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## 1. What is new in Vorarlberg's ski areas

### More snow reliability in Schröcken

The Schröcken ski lifts in the Warth-Schröcken ski area in the Bregenzerwald are expanding their snowmaking facilities. From winter 2025/26, the black Flühli run on the Saloberkopf can also be fully covered with artificial snow. This ensures the best skiing conditions, especially at the start and end of the season.

[www.warth-schroecken.at/en](http://www.warth-schroecken.at/en)

### „Hohes-Licht“ lift in Damüls

The Damüls-Mellau ski resort in the Bregenzerwald is opening the 2025/26 winter season with the modernized "Hohes Licht" lift. Instead of a 2-seater chairlift that was in operation for over 50 years, there is now a 6-seater chairlift. The valley station was also rebuilt and relocated so that it is more accessible for skiers and can be reached from two sides.

[www.damuels-mellau.at/en](http://www.damuels-mellau.at/en)

### Loischkopfbahn in Brandnertal

The new Loischkopfbahn will go into operation in Brandnertal at the start of the 2025/26 winter season. The 10-passenger gondola lift replaces two chairlifts and takes skiers to the slopes faster and more comfortably. The journey from the Tschengla near Bürserberg to the Loischkopf takes just eight minutes. The lift operates all year round and in summer it is possible to take bikes and pushchairs in the gondolas. The newly built valley station will be the central access point to the skiing, hiking and biking area.

[www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/brandnertal/en](http://www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/brandnertal/en)

### Hochjoch: Kapellrestaurant 2.0 - reopening

At the start of the 2025/26 winter season, the Kapellrestaurant 2.0, which was modernized in summer 2025, will open on the Hochjoch in Silvretta Montafon. The gourmet and adventure restaurant at 1,850 metres above sea level combines traditional cuisine with modern hospitality. New features include a wine bar and fire lounge. The cozy "Stüberl" (Inn) and the spacious sun terraces have been renovated and extended. A contemporary architectural concept with lift and extended outdoor areas creates additional comfort. The restaurant can be reached via the Hochjoch and Zamang cable cars.

[www.silvretta-montafon.at/en](http://www.silvretta-montafon.at/en)

### Erlebnisberg Golm: Panoramarestaurant Grüneck

The Panoramarestaurant Grüneck, a family-friendly and modern mountain restaurant, will open on the Erlebnisberg Golm in Montafon in December 2025. It includes an à la carte restaurant that is open all year round, a self-order restaurant and a restaurant area for school groups and ski school courses. There is also a ski kindergarten in the building, which can be used as an indoor playground in summer. Other facilities include ski rental, a ski shop and the ski school office.

[www.golm.at/en](http://www.golm.at/en)

### Cable cars in Kleinwalsertal modernize

The cable cars in the cross-border Kleinwalsertal-Oberstdorf ski area have put together an extensive modernization package worth around 200 million euros spanning several years. From winter 2025/26, the Kanzelwand valley slope in Kleinwalsertal will be wider and can be covered with artificial snow. The snowmaking system on the Heuberg has also been optimized. In Oberstdorf, the modernized Fellhornbahn I reduces possible waiting times. The new gondolas with floor-to-ceiling windows travel faster.

[www.ok-bergbahnen.com](http://www.ok-bergbahnen.com)

## 2. Investments in hotels and restaurants

### NEW ACCOMMODATION & RESTAURANTS

#### Individual: Studio 17 in Bregenz

Studio 17 opened at Montfortstraße 17 in the center of Bregenz in June 2025. The renovated, around 100-year-old building houses 13 individually furnished studios ranging in size from 22 m<sup>2</sup> to 44 m<sup>2</sup>. Each studio has its own color concept and is equipped with stylish furniture, wooden floors and a kitchenette. The studios and the house are accessible by code. Guests can prepare their own breakfast or choose one of the nearby cafés. A special feature of the house is a publicly accessible gallery that shows works by illustrators in changing exhibitions. This was the idea of the host couple, who are passionate about art and beautiful design.

