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1. A source of inspiration: Creativity abounds in Austria's westernmost region

Keen to experience new soundscapes, go on architecture trails, enjoy time out in nature or savour culinary delights? Vorarlberg is full of destinations to explore and things to do. And what's more, a well-developed public transport system will take you everywhere you want to go.

Well-connected

No need for a car when visiting Vorarlberg, as destinations in the region are easily accessible by train or bus. All schedules have been smartly coordinated, and you can take your bike with you on most trains. Using public transport also comes with lots of extra benefits. A number of event tickets as well as museum tickets purchased online include the trip to and from the venue on public transport within Vorarlberg. Among others, the scheme includes the Bregenz Festival, Kunsthaus Bregenz, vorarlberg museum and the Vorarlberg Landestheater in Bregenz. The same applies if you book a round trip, special cruise or event cruise on one of the Vorarlberg Lines ships or the historic motor ship OESTERREICH or steam ship Hohentwiel. Trains and buses make getting to numerous other events and destinations easy as pie. Hop-on-hop-off is the motto for exploring all of Vorarlberg.

Get moving

Vorarlberg's great variety of mountains and valleys offers prime destinations for hiking and biking aficionados. In many places, cableways and similar means of transport will take you up or down a mountain in a jiffy. Choose from a plethora of themed hiking paths that tell stories or feature interesting artwork. Marvel at landslide-inspired sculptures along the Geotrail Rindberg in Bregenzerwald or the installations set up along the Gauertal AlpKulTour trail in Montafon. Whether you prefer mountain bikes or e-bikes, you will find one for hire nearly everywhere, along with an extensive offer of guided tours. Downhillers will find exciting trails to practice their sport, for instance in Bikepark Brandnertal. In the interest of nature conservation and animal welfare, be mindful and follow the guidance of the "Respektiere deine Grenzen" campaign.

New perspectives

Vorarlberg's towns and villages are a testament to the region's outstanding architecture, design and craftsmanship: contemporary, bold, clean-lined and sustainable are attributes that spring to mind. Timber is the building material of choice here. If you plan to go on Architecture Trails, you can choose from seven different routes, all of which can be easily undertaken by public transport, too. On these tours, you will encounter remarkable buildings as well as innovative Vorarlberg craftsmanship and design. Another way to gain insights into Vorarlberg's architecture and culture are the twelve themed "Umgang Bregenzerwald" trails or the "Walser Kulturwege" trails. The Werkraum Building in Andelsbuch in Bregenzerwald showcases creative craftsmanship.

Culinary delights

Be it in traditional taverns, mountain inns, alpine huts or one of the many award-winning restaurants renowned for their creative cuisine, you will always find excellent food on your plate anywhere in Vorarlberg. Chefs rely on regionally sourced produce wherever possible. Alpine farmsteads and dairies produce the cheese that makes "Kässpätzle", a traditional local dish, such a pleasure for the taste buds. Fresh fish comes directly from Lake Constance or from sustainably managed fish farms. Fruit and vegetables are grown on the fertile land around Lake Constance. Hand-crafted delicacies, from chocolates to fine spirits, abound. Farm shops and weekly markets in towns and villages offer all kinds of special treats.

Heartfelt hospitality

Vorarlberg is known both for its well-appointed hotels, most of which are family-run, and for its hosts, who make sure you will have a pleasurable and safe stay. Many hotels combine traditional architecture with contemporary touches, with interior design features supplied by innovative craftspeople. Recent upgrades often include spacious and light-filled spa areas. B&Bs, holiday homes and apartments offer their guests equally stylish interiors.

Cultural pursuits

Opera on Lake Constance, pop music in Feldkirch, jazz in Montafon: Vorarlberg has a lot on offer for culture vultures. The Bregenz Festival with its open-air opera performances on the spectacular lake-side stage is the highlight of the season. Culture picnics take participants out and about. The poolbar pop culture festival, which is staged partly out in the open, partly in Feldkirch's indoor pool turned festival venue, is a hotspot for cultural discourse, design and live music.

