

Vorarlberg in Summer

Hints, Suggestions and Ideas for Your Holidays 2020
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How to Reach Vorarlberg

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.

Guaranteed Mobility

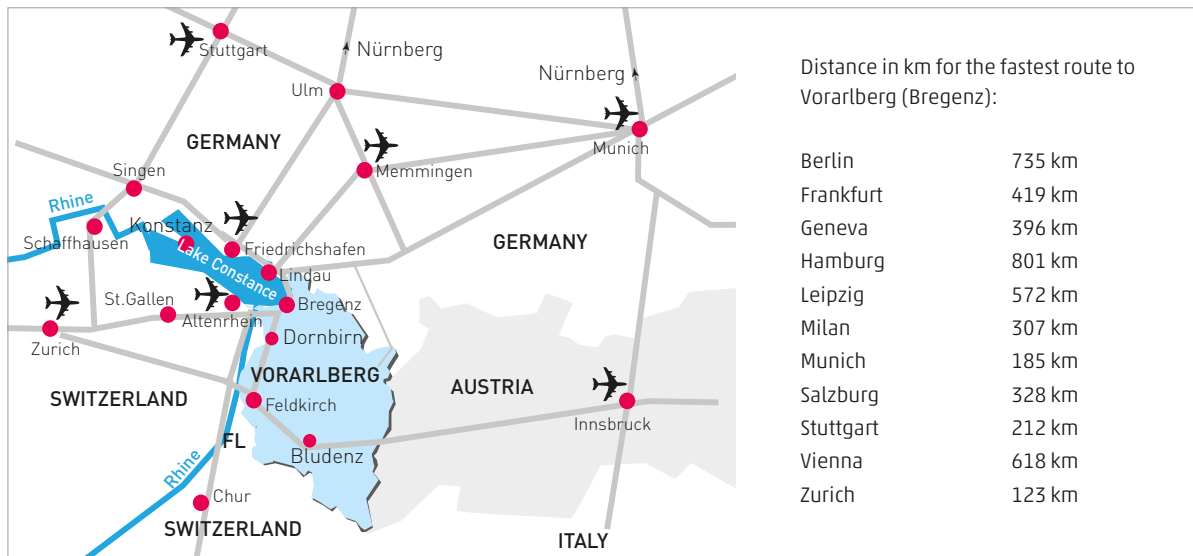
The regional buses and railways in Vorarlberg are modern and ultra-convenient, with high-interval schedules. In summer, the use of public transport is included in the regional guest cards. A good reason to leave your car at home when on holidays.

www.vorarlberg.travel/public-transport

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

... by rail

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 Lörrach. www.autoreisezug-planer.de
Switzerland: via Zürich–St. Gallen–Bregenz or Zürich–Sargans–Feldkirch (www.sbb.ch).



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Explore Vorarlberg

Spirits are high and the living is easy between Lake Constance and the Arlberg mountain in Vorarlberg in Austria's very west. The harmonious blend of mountain scenery, sophisticated culture and eye-catching architecture inspires. Standards of quality and service are high, and the food is simply delicious.

Pleasantly small in size, surprisingly varied: Vorarlberg rewards visitors with true moments of bliss. In the mountains, you will come across a colourful array of alpine pastures, forests, mountain lakes, brooks and craggy peaks. Setting out on foot, or on a mountainbike or e-bike, you can explore the scenery either on your own, or join a guided tour.

Nature discovery can ideally be combined with cultural activities. The highlights of the year are the Bregenz Festival where grand opera is performed open air on the floating stage, or the Schubertiade festival in Schwarzenberg and Hohenems, dedicated to classical music. The poolbar festival in Feldkirch combines pop culture and design.

A string of museums addresses various themes. Contemporary art is on show at the glass-cube structure of Kunsthaus Bregenz. The Vorarlberg museum in Bregenz lets you catch a glimpse of Vorarlberg's past and present in an entertaining way. Nature hands-on in the truest sense of the word is the overarching idea of inatura, an interactive nature discovery show in Dornbirn. The Werkraum building in Andelsbuch showcases innovative Bregenzerwald crafts and design. In the towns and villages, you will come across a stunning mix of traditional and contemporary (timber) architecture. The regional cuisine is mouth-watering, and hospitality comes right from the heart, with unfailing commitment to quality and service.