[www.studio17bregenz.com/en](http://www.studio17bregenz.com/en)

#### Ibon Restaurant Bregenz

A new restaurant, ibon, will open in Bregenz on 28 November 2025, combining regional ingredients with international cross-over cuisine and taking guests on a creative journey of taste. Head chef Rose Molina Gehrler combines local products with fermented, roasted and pickled elements to create familiar flavours in surprising compositions. The ibon offers à la carte dining and a 6-course surprise menu in the evening, with weekday lunch following from January 2026.

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

#### Retro charm: Velotique Hotel Angelika in Hard

After extensive renovation, the former "Hotel Angelika" in Hard on Lake Constance reopened in mid-June 2025 as a modern Velotique Hotel with 21 rooms and apartments. Ten apartments have their own kitchen. The concept for the hotel, which specializes in cycling guests, was developed in cooperation with former Vorarlberg cycling professional Matthias Brändle. Self-check-in makes flexible arrival and departure possible. For breakfast, lunch or dinner, there are nearby bakeries and restaurants in Hard.

[www.velotique-hotel.at](http://www.velotique-hotel.at)

### With flair: Boutiquehotel Lustenau

A small, fine boutique hotel opened in March 2025 in an Art Nouveau villa in Lustenau, once built by textile industrialist Robert Bösch. The carefully and extensively renovated villa houses twelve stylishly furnished guest rooms. The selection ranges from 14 m<sup>2</sup> single rooms to 22 m<sup>2</sup> double rooms and 25 m<sup>2</sup> deluxe double rooms. Guests can check in and out themselves around the clock.

[www.boutique-hotel-maier.at](http://www.boutique-hotel-maier.at)

### Organic: Haus Moritz Federmann Tafelspitz in Hohenems

Following the departure of Stefanie and Marc Brugger for family reasons, Christoph Marte is taking over the well-known organic restaurant Moritz in Hohenems. Marte has made an excellent name for himself with his restaurant "Tafelspitz" in Rankweil and has earned many awards. He is taking the team from there with him to Hohenems and remains loyal to his style at "Haus Moritz Federmann Tafelspitz". It will open in March 2026, with high-quality lunch menus and themed evenings already firmly planned.

No new website online yet

### Regional: Anna in Rankweil

The former Schwarzer Adler in Rankweil has been extensively renovated and opens its doors in November 2025 as (Mohrenbräu Brauereigaststätte) Anna. The menu remains down-to-earth. The focus is on all types of Knöpfle (special Austrian kind of pasta). There will also be a Sunday brunch. The restaurant seats around 80 guests, while the extra event room next door accommodates up to 15 people. The cellar bar, which seats around 50 people, is used for art and culture, from poetry slams to pub quizzes. The beer garden with around 140 seats opens in spring 2026.

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

### Spanish: Glashaus Tapa Tapa in Feldkirch

The former Café Glashaus in Feldkirch has new operators. In October 2025, Jimmy Sanli and Cemal Dilli opened "Glashaus Tapa Tapa" here. During the day, the hosts offer breakfast variations and a lunch menu. In the evening, guests can enjoy Spanish cuisine, for which Spanish chefs have been specially engaged.

[www.tapa-tapa.at](http://www.tapa-tapa.at)

### Unconventional: OXA in Hittisau

In Hittisau in the Bregenzerwald, Anna and Eva Metzler have revived the former Gasthof Ochsen and transformed it into an active hotel with living room flair. They have been welcoming guests to OXA (= Bregenzerwald dialect for Oxen) since August 2025. From self-check-in to the soul food restaurant, which is open for breakfast and in the evening, everything at OXA is a little unconventional and relaxed, very much in the spirit of modern simplicity. There are 15 rooms to choose from, ranging from 15 m<sup>2</sup> single rooms to double rooms with a living space of 14 m<sup>2</sup> to 28 m<sup>2</sup>. Refreshments and snacks for in between are available at the 24-hour accessible Honesty Bar.

