

VORARLBERG

Visiting Vorarlberg Safely

With a Road Map of Vorarlberg

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Hints, Suggestions and Ideas for Your Holidays 2021
For a real-time experience of Vorarlberg #visitvorarlberg



Vorarlberg is within easy reach on all routes and all means of transport. The system of public transport is extremely well developed. Train and bus services are closely dovetailed in the Vorarlberg Transport Network.

The regional buses and railways in Vorarlberg are modern and ultra-convenient, with high-interval schedules. In summer, the use of public transport is included in the regional guest cards. A good reason to leave your car at home when on holidays.
www.vorarlberg.travel/public-transport

Hint: Bregenz and Dornbirn are within easy reach by low-cost coach services. www.flixbus.at

Austria: Good connections from eastern and southern Austria, also motorail and night trains (www.oebb.at).

Germany: via Lindau – Bregenz. Destinations in Bregenzerwald are within easy reach from the Oberstaufen railway station (e.g. from Berlin via Augsburg, continue by bus). The railway station you should head for when travelling to Kleinwalsertal is Oberstdorf/Allgäu (G). www.bahn.de

The nearest motorail stations are Munich and Lörach. www.autoreisezug-planer.de

Switzerland: via Zürich–St. Gallen–Bregenz or Zürich–Sargans–Feldkirch (www.sbb.ch).

- St. Gallen-Altenrhein, direct service from/to Vienna.
- Lake Constance-Airport Friedrichshafen, serving destinations from/to Germany.
- Allgäu-Airport Memmingen, services within Europe
- Zurich, intercontinental services.
- Innsbruck, services to/from Vienna and Europe.

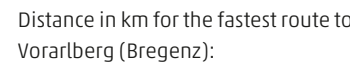
Vorarlberg is well connected to the European motorway network. You need a toll sticker for the S 16 expressway and the A 14 motorway in Vorarlberg (excluding the section Hörbranz-Hohenems).

Motorways and expressways in Austria are subject to toll.

- 10-day sticker for passenger vehicles EUR 9.50
- 2-month sticker for passenger vehicles EUR 27.80
- One-year sticker for passenger vehicles EUR 92.50

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For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en



Berlin	735 km
Frankfurt	419 km
Geneva	396 km
Hamburg	801 km
Leipzig	572 km
Milan	307 km
Munich	185 km
Salzburg	328 km
Stuttgart	212 km
Vienna	618 km
Zurich	123 km

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Vorarlberg: Creative and Inspiring

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Classy festivals and small, exquisite cultural events uplift your spirits. Museums and exhibition halls shed a light on the different ways people live and used to live. Contemporary architecture and creative design in urban and rural areas will take you by surprise. Discover trailblazing architecture on your own or in the company of experts who have lots of fascinating background information to share. The natural scenery is diverse as it can be. Uncluttered, stunningly beautiful land-

scapes unfold from the Rhine delta nature reserve at Lake Constance to the glacier-capped 3,000 m high peaks in Vorarlberg's south. Verdant valleys alternate with wooded hillsides and craggy mountain ranges.

Hikers and mountain bikers flock to farmed alps, mountain lakes and high-lying moors. There is a wide selection of routes for e-bikers and those who are planning to give the pleasant feeling of riding an e-bike a try. Families can have the fun of their lives on inviting outdoor playgrounds covering anything from forest rope parks to chute parks. All regions run guided walks for small groups. The guides are not only familiar with the local terrain, but also know a lot about the cultural landscape and indigenous fauna and flora.

And the food? Chefs focus on regional fare in all its variations, from traditional and authentic to wonderfully creative. Whenever possible, they source produce locally, from farms, fruit, vegetable and herbal gardens and local delicatessen manufacturers.

Attentive hosts create a home away from home all while making sure that your safety comes first. Whether hotels or holiday apartments: practically all businesses are family run, and have often been so for generations.

www.vorarlberg.travel

What is the current corona situation in Vorarlberg? Are there flexible booking and cancellation conditions? Which rules apply for travel to Vorarlberg and during your stay at a hotel, a restaurant, on a cable-car ride or when you attend events? What should you bear in mind when spending time in the mountains?