Having a look around is highly recommended, and getting around is pretty convenient. The system of public transport is perfectly developed, and distances are fairly short. Cable-cars whisk you up to panoramic heights. From Bregenz harbour, vessels head for the finest destinations around Lake Constance. Depending on the region, regional inclusive cards are included in the price of accommodation, or available at a well-priced rate. They are valid for rides on cable cars, buses, and mostly also for participation in guided programmes.

Enjoy your stay in Vorarlberg!

Facts & Figures

Inhabitants: approx. 394,000

State capital: Bregenz:

2,600 km² (four times the size of Vienna, comparable to Saarland in Germany or Luxembourg), two thirds of Vorarlberg are more than 1,000 m above sea level).

Distances:
100 km from north to south. 1.5 hours by car from Lake Constance (400m) to the high-alpine mountains which feature glacier-tipped summits rising to more than 3,000m above sea level.

Where to stay:
1100 family-run hotels, inns and guesthouses, some 3400 holiday apartments and B&Bs, 33 camping sites, altogether approx. 68,000 beds.



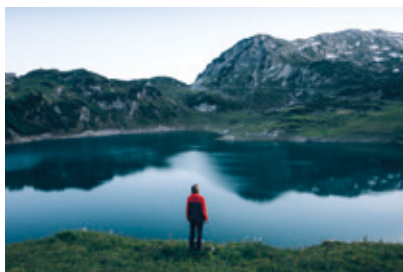
Six Welcoming Regions

Vorarlberg 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.

Arlberg

More time – more space

It reputation is legendary, its name stands for passion – the Arlberg. In Lech Zürs am Arlberg 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 Arlberg is lined by the Lechtal alps and the Verwall group; the laidback village of Klostertal enjoys a romantic setting against the foothills of the Arlberg mountain.



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Bregenzerwald

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.



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Bodensee-Vorarlberg

Vibrant life amidst a haven of peace

Contemporary architecture, high-carat festivals and exhibitions, culinary delights and picture-book landscapes: Come and enjoy the many attractions along Lake Constance, the Rhine valley and the varied mountain scenery. The towns of Bregenz, Dornbirn, Hohenems and Feldkirch are abuzz with life, and the villages and rural areas genuine havens of peace.



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Brandnertal – Alpenstadt

Bludenz – Klostertal – Grosses Walsertal

Three awe-inspiring alpine valleys – Brandnertal, Klostertal, Grosses Walsertal – and the alpine city of Bludenz make for the charm of this region. Entertaining and informative trails and guided activities invite families to spend time together in the great outdoors. "Enjoy nature without harming it" is the motto to which the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park subscribes.



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Montafon

Genuine mountains. Genuine adventure.

This 39 km long, high-alpine valley and its 11 villages is a genuine hot-spot for active holiday-makers. The landscape is dotted with imposing mountains, including Vorarlberg's highest peak, the 3,312 m high mount Piz Buin. Hiking on historic trails, conquering summits on an e-mountain bike, savouring gourmet fare on mountain lodges, and exploring mountain forests are part and parcel of your daily activities, as well as mastering the various challenges which the Montafon holds in store for ambitious hobby athletes.



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More Information?

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In the High Alps and Around Lake Constance

The natural scenery is stunningly beautiful, to the delight of hikers, mountain bikers and outdoor adventurers. The mountain air has an invigorating effect and boosts your energy levels. Several packages combine culinary treats

Alp and Cheese Hikes

Several hiking trails such as the Alpgang trail in Au-Schopperrnau and the artist-designed Gauertal Alpkultour in Montafon, take you to alps where the cows spend the summer. On many of these alpine farmsteads, cheese is manufactured and can be sampled on site.

Hiking and Fine Dining

- Bookable as day packages, themed culinary hikes are organised in Bregenzerwald, taking foodies step by step from one course to the next, including breakfast, lunch and dessert, served at three different mountain-top inns, restaurants or cafes.
- The Culinary Summer Hike in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park combines a 4-hour alp walk with a three course set menu at different sites.
- The culinary walk in Brandnertal takes you from starters to the main course and dessert. There is a choice of 2 different routes.
- A themed culinary walk in Kleinwalsertal valley treats visitors to breath-taking vistas, nature enjoyment and three different courses, served at three different gourmet inns.
- The varied BergePLUS premium tours in Montafon combine guided walks or (e)bike tours and culinary highlights.