[www.bregenzerwald-urlaub.at](http://www.bregenzerwald-urlaub.at)

### Spacious: LAPURIS holiday home on Bürserberg

In Bürserberg, at the foot of the Brandnertal ski area, the LAPURIS holiday home will open in December 2025. The newly built, modern house has four bedrooms and can accommodate up to ten guests. It is also equipped with two bathrooms, a kitchen, a large living room and a Finnish sauna.

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

### New generation: Fuchsbau am Bürserberg

At the start of the 2025/26 winter season, Marco and Stefanie Zechner take over the well-known Fuchsbau ski hut on Bürserberg from Marco's parents. Marco, a trained chef, will be offering guests completely new culinary specialties alongside the tried and tested classics. Many of the fresh products he uses in the kitchen are supplied by the Zechners' own organic farm.

[www.skihuetten-fuchsbau.at](http://www.skihuetten-fuchsbau.at)

### Hotel Cube Alpine Stay in Bürs

A fully automated business hotel will open in Bürs in the 2025/26 winter season. The accommodation with 17 double rooms and 10 apartments for four to six people will operate entirely without staff. Two new restaurants will be built on the ground floor.

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

### Apartment house STUDA 29 in Brand

Ten stylish designer apartments with far-reaching views and a high level of comfort invite you to enjoy a relaxing holiday at STUDA 29. Each apartment has a private spa area - ideal for relaxing and recharging your batteries. Guests can also find regional delicacies and special products from the surrounding area in the hotel's own farm store.

[www.studa29.com](http://www.studa29.com)

### Nordic: Bomhüsle in Klostertal

In August 2025, the "Bomhüsle" (tree house) opened in a quiet, secluded location above Dalaas in Klostertal. The log cabin is built from natural silver fir trunks and natural materials. The living space of 190 m<sup>2</sup> extends over two floors. With three bedrooms, six guests can enjoy a comfortable holiday. Other facilities include a kitchen, a large living room and a spacious bathroom with sauna. From the whirlpool on the terrace, the view extends far over the valley and the mountains.

[www.booking.a-apartments.com](http://www.booking.a-apartments.com)

### Comeback: Gasthaus Falva in Blons

Elsbeth Schneider took over the Gasthaus Falva in Blons in the Grosses Walsertal Biosphere Park again after retiring a few years ago for health reasons. Since mid-October 2025, she has been spoiling her guests with home-style cooking, preferably prepared using regional ingredients. In addition to the dishes on the standard menu, which also includes vegan alternatives, there are weekly and daily specials as well as a lunch menu.

[www.gasthaus-falva.at](http://www.gasthaus-falva.at)

### Retreat: Sandhof Apartments in Lech am Arlberg

Opposite the Hotel Sandhof in Lech am Arlberg, the Sandhof Apartments will open at the start of the 2025/26 winter season. The eleven apartments are furnished to a high standard, individually designed in a deliberately minimalist style. There is a choice of apartments for two, four or six people, with a garden, terrace or balcony depending on the location in the house. Fresh bread and coffee are delivered in the morning by Backstube Lech. Guests can enjoy hand-picked wines and small dishes in the hotel's own wine bar.

[www.sandhof.at/en](http://www.sandhof.at/en)

## REDESIGNS/EXTENSIONS/MAJOR RENOVATIONS

### More space: Montfort – the hotel in Feldkirch

New rooms have been available at Montfort – the hotel in Feldkirch since June 2025. Over a renovation period of several months, the hotel modernized 14 rooms of up to 27 m<sup>2</sup> in the "Business light" category. Eight rooms are brand new, including two suites measuring 60 m<sup>2</sup> and 75 m<sup>2</sup> respectively. The suites have a kitchen, a balcony and large desks. The hotel is now also state-of-the-art in terms of energy efficiency. The new façade with optimized thermal insulation helps to save energy and improve the indoor climate.

