



Vorarlberg in Winter

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How to Reach Vorarlberg

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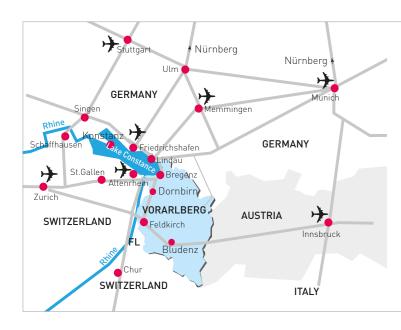
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From the north via Singen-Friedrichshafen-Lindau or Singen-Konstanz/Kreuzlingen–St. Gallen, via Ulm–Memmingen–Lindau. Via Augsburg or Munich-Memmingen-Lindau or via Nürnberg-Ulm-Lindau Zürich–St. Gallen or Zurich–Wa From the w

Sargans. From the south via Como (I/CH)-San Bernardino-Chur; Brenner motorway (I/A)–Innsbruck or Reschen pass (I/A)–Landeck. From the east via Innsbruck-Arlberg road tunnel or Arlberg pass ... by air road or via Reutte-Lechtal-Bregenzerwald (Note: the L 198 Lechtal road from Warth nach Lech is closed in winter). The Kleinwalsertal can be reached on the A7 via Memmingen-

Kempten-Immenstadt or Füssen-Immenstadt or Lindau-Immenstadt (B308), then continue via Sonthofen and Oberstdorf. Toll fees

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... by rail

Austria: Good connections from eastern and southern Austria, also motorail and night trains (www.oebb.at). Germany: via Lindau-Bregenz. The target station for the Kleinwalsertal is Oberstdorf/Allgäu (G). (www.deutschebahn.com and www.autoreisezug-planer.de). Switzerland: via Zürich-St. Gallen-Bregenz or Zürich-Sargans-Feldkirch (www.sbb.ch).

Austria

- The nearest airports (distance in km to Bregenz):
- Lake Constance-Airport Friedrichshafen (G, 35 km), serving destinations from/to Germany.
- St. Gallen-Altenrhein (CH, 20 km),
- direct service from/to Vienna. • Allgäu-Airport Memmingen (G, 77 km),
- services within Europe.
- Zurich (CH, 119 km), intercontinental services. • Innsbruck (A, 184 km), services to/from Vienna and Europe.

www.vorarlberg.travel/en Mobility in Vorarlberg: www.vorarlberg.travel/public-transport

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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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Each day in Montafon is full of special moments. Content after spending hours in the bracing air, you stop at one of the many nountain lodges, revisiting the day's memorable moments on the slopes, on a ski tour or snow shoe ramble, all while looking forward to relaxing hours and heart-warming encounters. Reliving the day in your mind, in joyful anticipation of the next, enriched by once-in-a lifetime moments in the mountains.

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Alpenstadt Bludenz as your base. The Grosses Walsertal biosphere park subscribes to eco-friendly winter sports close to nature.

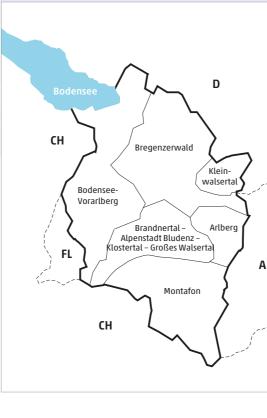






Brandnertal and the Sonnenkopf ski area are filled with fun and adventure for families, with opportunities for skiing, husky sleigh-riding, snow-shoe rambling or high-adrenaline tobogganing. If you want to explore several ski areas, choose

Special winter moments:



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On-slope & Cross-country

Such enticing splendour! Make a dash for snow on high-tech ropeways and high-adrenalin downhill rides. The choice of runs is dazzling, and if you are in need of a rest or a bite, why not pause at one of several cosy mountain-top lodges and restaurants. If you plan to venture into off-piste terrain, make sure be accompanied by an expert guide. The ski schools offer guided tours and courses.

