasures. In the own store all products can be enjoyed with all senses: whiskeys, gins, noble brandies, 'Riebelmais', direct juices and many more.

→ Lerchenauerstraße 45, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 639 29, 📍 p. 61 – 6  
[www.dietrich-kostbarkeiten.at](http://www.dietrich-kostbarkeiten.at)

### 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 guarantee additive-free meat.

→ Landstraße 30, Hard, T +43 (5574) 659 74  
[www.naturprodukte-flatz.at](http://www.naturprodukte-flatz.at)

### Fränzle's Fish

Fränzle's Fischerei is, on the one hand, an old boathouse that has been converted into a lake terrace where freshly caught fish may be enjoyed directly above the water. On the other, Fränzle's is an insider tip for all who like to cook regional fish specialties themselves. Fresh and partly filleted fish from Lake Constance is on offer here on a daily basis.

→ Schanz 40a, Fußsach, T +43 (664) 911 04 62, 📍 p. 60 – 4  
[www.fraenzles.at](http://www.fraenzles.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.

→ Frühlingsgarten 7, Höchst, T +43 (664) 124 55 15, 📍 p. 56 – 3, p. 61 – 7  
[www.hoechstgenuss.at](http://www.hoechstgenuss.at)

## Dornbirn and Environs

### s'lädele der 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 LIMO VO ÜS lemonade that was developed in conjunction with the Brauerei Frastanzer brewery is also really popular here.

→ Dr.-Waibel-Straße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 37 77 – 224  
[www.mohrenbrauerei.at](http://www.mohrenbrauerei.at)

## Winderhof

The Winderhof is the result of Winder berries. It is the source of high-quality products – fresh from the field and home-made in the berry kitchen. Fresh harvests of the seasons are available to purchase at the market in Dornbirn or the farm shop.

→ Sebastianstraße 7, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 319 42, 🏠 p. 56 – 2, 🏠 p. 61 – 8  
[www.winderhof.at](http://www.winderhof.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) 633 95, 🏠 p. 61 – 9  
[www.vetterhof.at](http://www.vetterhof.at)

## Botta

BOTTA is the space for original items from Lustenau. Besides the finest Lustenau table mustard and gin from Hasenfeld, the shelves also feature handmade accessories, cuddly bears and natural cosmetics. BOTTA offers a wide selection of culinary, beautiful and practical items for those who wish to take a souvenir home with them for their loved ones or simply for themselves. There is also a cabinet of curiosities where art, culture and crafts are exhibited.

→ Schillerstraße 2, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 81 81 – 14 00, 🏠 p. 60 – 1  
[www.botta.shop](http://www.botta.shop)

## Sennereiladen

It goes without saying that some of the most important regional specialities 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  
[www.alpenkaese.at](http://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) 820 77, 🏠 p. 61 – 5  
[www.lustenauer-senf.com](http://www.lustenauer-senf.com)

## Hohenems

### 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) 723 56, 🏠 p. 56 – 3, p. 60 – 2  
[www.schokoladengenuss.at](http://www.schokoladengenuss.at)

## Feldkirch and Environs

### 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) 271 07 92, 🏠 p. 60 – 3  
[www.schokomus.at](http://www.schokomus.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.

→ Zollwehr 2, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 535 47  
[www.zeughaus-spirituosen.com](http://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) 437 38 47  
[www.genussamgaumen.at](http://www.genussamgaumen.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.



### Theresia Winder

Winderhof, Dornbirn

*"We have been present at the Dornbirn farmers' market for many years. We particularly appreciate the personal contact with visitors there. The Markplatz, the market square, with the Martinskirche, St. Martin's Church, and the listed buildings exude a special flair."*

Dornbirn weekly market



### Dornbirn weekly market

With more than 60 stalls, the farmers' market in Dornbirn is thought to be the largest market in Vorarlberg. Its central location on Marktplatz, the market square, in Dornbirn that is lined by many inns and cafés have made it a popular meeting place for both locals and visitors alike. Regional sourcing and seasonality play a major role. The flower market on Schulgasse presents a colourful finale.

🕒 Wed and Sat 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Bregenz weekly markets

The farmers' markets in Bregenz focus on regional delights. More than 35 market stalls are to be found at the beautiful Kornmarktplatz every week. There's also the Bauernmarkt, the farmers' market, on Kaiserstraße, the Vorklostermarkt and in the warmer months a smaller market at the 'Leutbühel'. Speciality markets are also frequently arranged.

Kornmarktplatz 🕒 Tue and Fri 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bauernmarkt 🕒 Fri 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Vorklostermarkt 🕒 Thu 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Leutbühel 🕒 Wed 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(May to October) and Sat 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Feldkirch weekly market

The farmers' market in Feldkirch takes place twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the heart of Feldkirch's city centre. Many fruit and vegetable growers from Feldkirch and surrounding areas present lovingly grown and tended and subsequently freshly harvested local produce. Many great products are also available from a variety of direct sellers.

🕒 Tue and Sat 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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### Hohenems weekly market

Select, regional products and specialities may be found at the farmer's market in Hohenems. The farmers' market in Hohenems offers a special ambience with its view of the Renaissance Palace and the Schlossberg.

🕒 Thu 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Christmas market Feldkirch

## 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 specialities. 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 from 11 a.m. and attracts great attention in the inner city. The nativity scene with real animals for petting, a small ice rink, the house of the St. Nicholas 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

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

### Christkindlemarkt Dornbirn

The centre of Dornbirn transforms itself into a festival of Christmas for young and old during the run-up to big holiday. Selected artisans, an extensive children's programme and various delicacies make a trip to Dornbirn's town centre an unforgettable experience. The seasonal atmosphere is carried along by the market place's bars and restaurants that will be serving traditional delights.

→ Marktplatz, Dornbirn

### 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 the attractive range of goods and the harmonious supporting program attract numerous visitors.

→ Altstadt, Feldkirch,  p. 68



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## Experiences meet you.

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 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.