Classical music and song are the focus of the Schubertiade concerts held in Hohenems and Schwarzenberg in Bregenzerwald. The Montafoner Resonanzen present a diverse selection of concerts ranging from folk music to jazz. Lech Zürs am Arlberg has jazz and classical music on its cultural menu. Literaricum Lech takes attendants on a journey through the world of literature. FAQ Bregenzerwald is a forum cum festival, with culinary outings to boost. Many other events, small and large, round off Vorarlberg's summer festival season.

Thought-provoking exhibitions

Vorarlberg's museums and exhibition spaces give visitors access to a range of different experiences. Changing exhibitions have lovers of contemporary art flocking to Kunsthaus Bregenz. What is more, this architectural gem of a building is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. vorarlberg museum, likewise Bregenz-based, has made "beauty" its major theme. Families and those with a penchant for experiments are drawn to inatura, the interactive nature show in Dornbirn. The Jewish Museum in Hohenems features changing exhibitions on current issues, as does the Women's Museum in Hittisau, the only one of its kind in Austria. Just a few miles down the road, the new Museum of Baroque Master Builders in Au presents the inspiring history of the local master builders who in the 17th and 18th centuries ventured out to erect some 800 baroque buildings in Southern Germany, Switzerland and Alsace.

Astonishing encounters

Now what is this? – a question that may have popped into the mind of many a visitor out on a stroll or bike ride. There are places in Vorarlberg where you can happen upon astonishing artwork in public spaces. Check out the promenade along Lake Constance in Bregenz, the Säger bridge in Dornbirn, the Silvretta Bielerhöhe mountain top in Montafon or Lech Zürs am Arlberg, where US artist James Turrell created his Skyspace Lech.

www.vorarlberg.travel/en

2. Investments & Innovations by Hotels & Restaurants

NEW HOTELS & RESTAURANTS

Revier Mountain Lodge Montafon, St. Gallenkirch

Austria's first Revier hotel is to open in June 2022 at the Valisera Bahn valley terminal, featuring 107 rooms, all with panoramic windows. As the first hotel of the group in Austria, it will be equipped with a spacious seminar area and fitness studio. The Revier bar, casual dining with open cuisine, co-working spaces and a spa complement the offer. www.revierhotels.com/en/details/montafon-at.html

Josefsheim, Schruns

After more than 400 days of construction work, Josefsheim, a former nursing home, is set to open in the very centre of Schruns. The first and only hostel in Montafon sleeps guests in spacious bunks made from pinewood. Altogether, there are 13 double and dorm rooms. For dining, visitors gather in the restaurant which features an open kitchen. www.sanktjosefsheim.at

Zapfig Living, Wald am Arlberg

The new Zapfig Living building opened in October 2021 in Wald am Arlberg. It accommodates fully equipped suites with 8 beds and a balcony. On the ground floor there is a day café, a 24/7 vending machine, and a fitness studio with a sauna. zapfig-living.at

Masura Cabins, Bürserberg

The three Masura Cabins, all built in eco-friendly timber design, opened in December 2021 in Bürserberg in Brandnertal. Each 45 m² cabin features two bedrooms sleeping up to 4. From the terraces, lovely views of the surrounding mountains unfold. www.masuracabins.at

Restaurant D'BERGERKUCHE, Bürserberg

Stefanie and Marco Zechner, as experienced restaurateurs, have newly leased the restaurant in Bürserberg in Brandnertal and will run it as a restaurant and café all year round from 1 July 2022. The restaurant D'BERGERKUCHE stands for high-quality regional cuisine with a traditional touch. The menu features fresh products from Brandnertal, many of them from the Zechner organic farm's own produce. www.restaurant-bergerkuche.at

DreamAlive Sleep Lodge Brandnertal

After the premiere in the Biosphärenpark Großes Walsertal in summer 2021, the DreamAlive Sleep Lodge has changed its location for summer and winter 2022 to Tschengla, Brandnertal. The hosts are the team of the nearby Hotel Dunza. Featuring glass fronts all around, the "Dream.Alive-Lodge" is a mobile tiny house you can put wherever it best suits you. Thanks to the versatile Samina sleep system, the bed can also be placed at will, either under the glass roof or outdoors on the terrace. The lodge is equipped with a table, a refrigerator, shower and WC. The lodge is located just a four-minute walk from the Hotel Dunza, giving guests easy access to the hotel's amenities, from its spa oasis to culinary delights. www.dreamalive.world/standort/brandnertal