[www.montfort-dashotel.at/en](http://www.montfort-dashotel.at/en)

### Exquisite: JONAS | Wine & Beyond in Götzis

In August 2025, the bar "JONAS | Wine & Beyond" at Jonas Schlössle Götzis reopened after months of renovation work. Guests can now enjoy fine wines and champagne in an even more stylish ambience. The bar is open from Thursday to Saturday from 5 pm. Special Wine & Dine evenings are held on selected dates.

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

### Refreshed: Hotel Krone in Au

After several months of renovation work, planned and carried out by craftspeople from the Bregenzerwald, the Hotel Krone in Au reopened in July 2025 with a number of new features. 18 rooms have been redesigned. Four new rooms were added. The spa area with forest views is now 150 m<sup>2</sup> larger. A 30 m<sup>2</sup> exercise room and a garden sauna with the option of ice bathing in winter have been added. The newly designed outdoor sunbathing area offers more space. The kitchen has also been modernized. The Lingg host family also built an additional staff house with 21 rooms, a lounge and kitchen. Photovoltaic systems on the roofs provide environmentally friendly energy.

[www.krone-au.at/en](http://www.krone-au.at/en)

### Children's fun: Hotel Adler in Au

Since summer 2025, six "family nests" have been added to the accommodation on offer at Hotel Adler in Au in the Bregenzerwald. The 40 m<sup>2</sup> rooms have their own children's room and can accommodate up to five people. The general meeting point for children is the new 300 m<sup>2</sup> indoor adventure playground "Heldenhüpferei" with trampolines, climbing wall and pump track. The spa now has an area for those seeking peace and quiet and one for families. The Simma host family has also created more space in the restaurant. Craftspeople from the region were used throughout the renovation.

[www.adler-au.at/en](http://www.adler-au.at/en)

### Invigorating: Alpenhotel Post in Au

Since mid-July 2025, the Alpenhotel Post in Au in the Bregenzerwald has been offering even more wellness comfort. The modernized wellness area features several saunas, an aroma steam bath, a 5 x 7-metre pool, a cave pool and a children's paddling pool. A 14 x 5-metre summer pool with whirlpool loungers, adjoining sun deck, sunbathing area and playground were created in the newly designed garden. In mid-August 2025, the water slide world opened with a tube slide, a wide slide and an action pool for children.

[www.alpenhotel-post.com](http://www.alpenhotel-post.com)

### Spacious: Oberwiese self-catering house in Kleinwalsertal

In Riezlern in Kleinwalsertal, the host family Heim has renovated and converted their Oberwiese holiday home. Since summer 2025, groups of ten to twenty people have been able to book the house all to themselves. There are seven bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms on two floors. The kitchen, a lounge, a TV room and a games room are located on the ground floor. The sauna with relaxation room is in the basement. There is also plenty of space to linger on the large terrace with mountain views.

[www.ferienhaus-oberwiese.at](http://www.ferienhaus-oberwiese.at)

### Stylish: KWT Lodge and Chalet in Kleinwalsertal

The KWT Lodge in Baad in Kleinwalsertal, which opened in 2017, has been extensively renovated since July 2025 and features five new, individually designed holiday apartments. They are between 40 m<sup>2</sup> and 50 m<sup>2</sup> in size and all have two balconies. The furnishings combine retro chic with alpine elements. The new 100 m<sup>2</sup> chalet with space for up to nine guests is also perfect for small groups.

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

### Poetic: HUGO & PEPI Apartments in Kleinwalsertal

From October 2025, Tanja Bantel and her family will be adding three 70 m<sup>2</sup> holiday apartments to the accommodation on offer in their house in Mittelberg in Kleinwalsertal. The newly furnished apartments have two bedrooms, a sauna and a loggia. There are three more recently renovated apartments to choose from. Incidentally, the house is named after Tanja Bantel's grandparents, Hugo, who loved wood, and Josefa, known as "Pepi", who hosted guests back then.