Sun, Moon and Fire

The sunrise walk starts at around 3 o'clock in the morning, and bringing headlamps is advisable. Having arrived at the top, you will be greeted by the first rays of sunshine – a memorable experience which soothes the pain of having risen that early.

- Guided sunrise walks cum breakfast are offered to Mondspitze (1,967 m) in Brandnertal, to Zafernhorn (2,107 m) in the Grosses Walsertal biosphere park, Kanisfluh (2,044 m) near Au-Schopperrnau and to Wartherhorn (2,256 m) and to Höferspitze (2,131 m) near Warth-Schröcken in Bregenzerwald.

For an awesome sunrise experience, head up to Mohnenfluh (2,542 m) near Lech Zürs am Arlberg.

- There are two choices if you want to experience sunset on the mountain or spend the night under the starlit skies. In Lech Zürs am Arlberg a bivouac at Stierlochkopf (2,350 m) offers shelter for the night for a token contribution towards its maintenance. You can also camp out in the mountains in the Montafon as part of a guided hike. The campsite is in open nature above Gaschurn.
- Gaze at the setting sun from high up in the mountains: This is what you can do once a week at Diedamskopf (Au-Schopperrnau), with buffet and music at a mountain-top restaurant.
- Sunset-walks, which can be combined with a mountain BBQ in the mountain-top restaurant, are organised in Brand.
- Story teller HETHA GLÜCK accompanies visitors in Montafon on a fairy-tale & legend walk on new moon and full moon nights. In between the storytelling, you embark on a three-course culinary walk into the Montafon of days gone by.
- Midsummer bonfires are lit at many places in Vorarlberg around 20 June, the longest day of the year. On this occasion, the mountains stand aflame in the Montafon, and on mount Pfänder near Bregenz, there is a fireworks display with live music, food and drink.

Min Weag – Hiking across Vorarlberg

On the "Min Weag" long-distance hike, you can explore all of Vorarlberg's landscapes on 31 legs. Starting at Lake Constance, the tour heads to Bregenzerwald, the Arlberg, Montafon, Alpenregion Vorarlberg and the Rhine valley. The new "Min Weag" hiking guide by the Löwenzahn publishing house comes with a detailed description of the different legs.

and activity in the great outdoors, from sunrise hikes to an e-bike tour to an alp. Convenient: Many starting points for walks and several look-outs can be reached by cable car.

E-Biking & Mountain Biking

- Head to an organic farm on an e-bike; that is the motto in the Kleinwalsertal. There, Bernhard Fritz tells visitors about his life and work as a farmer, and why he feels so strongly about regionality and organic farming.
- The daily guided tours by the biking school Bregenzerwald Au focus on the beauty of the natural scenery.
- Bikepark Brandnertal is being expanded. Starting in summer 2020, riders will have a choice of 30 km of freeride and downhill runs. Courses and guided tours are also offered.
- On the BergePLUS premium tour to Tilisuna hut in Montafon, e-bikers can find out more about the Montafon mountains and the way people live here, and can sample "Sura Kees", a local cheese speciality.

Exploring Lake Constance

Gentle shores, villages and towns in the foreground, and mountains, rolling hills and orchards in the background: A trip on Lake Constance opens up novel perspectives. From the modern port of Bregenz, the vessels of the Vorarlberg Lines set out for lovely attractions around the lake.

www.vorarlberg-lines.at

Panorama golf

Down in the valley or up in the mountains? Vorarlberg boasts four excellent 18-hole golf courses: Rankweil in the Rhine Valley, Riezensberg in Bregenzerwald, Bludenz-Braz, and Brand in Brandnertal. There are two 9-hole courses in Montafon, lined by impressive mountain ranges. Another 9-hole course is situated in the Zug valley at 1,500m above sea level near Lech am Arlberg. More than 20 hosts specialise on the needs of golfers and offer useful hints and services.

www.golfvorarlberg.at (in German only)