Pfänderglück, Lochau

In summer 2022, the 4 Pfänderglück holiday homes will open on Pfänder, the 1,064 m high local mountain of Bregenz. Every home sleeps 8. Timber flooring and modern alpine style combine to create a cosy feel. pfaenderglueck.at

Freischwimmer / Gösserbräu, Bregenz

Formerly an inn cum brewery with an event hall, "Gösser" is one of the tradition-steeped places for fine dining in Bregenz. Pascal Hämmerle and his team have been running this centrally located inn with a bar since November 2021. The menu features regional specialities, with live music being regularly performed in the bar. The name "Freischwimmer" goes back to Mr Hämmerle's previous venture, the Freischwimmer restaurant in the Bregenz indoor and lakeside pool. www.goesserbregenz.at

Honolulu Hotel in Bregenz

Centrally located, the former Hotel Helvetia in Bregenz is being transformed into a creative place for meeting and working. For the first 12 months, the hotels will offer rooms for overnight stays, desks or small offices, and a café with a garden. The project is all about finding inspiration in cooperation and re-use, and is supported by the city of Bregenz and other public institutions. www.honoluluhotel.at

Chalet Park Maier, Mäder

A small chalet village with five units featuring 45 m² of living space is to open in Mäder in June 2022. at.hotels.com/ho2510959520/chalet-park-maier-mader-osterreich

W-40.com – Apartments, Riezlern

Two new, 103 m² W-40.com holiday apartments in the centre of Riezlern offer ample opportunities to let one's spirit roam free. Every apartment has two bedrooms and therefore plenty of space for families or friends on holidays. Large panorama windows offer sweeping views of the Kleinwalsertal mountains. <https://w-40.com>

Berghaus Schröcken, Schröcken

In July 2022, the Schwarzman family is to open Berghaus Schröcken, a stylish retreat for hikers and winter sports lovers. The new complex consists of three buildings. On-site facilities include "Alwins Stammtisch" – a small inn, a spa and an outdoor pool. There is a choice of 22 studios and 18 apartments, all furnished with wood and alpine materials. Two time-out apartments, two chalet apartments sleeping up to 20 and two self-catering chalets for up to 16 guests already opened for the 2021/22 winter season. www.berghaus-schroecken.at

Halwina, Sibratsgfall

Carefully designed and inspired by traditional craftsmanship, the new Haus Halwina hideaway in Sibratsgfall offers large holiday apartments, ideal for families or friends travelling together. Apartment "Hanna" has 4 bedrooms on 250 m². Apartment "Alwin" features two bedrooms on 110 m². www.halwina.at

Gabriela Apartments, Mellau

"Pine" and "Oak" are the names of the apartments in the new shingle-clad Gabriela apartment building in Mellau. These large, modern-style apartments are 52 m² and 57m², with timber flooring and timber furniture creating a cosy feel. An on-site sauna is an added bonus. www.gabriela-apartments.com

Freiraum Apartments, Mellau

The seven new Freiraum Apartments in Mellau are simple and convenient while featuring sleek lines and up-scale material. The timber-clad building is located at the foot of Gopfberg and features a sauna. www.freiraum-apartments.at

Campingpark Bregenzerwald, Doren

Forest peace and summer retreat. Surrounded by a lot of greenery and tall fir trees and directly on the *Bregenzerach* river, the comprehensively redesigned Campingpark Bregenzerwald is located in the village Doren. In the course of extensive renovations, three new buildings with wooden facades have been erected on the site of the former railroad station. One of them houses six modern apartments, including the sanitary facilities. The restaurant focuses on regional products and welcomes both camping and excursion guests. www.camping-bregenzerwald.at

RECONSTRUCTIONS/EXTENSIONS/LARGE-SCALE RENOVATIONS

Four Points by Sheraton Panoramahaus, Dornbirn

The Four Points by Sheraton-Hotel in Dornbirn is expanding the Panorama Haus, a building visible from afar, by 44 new rooms. A restaurant open to the general public is accommodated on the ground floor. The former Sky restaurant with lovely views is being converted into an exclusive breakfast room for hotel guests. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/achfp-four-points-panoramahaus-dornbirn