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## Cable cars

Many holiday experiences start with a trip on a cable car. Be it the starting point for hiking and biking trips or simply a way to enjoy the spectacular views of the Rhine Valley – our cable cars will take you to lofty heights

### Bregenz

#### Pfänder Cable Car

The fastest way up the Pfänder (1064 m). The six-minute trip with the Pfänder 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) 421 60-0

[www.pfaenderbahn.at](http://www.pfaenderbahn.at)

### Dornbirn

#### 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 jetty offering an additional impressive all-round view.

🕒 March to November: Mon to Sat 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., November to March: Mon to Fri 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., on bank holidays and Sat 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

➔ Gütlestraße 6, Dornbirn

T +43 (5572) 221 40, 🚻 p. 72 – 1

[www.karren.at](http://www.karren.at)

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#### 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.

🕒 In operation all year round, see website for current travel times.

➔ Jagdbergstraße 200, Schnifis

T +43 (5524) 51 61

[www.seilbahn-schnifis.at](http://www.seilbahn-schnifis.at)

#### Laterns Cable Car and Summer Toboggan Run

The safe run has 800 m of speedy bends and bridges. The mountain station of the Laterns cable car is the perfect starting point for hikes in the mountains of Laterns.

🕒 From mid May to 1 October: Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. From 7 July to 10 September: Summer toboggan run daily operation, cable car Fri to Sun. See website for exact operating hours.

➔ Kühboden 7, Laterns

T +43 (5526) 252

[www.laterns.net/sommer](http://www.laterns.net/sommer)

## Nature parks

The Bodensee-Vorarlberg region has many possibilities for outdoor experiences. Mystical gorges, watching wild animals and extraordinary nature reserves make completely new views of Vorarlberg possible.

### Bregenz and Environs

#### Alpine Wildlife Park Pfänder

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

🕒 Open daily all year round

➔ Pfänder 4, Bregenz | Lochau, T +43 (5574) 421 84

[www.pfaender.at](http://www.pfaender.at)

#### Doppelmayr-Zoo

Doppelmayr Zoo in Wolfurt has been home to more than 400 animals from more than 70 species since 1963. The one or other animal – 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/zoo](http://www.doppelmayr.com/zoo)

#### 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, Fußbach, Hard, Rheindeltahaus, T +43 (5578) 744 78

[www.rheindelta.com](http://www.rheindelta.com)

#### Grüner Damm (nature park)

The inland basin in Hard is framed on one side by the open-air swimming pool and the Grüne Damm (Green Dyke) on the other. Here, it is perfect for taking a walk or enjoying the nature. And those with time on their hands may also plan an extended stop at one of the barbecue or swimming spots.

➔ Grüner Damm, Hard, 🚻 p. 73 – 9

[www.hard.at/gruener-damm](http://www.hard.at/gruener-damm)

### Lauteracher Ried (nature reserve)

Curlews, black-tailed godwits, even corn crakes have found a home in the marsh that is the Lauteracher Ried. So respect the nature. But there's still enough space for long walks, bike rides and picnics in the countryside. The 'Jannersee', for example, is located in the middle of the 'Lauteracher Ried', where you can have a wonderful picnic or go swimming.

→ Ried, Lauterach

[www.bit.ly/lauteracher-ried](http://www.bit.ly/lauteracher-ried)

## Dornbirn and Environs

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### 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 Staufenseelake, which feeds a 100-year-old power plant. Behind that lies the more gentle gorge Alplochschlucht.

→ Gütle, Dornbirn, 🚰 p. 73 – 5

[www.rappenloch.at](http://www.rappenloch.at)

### Alter Rhein (Old Rhine)

The natural landscape along the Old Rhine is a great place for anyone to spend some leisure time. It's just the place for evening walks and cycle trips along the banks of the River Rhine. It's also the place where barbecue areas and beautiful swimming spots are to be found. The world of animals is also worth seeing: the many species of bird and the beautiful butterflies always amaze visitors.

→ Alter Rhein Hohenems, Lustenau

## Feldkirch and Environs

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### Wildlife Park Ardetzenberg

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. Free entry.

→ Ardetzenweg, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 741 05, 🚰 p. 72 – 3

[www.wildpark-feldkirch.at](http://www.wildpark-feldkirch.at)

The stated opening hours represent the regular opening hours (as of December 2022). Restrictions may apply due to company holidays, exhibition change-overs, public holidays or other unexpected reasons.

### European nature reserve Bangs-Matschels

The 450-acre wetland, with its many cycling and hiking trails, is a paradise for nature lovers who seek recreation. Millions of Siberian irises turn the litter meadows into a sea of purple in spring.

→ Bangs-Matschels, Feldkirch

[www.bangs-matschels.com](http://www.bangs-matschels.com)

### Örflaschlucht (gorge)

Thundering waterfalls, babbling brooks and unspoilt nature all around. The Örflaschlucht is so awe-inspiring that it quickly makes everyday life vanish into the distance and directs all the senses towards its splendid water displays. The circular route via St. Arbogast or the route that leads to the Hohe Kugel or the Kapf takes visitors across bridges and paths that run very close to the water thus enabling them to experience natural jewel near Götzis from its most impressive side.

→ Örflaschlucht, Götzis

[www.bit.ly/oerflaschlucht](http://www.bit.ly/oerflaschlucht)

### Paspels Seen (nature park)

The lakes that are the 'Paspels Seen', a favourite bathing spot for many locals, are to be found in Rankweil. Around 20 hectares of lake were created for recreation here – including swimming and walking trails around the lakes. There's a large sunbathing area on the banks, but there's also a playground there and the 'Seeblick-Stüble', which serves food and drink to guests.

→ Gisinger Straße, Rankweil

[www.bit.ly/paspels-seen](http://www.bit.ly/paspels-seen)

### Nenzinger Himmel (nature park)

It's said that the Nenzinger Himmel is 'the only heaven on earth'. It's mostly a picturesque hiking area where it seems as if time has stood still – pure idyll with wonderful hiking trails. Cars are not allowed in this heaven because the nature park is car-free.