[www.hugo-pepi.at](http://www.hugo-pepi.at)



### Elegant: Hotel Kristberg in Lech am Arlberg

The completely renovated Hotel Kristberg in Lech am Arlberg will open in December 2025. The former 37 rooms will be converted into 27 luxurious suites. They are between 40 m<sup>2</sup> and 100 m<sup>2</sup> in size, most have a balcony or terrace, and some can be connected to form even larger units. Panoramic windows open up views of the mountain landscape. The design combines alpine style with colourful elements inspired by Chile's mountains. Egon Zimmermann, the founder of the hotel and Olympic champion and world champion in alpine skiing, loved this country in South America. The new place to relax will be the MonteKristo Spa with sauna, steam bath, cold pool, outdoor whirlpool, twelve-metre outdoor pool, outdoor terrace, yoga and fitness area. Fine food and drinks can be enjoyed in the Salon Lech and the legendary Scotch Club.

[www.hotel-kristberg.at/en](http://www.hotel-kristberg.at/en)

### With a view: Hotel Formarin in Zürs am Arlberg

Completely modernized from the ground up, the Hotel Formarin in Zürs am Arlberg will start the winter season in December 2025. The building will receive a new façade design, the balconies will be renewed, and the building will be extended. Under the new roof, seven panoramic rooms measuring around 40 m<sup>2</sup> will expand the accommodation on offer.

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

## 3. New attractions & offers in Vorarlberg 's holiday regions

### ART & CULTURE

#### New cultural trails in Dornbirn

Dornbirn has designed five new trails through the city under the name "Immer der Kunst nach". They invite you to consciously perceive art in public spaces. Starting from the picturesque market square, the walks lead to the parish church of St. Martin, the town garden, Oberdorf, the train station and the hospital. They also touch corners of the town that are usually off the beaten tourist track.

[www.vorarlberg.travel](http://www.vorarlberg.travel)

#### Living history in Hard

The new cultural walk along the shores of Lake Constance in Hard takes you through two eventful centuries. With the help of virtual reality glasses, audio dramas and interviews with contemporary witnesses, the stories that have been passed down come to life at the original locations. The entire tour comprises eight stations, recognizable from afar by a sea-blue bench to pause and listen. The municipality has produced its own interactive storybook for children.

[www.hard.at/seerunde](http://www.hard.at/seerunde)

### Gustav Klimt and Vorarlberg

In Hohenems, the private Arche Noah collection of textile entrepreneur Hans Bäumler displays over 100 masterpieces by artists such as Spitzweg, Waldmüller, Monet, Renoir, Gauguin and Picasso. The collection also presents special exhibitions. From 27 September 2025 to 6 January 2026, the exhibition "Gustav Klimt and Vorarlberg" will shed light on the connections between the famous artist Gustav Klimt and Vorarlberg for the first time. Particular attention is put on Klimt's friendship with Dornbirn textile manufacturer Julius Rhomberg. Among other things, Art Nouveau fabrics from the Rhomberg company are on display, which were created at the time based on designs from Klimt's circle.

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

### Salon art in Thüringen

Villa Falkenhorst in Thüringen offers numerous concerts and salon evenings as well as a packed (pre-)Christmas program. On 23 November 2025, a joint concert by accordionist Goran Kovačević and pianist Claire Pasquier will take place under the title "Grand Piano - Accordion - Fusion". On 3 December 2025, the salon lecture "Beautiful women and death" is on the program. On 20 December 2025, it's "Christmas at Falkenhorst" with regional delicacies such as mulled cider and raclette, with musical entertainment provided by the Vorarlberg Military Music and the Falkenhorst Choir. Finally, on 4 January 2026, the Girardi Ensemble Graz will perform a New Year's concert.

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

### Photography and the Arlberg

Until April 2027, the Lechmuseum in Lech am Arlberg is running the special exhibition "Shutter up! The Arlberg in photography". On display are photographs from around the Arlberg that illustrate how both tourism and photography have changed over the course of time. "Artistic approaches", "Selling", "Documenting" and "Remembering" are the four main themes that are examined in detail. A photo lab for children is also set up in the Huber-Hus. Some of the artworks created here complement the exhibition in the museum.