Expert Tricks and Tips

Which slopes are the finest at which time of the day? How can you perfect your turns? Guided by an expert, you can familiarize yourself with the ski areas and improve your riding technique. Several ski schools have ski and cross-country courses for beginners and proficient skiers, for adults and children, as well as ski touring and ski guiding offers.

Safety First

What do you need to know about snow and proper gear when

venturing into open terrain Ski and mountain guides offer hand-on tips for your safety: the Snow & Safety Conference in Lech Zürs am Arlberg in December features talks and workshops. The 2017 freeride world champion Lorraine Huber runs "Women's Progression Days" (freeride camps for women)

The ski areas of Silvretta Montafon and Warth-Schröcken have avalanche-safety training facilities, regularly organising SACC avalanche and safety camps. Backcountry ski courses are held once weekly in Damüls-Mellau in Kleinwalsertal and in Montafon. The Freeride Center near the mountain terminal of Grasjoch Bahn (Silvretta Montafon) offers hands-on safety training and freeride courses. In the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park, Walser guides and the Faschina ski school accompany beginners on their first backcountry experiences.

Crossing Vorarlberg on Skis

Exploring Vorarlberg on skis within a week is now possible on the Ski Ride Vorarlberg tour that is accompanied by ski guides. In seven days, the trail takes skiers through ski areas and into open terrain, from the Kleinwalsertal in the north to the Montafon in the south. www.vorarlberg.travel/skiride

Off-Piste Skiing

Touring in open terrain is pure bliss but only in the company of ski guides. Safety gear is a must. Several ski schools offer guided ski tours, courses for freeriders and ski safaris. At most sites, the gear (skis, hides, avalanche beacon, shovel, probe) can be rented.

For freeriders: the 3-km long descent from Sonnenkopf in Klostertal in the direction of Nenziggasttal is every rider's dream.

Two special tours attract ski-touring aficionados in Montafon. Starting out in Gargellen, the easy, ultra-scenic Madrisa day tour heads for neighbouring Switzerland. Alternatively, you start out for a nocturnal ski excursion in Gargellen and ski down with headlamps.

An insider's hint for experienced skiers is the six-hour ascent to Gamsfreiheit at 2,211 m above sea level in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park.

The Silvretta ski safari in Montafon runs from the Silvretta Bielerhöhe heights at 2,032 m to Galtür in Tirol, then on a snow cat up to Zeinisjoch and back. To find out more about avalanches, enrol in a beginner's class which is now held on Thursdays. The challenging Kleinwalsertal ski safari goes up and down from

Kleinwalsertal to Bregenzerwald and back. On a five-hour tour from Warth-Schröcken to Lech Zürs am Arlberg

and back, you can trace the footsteps of father Müller.

Glimpse Behind the Scenes

How does a ropeway, snow-making and slope-grooming work? In Lech Zürs am Arlberg (Wednesday), on Golm in Montafon (Thursdays), and in Gargellen in Montafon (Tuesdays), you are welcome to take a glimpse behind the scenes.

Early-Bird Skiing

Plenty of space on the freshly -groomed runs and a wonderful morning mood. Early-bird ski outings ending with a hearty mountain breakfast epitomize this ever-so-special experience. In the ski areas of Ski Arlberg, Silvretta Montafon and in Kleinwalsertal (starting mid-March) you can joint an early-bird ski outing.

The Legendary White Ring

The ultimate in skiing: This 22km-long circuit takes skiers around Lech Zürs am Arlberg. En route, they have to negotiate leisurely and demanding runs. For an adrenaline boost, enter the race on this circuit on 19 January 2019. Each year, some 1,000 skiers take part in the world's most legendary ski race.

Gliding on Cross-country Trails

All regions boast cross-country and skating trails. You can find Vorarlberg's highest cross-country trails at the Silvretta-Bielerhöhe heights at an altitude of 2,032 m in Montafon. The cross-country border trail from Hittisau to Balderschwang (Germany) is approx. 50 km long.

The Nordic Sport Park Sulzberg in Bregenzerwald boasts 40 km of cross-country trails (20 km classic and 20 km skating). A part of the trail is even illuminated at night-time from Mondays to Fridays. Moreover, there is a biathlon range, which you try upon prior registration.