→ Nenzinger Himmel, Nenzing

[www.nenzing-gurtis.at/nenzinger-himmel](http://www.nenzing-gurtis.at/nenzinger-himmel)

### Üble Schlucht (gorge)

It's enormous, the Üble Schlucht with its steep cliffs, gushing waterfalls and bizarre limestone rock formations through which the River Frutz forges its path. These days, it's an idyllic hiking trail with a wonderfully cool climate while in the old days it was an obstacle between the valleys that was difficult to overcome. Sure-footedness and good shoes are still recommended to this day.

→ Üble Schlucht, Laterns, 🚰 p. 70

[www.bit.ly/ueble-schlucht](http://www.bit.ly/ueble-schlucht)



Oberfallenberg, Dornbirn

## 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.



### Theresia Winder

Winderhof, Dornbirn

*"We like to go to the mountains when time permits. The hike to the Hohe Kugel is an easy walk and particularly rewarding. The view from the summit cross with the panoramic view of the Rhine valley and the Swiss mountains is simply fantastic."*

**Tip**

Hohe Kugel

**Fußbach:** Lagoon circular walk at the mouth of the Rhine

▲ easy

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 altitude difference



**Lagoon circular walk at the mouth of the Rhine**

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**Bregenz:** valley hike from the Pfänder with great views

▲▲ moderate

It takes just six minutes to get up the Pfänder on the Pfänderbahn cable car from where fantastic views present themselves. A wide hiking trail, mostly through the shady forest, leads towards Fluh and on to the former Hohenbregenz Castle. The forest nature trail takes hikers past the Landesbibliothek (State Library) to the medieval upper town and back to the starting point at the Pfänderbahn cable car's valley station.

🕒 Walking time: 2.50 hours, 620 altitude difference



**Valley hike from the Pfänder with great views**

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**Bildstein:** Through Doppelmayr Zoo to Bildstein

▲ easy

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 altitude difference



**Through Doppelmayr Zoo to Bildstein**

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**Dornbirn-Ebnit:** alpine hike to the Hohe Kugel

▲▲ moderate

The hiking trail runs from the mountain village of Ebnit over meadow and forest paths to the Hohe Kugel. Many alpine meadows on the way up invite hikers to stop for a break. The panoramic view from the summit cross on the Hohe Kugel is phenomenal.

🕒 Walking time: 4.45 hours, 716 altitude difference



**Alpine hike to the Hohe Kugel**

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**Dornbirn:** Panorama hike

Karren Dornbirn

▲▲ moderate

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 altitude difference



**Panorama hike Karren Dornbirn**  
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**Götzis:** Natural diversity around Götzis

▲ easy

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

🕒 Walking time: 2.30 hours,  
266 altitude difference



**Natural diversity around Götzis**  
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**Hohenems:** Mountain hike to the Staufenspitze

▲▲▲ difficult

A freight trail leads from the Schuttannen car park in Hohenems towards Staufen. The path soon forks and a mountain hiking trail and an alpine footbridge lead to the Staufenspitze that presents a magnificent panorama as far as Lake Constance. Sure-footedness required.

🕒 Walking time: 1.30 hours  
322 altitude difference



**Mountain hike to the Staufenspitze**  
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**Rankweil:** Water hike

▲ easy

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 altitude difference



**Water hike**  
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**Übersaxen:** Panorama circuit

▲▲ moderate

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 altitude difference



**Panorama circuit**  
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**Feldkirch:** Panoramic circular hike Buddhist monastery Letzehof – Stadtschrofen Feldkirch

▲ easy

A footpath leads from the Reichenfeld recreation area uphill to the Letzehof Buddhist monastery. From there, follow the hiking signs to the Stadtschrofen, where you'll be rewarded with one of the most beautiful views across Feldkirch and the surrounding area.

🕒 Walking time: approx. 1.30 hours,  
242 altitude difference



**Panoramic circular hike Buddhist monastery Letzehof – Stadtschrofen Feldkirch**  
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**Laterns:** Hike through the Üble Schlucht

▲▲ moderate

From Laterns-Thal the marked hiking trail starts. Over narrow paths, past waterfalls and along impressive rocky paths, the trail leads through the gorge. The trail is only open in spring after clearance. Surefootedness required. After crossing the gorge, you turn around and take the same way back to the starting point.

🕒 Walking time: 00.45 hours, 424 altitude difference



**Hike through the Üble Schlucht**  
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**Nenzing:** High altitude tour Nenzinger Himmel – Pfälzer Hütte – Augustenber

▲▲▲ difficult

The trip on the hiking bus through the Gamperdonatal is already an experience. The trail then leads through the Nenzinger Himmel across the Stüberfall to the Bettlerjoch (Pfälzer Hütte). The subsequent ridge hike via the Fürstin-Gina-Steig ascent to the Augstenberg and on to the Sareiserjoch is alpine hiking at its best, with magnificent views. 🕒 Walking time: 6 hours, 1039 altitude difference



**High altitude tour Nenzinger Himmel – Pfälzer Hütte – Augustenber**  
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Scan to find detailed trail descriptions or go to:  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/hiking-tours](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/hiking-tours)

## Bicycle hire

There are many places where bikes are available to hire and that will help out anyone who doesn't have their own set of two wheels with them. With or without electric assistance, there's everything for pure cycling pleasure and ambitious mountain biking fun. E-scooters are also very popular.

### Bregenz

#### EwaldBikes Bregenz

EwaldBikes bike hire is centrally located on the lake promenade in Bregenz and is so the best place from where to commence a cycle trip along Lake Constance. EwaldBikes provides for a relaxed cycling experience with its quality bikes be it alone or in a group: there is something for everyone.

→ Seepromenade, Bregenz  
[www.ewaldbikes.at](http://www.ewaldbikes.at)

#### Bike rental Bregenz

Whether you need an e-bike, mountain bike, touring bike or tandem, the Bike rental Bregenz has the bike for you. The personal advice provided also makes the bike trips a more relaxed affair.