Useful Guides: Maps and App

A hike, cycling tour or cultural excursion is what you are planning? There handy tools available to assist you in planning and finding your bearings on site. Interactive maps, which can be retrieved at www.vorarlberg.travel, describe all the itineraries in detail. Information on all recorded routes can be printed out or downloaded. Via layers, you can also insert additional information on sites worth visiting, inns and restaurants, photographs or bus stops. This data and a lot more are available on the free Vorarlberg app "Urlaub und Freizeit". Once downloaded, you will have permanent access to all information while en route.

www.vorarlberg.travel/app (in German only)

NEW! Mountain Feel in Vorarlberg

Experience the fascination of the mountains in seven days in a group. Hike off the beaten tracks, climb a via ferrata or a boulder wall, ride on an e-bike, explore a high-alpine glacier or swim in a mountain lake. Accompanied by mindful mountain guides, this week will let you expand your horizons, find new inspiration and push your limits.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Cultural Scenes and Sites

Ingenuous festivals stimulate the senses. Often, the natural scenery forms a stunning backdrop, from Lake Constance to mountain panoramas. Museums and exhibitions open up new horizons. Modern architecture and craftsmanship set new standards. Vorarlberg's architects combine a familiarity with building traditions with a sure instinct of creating what is right for a given location.

Unrivalled: The Bregenz Festival

The lakeside performances of the Bregenz Festival leave a lasting impression due to their atmospheric setting under the skies, a spectacular stage and first-rate music. For this summer, Giuseppe Verdi's opera Rigoletto has been scheduled from mid-July to mid-August. The programme also features opera, orchestral concerts and theatre performances.

"Zwischentöne", Pop & Design in Feldkirch

Hosted in February, June and November, *Montfort Zwischentöne* creates spaces in between dialogue, music and performances. For six weeks in summer, the poolbar festival celebrates pop culture. POTENTIALe in autumn puts design, photography & media art into focus.

FAQ Bregenzerwald

This festival-like forum holds of the potential of savoir vivre. FAQ Bregenzerwald combines talks and panel debates with concerts and culinary highlights.

Music and Theatre in Montafon

At the "Montafon Resonanzen" you can listen to music of all styles being performed in July/August/September. The performances of the Montafon Legend Festival are set on the open-air stage in Silbertal. At several dates, themed theatre walks "On the run" carry visitors off to the mountains and to a journey back in history.

Skyspace Lech

Artist James Turrell has created a walk-in piece of art in Oberlech. Built into a hillside, the show- and lightroom opens up new perspectives of the skies and light. In darkness, the light installation changes spatial perceptions.

Lech Classic Festival

From the mountain to the concert hall: the Lech Classic Festival in early August presents classical music in the romantic atmosphere of the new church.

Alpinafe

For many years, the town of Bludenz has been host to this short-film festival in August. The programme features film screenings, talks and ceremonies for award-winning films.

Bregenz Cultural Mile

The Vorarlberg State Theatre, Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) and the vorarlberg museum are just a stone's throw apart on the Bregenz Cultural Mile, a generously spaced pedestrian zone. Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB) is among Europe's leading exhibition halls for contemporary art. This glass cube structure was designed by the renowned Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. At the vorarlberg museum, changing exhibitions are devoted to historical and contemporary times, and its eye-catching façade is adorned with over 16,000 blossoms.

Museums galore

The women's museum in Hittisau portrays life and work of women. The Jewish Museum in Hohenems recounts the history of the Jewish community and deals with contemporary Jewish life, including diaspora and migration. Regional museums such as the Klostertal museum and themed museums addressing e.g. the history of the textile industry in Vorarlberg or with nature open up new horizons.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/culture

Design Excellence in the Bregenzerwald

12 circular themed trails in the Bregenzerwald inform visitors about why such an innovative architecture and crafts scene could burgeon in the Bregenzerwald. Along the village trails, inconspicuous columns draw attention to specific architectural features. The Werkraumhaus in Andelsbuch hosts changing exhibitions throughout the year, showcasing modern crafts and design. The hall-like, transparent building was designed by the famous Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. It also accommodates a shop and a café.