The ski school in Kleinwalsertal offer a cross-country course "Classic cross-country through Kleinwalsertal: Cross country skiing made easy" on Thursdays on the Steinbock trail.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Winter trails & Torchlight hikes

an igloo and see what it feels to spend the night in it.

On Marked Trails and Cross-country

Enveloped by serenity and magical beauty, this is how winter presents itself when hiking or snowshoe rambling. Mountain restaurants and lodges line many trails, ideal shelters to warm up and fortify yourself. The numerous winter hiking trails are either cleared or easy to negotiate with mountain boots. Snowshoe rambles take hikers cross-country. For safety reasons, always make sure to set out with proper gear and in the company of experts who are familiar with the local terrain. All regions have guided snow-shoe rambling tours on offer, Brandnertal also

some for beginners.

A tour at Diedamskopf in Au-Schoppernau in the Bregenzerwald combines mounting on snowshoes with a toboggan ride down to the valley.

In the deep forests of the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park, nature can develop free from human interference. An informative and delightful snowshoe tour takes hikers into this mysterious world. On the snowshoe ramble to the Gottesacker plateau in the Kleinwalsertals you will feel truly elevated. Wind-formed snow dunes line the panoramic trail.

What glorious views! From Muttjöchle, which can be reached on moderately steep trails from the Klostertal or Montafon, sweeping views of Vorarlberg's mountains unfold.

Hiking and Fine Dining

three-course meal along the way in different lodges or inns? This themed culinary hike is available in Bregenzerwald, and during the themed winter hike in Sonntag-Stein in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park

There is a once weekly 3.5 hour snow-shoe ramble with picnic through the Kleinwalsertal foodie region.





Fun-Filled & Creative

A whirlwind of activities! What about a toboggan outing or a snow-shoe ramble in the company of huskies? Or going on a hike with llamas, visiting cows, sheep and goats in their barns, or tinker away in a museum. The Top Family hosts cater specifically to the needs of families with children and provide top-notch service.

Happy Tobogganing

In all of Vorarlberg's regions there are signposted toboggan runs. Some are even floodlit for night-time tobogganing. Vorarlberg's longest floodlit night-time toboggan run in St. Gallenkirch-Garfrescha in the Montafon is 5.5km. Twice a week, the

3-km natural toboggan run at Golm opens at night, just as the 2.5 km run in Damüls The Alpine Coaster Golm is a toboggan run on tracks and open

all year round. The toboggan safari in the Brandnertal runs in different variants from the mountain terminal of the panorama lift down to Brand or Bürserberg and promises extra-long fun.

Face-to-face with Huskies

How do you steer a husky sleigh and how does it feel? At three locations in Vorarlberg, adults and children can try out husky sleigh-riding: Husky Tony organises workshops in the Brandnertal, also in combination with easy snowshoe rambles. Tours to the idyllic hotel Körbersee are organised at Warth-Schröcken in the Bregenzerwald.

In the Kleinwalsertal you can take part in a Husky Camp on Saturdays and Sundays.

Say Hello to Goats, Sheep & Cows

The Metzler family in Egg runs Vorarlberg's first open farmhouse where you can visit the playpen for cows and goats. On your visit, you will learn many interesting facts about sustainable husbandry and agriculture. Scottish highland cattle look forward to visitors in Lech Zürs am Arlberg. And in Au-Schoppernau in Bregenzerwald sheep and an adventure farm are waiting for your visit.

Llama Hiking

Horst Kuster and his llamas live at a scenic location with fabulous views in Innerberg in the Montafon. With hikers, they set off for trekking tours in summer and winter. The llamas carry the luggage and safely accompany the party through the snow. Along the way, Horst Kuster has many interesting stories to share about the region and its people.

Eager Experimentation

A museum where you are allowed, even meant, to touch everything? This is reality at the inatura – nature show in Dornbirn. where you can crawl into a fox's den, pet fish, experiment in the Science Centre, and learn playfully how the human body works.