→ Albert-Bechtold-Weg 2, Bregenz  
[www.radverleih-bregenz.at](http://www.radverleih-bregenz.at)

### Dornbirn

#### Bicycle Hire Dornbirn

Stylish black and red e-mountain bikes and e-trekking bikes are available to hire from Dornbirn Tourismus, the tourist information office right next to the town hall square in Dornbirn.

→ Rathausplatz 1a, Dornbirn  
[www.dornbirn.info](http://www.dornbirn.info)

### Feldkirch and Environs

#### Levendl

Vintage bicycles are available to hire from Levendl on Mühletorplatz in Feldkirch. Advance phone bookings are requested.

→ Mühletorplatz 3a, Feldkirch  
T + 43 (5522) 828 16 16  
[www.levendl.at/fahrradverleih](http://www.levendl.at/fahrradverleih)

#### On Wheels Mobility

This is the place to arrange to hire e-bikes and e-scooters for a half or full day by phone. On Wheels delivers and collects the vehicles within a radius of up to 15 kilometres of Frastanz.

→ Frastafednerstraße 59, Frastanz  
T +43 (676) 562 82 75  
[www.onwheels.at](http://www.onwheels.at)

## E-Scooter hire

#### E-Scooter via Tier App

The hype around e-scooters has also arrived in Dornbirn and Bregenz. Scooters are available to book directly through the Tier app. The location of the nearest scooter and the current battery-charge level are displayed on the smartphone.

→ Bregenz and Dornbirn

#### Rent-a-Scoot/E-Bike

It is possible to explore Feldkirch and surroundings on e-bikes or e-scooters from Rent-a-Scoot. Just arrange the pick-up at Hotel Löwen Nofels or Biz-motel Schertler and off you go before returning to drop the vehicles back off at the same place.

[www.rent-a-scoot.at](http://www.rent-a-scoot.at)



Bodensee Pipeline, 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 through forests and meadows. 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 new network of cycle paths in the jacket.

### Around Lake Constance

(approx. 260 km / 120 km / 35 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).

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**Around Lake Constance**  
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### Rheintal 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.



**Rheintal cycle path**  
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### 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.



**Rheindelta (Rhine Delta) tour**  
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### 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.



**Green Island Tour**  
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### 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.



**Dreiländer-Rundfahrt (Tour of three countries)**  
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### 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.



**Family tour iris blossom and bathing fun**  
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### Hör-Radweg (Sound bike trail)

(approx. 50 km)  
The Jewish Museum has set up 52 sound stations along the cycle route from Bregenz to Partenen to commemorate the stories of people fleeing between 1938 and 1945. True stories that once took place here are presented at the stations.



**Hör-Radweg (Sound bike trail)**  
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**Tip**

### Theresia Winder

Winderhof, Dornbirn

*"Our favourite excursion takes me and my husband with our swimming trunks in our saddlebags from Dornbirn to Bregenz to Lake Constance. We enjoy the refreshing leap into the water at the pipeline, treat ourselves to an ice cream at sunset and then take the easy way back home on the train. The connections are great."*

Bike trip Dornbirn Bregenz

Scan to find the exact description of all bike paths or go to:  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cycle-routes](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cycle-routes)

## Pools and outdoor pools around Lake Constance

There's nothing more refreshing than jumping into cool water when the temperatures start climbing and summer comes into its own. You don't have to fly around the world to get that beach feeling, Campari and water slides – visitors will find open-air swimming pools in our region that have much more to offer. The two indoor swimming pools also allow for bathing fun in the cold months of the year. Opening hours vary depending on the weather. Some of the outdoor pools guarantee limited opening hours even in case of bad weather.

### Bregenz and Environs

#### Strandbad

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: Tue to Sat approx. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun approx. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June to September: approx. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on weather, in case of bad weather Seehallenbad open instead)

➔ Strandweg 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 442 42 - 0

[www.bit.ly/strandbad-bregenz](http://www.bit.ly/strandbad-bregenz)

#### '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 and September: approx. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; June: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; July and August: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on weather)

➔ Reichsstraße, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 442 42 - 0

[www.bit.ly/mili-bregenz](http://www.bit.ly/mili-bregenz)

#### Strandbad Lochau

The new open-air pool in Lochau opened directly on the lake shores in 2020 and is not only architecturally outstanding, it also presents views of the festival stage and is always worth a trip.

🕒 May to mid June: approx. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Mid June to mid August: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Mid August to September: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (depending on weather)

➔ Lindauer Straße 1, Lochau

T +43 (5574) 433 86

[www.bit.ly/strandbad-schwarzbad](http://www.bit.ly/strandbad-schwarzbad)

#### 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.

🕒 Mai: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June: Daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; July to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on weather)

➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard

T +43 (5574) 836 82 20, 🗺 p. 73 - 7

[www.bit.ly/strandbad-hard](http://www.bit.ly/strandbad-hard)

#### FKK-Strandbad

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.

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

➔ Im Böschen 43, Hard, T + 43 (5574) 836 82 30

[www.bit.ly/fkk-strand](http://www.bit.ly/fkk-strand)

### Dornbirn and Environs

#### 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 also worth a visit!

🕒 May to September: Daily approx. 8.30 a.m. to 7.45 p.m., in case of bad weather until 11 a.m.

➔ Gütlestraße 16, Dornbirn

T +43 (676) 833 068 790

[www.waldbadenz.at](http://www.waldbadenz.at)

#### Parkbad Lustenau

Ööng 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 8 p.m. (depending on weather), from 9 to 11 a.m. in all weather conditions open.

➔ Mühlefeldstraße 21, Lustenau

T +43 (5577) 81 81 - 32 10

[www.bit.ly/parkbad-lustenau](http://www.bit.ly/parkbad-lustenau)

### Hohenems

#### Erholungszentrum 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 weather)

➔ Rheinauen, Hohenems

T +43 (5576) 735 71

[www.rheinauen.at](http://www.rheinauen.at)

## Feldkirch and Environs

### Erlebnis 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 weather); June to August: 4 to 7 p.m. in all weather conditions open.

