

# Suggested Excursions

## Once around Vorarlberg (approx. 180km)

The tour begins and ends in Bregenz on Lake Constance. Head for the Bregenzerwald, which is known for its cheese and wood-shingled houses. Wide-open with gently rising mountains and forests first, the valley then narrows, with imposing craggy peaks towering on the left and right side of the road.

At the Hochtannberg, make sure not to miss the walk to the picturesque lake Körbersee. Continue to Lech, a highcarat ski resort in the Alps in winter, a heaven

of bliss and serenity in summer. The route then continues through the Klostertal valley, the alpine city of Bludenz, the medieval town of Feldkirch and returns via Dornbirn to Bregenz.

Itinerary:

Bregenz – Bregenzerwald – Lech – Klostertal – Bludenz – Feldkirch – Dornbirn – Bregenz



Frastanz/Walgau

## Bregenzerwald Panorama (approx. 70km)

The tour starts from the northern Bregenzerwald in southerly direction, where the mountains never seem to stop rising. Take in the views of typical villages and their wood-shingled houses. Au-Schopperrau is ideal for a stop. From here, a cable-car takes you up to Diedamskopf at 2,090m. The breathtaking views of the countless mountain peaks will more than reward you for the journey! Next head to Schwarzenberg, one of the prettiest villages in all of Vorarlberg. Marvel at the

impressing village square with its historic Bregenzerwald buildings and the notable parish church. Passing the Bödele, the route continues to Dornbirn and the Rolls-Royce museum, the largest private collection of these precious cars.

Itinerary:

Alberschwende – Egg – Andelsbuch – Bezau – Au-Schopperrau – Diedamskopf – Schwarzenberg – Bödele – Dornbirn (Rolls-Royce museum)



Schwarzenberg, Bregenzerwald

## Mountain Impressions in the Kleinwalsertal (approx. 180km)

The Kleinwalsertal is a curious corner of Vorarlberg. By road, it is accessible from Germany only. The valley is hemmed in on three sides by more than 2,000m high mountains. The pristine and largely unspoiled nature is perfectly shielded from motorised through-traffic and noise. In the summer, the Kleinwalsertal is a much-sought destination among hikers, cyclists and holiday-makers wanting to replenish spent energy in nature. An exhibition on the history of skiing is open

all year round and certainly worth a visit. The Kleinwalsertal Bergschau exhibition informs at four stations and different theme trails in the valley and on the mountains on geology and the fascinating world of mountains.

Itinerary:

Bregenz – Bregenzerwald – Hittisau – Balderschwang Riedberg pass – Oberstdorf – Kleinwalsertal – Oberstaufen – Queralpenstrasse – Weiler/Langen – Bregenz



Kleinwalsertal

## Exploring hydropower in Montafon (ca. 145 km)

The tour starts and ends in Bludenz, alpine city at the crossroads of four imposing mountain valleys. One is the Montafon, renowned for its lovely ski areas and hikeable mountains. Moreover, the Montafon is the centre of hydro-electric power generation in Vorarlberg, conveyed hands-on in the energie.raum in Partenen at the valley end. The highlight of the tour is a ride up on the Silvretta High-Alpine Road, which winds in over 30 bends up to Bielerhöhe heights at 2,032m. Having reached the

top, you are rewarded by splendid views of Lake Silvretta and Piz Buin (3,312 m), Vorarlberg's highest peak. From Bielerhöhe, the itinerary continues through the Tyrolese Paznaun valley, passing the famous villages of Galtür and Ischgl, to the Inn valley in the Tyrol, before it returns through the Arlberg tunnel to Bludenz.