Art and Culture Hands-on

Watching, painting, tinkering, listening: Kunsthaus Bregenz and the vorarlberg museum organise playful activities for children. In the Jewish Museum Hohenems, special stations for kids illustrate Jewish life today and yesterday.

Family-friendly Accommodation

Families are greeted with a warm welcome all over Vorarlberg. A string of specialised children hotels have teamed up under the Top Family Hotels brand you will come across in restaurants and inns, at museums and sites worth visiting. They all have long-standing experience as family hosts and offer all common services and facilities, child-minding and supervised activities included.

Full of Character & Atmosphere

Looking, listening, being a part of it. Winter activities can be perfectly combined with museum visits. Music in unusual settings is performed at entertaining après-ski events. In December, advent markets cast a spell on the towns and villages. And on Lake Constance, vessels set out for festive pre-Christmas and New-Year's Eve cruises.

Past and Present

In Bregenz, exhibitions in the "vorarlberg museum" are devoted to historic and contemporary times. The building is an architectural gem in itself: more than 16,000 concrete flowers adorn the facade. From the special viewing room on the 4th floor, you can enjoy sweeping views over the city and Lake Constance.

Contemporary Art

Designed by the renowned Swiss architect Peter Zumthor, Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) is one of Europe's leading exhibitions halls for contemporary art. KUB hosts varying exhibitions which are mostly devoted to a particular artist's oeuvre.

Hittisau Women's Museum

100 years ago, World War I came to an end. To mark this occasion, Austria's only women's museum addresses the situation of women at that time in an exhibition entitled "Women on the opposite side"

Ski & Museums

Several smaller museums shed light on the sport of skiing in past and present times. The FIS-Ski Museum at the vicarage in Damüls in Bregenzerwald has its focus on racing sports. Both located in Lech Zürs am Arlberg, the Kästle Museum showcases the most famous ski brand, and the Hall of Fame portrays the ski pioneers in the Arlberg region.

Montfort Zwischentöne

Several times a year, performances are staged in the architecturally noteworthy Montforthaus in Feldkirch as part of the Montfort Zwischentöne series of cultural events, from fire-side talks to high-key orchestral concerts.

Ski & Concert

Ski days at Hotel Steffisalp in Warth-Schröcken end with music and sophisticated après ski entertainment. Starting February, live performances of rock and pop acts, blues and Irish folk lure skiers on Saturday afternoons to open air concerts at 1,495 metres altitude. From mid-January to the end of the season, live bands will perform at the S1 ski lounge in Warth-Schröcken at given dates on Saturday afternoons, alternating with a DJ.

Tanzcafé Arlberg

"Tanzcafé Arlberg" from 1 to 18 April in Lech Zürs am Arlberg promises après-ski entertainment, in the fashion of the good old days. During the sunshine skiing weeks, live bands play jazz, soul, rock ,n' roll and swing in the ski areas, at hotels and on the sun terraces.

Advent & New Year's Eve

Advent enchants visitors with its picturesque markets, the most popular ones being those in Bregenz, Dornbirn, Feldkirch and Bludenz.

Romantic: the Schwarzenberg Advent in Bregenzerwald featuring readings, concerts and a market. Colourful: the Kleinwalsertal Advent Magic and the Montafon Winter Magic. At given dates in December, the vessels of the Lake Constance fleet set out for the Christmas markets along the lakeshore. New Year's Eve features a dazzling party, with a gala cruise with dinner and fireworks. Sparkling: the sound fireworks in Lech Zürs am Arlberg.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/culture

Embark on novel discoveries! If you set out on a winter hike at your own pace, there is time aplenty for looking and listening. How gently winter contours the landscape. How silent the world suddenly turns. If you are in a romantic vein, you can join a nocturnal hike with torchlights or engage in some serious moon-gazing. Adventurers can build

Long-Distance Winter Hiking in Bregenzerwald

Torch-hike in the Spruce Forest

moon on its programme of activities.

"Kees-knöpfli" (cheese dumpling) dinner.

When the Moon Shines

forward step by step.