Gasthof Taube, Rankweil

The tradition-steeped Gasthaus Traube in Rankweil is set to re-open in the early summer of 2022 with old-world charm and new splendour. The focus will be on beer culture, as the inn is owned by the Vorarlberg Frastanz brewery. The popular al-fresco dining area, which seats up to 100 persons, will also be re-opened. www.taube-rankweil.at

Rufana Alpsuite, Bürserberg

Rufana Alp, a popular mountain-top restaurant up on Tschengla in Bürserberg, has been providing accommodation for overnight visitors since December 2021. The new Rufana Alpsuite, which features a lot of wood in its interior design, sleeps up to 8. It has 4 double rooms, 3 bathrooms, a spacious combined kitchen and living room, as well as a sauna. rufanaalpsuite.at

3. Distinctions in Tourism

Monforthaus Feldkirch – World MICE Award 2021

The World MICE Awards™ recognize outstanding achievements in MICE tourism. They are awarded annually, their aim being to promote growth, innovation and best practices on a global level. In 2021, the Montforthaus in Feldkirch won the award as Austria's best convention centre.

www.montforthausfeldkirch.com/en/mice-awards

Joschi Walch, Gourmet Hotel Rote Wand – Innkeeper of the Year 2021

The Falstaff publishing house is one of Austria's leading gourmet specialists, publishing a monthly magazine, various special publications and gourmet guides. Moreover, Falstaff grants awards for excellence. The 2021 "Innkeeper of the Year" award went to Joschi Walch at Hotel and Restaurant "Rote Wand" in Zug near Lech am Arlberg. "Together with his wife Natascha, Joschi Walch converted the old inn into a world-class gourmet hideaway", was the jury's verdict. www.rotewand.com

Max Natmessnig, Gourmet Hotel Rote Wand – Austrian Chef of the Year 2022

Max Natmessnig is the chef at "Schualhus", the restaurant at Hotel Rote Wand in Zug near Lech. Among Austria's very best, this culinary wizard has won himself four Gault Millau toques. Since autumn 2022, he can take pride in another distinction: Gault Millau elected him Chef of the Year.

www.rotewand.com

Wäldar Käsbuch – Gourmand World Cookbook Award

Published by the Bregenzerwald Cheese Route, the "Wäldar Käsbuch" has won a major award: for the jury of the Gourmand World Cookbook Award, it is among the world's best. The *Käsbuch* is not only a source of inspiration for cooking with the "gold of the Alps", but also tells stories about cheese and the people around it, as well about cheese culture in Bregenzerwald.

www.kaesestrassen.at/produkt/waeldarkaesbuch

Aurelio – World's Best Ski Boutique Hotel

Ever since 2013, the World Ski Awards have been presenting distinctions for the best ski hotels and resorts in different categories. The Mountain Hideaway Aurelio in Lech won the award as World's Best Ski Boutique Hotel 2021. This 5-star superior hotel offers understated, high-class luxury.

www.aureliolech.com/en

Jürgen Haller Architects – State Architecture Award 2021

The Bregenzerwald architects Jürgen Haller won the special award in the category service for the Temple 74 project. The apartment building with architects' office in Mellau was elected as trailblazer of sustainable architecture in tourism. The state architecture award is presented every other year for excellence in architecture by the federal ministry of the economy. www.tempel74.at

For more distinctions in culture & tourism, see

www.vorarlberg.travel/en/activity/award-winning-architecture-for-culture-and-tourism

4. New Offers, Products & Events in Vorarlberg's Destinations

NATURE, HIKING, CYCLING & FUN

Alpenmosaik Montafon

"Alpenmosaik Montafon" (Alpine Mosaic Montafon) is the name of a new initiative Montafon is launching to give its diverse natural environments greater visibility and tell visitors more about them. "Alpenmosaik Montafon" includes the vibrant valley, the laid-back Verwall mountains, the glacier-dotted Silvretta mountain range, and the Raetikon massif on the border to Switzerland and the principality of Liechtenstein. A website provides information on what to discover where, especially along hiking trails. On themed trails and during guided BergePlus activities, hikers can go into full regional "immersion" mode. www.montafon.at/alpenmosaik