→ Stadionstraße 7, Feldkirch  
T +43 (5522) 760 01 – 31 80  
[www.bit.ly/waldbad-feldkirch](http://www.bit.ly/waldbad-feldkirch)

### Riebe swimming pool

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: approx. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on weather)

→ In der Riebe 7, Götzis  
T +43 (5523) 620 54  
[www.goetzis.at/schwimmbad](http://www.goetzis.at/schwimmbad)

### Erlebnisbad Frutzau

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 Frutzau pool!

☺ May to June: Daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; from July to 8 p.m. (depending on weather, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in all weather conditions)

→ Frutzstraße 5, Sulz  
T +43 (5522) 441 98  
[www.bit.ly/erlebnisbad-frutzau](http://www.bit.ly/erlebnisbad-frutzau)

### Schwimmbad Felsenau

It is Vorarlberg's oldest preserved swimming pool (one pool). Built and opened in 1903, these days it is solar-heated and uses Grandeur water. ☺ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on weather); June to August: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (depending on weather)

→ Mariagrüner Straße, Frastanz  
T +43 (5522) 760 01 – 31 50  
[www.bit.ly/schwimmbad-felsenau](http://www.bit.ly/schwimmbad-felsenau)

### Naturbad Untere Au

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

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

→ Satteinser Straße 9, Frastanz  
T +43 (5522) 527 29  
[www.frastanz.at/naturbad](http://www.frastanz.at/naturbad)

### 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 and September: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May and August: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June and July: 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.

→ Illstraße 36, Nenzing, T +43 (699) 101 251 15  
[www.walgaubad.com](http://www.walgaubad.com)

## 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 bank holidays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; open all year, May to Beginning of September: only in case of bad weather

→ Strandweg 1, Bregenz  
T +43 (5574) 442 42 – 0  
[www.bit.ly/hallenbad-bregenz](http://www.bit.ly/hallenbad-bregenz)

#### 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 to 10 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun and bank holidays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., from July to August the Vitalium closes one hour earlier.

→ Strandweg 1, Bregenz  
T +43 (5574) 442 42 – 0  
[www.vitalium.at](http://www.vitalium.at)

### 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.

☺ September to May:  
Pool: Tue and Thu 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wed and Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and bank holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sauna: Tue, Wed, Fri 2 to 10 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun and bank holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (mixed), Mon 5 to 10 p.m. (only during school hours), Thu 2 to 10 p.m. (Women-Sauna), June to August shortened opening hours, see Website.

→ Schillerstraße 18, Dornbirn  
T +43 (5572) 226 87  
[www.stadtbad.at](http://www.stadtbad.at)



**Tip**

### Brini Fetz

Proprietor hey studio, Bregenz

*The 'Mili' is for sure one of the most amazing bathhouses at Lake Constance. Although only a few metres from the shore, you feel immediately far away from the city. I find it most beautiful in the morning, when there are not many people around and you feel like you have the whole lake to yourself.*

'Mili' Bregenz, p. 86

## Boat trips on Lake Constance

The vessels have long since been transformed into more than simply a means of transport; they're much more a source of adventure trip for children and young people as well as for those who are no longer that young any more. The 'Vorarlberg Lines' and the 'Historische Schifffahrt Bodensee' are happy to welcome visitors on their boats. 🚣 p. 91

### 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 panoramic cruise and others are also very popular, for a good reason.

→ Seestraße 4, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 428 68

[www.vorarlberg-lines.at](http://www.vorarlberg-lines.at)

### Roundtrip Tours in the Bay of Bregenz 📄

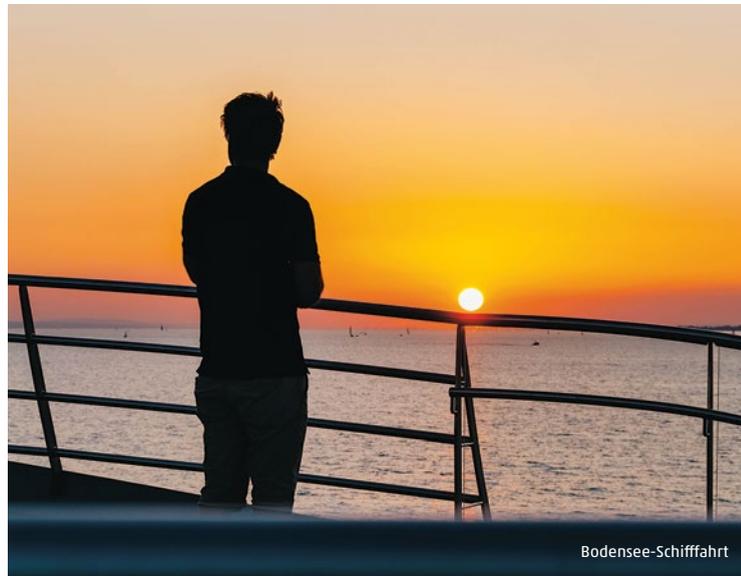
Bregenz as seen from the lake – Vorarlberg Lines take tours of Bregenz Bay 🕒 between 2 April to 22 October 2023

### Three Country Panoramic Cruise 📄

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.

🕒 9 April to 1 October 2023: Daily from Bregenz

Travel times and dates at: [www.vorarlberg-lines.at](http://www.vorarlberg-lines.at)



Bodensee-Schifffahrt

### Historische Schifffahrt Bodensee (historic shipping on Lake Constance)

#### Steamship Hohentwiel

The old paddle steamer is the perfect way to approach the Bregenz Festival. It has been so lovingly restored that you 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) 635 60

[www.hohentwiel.com](http://www.hohentwiel.com)

#### MS Oesterreich (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 a couple of years ago. The result is a historically modern motor ship, which is again shipping on Lake Constance since 2019.