Architecture hands-on

Vorarlberg has been a trailblazer when it comes to architecture and crafts for decades. Eleven architectours take interested visitors to select contemporary and traditional buildings, while focusing on different themes: "Village Spaces", "Timber & Material", "Innovation & Craftsmanship", "Art & Culture", "Old & New", and "Nature & Landscape". For details on itineraries and buildings, including recommendations of 25 hotels and apartments of architectural interest see: www.vorarlberg.travel/architecture

A celebration of savoir vivre

Vorarlberg holds many surprises in store when it comes to creative design, especially at sites you would not expect. For hints about destinations worth visiting or places to stay for hikers and cyclists, see www.vorarlberg.travel/architecture

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en



Secrets and Games

Families are treated to fun-filled holidays in Vorarlberg. Enjoy quality time together and try out new things – from climbing to wilderness expeditions. Adventure trails and museums promise great fun, and activities for children are offered at several resorts and by the Top-Family hosts who cater specifically to families travelling with young children.

Mountain adventures

At the Golm, the local mountain in Tschagguns in Montafon, you can take the Alpine Coaster Golm all year round for downhill rides. Young adventurers, and those young at heart, simply love the new Golm forest chute park, the Golm forest rope park and the Golm zip line on which you can even cross a lake.

Awe-inspiring: Ilamero Horst and his llamas will join you for a guided tour at Bartholomäberg.

Exploring nature in a playful manner

How does the weather come about? And what specifically happens on an alp? The interactive stations on the themed Nature-sprünge nature trail and the fauna trail in Brandnertal portray the particularities of life in the mountains. You will also learn interesting things on the themed flora hiking trail. Bear land is the prime attraction for kids on Sonnenkopf, a mountain for families seeking adventure. Ride up on bear gondolas to play on the bear trail, in the bear cave, the bear nursery, ride a raft on the bear lake and a lot more. Golmi's explorer trail in Montafon, the powers-of-nature trail in Silvretta Montafon and the new Vier-Barga trail invite young visitors to explore mountain nature in a playful manner.

Hiking and riddle-solving, Lech am Arlberg

What is the most precious good on our planet? To solve this question, you should go on a hike on the Green Ring of Riddles in Lech am Arlberg equipped with the "impossible textbook". The leisurely walk starts in Lech (1,450 m) and heads for Rud Alpe (1,560 m). At 14 stations along the route, you must answer questions and solve riddles. Having reached Rud Alpe, all young mystery-solvers will be rewarded with a gift. Moreover, they can enjoy a refreshing drink and have fun at the water playground.

Nostalgia train ride

From May to October, you can board the "Wälderbähnle" train on a trip down memory lane, as it huffs and puffs from Bezau to Andelsbuch/Bersdorf and back. The "Rheinbähnle" operates from Lustenau to the estuary of the Rhine river into Lake Constance.

Look closely!

The StandWörWeg trail in Doren im Bregenzerwald plays with different perspectives, teaching visitors to look closely and invites them to a riddle. It takes some 1.5 hours to complete the leisurely trail featuring play and riddle stations.

Out and about in the wilderness

A number of expeditions in Kleinwalsertal head into wilderness. Passing springs, boulders and rocks, the trail in Brandnertal crosses the Bürs gorge, a natural wonder dating from the ice age. The walk takes two to three hours to complete. Guided tours are also available.

Tinkering and experimenting at the museum

Playful stations guide children through the Jewish Museum in Hohenems. The vorarlberg museum and Kunsthaus Bregenz host regular creativity workshops for children. At the inatura nature experience museum cum Science Centre in Dornbirn, they can experiment to their hearts' content.

Top Family – Customized holidays

A pool of children's hotels by the name of Top Family offer dedicated programmes for families travelling with children, child-minding as well as specialised services.

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Delicious and Delectable

Fresh, regional and refined: that is the motto of Vorarlberg's cuisine. Many specialties are sourced from local farms or small delicatessen producers. Programmes and events, such as mountain-top breakfasts, dairying classes or gourmet cruises, celebrate food and fine dining. Specialist hosts will treat you to soothing days of indulgence.

Autumn.Enjoyment.Time

From mid-September to early October, Grosses Walsertal, Klostertal, Kleinwalsertal and the CheeseRoad Bregenzerwald host tastings of regional specialties as well as a colourful culinary programme.