Icicles in the Gorge

indelible memory.

An absolutely novel experience: you walk for three days across

exceptionally beautiful winter scenery and spend the night at

different hotels. Along the way, you can explore some quaint little

villages and sights such as the Werkraum building in Andelsbuch.

You travel light, as your luggage is transported from hotel to hotel.

The crunch of snow under your feet. The glow of a torch radiating

warmth. It is oh so romantic to set out at twilight. Torch hikes are

Everything is covered in subdued light, absolute silence. The only

sound you can hear is that of the crunching snow, as you head

Hittisau im Bregenzerwald offers full-moon hikes, and nocturnal

walks are organised in Gargellen im Montafon. Silbertal in Mon-

tafon has moonlight fairy-tale walks during full moon and new

On Wednesday evenings, you can join a snowshoe tour at the Golm

im Montafon to the Flying-Fox-Golm and swoosh down across the

reservoir. The night of adventure at Golm ends with a traditional

Visitors to the Breitachklamm gorge, which can be reached from

the Kleinwalsertal, will be stunned by the fairy-tale landscape of

ice and snow. Icicles, mighty ice curtains and frozen waterfalls

form a unique sight. Torch hikes through the gorge leave an

organised in most regions and are great fun especially for kids.

What about combining a winter hike with a mouth-watering

Spending the Night in an Igloo

You want to build and igloo and spend the night in it? In Hittisau and in Schnepfau this this is precisely what you can try. Montafon offers overnights at 2,000 m altitude, cosily wrapped, with a cheese fondue being served before bedtime.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Winter Worlds! The new Vorarlberg Journal

Vorarlberg was literally born with a passion for winter sports. Some 110 years ago, the first ski course ever in the Alps was held on the Arlberg mountain. In the new Vorarlberg Journal, the reigning freeride world champion portrays her favourite runs. A manager of the ropeway company explains how a cable car works. The current Journal edition also features ski guides, lodge-keepers, mountain rescuers and ecologists alongside a toboggan builder and a biologist who watches birds wintering in the Rhine delta.

The New Vorarlberg Journal is available free of charge with the Vorarlberg Tourist Board at www.vorarlberg.travel/magazine





Delicious & Delectable

Fresh, regional and refined! That's the motto of Vorarlberg's many acclaimed inns and restaurants. On mountain-top lodges and during foodie events, you will be able to sample delicious regional specialities. Specialised hosts have wonderful treats to pamper body, mind and spirit.

Wine & Mountain

Wine tastings with a special edge are staged high up on the mountains. In Lech Zürs am Arlberg, wine makers and connoisseurs meet from 4-8 December on the "Arlberg Wine Mountain". On 12 April, wines can even be tasted on a gondola ride. VINNOVA, Vorarlberg's highest wine tavern, hosts regular wine presentations and tastings in Montafon at 2,000 m above sea level.

Fine Dining in the Brandnertal and the Klostertal

In December and March, creative chefs from the region stage a nightly Gourmet Experience Brandnertal. On each of the dates, a different chef will rustle up a several-course meal of locally sourced ingredients with an innovative twist.

Swinging down the slopes, feasting at lodges and restaurants, tasting wines that are presented by vintners: during the 'Gourmet in the Snow' event on 5 April 2019, the restaurants at Sonnenkopf in Klostertal spoil skiers with mouth-watering treats.

Mountain Breakfast

Brace yourself for a day of skiing or simply experience the morning mood on the mountains – all throughout winter, several mountaintop restaurants in Montafon, at Sonnenkopf in Klostertal and in Brandnertal offer early-bird mountain breakfasts on certain days of the week, some starting as early as 8:00 in the morning.

Dairying Classes

Take premium milk, rennet, plenty of manual work and patience as your ingredients.

Interested visitors can learn how milk is transformed into cheese at Family Metzler's dairying school in Egg in the Bregenzerwald, at Käsehaus Montafon and at biosphärenpark.haus in the Grosses Walsertal. The courses are held at fixed dates or on request.