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

### CURIOS?

A new meeting place for art, creativity and design called CURIOS? is being created under the direction of Axel Pfefferkorn in the Lechwelten in Lech. International artists and creative talents from Vorarlberg meet in changing exhibitions - the familiar meets the new, global perspective meets regionality. Pop-up events and special experience formats make CURIOS? an open place full of inspiration and discoveries. Axel Pfefferkorn is one of the three new tenants of the Lechwelten in Lech. This was decided by the municipal council in October 2025.

No own website yet; [www.gemeinde.lech.at](http://www.gemeinde.lech.at)

## CULINARY & PLEASURE

### Workshop café: VELOMORE Bregenz

Velomore, the place for everyone who loves bikes and coffee, opened in the center of Bregenz in September 2025. Visitors to the bike store with workshop can also enjoy coffee, drinks and snacks such as croissants and panini. The store specializes in racing and gravel bikes as well as selected e-bikes. The team repairs and services all types of bikes.

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

### Functional: Andres Kaffeemanufaktur in Dornbirn

Andres Kaffeemanufaktur opened in Dornbirn in summer 2025. Alexander Andres focuses on "functional coffee": the way the coffee is roasted determines whether it has a calming or activating effect. The roasting itself is carried out with scientific precision: the temperature curves are precisely controlled and the duration adjusted to the second. Those who wish can use the digital aroma wheel to create their own blend, which is delivered within 72 hours.

[www.functional-coffee.at](http://www.functional-coffee.at)

### Bowled out: Rosa & Rot at Literaturhaus Vorarlberg in Hohenems

In April 2025, the Literaturhaus Vorarlberg opened in Hohenems in the carefully renovated Villa Franziska and Iwan Rosenthal. From February 2026, the daytime café "Rosa & Rot" will be added as an additional place to linger. It is located in the villa's former bowling alley and is run by the sisters Elvira Flora and Eva Motter. In addition to snacks, lunch dishes and sweet treats, there will also be brunch appointments and themed evenings.

Currently no own website, Literaturhaus: [www.literatur.ist](http://www.literatur.ist)

### With a patisserie: Café Lanett in Bezau

The former Café Natter in Bezau in the Bregenzerwald reopens in December 2025 with new hosts and under the new name Café Lanett. Mother Anett Nussbaumer and daughter Laura Huszti are expanding the range. In addition to classic cakes, pastry chef Laura focuses on French-inspired patisserie such as fine tarts, tartelettes and pralines in the cake display case. The lunch menu is being modernized, and a breakfast menu is planned for the weekend. Courses are also to be offered in the future.

Instagram: [Konditoreilanett](https://www.instagram.com/konditoreilanett)

### Healthy: Lunchbox in Bludenz

On 1 October, neo-gastronome Thomas Knödler opened a takeaway restaurant in the center of Bludenz with the motto "healthy, sustainable, delicious and affordable", serving freshly prepared and healthy meals every day. The "lunch boxes" with varied and balanced menus were developed in collaboration with nutritionist Mag. Eva Brunner-Wildauer. Every day there are three hot meals - one gluten-free, one lactose-free and one high-protein dish. Two thirds of the dishes are vegetarian or vegan.

[www.lunchboxbludenz.odoo.com](http://www.lunchboxbludenz.odoo.com)

### G'spusi - Alpine Bistro & Ice Bar Lechwelten Lech

From 19 December, the G'spusi will open its doors and become the new meeting place for connoisseurs and après ski fans. The concept combines alpine bistro cuisine with legendary ice bar vibes - a new hotspot in Maximilian Lucian's Lechwelten.

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

## SUSTAINABILITY

### Certification and recertification ÖKOPROFIT

The Vorarlberg tourism destination Kleinwalsertal received the ÖKOPROFIT certification for the first time in 20225. Alpenregion Bludenz Tourism, Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourism and Montafon Tourism also successfully completed their recertification as ÖKOPROFIT companies in May 2025. The first certification of the three companies took place in 2024. For the annual recertification, existing measures were evaluated, further developed and new initiatives launched. This enabled the three destination companies to further improve their environmental performance – among other things by optimizing internal processes, targeted awareness-raising among employees and expanding sustainable offers for guests. ÖKOPROFIT is a certification originating from Austria for domestic companies.