Tasty cheese

Cheese specialities from Vorarlberg are widely known. The typical varieties are mountain and alp cheese, made from premium milk. Mountain and alp cheese of different degrees of ripening lend the typical "Vorarlberg cheese spaetzle" their delicious signature taste. Cream cheese, Emmental, camembert, and goat and sheep milk cheese are manufactured on high-lying alps and dairy farms. A typical speciality in Montafon is "Sura Kees", a mildly aromatic low-fat cheese.

Learn how cheese is made

It takes the finest milk, rennet, a lot of manual work and patience: interested visitors can learn how milk is processed into cheese at Ingo Metzler's dairying school in Egg in the Bregenzerwald, at the Montafon Cheese House, and at *biosphärenpark.haus* in the Grosses Walsertal. Classes are organised on given dates; groups may book individually.

Rustic riebél

Riebél, also called Stopfer or Brösel, is one of the most traditional dishes from Vorarlberg. Riebél is made of cornmeal which is left to swell for some hours. The mass is then fried in an iron pan until lumps or "Riebél" form. You can have Riebél with sugar and apple sauce, or sear it with cheese and potatoes. There are numerous variants. For Riebél recipes and other typical dishes see www.vorarlberg.travel/recipes

Gustav – Salon of Fine Dining Culture

Design, enjoyment, and sustainability are the themes of the "Gustav" fair which is hosted in late October in Dornbirn. Food connoisseurs and craftspeople will showcase their products, while award-winning chefs invite foodies to their "Chef's Tables". The programme also features food tastings and fire-side talks.

Cruises on Lake Constance steeped in flair

Culinary and entertaining cruises on Lake Constance are run from late April to mid-October on two elegant historic vessels: the "Hohentwiel" paddle-wheel steamer and the "MS Österreich" museum ship.

Dining with a view

Gaze at the stunning panorama of the Vorarlberg mountains from lofty heights, marvel at sunset high above Lake Constance, spend special moments in fairy-tale surroundings: in these Vorarlberg restaurants and inns, visitors can enjoy breath-taking views alongside culinary treats.

Breakfast on the mountain

The uplifting morning mood in the mountains can be combined with breakfast. During the summer months, all regions, mountain-top inns and alpine homesteads invite visitors to mountain breakfast as a fortification after an early-morning tour, or to kick off a glorious day of hiking.

Tasty souvenirs

Good shopping addresses for typical things and souvenirs are weekly markets, manufactories, alpine dairies and specialist shops. Here you will find alp and mountain cheese, meat and sausage specialities, brandies and sweets. Vorarlberg also

manufactures high-grade natural cosmetics. Visitors to the open farm of the Metzler family in Egg can experience how whey and natural cosmetics are made. For more information about special souvenirs see www.vorarlberg.travel/souvenirs

Delectable farm fare

Farm shops offer home-made delicacies, some with organic certificates. The assortment ranges from cheese, milk products, jams, honey, juices and cereals to meat and sausages.

www.vorarlberg.travel/farm-shops

Pampering holidays

If you want to give yourself a treat during your holidays, Vorarlberg's Feel Well hosts are an ideal choice. They offer fasting diets, curative mud baths, weight-loss and beauty programmes, relaxing pampering days, and activities in the great outdoors. Many Feel Well hosts have modernised and generously extended their hotels and spa areas, largely in the style of contemporary Vorarlberg (timber) architecture.

www.vorarlberg.travel/wellness-holidays

For more information see www.vorarlberg.travel/en

Encounters – the new Vorarlberg Magazine

Travel is encounter. "Seeking encounters means staying alive and curious," says cultural anthropologist Theresa Frank. You can read how Vorarlberg's hosts create harmonious space for activity in the new Vorarlberg Magazine, which is dedicated entirely to the topic of encounters. Photos and stories will accompany you to sunshine skiing at Tanzcafé Arlberg, the St Gerold provosty, playing cards at the Montafon table, lunch with craftsmen at the Werkraum Building in Andelsbuch, on mountains, cultural trails, in tradition-steeped towns and inns.

The back numbers on Poetry in Nature, Pure Pleasure, In Motion, The Art of building and Worlds of Winter are available free of charge from the Vorarlberg Tourist Board, or can be browsed and downloaded online at: www.vorarlberg.travel/magazine