→ Hard, T +43 (5574) 635 60

[www.hohentwiel.com/oesterreich](http://www.hohentwiel.com/oesterreich)

## Water sports

The Bodensee-Vorarlberg region lies directly on the shores of Lake Constance. So water sports naturally play an important role here. Surfing, paddling, canyoning or sailing – anyone may take advantage of these options – whether as a sports programme or purely for fun.

### Boat Hire Bregenz

Promenade next to the gondola harbour. Rental of paddle, rowing and electric boats, lake taxi, speedboat trips.

→ Seepromenade 2, Bregenz  
T +43 (664) 148 70 17  
[www.bootsvermietung-bregenz.at](http://www.bootsvermietung-bregenz.at)

### Boat Hire Hard

Next to the bathing beach. Pedal boats as well as motor and electric boats are available for hire.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard  
T +43 (664) 148 70 17,  p. 72 – 4  
[www.bootsverleih-hard.at](http://www.bootsverleih-hard.at)

### Sporer Yachting

Sailboat hire, taster courses, basic courses, weekend courses, Lake Constance skipper licence and everything for sailing and motorboat education.

→ Alte Fähre im Yachthafen, Lochau  
T +43 (5574) 522 47  
[www.sporer-yachting.com](http://www.sporer-yachting.com)

### Sailing and Motorboat School Hard

Sailboats hire and training center for skipper license, pleasure boat licence for lakes and many more.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard  
T +43 (664) 231 26 14  
[www.segelschulehard.at](http://www.segelschulehard.at)

### Sailing and Motorboat School Fußsach

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

→ Kanalstraße 14, Fußsach  
T +43 (650) 382 05 76  
[www.motorundsegelschule-fussach.at](http://www.motorundsegelschule-fussach.at)

### Surfmax

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

→ Seestrasse 37, Grüner Damm, Hard  
T +43 (650) 360 54 00  
[www.surfmax.at](http://www.surfmax.at)

### Wasserpark Airvent

The Wasserpark Airvent (Water Park) has been located at the Harder Strandbad public bathing beach for several years. Fun on and in the water is guaranteed. It is possible to climb, jump and slide on the course that has been created with 13 inflatable elements.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 15, Hard  
[www.airvent.biz/wasserpark-hard](http://www.airvent.biz/wasserpark-hard)

### Ländle SUP

Stand up paddle boards for hire and guided SUP tours and courses for each level.

→ Am Kaiserstrand, Lochau  
T +43 (664) 738 830 29  
[www.laendle-sup.at](http://www.laendle-sup.at)

### Canyoning Team Vorarlberg

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[www.canyoning-team.com](http://www.canyoning-team.com)

### Canyoning Guides

Offers canyoning tours with certified guides through the gorges of Dornbirn and Dafins both for beginners and the more advanced.

[www.canyoningguides.at](http://www.canyoningguides.at)



Stand Up Paddling, Bregenz

## Guided Tours

### 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.

🕒 19 July to 31 August: Daily at 10.30 a.m.

➔ Registration Tourism office Bregenz: T +43 (5574) 40 80, [tourismus@bregenz.at](mailto:tourismus@bregenz.at) or [tickets.visitbregenz.com](https://tickets.visitbregenz.com)

Other dates in the pre- and offseason and other special tours at: [www.visitbregenz.com](https://www.visitbregenz.com)



Guided Tour, Hohenems

### Guided Tours of Feldkirch, every Wednesday 📅

Certified by the 'austriaguides', gain new insights rambling through a small yet important historic centre of humanistic history. imparting sound knowledge and opening up new insights in about 1.5 hours.

🕒 June to September: Wed at 11 a.m.

➔ Registration Tourism office Feldkirch:

T +43 (5522) 90 09, [tourismus@feldkirch.at](mailto:tourismus@feldkirch.at) or [www.events-vorarlberg.at](https://www.events-vorarlberg.at)

Further theme tours: [www.feldkirch.travel](https://www.feldkirch.travel)

### Guided Tours of Hohenems

The small town of Hohenems that nestles at the foot of the Schlossberg has enjoyed an eventful history. To this day, the Jewish quarter and the Renaissance palace, which was already built by the Counts of Hohenems during the 15th century, bear testimony to its lively past. A programme of exciting guided tours awaits interested visitors.

🕒 June to September: Thu at 4.30 p.m., 🦿 p. 94

➔ Registration Tourism office Hohenems:

T +43 (5576) 710 120 00, [stadtmarketing@hohenems.at](mailto:stadtmarketing@hohenems.at)

Dates and more info: [www.hohenems.travel](https://www.hohenems.travel)

### Guided Tours of Dornbirn 📅

Interesting, entertaining and historical facts about Dornbirn as well as its most important personalities and their lifestyles of the past and present are shared on the guided tours through the rich and diverse city. Exciting themed tours provide insight into the history of former industrial enterprises, typical Rhine Valley houses and churches. At the same time, a guided tour through the 'Rappenlochschlucht' gorge provides pleasant cooling in summer.

🕒 June to September

➔ Registration Tourism office Dornbirn:

T +43 (5572) 221 88, [tourismus@dornbirn.at](mailto:tourismus@dornbirn.at)

Exact dates and more info: [www.dornbirn.info](https://www.dornbirn.info)

## Golf and Minigolf

Besides lots of fun, our golf and mini-golf courses have one thing in common and that is wonderful views of lake and mountain landscapes. It's a special experience to tee off and putt and hole a ball against outstanding natural backdrops.

### Bregenz and Environs

#### 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.

🕒 June to August: Daily approx. 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (depending on the weather), Early and low season opening hours depending on weather, please call for exact information

➔ Seepromenade, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 531 85, 📄 p. 73 – 6

[minigolf-platz.business.site](http://minigolf-platz.business.site)

#### 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.

🕒 From mid 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)

➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard, T +43 (5574) 836 82 20

[www.bit.ly/minigolf-hard](http://www.bit.ly/minigolf-hard)

### Dornbirn

#### Minigolf Petit 🚫

The miniature golf course is embedded in a beautiful green landscape and is the ideal destination for both children and adults. A total of 18 different freshly renovated golf courses and the cosy garden for guests with terrace restaurant invite visitors to spend time there. The miniature golf course and the inn are open from April, weather permitting. A change of tenant is planned for 2023. Opening times and contact details may therefore change, please check in advance online.