The Vorarlberg Tourist Board has all the information you need in a nutshell, and always up to date, so that you can plan your holidays without worries

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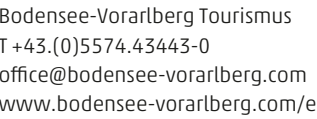
Voralberg stretches some 100 km from north to south and stuns visitors for its scenic variety. From the shores of Lake Constance with its near Mediterranean feel it is just an hour's drive by car across gently undulating hills to the high alps. Shaped by different landscapes and forms of living, every one of the six holiday regions has a distinct character of its own.

More time – more space

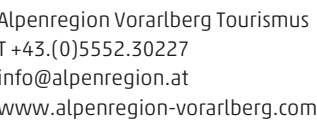
Its reputation is legendary, its name stands for passion – the Airlberg. In Lech Zürs am Airlberg holiday-makers find "More space for their thoughts and more time for the senses". The Lech Card is your perfect go-along, available at a bargain rate if you are staying one night or longer. Idyllic, leisurely, pampering: Stuben am Airlberg is lined by the Lechtal alps and the Verwall group; the laidback village of Klösterle enjoys a romantic setting against the foothills of the Airlberg mountain.



Meet up with the Lake Constance Vorarlberg region. Set perfectly between the mountains and the lake, it is where everything comes together naturally: culture and architecture, jaw-dropping natural scenery and sporting spirit, simple authenticity and haute cuisine. The towns of Bregenz, Dornbirn, Hohenems and Feldkirch are vibrant urban centres, while tradition reigns supreme in the countryside and exciting adventures beckon in the great outdoors. Ideal for those who love variety.



Three awe-inspiring alpine valleys, Brandnertal, Klostertal, Grosses Walsertal, and Alpenstadt Bludenz make up the charm of this region. On informative trails and guided tours, families and nature lovers can spend quality time together. "Protect nature without harming it" is the credo in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park.



The elegance of simplicity

A region for connoisseurs who love the good things in life. Famed for delicious mountain cheese and the *KäseStrasse* (Cheese Route). An amazing mix of traditional and contemporary architecture. The *Werkraumhaus* in Andelsbuch show-cases craftsmanship and artisanry. Activity-minded visitors will be spell-bound by the beautiful natural scenery. Themed trails offer a lot of new and interesting information). Don't miss out on the Schubertiade festival in Schwarzenberg and the FAQ Bregenzerwald.

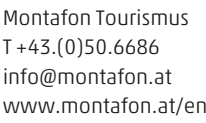
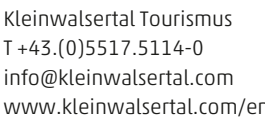


Taking time out in the Alps

36 peaks line the Kleinwalsertal, which is accessible by car only from Germany. Unspoilt nature at your doorstep. Whether you fancy hiking, mountaineering, rock climbing or biking, an action-packed day in the Kleinwalsertal mountains starts right at your hotel.

Award-winning restaurants and lodges treat visitors to culinary delicacies from the Kleinwalsertal gourmet region.

Goaraine mountains. Genuine adventure.
Vorarlberg's southernmost tip is a picture-perfect setting for a summer in the mountains full of activity and personal moments. Nestled between the Rätikon, Verwall and Silvretta mountain ranges, Montafon has countless possibilities to explore breathtaking natural scenery. Hiking on historic trails, going on a demanding (e)mountain bike tour or climbing panoramic peaks: the routes are multi-faceted – and the Montafon mountains unequalled.



Nature at Your Fingertips

Out and about in the great outdoors, exploring unknown terrain, letting your gaze wonder over the beautiful countryside: Vorarlberg's scenic diversity is best explored when hiking or cycling. With an open heart and an open mind, you will come across many surprises, from sandy beaches in the Rhine delta nature reserve to amazing alpine flora or sculptures and installations on artist-designed trails.

And the little ones can explore nature solving riddles, climbing, balancing and sliding down a chute. The summer programmes in all regions feature guided tours and trips for the whole family.

Learning & Picnic
Which herbs grow on a high-lying moor? What connects nature and culture on Lake Constance? Which engineering feat is behind the Dornbirn Ache brook? Vorarlberg's "nature picnics" provide insights into various themes. They are run in small groups and all finish with a snack.

