

### THE HOLIDAY HANDBOOK



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We prepared this guide, so it may serve you as a source of useful information for your holiday but also to provide you with as much inspiration for how to enjoy a pleasant holiday in this area of Austria as possible. Whether you are just looking for some intriguing way to spice up your regular visits to the Alps, or you are here for the first time – the handbook is designed to offer tips for variety of activities, trips and interesting places for families, sports enthusiasts and hikers looking for relaxation and romance.

And from our own experience, we can guarantee good fun, beautiful natural surroundings and unforgettable adventure.

We completely fell in love with the local mountain air and surrounding nature and that is why we keep coming back. Therefore, in addition to the selected attractions and important information we bring a lot of useful hints and tips directly from our own experience or from the experience of our guests who shared it with us.

So, let us advise you on how to conveniently save money with the Salzburg card, how you can easily manage trips suitable for small children, or what activities and attractions are the must-see and should not be missed because there is a guaranteed terrific experience!

Of course, the handbook is continuously updated with new information, to which you can also contribute with your knowledge, any advice and recommendation. Thank you for your visit and we wish you the most pleasant and undisturbed stay in our apartments.

*If you are satisfied with our services, please do tell others. If not, please tell us.* 



### INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All our houses are completely **non-smoking**.

Parking space of all three houses can be **monitored by CCTV**.

### INTERNET

- You can connect your computer to the Internet either via internet cable (each apartment has a socket, or a cable) or wirelessly via Wifi device.
- The password for the apartments in Leogang (PSK) as well as in Kaprun (PSK) is the same: ABCDABCDABCD.

### WARNING

Only connect such devices, that are not infected. In case of sending spam via virus-infected computer, it may be disconnected from the Internet by the provider – company Salzurger AG!

Mail server for sending mail (only when there is a problem) is: smtp-salzburg-online.at or smtp.cablelink.at.

### CONTACTS

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### LEOGANG – GENERAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

The quiet mountain town of Leogang, located in Tyrol, between Zell am See and St. Johann, is surrounded by massive mountain ranges and vast pastures. It offers a myriad of opportunities for many adventures and unforgettable experiences.

### SHOPPING

You will find all the civic amenities and a large selection of specialized stores with sporting goods and clothing, where you can buy everything you need for your planned sporting and adventure activities (or anything that you have forgotten at home) and also souvenir shops or local handmade items.

It is worth shopping in the supermarkets. There is the **M-preis** in Leogang in which you choose from a large selection of food at reasonable prices. About 7 km from Leogang (Saalfelden), there is also very cheap shop called **Hofer** or **Interspar** in which it pays off to visit a buffet restaurant with a wide selection of delicious hot meals at low prices. If you want to save some money (for example for an extra bobsleigh track ride), we recommend that you visit the restaurant after 16:30, where all meals are for a half price and an excellent Wiener schnitzel with a side dish is at a price of around  $\in$ 3,5.

### SERVICES

### **BANKS AND ATMS:**

### **Raiffeisen Bank Leogang**

Leogang 65, 5771; Tel. +43 658 38000-22; www.rb-leogang.at

### Volksbank

Leogang 62, 5771; Tel. +43 658 37336-75; www.volksbanksalzburg.at

### DOPORUČENÁ RESTAURACE:

**Beisl Jedermann** Leogang 62, A-5771; Tel. +43 (0)6583 7755, Pizza tel. +43 6583 7755 Opening hours 15:30 – 02:00 a.m., cooking until 23:00.



### PETROL FILLING STATIONS:

The nearest petrol stations are in Saalfelden and In Fieberbrunn:

ÖMV – take the right at the first roundabout in Saalfelden,

JET – directly on the Interspar car park in Saalfelden,

**ESSO** – Fieberbrunn, not far from a swimming pool by the left side.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

### PHARMACIES:

### **Apotheke Leogang**

Leogang 19, directly on the square below the church

### Pinzgau-Apotheke Magpharm Herwig Wilk KG

Leoganger Str. 24, 5760 Saalfelden am Steinernen Meer – next to the Interspar carpark, tel.: +43(6582)74103

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### DENTISTS:

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### NEMOCNICE ZELL AM SEE:

Paracelsusstraße 8, 5700 Zell am See – from Blueberry making it a 30-minute ride; Tel.: 0043 6542 777



In case of any injuries or health problems it is best to visit the nearest hospital in Zell am See, which really has the best equipment around and there is also very helpful and friendly staff.