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

### Four Vorarlberg businesses/initiatives honoured by Good Travel Experiences

In the first edition of award-winning projects and businesses for "Good Travel Experiences" from Green Destinations and Good Travel Alliance, four of the 75 projects selected worldwide are from Vorarlberg. Congratulations to the Women's Museum in Hittisau, the nature safaris in Bodensee-Vorarlberg, the cultural cycle route around Vorarlberg and the Food Campus Arbogast.

[www.alliance.greendestinations.org](http://www.alliance.greendestinations.org)

## 4. Events & anniversaries 2025/2026, with an outlook to 2027

### 2025/2026

#### 125 years of Dornbirn

Dornbirn is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its elevation to city status with several events and exhibitions in 2026. The highlight will be a major celebration from 19 to 21 June 2026. The focus is on Dornbirn's development into a modern, economically strong and culturally diverse city. The program is being designed by local stakeholders such as schools, associations, businesses and cultural workers. Dornbirn's restaurants will provide culinary delights at the city festival as well as at other events.

[www.dornbirn.info/de](http://www.dornbirn.info/de)

### 80 years of the Bregenz Festival

The Bregenz Festival will take place for the 80th time from 22 July to 23 August 2026. Giuseppe Verdi's opera "La Traviata" will be performed on the lakeside stage for the first time in the anniversary year. The premiere will take place on 22 July 2026. On 23 July 2026, the opera "The Excursions of Mr. Brouček" by Leoš Janáček will be performed in the Festspielhaus. Numerous other concerts, music performances and theatre performances complete the program.

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

### 50th anniversary of the Schubertiade

The first Schubertiade began on 8 May 1976 in the Rittersaal in the Palace Hohenems with a song recital by Hermann Prey, accompanied on the piano by Leonard Hokason. Since then, it has become an integral part of Vorarlberg's calendar of events. The next Schubertiade 2026 starts on 29 April in Hohenems with a song recital by Konstantin Krimml with Ammiel Bushakevitz at the piano.

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

### 50 years of Sonnenkopf

The Sonnenkopfbahn went into operation on 25 December 1975. Over the past 50 years, the railway and the development of the Sonnenkopf as a skiing and hiking area have provided important tourism impulses for the Klostertal. A number of events have taken place and are taking place to mark the anniversary. In the winter months of 2025/26, an exhibition in the mountain restaurant will commemorate the construction of the railway and its significance. It presents photos, documents and anecdotes from people associated with the valley and the railway.

[www.sonnenkopf.com/en](http://www.sonnenkopf.com/en)

### 20 years of „der Weiße Ring“ – Das Rennen

On 17 January 2026, Der Weiße Ring – Das Rennen will take place for the 20th time. The legendary ski circuit on the Arlberg attracts over 1000 participants every year who compete for the fastest time. Five downhill runs, five lifts, an intensive ascent and a challenging ski tour make up the course plan, which covers a total of 22 downhill kilometres. To mark the 20th anniversary, there will also be a fun race for everyone on the day before, Friday 16 January 2026, where the focus will be on creative outfits, original team ideas and a relaxed atmosphere. To mark the anniversary, there will also be exclusive merchandise – from stylish hoodies to shirts suitable for everyday wear.

[www.derweissering.ski/en](http://www.derweissering.ski/en)

### 20 years of Jazzorchester Vorarlberg

The Jazzorchester Vorarlberg (JOV) is celebrating its 20th anniversary in the 2025/26 season. As a prelude to the anniversary, the renowned band gave a concert on 17 September 2025 at the Spielboden Dornbirn, where its roots lie. Celebrations continued at the Porgy & Bess jazz club in Vienna, with 5/8erln in honour throughout Austria and towards the end of the year again in Dornbirn, Feldkirch and Bregenz. The JOV has also released a new album, "Sonus Variegata", which is available on CD, vinyl and even cassette.