Bliss & Energy
Draw fresh energy and find moments of bliss on a hike to special spiritual power sites. Examples? Skyspace Lech, the walk-in light installation designed by US-American artist James Turrel, the "Trail of Senses" in the idyllic St Gerold provosty in Grosses Walsertal biosphere park, or the "Energy Trail" in Langenegg in Bregenzerwald, where energy becomes tangible in the energy portal.

Hiking & Culture
A tree with upward-facing roots? How come the building on that hillside there is so lopsided? Mulling over philosophical questions while walking? All over Vorarlberg you will come across themed artist-designed trails that open up new perspectives. They tell about natural phenomena, encourage wondering and pondering, or inform about characteristics typical of the region such as the three-tier system of alp farming.

Outdoor & Play
Vorarlberg is dotted with outdoor playgrounds, such as forest parks, chute parks, explorer trails or riddle paths.

And there is plenty of space to come up with your own games, in the forests, on meadows and on the water.

Cycling & Nature Discovery
Whether you prefer a trekking, racing, mountain or e-bike: Vorarlberg boasts a wealth of attractive routes. Downhillers swish down the curves in biking parks and on designated trails. Bikes are available for rent virtually everywhere. Bike schools run guided tours, technique workshops and camps.

Cycling & Flat Terrain
If you prefer flat terrain for cycling, you should head for the shores of Lake Constance and follow the Rhine river through the Rhine valley to Feldkirch, or the Ill river between Feldkirch and Bludenz in Walgau. Bregenzerwald and Montafon also boast some flat cycling trails.

Cycling & Mountains
Pedalling uphill, you will pass forests, alpine farmsteads, and mountain lakes on your way to panoramic heights. Mountain bikers are spoilt for choice in Vorarlberg. With all routes, personal safety, nature preservation and scenic attractiveness come first. On these trails, you can explore natural gems, the beauties of the high alps, and life in the mountains bike-on.

Cycling & Culture
Being out and about in the great outdoors can be ideally combined with cultural discoveries, for instance on the Rheintal-Walgau cycling trail to the four towns of Bregenz, Hohenems, Feldkirch and Bludenz. The "Art Stops", sculptures and installations in the public space, are also best discovered on a bike.

Some of these art stops figure prominently on the lakeside promenade and in the town of Bregenz. www.vorarlberg.travel/public-art

Useful Companions: Map & App
You are planning a hike, a bicycle tour or some cultural sight-seeing? Practical helpers will make your preparations and finding your bearings on site easy. At www.vorarlberg.travel you can find interactive maps with detailed descriptions. All information about the featured routes can be downloaded and printed. In addition, you can use the layering feature to get even more information displayed, from sites worth seeing to places to stop and rest. The free "Urlaub und Freizeit" Vorarlberg app has all that information and a lot more. If you download the app, you can access all information also on route. www.vorarlberg.travel/app (in German only)

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en



Brimming with Inspiration

New sounds, unusual stories, artists' ideas, trying your hand at new things and experimenting. All over Vorarlberg, festivals, small-scale cultural venues, museums and exhibition halls give visitors a chance to do just that.

Song & Sound
This year, everything might be different. In "normal" years, the Bregenz Festival and the Schubertiade festival in Schwarzenberg and in Hohenems would be Vorarlberg's leading festivals. The Bregenz Festival features performances of grand opera on the lakeside stage as well as a colourful music and theatre programme, which also features contemporary art. Numerous other music events such as the Montfort *Zwischentöne* in Feldkirch, the *Montfort Resonanzen* and the Lech Classic Festivalare are also worth a visit.

Words & Pictures
Vorarlberg's museums are varied and multi-faceted. The vorarlberg museum in Bregenz is devoted to Vorarlberg's past and present. Just a stone's throw away, Kunsthau Bregenz showcases contemporary art in changing exhibitions in a cube-shaped glass building. Both museums also run creativity workshops for children. The Jewish Museum in Hohenems explores Jewish history and culture. Being the only one of its kind in Austria, the Women's Museum in Hittisau sheds light on the lives of women.