The way to the hospital and check-in: While driving a car it is necessary to turn towards the center of Zell am See and at the first intersection turn left across the railway tracks. After approximately 500 meters, you can see (on the left side) a modern building from afar with a huge sign saying Krankenhaus.

Parking is free for the first 30 minutes, should you stay longer it is necessary to pay to the parking slot (located in the building across from the reception). It is quite reasonable to report at the reception right after you enter the building. After the arrival to the waiting room of the ambulance, fill in the form, which is available in any language, and then immediately report your problem to the medical staff (ring the doorbell). We recommend that you have someone with you who can speak German or English in case you yourself cannot speak these languages.

### **RENTALS AND SPORTS OUTLETS**

### SKI RENTAL:

### Sport Herzog

Leogang Dorf 126; Tel.: 0(043)6583/7287; web: www.sport-herzog.at

### **RENTAL OF BIKES AND CYCLING GEAR:**

### Bike'n'Soul Shop

Haidweg 146 A-5754, Hinterglemm); Tel.: +43 (0)676 843 645 304; web: www.bike-circus.at

### Leoganger Bergbahnen GmbH

Hütten 39 A-5771, Leogang; Tel.: +43 (0)6583 8219; web: www.leoganger-ergbahnen.at

### KAPRUN – GENERAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Kaprun is the center of the sport enthusiasts both in the summer and in the all year round. In the close surroundings there are many opportunities for skiing, cross-country skiing, ski mountaineering, hiking, playing golf, cycling and much more. The Tauern SPA Zell am See - Kaprun, an area of 20,000 m 2, is located about 2 km from the guesthouse and is the ideal option for families with



children looking for a relaxing time.

When around the house in the winter, you will mostly use the Maiskogel ski lift (about 1 km away), a ski bus stop (280 m) and cross-country skiing tracks starting at a distance of 400 meters from the house. The Kitzsteinhorn Glacier is a guarantee of winter fun, having the all year round skiing season except July and August.

### SHOPPING

Pension Baranek is only 10 minutes from the Centre of Kaprun and the closest shop is in the range of 350 m while a restaurant just literally around the corner (about 30 m from the pension).

There are plenty of smaller shops in Kaprun in general – for example, sports equipment, etc., as well as supermarkets and shopping centers:

Shopping Centre **Interspar** (about 2.5 km) Tauern Spa Straße 1, open daily from 7 am to 19 pm, weekends to 18:30

**Billa** shopping centre (about 400 m) Umfahrungsstrasse 4, open Mon-Fri from 7:15 to 19:30, Saturday to 18:00

### Shopping Centre in the city

Sigmund-Thun-Straße 12, open from Mon-Sat, closed on Sundays. In this shopping centre, there are among other things: supermarket, pharmacy, sports equipment, bakery, florist, clothing stores, etc.

### **HEALTH CARE**

### PHARMACIES:

**Steinbock-Apotheke** (900 m, 3 min. by car, 11 min. walk) Salzburger Platz 215, Kaprun Steinbock-Apotheke (1.6 km, 5 min. by car, 11 min. walk) – Sigmund-Thun-Straße 22, tel.: 0043 6547 8669

### **GENERAL PRACTITIONER:**

**Mr. Prof. Dr. Franz Berghold** (1 km, 3 min. by car) Wilhelm-Fazokas-Straße 21



### **HOSPITAL:**

**Krankenhaus v Zell am See** (about 13 km, 20 min by car) Paracelsusstraße 8, Zell am See

### **HEALTH CARE**

### MAIL:

**Postbriefkasten** (drive 1.2 km – 3 min. on foot – 11 min.) Wilhelm-Fazokas-Straße 20 c, 5710 Kaprun tel: 0043 810 010100, opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00, 13:00 – 17:30

### BANKS:

**Kapruner Wirtschaftstreuhand Gesmbh** (800 m, 2 min. by car, 10 min. walk) NikolausGassner-Straße 15, 5710 Kaprun tel.: 0043 6547 85230

Raiffeisenbank Bruck–Fusch–Kaprun (1 km, 3 min. by car, 12 min. walk) tel. 0043 6547 82450

### **PETROL FILLING STATIONS:**

**Shell** (about 2 km) Landesstraße 30, opening hours Mon-Sun from 7:00 to 20:00



## SALZBURG CARD FOR FAMILY EXPERIENCE

### THE SALZBURG CARD

In this shopping centre, there are among other things: supermarket, pharmacy, sports equipment, bakery, florist, clothing stores, etc. In Austria, such use of combo cards is a very common thing, and we can definitely guarantee you that its purchase really pays off. Especially for families with children, a day or a week in Salzburg with all the entrances, fees and local transportation can be quite costly – once you see the beauty and the unique charm of this historic city, and you will discover countless ways to spend your time here, we are sure you'll want to experience as much as possible.