➔ Vordere Achmühlerstraße 40, Dornbirn

## Hohenems

#### Indoor Minigolf Hohenems

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

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

April to September: Open by appointment only

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Straße 20, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 215 16

[www.vbgv.com](http://www.vbgv.com)

### Feldkirch and Environs

#### 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.

🕒 April to October: Wed to Sat 1 to 7 p.m., Sun 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., during the summer vacations Tue to Thu 1 to 8 p.m., Fri and Sat 1 to 9 p.m., Sun 12 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (depending on the weather)

➔ Burggasse 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (664) 255 54 53

[www.bit.ly/minigolfplatz-schattenburg](http://www.bit.ly/minigolfplatz-schattenburg)

#### 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.

🕒 Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. open (depending on the weather)

➔ Kirchstraße 70, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 720 00

[www.golfclub-montfort.com](http://www.golfclub-montfort.com)

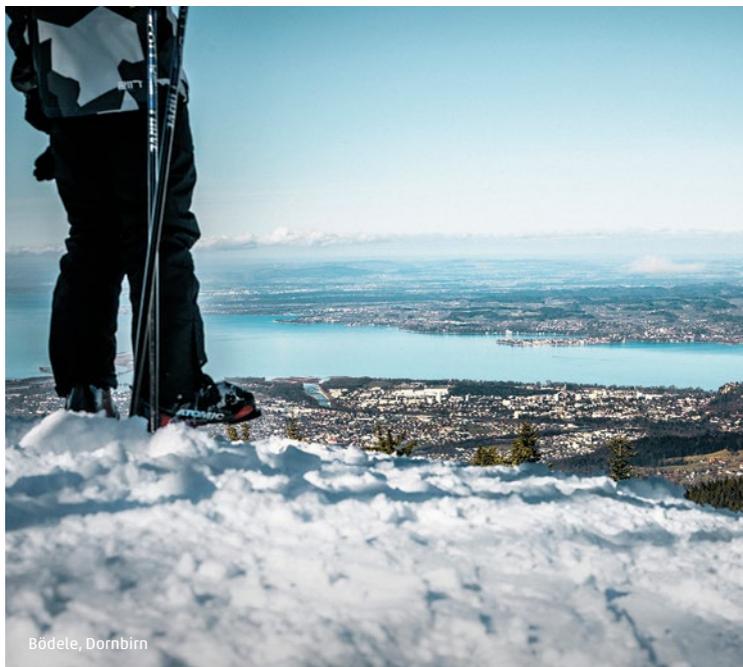
## Game of chance

#### 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

[www.casinos.at](http://www.casinos.at)



Bödele, Dornbirn

## 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-Lifte

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

→ T +43 (676) 931 38 97  
[www.skilift-scheidegg.de](http://www.skilift-scheidegg.de)

### Buch: Schneiderkopf

Two ski tows and one moving walkway for the kids.

→ T +43 (5579) 82 12

### 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) 72 14, 🚰 p. 98  
[www.boedele.info](http://www.boedele.info)

### Dornbirn-Ebnit: Heumöser lift

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

→ T +43 (664) 822 49 28  
[www.heumoeserlift.at](http://www.heumoeserlift.at)

### Hohenems: Schuttannen

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

→ T +43 (664) 877 10 41  
[www.sv-hohenems.at](http://www.sv-hohenems.at)

### Übersaxen: Gröllerkopf

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

→ T +43 (5522) 413 11, 🚰 p. 72 – 2  
[www.bit.ly/schilift-groellerkopf](http://www.bit.ly/schilift-groellerkopf)

### Frastanz: Ski lift 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) 797 36 59  
 oder +43 (680) 243 25 72  
[www.schilift-bazora.at](http://www.schilift-bazora.at)

### 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) 834 918 00  
[www.bit.ly/schilift-furx](http://www.bit.ly/schilift-furx)

### 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) 515 89  
[www.gurtis.info/lifte](http://www.gurtis.info/lifte)

### 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/winter](http://www.laterns.net/winter)



Tip

### Stefanie Brugger

Proprietor Moritz Bio-Restaurant, Hohenems

*"We all get our money's worth at the Schuttannen: me and my husband can enjoy wonderful skiing trips in beautiful natural landscapes there. The children can let off steam on the slopes. And refreshments are available at the Berggasthof mountain inn or in the Skiheim ski centre."*

Schuttannen skiing area

## Ice-skating

Ice-skating is simply part of our winter sport, whether on a perfectly prepared course in a hall or on an ice place in natural scenery.

### Bregenz Environs

#### Ice-skating Hard

Ice-skating on the shores of the lake in Hard – there's hardly a more beautiful setting to do a few laps around the shiny rink. The ice rink in Hard has become a popular meeting place for young and old.

🕒 Mid October to mid March: exact opening hours, see website.

➔ Seestraße 60, Hard  
T +43 (5574) 836 82 20  
[www.hard-sport-freizeit.at](http://www.hard-sport-freizeit.at)

### Dornbirn Environs

#### Ice Rink Rheinhalle

The ice rink Rheinhalle is the ideal location for ice-skating and enjoying that winter feeling even on a rainy day. The ice rink is also sometimes turned into an ice disco, and it remains, of course, a venue for ice-hockey and curling matches during the season from October to March.

🕒 Mid October to mid March: Daily 2 to 4 p.m., Tue to Fri 9.30 to 11.45 a.m., Sun 9 to 11 a.m., Wed: Evening ice skating 8.15 to 9.45 p.m.