Nature & Technology
The interactive nature experience museum in Dornbirn is a favourite with families and would-be explorers. Interested visitors can expand their knowledge of alpine fauna and flora and try their hands experimenting at the Science Centre. Two nostalgia trains take engineering freaks on a trip down memory lane: *Wälderbähne* in Bregenz, which operates between Bezau and Andelsbuch, and *Rheinbähne*, which runs from Lustenau to the Rhine delta at Lake Constance.

Art & Space
It is definitely worth your while to take a look around. At some places in Vorarlberg, there is striking art to discover in the public space. Sculptures such as the bronze "*Ready Maid*" in front of the *Festspielhaus* building in Bregenz or the towering "*Do.Helix*" on Sägerbrücke bridge in Dornbirn. Then again, installations such as the "*Light Tunnel*" at the Molo pier in Bregenz or the "*Earth Light*" at Silvretta Bielerhöhe heights will catch your eye. Art objects in the public space also include buildings such as the water house in St Arbogast, a structure featuring countless holes in its exterior walls, or the recently renovated gatehouse at Garmarkt in Götzis. Useful hint: There are nine works of art to be discovered in the public space on the "Digilwalk" in Bregenz. They will be the focus of themed guided tours in summer.

Inspiration in nature
Why not explore the surroundings individually on themed culture trails? At specifically designed stations you can learn more about history, life and culture in the region. Hikers will find inspiration on a pilgrimage. There is a selection of different trails, including some stretches of the Way of St James.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/culture



Architecture and Design Close-up

Vorarlberg has been a trailblazer of contemporary architecture for many years. An innovative generation of craftspeople have garnered widespread fame, notably those who have pooled forces in the Werkraum Bregenzerwald initiative.

If you want to find out more about what makes building culture in Vorarlberg so special, you can either go on a discovery of your own or join a guided tour. Tours are organised all year round, both in towns and villages.

Building & Crafts
Contemporary architects and craftspeople in Vorarlberg mainly use timber to reinvent ancient building traditions. The buildings are genuine eye-catchers and stand out for their minimalist design, blending effortlessly with the surrounding landscape. Inside, they meet state-of-the-art standards of functionality. Energy-minded building is quite the custom, just as equipping the rooms with ecologically sensible furniture and materials. Here is where the craftspeople come in. Matching the contemporary architecture, relying on old techniques, and with a good measure of creativity, they design tables and chairs, beds and sofas, wardrobes and cupboards, and a lot more. The result of all that is rooms that please the eye and caress the senses.

Watch & Wonder
7 Architectours invite you to personalised discovery tours of architecture and design. Every day tour is dedicated to a given theme. The free "Urlaub und Freizeit" Vorarlberg app is a useful companion. It shows all tours on a map, complete with background information on the different stops. The Werkraum Building in Andelsbuch gives insights into innovative craftsmanship. Designed by the famous Swiss architect Peter Zumthor, the building is a showcase of contemporary crafts and design. In addition to objects by local Bregenzerwald craftspeople, Werkraum hosts a string of exhibitions.

Stop & Behold
In Vorarlberg, you will be surprised to find creative design in unexpected places. Some can be reached on foot, such as the *Salgenreute* wood chapel in the moor of Krumbach, and at Niedere near Andelsbuch. Others can be found in towns, such as "*Blickraum*" in the vorarlberg museum in Bregenz, or the beautiful terrace of *Montforthaus* in Feldkirch. Do not miss out on the Blumenegg culture pavilion at the entrance to the Grosses Walsertal biosphere reserve. Designed by seven leading architecture firms from around the globe, the seven bus stops "Bus:Stop" Krumbach are original works of art. These sites ideally lend themselves to spend some time taking a closer look at the building and soaking up the atmosphere.

Stay & Relax
In many of Vorarlberg's hotels, contemporary architecture and traditional heritage blend in a characterful manner. There, guests can experience quality of life in an authentic, unmatched atmosphere with all amenities. The Vorarlberg Architecture Institute and the Vorarlberg Tourist Board have put together a list of more than 30 architecturally noteworthy buildings they recommend.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/architecture

Inclusive Cards

Spanning four countries, the region of Lake Constance is home to numerous sites which merit a visit. Whether a museum or a look-out, a Baroque monastery or a delicatessen manufacturer, if you are planning several outings, make sure to benefit from the different inclusive cards.