The card really does pay off even if it is only a one-day stay. The price for a 24-hour card for an adult is about €27 and around €13.5 for child. You can also buy it from home via internet or from our administrators in Leogang and in Kaprun, they have a 6-day or 12-day card. The Card validity begins from the very moment it was first used.

The Salzburg card includes free entries at more than 190 sights and attractions in Salzburg and its surrounding: swimming (swimming pools, swimming pool and Spa), cable car, gorges, waterfalls, mines, caves, museums, National Park, summer bobsleigh track, sports activities, castles, tourist train and other great experiences. Among other things, you can also use the means of public transport free of charge in Salzburg and you don't have to wait in queues for the attractions.

### SO, HOW TO SPEND A FULL DAY IN SALZBURG AND SAVE SOME EXTRA MONEY, FOR EXAMPLE FOR DINNER?

How do the prices fair with and without the Salzburg card in practice? As an example, let's have a look at really busy day with various experience in Salzburg (there are the usual prices listed for the entry fee always per adult/child in parenthesis):

A visit to the summer palace Hellbrunn with water attractions  $(\in 12.50/\in 5.50)$  - ZOO  $(\in 10.50/\in 4.50)$ 



Mozart's house 10.00 EUR / 5.00 EUR

### The cable car to the Hohensalzburg

6.80 EUR / 3.70 EUR

Visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress 11.50 EUR / 6.00 EUR

### Boat ride on the River Salzach

10.5 EUR / 4.50 EUR

The local bus services were used as the means of transport (the total of  $\in$ 7.80/ $\in$ 3.90). In total, one such a busy day would under normal conditions cost something around  $\in$ 70 for an adult and  $\in$ 33 for a child. With a one-day card, you would save more than  $\in$ 40 per adult and  $\in$ 20 per child. Overall, the difference is as you can see quite striking and when there is a bigger family it is even more worth it to spend a little more time over the scheduling.

### 6 DAYS, COUNTLESS EXPERIENCES AND ONE CARD – THIS IS THE WAY TO YOUR HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE AT A REASONABLE PRICE!

If you plan to do more that would fit into a single day, we offer you a demonstration of how much it pays off when an action-packed Salzburg card with a 6-day program comes into action (take it as an inspiration for your own holiday planning). Attractions prices could be slightly different as they keep change with every season a bit but the price difference with the purchased "S" card always makes a huge impact. An example of a weeklong holiday, when you can, with the "S" card save up to 150 Euros (there is always given an indicative price for an adult in the brackets):

6 days full of attractions and sights without the "S" card will cost you around

### €200.00.

**1. day** – Kitzlochklamm Gorge (€ 4), a cable car from the Valley of Gastein (€ 20), the Alpentherme thermal aquapark (€ 22) = 46 EUR all day

**2. day** – cable car in Neukirchen Wildkogel ( $\in$ 14), a tour in the magical world of water ( $\in$ 6), the Krimml waterfalls, tour down the Schaubergwerk Hochfeld ( $\in$ 2), the town of Mittersill with a swimming pool, water slides, sauna and a hot tub ( $\in$ 11) = total of 33  $\in$  for the whole day

**3. day** – trip by cable car to Asitz in Leogang – Sinne Erlebnis Park (€16.50), a tour of the non-



-ferrous metals mine shafts, Schaubergwerk Leogang ( $\in$ 8.20), swimming pool Leoganger Erlebnisbad Sonnrain ( $\in$ 4.70) = total of 29.40  $\in$ for the whole day

**4.** day – Zell am See – Kaprun, the car Museum (€7), Sigmund-Thun-Klamm Gorge (€3.40), walk around the lake and the town of Zell am See, outdoor pool Zell am See, Piesendorf (8,50 €) = total of 18,90 € for the whole day