➔ Sägerstraße 18, Lustenau  
T +43 (5577) 818 132 20  
[www.bit.ly/eislaufhalle-rheinhalle](http://www.bit.ly/eislaufhalle-rheinhalle)

### Hohenems

#### Ice-skating Hohenems

Let's go ice skating! From October to March, fun ice skating is possible on the artificial ice rink in Herrenried Hohenems under the open sky. Beginner courses are also offered for children and adults. 🌟 p. 101

🕒 Mid October to mid March: Tue to Fri 9 to 11.30 a.m., Sun 9 to 11 a.m. and Tue to Sun 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

➔ Markus-Sittikus-Straße 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 710 116 35  
[www.h-sc.at/eisstadion-hohenems](http://www.h-sc.at/eisstadion-hohenems)

### Feldkirch

#### 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 October for all types of fun on blades. The ice rink offers protection against bad weather.

🕒 Beginning of October to mid April: Tue to Fri 8.15 to 9.55 a.m., Sun 9 to 10.45 a.m., Tue, Thu to Sun 2.10 to 3.50 p.m., Thu and Sat 8.15 to 9.55 p.m.

➔ Am Breiten Wasen 4, Feldkirch  
T +43 (5522) 760 013 160  
[www.bit.ly/eislaufhalle-vorarlberghalle](http://www.bit.ly/eislaufhalle-vorarlberghalle)

## Ice Rink Gastra

The Outdoor ice rink Gastra in Rankweil promises outdoor skating fun for young and old. The view of the Rankweil Basilica while skating is a special highlight. Ice skates are available to hire at the rink.

🕒 November to March: Mon to Sun 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mon to Thu and Sun 2 to 5 p.m., Fri and Sat to 4.30 p.m., Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

➔ Briseria 4, Rankweil

[www.bit.ly/kunsteislaufplatz-gastra](http://www.bit.ly/kunsteislaufplatz-gastra)



Ice-skating, Hohenems



Scan to discover more experience tips or go to:  
[www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/activities](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/activities)

# Variety meets you.

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 at most of the five regions in Vorarlberg. Yet rest assured: behind the concise chunks of information lies a rich world of discovery.

# Day Trips



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- 1 Georunde Rindberg, Bregenzerwald
- 2 Hiking to Tilisunahütte, Montafon
- 3 Walmendingerhornbahn (cable car), Kleinwalsertal
- 4 Winter hiking in Schetteregg, Bregenzerwald
- 5 Scheidsee, Montafon
- 6 Biking in Großen Walsertal
- 7 In front of 'Hahnenköpfe', Kleinwalsertal
- 8 Lünersee, Brandnertal
- 9 Skiing, Lech-Zürs am Arlberg

## 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, cultural range of 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](http://www.lechzuers.com)

## Bregenzerwald

In the region of the Bregenzerwald, tradition and design, construction with timber 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](http://www.bregenzerwald.at)

## 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](http://www.montafon.at)



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- 1 Spullersee, Lech-Zürs am Arlberg
- 2 Achtalweg, Bregenzerwald



### Theresia Winder Winderhof, Dornbirn

*"A rock fall put an end to the Wälderbahn's trips to the Rhine Valley in 1980. But it is now possible again to experience the old Wälderbahn route by way of the Achtalweg. A walking and cycling path runs along the Bregenzer Ach's beautiful natural landscape."*  
Achtalweg, Bregenzerwald

**Tip**

## Alpenregion Vorarlberg

From the town of Bludenz, the Alpenregion extends to the valleys of Brandner-tal, Klostertal and the biosphere park of Großes Walsertal. They are all home to mountains, glaciers, forests, mountain lakes and rivers. The Lünensee, the shimmering like a crystal-clear, blue glass bead at the foot of the Schesaplana at an altitude of 1,970 m. 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](http://www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at)

## Kleinwalsertal

The Kleinwalsertal is almost completely surrounded by high mountains. Its geographical location in the Allgau 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' explains online why it is set to stay this way!

[www.kleinwalsertal.com](http://www.kleinwalsertal.com)

## Around Lake Constance

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(Salem monastery and palace)

(D)

[www.salem.de](http://www.salem.de)

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[www.affenberg-salem.de](http://www.affenberg-salem.de)

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(lake dwellings) (D)

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[www.pfahlbauten.de](http://www.pfahlbauten.de)

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[www.burg-meersburg.de](http://www.burg-meersburg.de)

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[www.neues-schloss-meersburg.de](http://www.neues-schloss-meersburg.de)

### Zeppelin Museum

Friedrichshafen

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### Ravensburger Spieleland

(theme park) (D)

[www.spieleland.de](http://www.spieleland.de)

### HopfenMuseum in Tettngau

(hops museum) (D)

[www.hopfengut.de](http://www.hopfengut.de)

### Kunstmuseum Ravensburg

(D)

[www.kunstmuseum-ravensburg.de](http://www.kunstmuseum-ravensburg.de)

### Säntis-Schwebbahn

(Säntis cableway) (CH)

[www.saentisbahn.ch](http://www.saentisbahn.ch)

### Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen

(abbey library) (CH)

[www.stibi.ch](http://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:

- Vorarlberg-Lines: 10% price reduction for the tour of Bregenz bay and the three country panoramic cruise.
- Laterns summer toboggan run and cable car: 10 – 20% price reduction on the ride.

- Boat Hire Bregenz and Boat Hire Hard: 10% price reduction on pedal boat or electric boat ride.
- Bicycle Hire Dornbirn: 20% price reduction on rented bike
- Bicycle Hire Bregenz: 10% price reduction on rented bike
- EwaldBikes Bregenz: 10% price reduction on rented bike
- Wasserpark Airvent: 15% price reduction on normal ticket price.
- Saumarkt Theatre: 10% price reduction on regular entrance fees.
- Poolbar-festival Feldkirch: 20% price reduction on tickets at the evening box office.
- Surfmax: 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 or € 8, two-day card € 25 or € 12.50 and three-day card € 32 or € 16). Children under the age of five 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 notified 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.

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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](mailto: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/datenschutz](http://www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/datenschutz).

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