Regional Inclusive Cards

There is an inclusive card on offer in all holiday destinations in Vorarlberg. Depending on the region, these cards are valid on public transport, cable-cars and lifts, for museums, recreational activities and participation in various programmes. In Kleinwalsertal, the Allgäu-Walser card is included in the price of accommodation for guests staying one night or longer. The Premium guest card is available in Brandnertal, Klostertal and in Bludenz as of two nights. The Bregenzerwald & Grosses Walsertal card is included for visitors staying three nights or longer. In the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region (Bodensee-Vorarlberg leisure card), in Montafon (Montafon Brandnertal card) and in Lech am Arlberg (Lech Card), the cards are on sale at a discounted all-in rate. www.vorarlberg.travel/en/inclusive-cards

V-CARD

The V-CARD is an ideal choice for frequent travellers to Vorarlberg. It is valid for one-time admission to cable-cars, museums, and pools. The V-CARD sells at EUR 69 for adults and EUR 34.50 for teenagers, and is valid from 1 May through 31 October. www.v-card.at (in German only)

Bodensee Card Plus

The cards are valid all year round for rides on Lake Constance vessels and for one-time admission to more than 160 attractions around Lake Constance. It is on sale for three or seven days with a flexible choice. www.bodensee.eu

Treat Your Tastebuds

Vorarlberg can count itself lucky! Nature's abundance puts a cornucopia of food on the table. Elevating cooking to an art form, creative chefs know how to refine the bountiful harvest. And if some serious pampering is what you are yearning for, there are wellness programmes that promise indulgence.

Inns & Restaurants

Vorarlberg's culinary standards are admittedly high. A string of award-winning inns and restaurants boast listings in gourmet guides. The recipe of success? Most chefs rely on regional produce, wherever possible. Dairy products and meat are sourced from small farms. Experienced cheese-makers on farms, alpine dairy farms and homesteads manufacture the renowned Vorarlberg alp and mountain cheese alongside a variety of other cheese specialities. Fish is caught in Lake Constance or bred in sustainably-managed fish farms. Fruit and vegetables thrive in the fields in the Rhine valley and the gardens around Lake Constance. Many chefs grow herbs in their own gardens. Hosts will readily tell you where their products are sourced, how they are grown and what the typical features of each specialty are.

Shopping & Tasting

To find out which culinary delicacies grow and are manufactured in and around Vorarlberg, go and check out a market. Weekend markets are popular haunts and sources of supply, especially in urban areas. Several delicatessen shops and on-farm outlets offer fresh produce and scrumptious fare for sale.

Feeling Well & Healthy

If you want to give yourself a treat when on holiday, Vorarlberg's Feel-Well hosts are your destination of choice. They offer everything from weight-loss regimes, soothing mud baths, slimming and beauty programmes, relaxing pampering days as well as outdoor activity. Many Feel-Well hosts have given their hotels and beauty areas a serious facelift in recent years and have generously expanded their facilities, all in the style of contemporary Vorarlberg (timber) architecture.

Yoga & Forest Bathing

Yoga on the shores of Lake Constance or on a verdant meadow with mountain views? Taking in the bracing air as you stroll through a forest and finding out more about the eco-system? The gamut of soothing programmes like these is growing constantly.

Nurturing & Soothing

All-natural beauty products from Vorarlberg are seeing a veritable boom. All across the country, ingenious producers are manufacturing nurturing skin-care products from premium natural ingredients and with a broad focus on sustainability, such as whey, honey, alpine and medicinal herbs as well as birch sap.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Vorarlberg Magazine

Enjoying Vorarlberg with all senses – this is what the stories featured in the Vorarlberg Magazines all revolve around. They put the spotlight on nature discovery, sites of outstanding natural beauty, foodie attractions, cultural projects, architecture and design, as well as outdoor activities. In addition, you will find many useful tips and hints for your holidays.

You can read all stories online, download the Vorarlberg Magazines, or order your personal copy at www.vorarlberg.travel/magazine