Wild Animals & River Stories: The Great Adventure for Nature Explorers in Kleinwalsertal

Two interactive adventure trails have been developed in Kleinwalsertal for families with children eager to explore and discover nature, and more are in the pipeline. Research stations built into the landscape, so-called landmarks, and a research logbook as well as an audio guide app guide families in their nature discoveries. The research logbook is available at the local tourist office in Hirschegg. Starting in the 2022 summer season, nature explorers can join their marmot friends Burmi and Burmina on their discoveries in Gemstetal, where a themed trail on "Wildlife: Understanding wild animals" waits to be explored. During the summer of 2022, the themed trail "River stories: Following the Water" along the Schwarzbach river will be newly added.

www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Activities/Family/Summer-fun-for-kids

Nature Diversity Days in Kleinwalsertal

The Nature Diversity Days will be held in Kleinwalsertal for the second time in a row from 7-9 July 2022. The programme features lectures and excursions for all those eager to find out more about nature's bounty. The focus of this year is the Ifen Nature 2000 site.

www.kleinwalsertal.com/en/Current-and-Service/Up-to-date/experience-nature-consciously

"Over the Border" – Cycle-Audio Route from Lake Constance to Silvretta

Initiated by the Jewish Museum Hohenems, the history-rich cycle path has been created from Bregenz to Partenen and at selected places in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. 52 listening stations symbolise border stones and invite you via QR code to get involved in the history of refugee fates of the respective place. The background to the cycle path is the thousands of refugees - persecuted Jews, political opponents of the Nazis, deserters, prisoners of war, forced labourers and foreign workers - who tried to reach Switzerland from occupied European countries via Vorarlberg between March 1938 and May 1945. The opening is on 3 July 2022. www.jm-hohenems.at/programm/ueber-die-grenze

Culinary Cycling – On the trail of Bregenzerwald's architecture

This cycling tour heads to six quaint villages with eye-catching traditional and contemporary timber architecture. Starting in Mellau after breakfast, you first head to Andelsbuch and then, on a challenging trail, via Bezegg to Bezau, before continuing up to Schnepfegg for lunch, returning to Mellau for dessert. This culinary cycling package can be booked from 1 May to 31 October 2022.

www.bregenzerwald.at/en/package/culinary-cycling-on-the-trail-of-bregenzerwalds-architecture

into the wold – Gravelbike Festival

Gravelbikes dominate the scene from 30 June to 3 July 2022 in Bregenzerwald. The festival is designed to let gravelbikers explore Bregenzerwald in all its different facets. The highlight is a grand joint excursion that presents quite a challenge for participants, but at the same time offers enough space and time to enjoy the magnificent scenery in the region. Catering will be in the hands of leading regional chefs. www.intothewold.at

Hike from hut to hut in the Nagelfluhkette Nature Park

The Nagelfluhkette Nature Park is located near Hittisau in Bregenzerwald close to the border with Germany. It takes its name from a stone conglomerate typical of the region. On three days, nature lovers will hike in this exceptionally beautiful landscape and spend two nights in a lodge. Daily walking times of 2.5 to 3.5 hours leave ample time to take in the scenery. The trails are moderately steep, only on the first day you need to negotiate 785 metres in altitude uphill. The package includes two overnights in a lodge with half board (dormitories with 6-8 beds). It sells from EUR 127 per person and can be booked from 2 June to 30 October 2022.

www.bregenzerwald.at/en/package/hike-from-hut-to-hut-nagelfluhkette-nature-park

Wine Tasting Walk in Damüls

On four dates during summer, on 28 June, 26 July, 23 August and 13 September, hiking guide Verena Bischof will take you on a leisurely walk through Oberdamüls. This excursion ends with a tasting of 8 wines and a small snack in the rustic cellar of an Alpine farm. Sommelière Elvira Türtscher will comment the tasting. Prices starting from EUR 59 per person, depending on group size.

www.damuels.at

Forest Bathing in Damüls

Forest bathing has been attracting more and more followers recently. A stay in the wood helps you unwind, recharge empty batteries and find mindfulness. What is more, inhaling forest air has a wholesome effect. For those who want to give it a try, a 3–4-hour forest bathing experience is organised in Damüls on Tuesdays (14 June to 27 September 2022). The price is EUR 37 per person, participants must be older than 14 years. www.damuels.at