Itinerary:

Bludenz – Silvretta-Hochalpenstrasse – Bielerhöhe – Paznaun – Arlberg – Bludenz



Silvretta reservoir, Bielerhöhe

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### Around Lake Constance (approx. 150km)

The tour starts and ends in Bregenz. It runs clockwise around Lake Constance to the major attractions. Along the Swiss shores of Lake Constance first head to the medieval town of Konstanz, venue of the papal Council in the 14th century, from there to the monastic and horticultural island of Reichenau, which is known for its Roman churches and abbeys (UNESCO world heritage site!). We recommend that you take the re-warding detour to Mainau island. A ferry service takes visitors from

the flower island to Meersburg, a medieval wine-growing town. The tour then continues via Friedrichshafen (zeppelin museum) and Lindau (a delightful island town) back to Bregenz.

#### Itinerary:

Bregenz – along the Swiss shore of Lake Constance to Konstanz – Reichenau island – Mainau flower island – ferry from Constance to Meersburg – Friedrichshafen – Lindau – Bregenz



Bodensee

### To the Rhine Falls and Schaffhausen (approx. 280km)

The tour starts and ends in Bregenz. The route first follows the Swiss shore of Lake Constance to Stein am Rhein. Here is where the Rhine, which crosses Lake Constance, leaves the lake. The small village is known for its beautiful half-timbered houses. The next stop is Schaffhausen, which stands out for its lovely Gothic and Baroque buildings and a number of historic fountains. Out of town look out for the Rhine Falls, 150 m wide and 23 m high, Europe's biggest water-

falls. Return via Zurich, Winterthur and St. Gallen to Bregenz.

#### Itinerary:

Bregenz – Rorschach – Kreuzlingen – Stein am Rhein – Schaffhausen – Zürich – Winterthur – St. Gallen – Bregenz



Schaffhausen Rhine Falls

### Around the Säntis (approx. 130km)

With its majestic presence, the 2,504m high Säntis is the highest peak in Eastern Switzerland. A cable-car takes visitors up to the summit, where dazzling panoramic views unfold. Starting in Bregenz, the tour heads to the picture-pretty Appenzell region and the capital town of Appenzell with its painted timber houses. From the valley terminal of Säntisbahn at Schwägälp, it is just a couple of minutes to the craggy peak of Säntis. Passing Wildhus, Werdenberg and Buchs, you will

continue to the Principality of Liechtenstein and its capital Vaduz. The towering castle of the princely family overlooks the town. The tour ends in the medieval Vorarlberg town of Feldkirch.

#### Itinerary:

Bregenz – St. Margrethen – Altstätten – Appenzell – Urnäsch – Schwägälp – ride up by cable-car to the Säntis – Wildhus – Werdenberg – Buchs – Vaduz – Feldkirch



Säntis

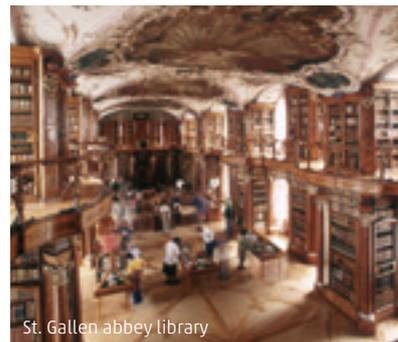
### St. Gallen – Appenzell (approx. 100km)

Starting in Bregenz, the route heads to Rorschach. A ride on the cog railway to Heiden is highly recommended. Enjoy the sweeping views of Lake Constance and the Rhine valley. St. Gallen is the biggest city in eastern Switzerland, known for its decorated bay windows, its Baroque abbey church and abbey library, designated a UNESCO world heritage site. After a visit of town, head to the countryside and the Appenzell district with its capital city by the same name and let

yourself be enchanted by the colourful timber houses. Hosting exhibitions of 20<sup>th</sup> century art, the Liner Museum and Ziegelhütte Kunsthalle both make for a stark architectural contrast. The tour ends in Bregenz on Lake Constance.

#### Itinerary:

Bregenz – St. Margrethen – Rorschach (ride up by cog railway to Heiden) – St. Gallen – Appenzell – Bregenz



St. Gallen abbey library