Discover the Secrets of Cooking

Some of Vorarlberg's premier chefs let interested visitors into the secrets of cooking. Classes are held at set dates – early booking is highly recommended, since slots tend to sell out fast.

Delectable Gifts

From mountain cheese to chocolate, from mustard to fine brandies: Vorarlberg manufactures a host of delicacies on farms, dairy-making farms and small delicatessen producers. To find out more about culinary souvenirs as well as arts & crafts, see www.vorarlberg.travel/en/souvenirs

Vorarlberg isst

Where to go, if you want to regale yourself with fine food and good wine in a sophisticated setting? "Vorarlberg dines... better" is an association of restaurateurs offering top quality, from cafés to inns and gourmet restaurants. Addresses, useful hints, events, recipes and the free gastro app are available at www.vorarlberg-isst.at (in German only).

Soothing & Pampering Holidays

If you want to give yourself a treat while on holiday, Vorarlberg's Feel Well hosts are your destination of choice. They offer fasting regimes, soothing mud baths, weight-loss and beauty programmes, relaxing days of indulgence, and nature-based activities. Most modern, light-flooded wellness and spa areas stun by their harmonious look and feel

www.vorarlberg.travel/wellness-holiday

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/food-and-drink

Perfectly shaped & Hand-crafted

Just look how different building, architecture and design in Vorarlberg is: contemporary, daring, trail-blazing. From lift stations to hotels, from tables to lamps. Vorarlberg's architects and craftsmen have garnered expertise in interpreting tradition in novel ways and coming up with creations that perfectly fit their surroundings.

Exploring the Bregenzerwald Villages

"Umgang Bregenzerwald" is the name of 12 new village tours, which, in an entertaining fashion, illustrate the lively sense of design and creativity of the Bregenzerwald people. Information columns draw attention to architecture, craftsmanship, the cultural landscape and culinary specialities. Accompanying folders are available at the local tourist offices and at many hotels. Guided visits are organised twice weekly.

Marvelling at Modern Artisanry

The modern Werkraum building in Andelsbuch in the Bregenzerwald is a genuine eye-catcher. Designed by the famous Swiss architect Peter Zumthor, the building hosts changing exhibitions and showcases works of the innovative group of Bregenzerwald Werkraum craftspeople as well as international artisanry. Until 26 May, the focus is on "hospitality".

Lingering in the Skyspace Lech

This walk-through piece of art in Oberlech/Tannegg was designed by the US-American artist James Turrell. Accessible through a tunnel, you reach the underground exhibition and light space. Up above, a skylight affords views of the outside world, opening up new ways, with every visit, to perceive the sky and the way the light penetrates into the room. When it is dark outside, a light installation makes the room appear totally different.

Standing Atop a Ski Jump

Austria's then largest ski jump in the 1930s used to stand in Tschagguns, only to be closed down in later years. A few years ago, a new ski jump centre with four jumps was built. On a guided visit you can learn more and take a look from high up above.

11 half-day or full-day tours invite travellers with an interest in architecture to embark on a journey of archi-tectural discovery. For more details check out the pocket folder and the free app. The tour themes are: "Public Spaces", "Timber & Material", "Innovation & Craftsmanship", "Art & Culture", "Old & New", "Nature & Landscape" and "Getting Things Done – The Maker's

Choice".

The Vorarlberg State Tourist Board has panoramic maps of the ski resorts, and current snow and avalanche reports. Plus useful tips and hints about events and activities such as winter hiking, cross-country skiing or tobogganing. With the Vorarlberg App you can download everything onto your smartphone www.vorarlberg.travel/app (in German only)



Headline-hitting Bus Stops

They are immensely popular, not only among passengers waiting for a bus. Seven original bus stops, called *Wartehüsle* (waiting house) in local dialect, have become a tourist magnet in Krumbach in the Bregenzerwald. The project called Bus:Stop Krumbach comprises designs by seven renowned architecture firms from Russia, Norway, Belgium, Spain, Chile, Japan and China. Each was assisted by a Vorarlberg partner architect or crafts business in a joint venture.

Architectouring

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/architecture

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