Bike & Yoga Retreat in Brandnertal

Downhill mountain biker Rebecca Marte invites you to a 3-day bike and yoga retreat in Brandnertal, combining excitement and relaxation. The bike outings go to Bikepark Brandnertal, the yoga sessions are held in a mountain lodge. Dates have been scheduled for May, June and September 2022.

ribl-rides.at

Bike Festival at the Bikepark Brandnertal

Competitions - Guidings - Good Times. Under this motto the Bike Festival in the Bikepark Brandnertal takes place from 04. to 12. June. During the festival there is a special program for all mountain bike fans - competitions, special guided offers, camps and courses. All of this accompanied by festival vibes.

www.bikepark-brandnertal.at/brandnertal-bike-festival

New viewpoints in Brandnertal

When was the Schesa mudslide? Where can you get a sensational 360° panoramic view of the mountains? These and other questions are answered on the new information boards at the most panoramic places in Brandnertal. In addition, the surrounding mountains and the visible villages and

valleys are marked, which can be seen at the respective viewpoints. The locations and viewpoints are at Schesatobel, Loisch- as well as Niggenkopf, Palüd and Glinzgieck. Other locations will be added little by little. www.brandnertal.at/aussichtspunkte

BlütenReich Rüfikopf – The Trail of Thousand Colours in Lech am Arlberg

The flora at the 2,350 high Rüfikopf overlooking Lech Zürs am Arlberg is astonishingly varied. The plants that manage to survive in these zones are among the most ingenious, resilient and adaptable species ever in the plant kingdom. To find out for yourself, why not try the BlütenReich Rüfikopf trail, which was opened in summer 2021. It takes 45 minutes to complete the circuit. A booklet explaining alpine flowers is on sale for EUR 7 at the Rüfikopf panoramic restaurant, the pay desk of Rüfikopfbahn and the Lech Zürs tourist office.

www.lechzuers.com/de/sommer/bergbahnen/panoramaberg-ruefikopf/bluetenreich-ruefikopf

Wandfluh Climbing Garden, Biosphere Park Grosses Walsertal

In the Biosphere Park Grosses Walsertal (village Sonntag-Stein) the construction of a via ferrata is planned. The approval procedure is currently underway. Completion is planned for summer or fall 2022.

ART & CULTURE

“Heart of the World - Face of Love” exhibition in Grosses Walsertal

Multimedia artist and shaman Bettina Arna Bohne and organic cookie manufacturer Sabine Burtscher have declared 2022 to be the year of heart quality. In an interactive, open and growing art and culture project they have invited 12 friends from the arts scene and different disciplines - fine arts, textile, literature, music - to engage in a dialogue. They have set up a post office for the heart and a Heart Art Wall. The performances by the artists are to encourage visitors to connect with their own hearts and those of others. All this will take place at “Sabine and Xaver Bio Gourmet Manufaktur”, an organic deli in Raggal in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere reserve. The exhibitions and the events are scheduled from April to December 2022. sabineundxaver-gourmet-manufaktur.com

Kultursteg Walgau

The funnel-shaped, open wooden footbridge is called "*Kultursteg Walgau*". It can be used as a grandstand and stage and can be set up at different locations in nature. Above all, Kultursteg is intended to offer culture-promoting associations from the Walgau region an individually designable space for open-air events. "Dussa" (= outside) is the name of the festival for which Kultursteg will be used for the second time in 2022. On certain dates from May to July, musicians and writers will put in guest performances on the outdoor stage, located at the Untere Au outdoor pool in Frastanz. The programme also features culinary events, lectures and excursions to the nearby nature reserve.

kultursteg-walgau.at/Programm

Impact Lech

“Impact Lech - Creating Facts, Forming Opinions” is a new event, hosted for the first time from 9-12 June 2022. Masterminded by the renowned Austrian geneticist Markus Hengstschläger, the programme caters to everyone interested in the subjects addressed. This year, Impact Lech will shed light on “energy competence” from various perspectives. www.lechzuers.com/en/impact-lech