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

### 10 years of Montforter Zwischentöne

The Montforter Zwischentöne in Feldkirch from 6 November to 17 December 2025 are under the motto "Zuversicht!". The festival, which takes place annually between All Souls' Day and Advent, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The program includes a series of lectures and dialogues with music, performances, readings and public discussions. Concerts, including by the Capella de la Torre ensemble with its historical instruments, round off the program. After the anniversary edition, artistic director Hans-Joachim Gögl will bid farewell to this festival. From 2026, choreographer and dancer Silvia Salzmann will lead the Montforter Zwischentöne together with the previous artistic director Folkert Uhde.

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

### 2026: Sailing World Championship Bregenz

From 20 to 27 June 2026, the Yacht Club Bregenz will host the World Championship for 8-metre yachts. Up to 30 classic yachts from more than ten nations are expected. The Yacht Club Bregenz became internationally renowned thanks to its member Lukas Mähr. He sailed to the gold medal in the 470 mixed class at the 2024 Olympic Games with Lara Vadlau.

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

### Jazzambach Götzis

David Helbock from Vorarlberg is a jazz pianist and can be heard on stages all over the world. With "jazzambach", he has created a new jazz festival that will take place for the second time from 18 to 22 February 2026. For five days, jazz greats from all over the world will meet outstanding musicians from the DACH region. The spectrum ranges from the opening with Michael Köhlmeier and the newly founded jazzambach ensemble under the direction of Claude Diallo to highlights such as Shake Stew, the Shuteen Erdenebaatar Quartet and the Wolfgang Muthspiel Trio to jazz vocal icon Norma Winstone. New features include a family and children's participatory concert as well as a school workshop to get even the youngest ones excited about jazz.

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

## PREVIEW

### 2027: 100 years of the Pfänderbahn

On 20 March 1927, Federal President Michael Hainisch opened the Bregenz Pfänderbahn. After the Zugspitzbahn and the Raxbahn, it was the third cable car in Austria and thus marked the beginning of a cable car boom. Since its opening, the cable car, which has been modernized several times, has been in tireless operation. In 2023, the cable car welcomed its 40 millionth passenger. The small Pfänderbahn Museum in the valley station tells the story of cable car construction and the cable car itself.

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

### 2027: FIS World Championships in Montafon

From 6 to 21 March 2027, Vorarlberg's southernmost valley will be transformed into the centre of international freestyle and snowboard sports, welcoming numerous athletes and hundreds of media representatives from all over the world. Five venues, 16 spectacular disciplines and 29 medal decisions in 13 days make the World Championships in Montafon one of the biggest winter sports events in Vorarlberg's history.

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

## 5. Other news

### ARRIVAL

#### More flight connections between Vienna and St. Gallen

The Austrian regional airline People's is expanding its scheduled flight service between St. Gallen-Altenrhein and Vienna: from 28 November 2025, the flight schedule will be supplemented with an additional Friday morning rotation. This means that in future there will be two daily connections from Monday to Friday – each at particularly popular peak times. The existing Sunday connection will be retained.

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

### SPONSORING

#### Lech Zürs am Arlberg is head sponsor of ski racer Magdalena Egger






Magdalena Egger from Lech was just under three years old when she first stood on skis. She is now the most successful participant in the history of the Alpine Junior World Ski Championships with six gold medals and three other podium places. In the 2025/26 winter season, she will start in the Ski World Cup and, thanks to her head sponsor, will carry the name Lech Zürs am Arlberg around the world.

[www.lechzuers.com/en](http://www.lechzuers.com/en)

## 6. Further information, texts and photo material

Further information, texts and photo material at [www.vorarlberg.travel/en/press-portal](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en/press-portal)  
General information on Vorarlberg as a holiday destination [www.vorarlberg.travel/en](http://www.vorarlberg.travel/en)

## 7. Experience Vorarlberg in real-time

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