Bregenz Festival 2022

Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" is on the programme of the Bregenz Festival from 20 July to 21 August 2022. At the Festspielhaus the Bregenz Festival will be performing Umberto Giordano's opera "Siberia" (1903). More than 100 years ago, the paths of these two works crossed, when Giordano's verismo opera was performed instead of Madame Butterfly at Teatro alla Scala in Milan, the premiere of which had to be postponed. The programme is rounded off by orchestra concerts and further contemporary productions. bregenzerfestspiele.com/en

"Hör-Spiele": The Podcast of Bregenz Festival

Clear the stage for "Hör-Spiele" the podcast of Bregenz Festival. Here you can expect exciting background information about composers, works and productions, as well as explanations from participants about the Bregenz Festival program. The podcast is available only in German. bregenzerfestspiele.com/de/hoer-spiele

Theater City Tour through

In the summer of 2022, you can experience Bludenz in an altogether different manner on a guided theatre city tour of the old town. The theatre city tours are run from 8 July to 26 August on Fridays at 5 pm. www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at/en/bludenz/events/theater-city-tour-through-bludenz.html

Bregenzerwald Festival

The Bregenzerwald Festival, which will be hosted for the second time from 2 to 11 September 2022, is a playground for the performing arts. The initiator is ART // 2020, a company of performing artists from all over the world and all genres - from theatre and puppetry to dance and song. The company specialises in workshops and projects that address contemporary issues and are set in unusual locations. www.art-2020.info

Kunstraum Zug

Kunstraum Zug is a new exhibition hall opened by Katia and Gerold Schneider, hoteliers in Lech Zürs am Arlberg, in December. The first exhibition shows works of the Austrian sculptor Bruno Gironcoli. www.lechzuers.com/en/kunstraum-zug-1

Educational trail on industry, Dornbirn

The history of Dornbirn has been dominated by textile factories. A 6.5 km themed educational trail called "City Traces. Industry and Change" will be developed by late 2022 in order to shed light on this part of history. At 15 stations and via an app, interested hikers can find out more about the historic factory buildings and what these companies achieved along the way.

Habakuk's Puppet Atelier in Bludenz

Kasperl, Helmi or Tintifax, the magician – these used to be well-known childhood TV stars for many an Austrian. The puppets were created by Arminio Rothstein, better known as Habakuk the clown. In early 2022, the collection found a new home in Bludenz: a workshop where the puppets are being carefully restored. If you want to take a look at the puppets, you can visit the puppet atelier and, depending on how old you are, take a trip down memory lane. www.habakuk.at

5. Major Anniversaries in Vorarlberg

25 Years Kunsthaus Bregenz

Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) was inaugurated in July 1997 with an exhibition of US-American artist James Turrell. Throughout the years, not only the exhibitions, but also the architecture have grabbed wide attention: the building, a glass-sheathed cube-like structure, was designed by the renowned Swiss architect Peter Zumthor.

Having meanwhile become one of Europe's leading museums of contemporary art, KUB is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a series of events and a presence at the Venice Biennale.

www.kunsthaus-bregenz.at

6. Other News

HOW TO REACH VORARLBERG

New Frankfurt – Vorarlberg train service

A direct service on the ÖBB Railjet is now operating daily from Frankfurt to Vorarlberg, serving the stations of Bregenz, Dornbirn, Feldkirch, Bludenz and Langen am Arlberg. www.bahn.de

Better Munich – Bregenz service

Travelling time from Lindau to Munich has been shortened thanks to the new train station in Lindau—Reutin. On the quickest route, travelling time has been cut to less than two hours. EuroCity connections operate at almost two-hour intervals from Munich to Bregenz (via Lindau) and then on to Zurich. www.bahn.de

Hourly Vienna – Vorarlberg train service

There is an hourly train service operating from Vienna to Vorarlberg. Every two hours trains run to Bregenz, and every other two hours to Feldkirch, and from there to Switzerland, with a direct transfer connection to Bregenz. www.oebb.at

7. Further Information, Text and Photo Material

Further Information, texts and photographic material at www.vorarlberg.travel/en/press-portal

General information on Vorarlberg as a holiday destination at www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Visiting Vorarlberg Safely: www.vorarlberg.travel/en/visiting-safely

8. For a Real-Time Experience of Vorarlberg

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