**5.** day – cable car to the Weisssee glacier – glacial tarns, hiking ( $\in$ 23), Nationalparkzentrum: the fascinating world of the mountains, 3D cinema, avalanche, artificial glacier, marmot paradise for children ( $\in$ 8), Mittersill swimming pool with a hot tub, water slide and a sauna ( $\in$ 12) = total of 43  $\in$  for the whole day **6. day** – Rauris: the fabulous Valley of gold miners – cable car, gold panning, Museum, mini-golf, the entrance to the National Park, swimming = total of 29.70 € for the whole day





## FOR UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



### WINTER ACTIVITIES AND SKIING

An ideal holiday for all those who cannot imagine this season without the slopes, winter sports and the magical atmosphere of ice Alps. Close to our guest houses, there are plenty of renowned ski resorts and winter attractions for sports enthusiasts who take the slopes with the first opening of lifts and also for those who just like to enjoy the relaxing blue slopes with quiet scenery of beautiful mountain views with some refreshment by the mountain chalets.

### IN AND AROUND LEOGANG

An overview of the ski resorts and winter attractions that you have within the reach from the apartments Blueberry and Wildbach. Here you can find useful information about ski-buses and ski passes regarding the Skicircus, the closest resort.

### SKICIRKUS (Saalbach – Hinterglemm – Leogang Fieberbrunn)

The extensive ski resort offers sports facilities for all winter enthusiasts – high-quality slopes, special track with a difficult terrain and carving areas.

Located in the centre of Saalbach-Hinterglemm-Leogang, it is made up of 270 km of interconnected high-quality downhill tracks, some of which are in the height of 2100 m.



There is a ski slope of every level – there are racetracks (by the way, it includes the Zwölferkogelu and Kohlmaiskopfu from the World cup), special slopes with humps and obstacles, 7 km long downhill track from Schattberg-West, free-riding, carving slopes as well as areas for snowboarders with a special system of marking that will guide you directly to the Hinterglemm amusement park with artificial lighting and many winter attractions.

The entry gate to the Skicircus is a cable car to the top of the Asitz, that is 2 km away from the Blueberry and 3.4 km from Wildbach if you go along the main road. The newly built cable car Steinbergbahn is 1 km closer to our house. You can get there either by car which takes about 3 to 5 minutes, free parking is a matter of course and is right next to the cable car station. The second option is to get there using the free Skibus.



### THE SKIBUS TO THE SKICIRCUS

The official stop of the free ski bus stop is approx. 250–300 m from the house Blueberry in both directions on the main road, the ski bus stop, however the ski bus will stop for skiers also if they wave at it while waiting at a parking lot less than 100 m from the Blueberry, right behind the Pension Schweiger. The ski bus runs daily at 15-minute intervals from 8.00 to 16.30 hours.

The nearest official stop of the free ski bus to the House Wildbach is approximately 250 meters towards the Centre of the village, near the Raiffeisen Bank. The ski bus, however, will also stop for skiers if they wave at it directly on our parking lot, less than 20 m from the house. The ski bus goes from Saalfelden and runs only three times in the morning. Therefore, we recommend that you make use of the ski bus for the House of Blueberry, which runs every 15 minutes from 8.00 to 16.30.



On the way back, ask the driver to stop and let you out directly at the house – whether Blueberry or Wildbach. They are very kind.

### SKI PASS TO THE SKICIRCUS

Ski passes to the Skicircus can be purchased at the cash desk right next to the Asitz cable car station. You can pay both in cash or using card. The ski pass is backed by a deposit fee of  $\in$  2, after the end of its validity period, return it so the deposit will be paid back to you. We recommend you retaining a receipt from the purchase of ski passes as it contains the serial number of your ski pass, which can be potentially blocked should there be any unwanted loss of it. In case of any illness or accident it is possible (after submission of some medical reports) to return the ski pass in the ticket offices. The price difference will be returned to you.

And one interesting tidbit that will delight many ski enthusiasts - if you want to know which cables you have used in the course of day, what final elevation difference have you done, and how kilometers have you beaten, you have the unique opportunity to draw up a memory of your ski experience forever in the form of so-called Skiline – an altitude diagram of your ski day. You can just enter the number of your ski pass at **http://skiline.cc/info** (we recommend that you either copy it directly from the ski pass you have or find it later on your receipt) and within a few seconds you will receive your personal Skiline diagram.

### SKIROUTE

From the ski slope right up to your house! This relaxing ski slope leads directly to our guest house Blueberry or to the city centre.

2.5 km of groomed ski route on which you can comfortably ride down to the centre of Leogang begins by the end of the slope below the Asitz cable car, about 150 m below the rest area. If you want to get directly to the House of Blueberry, you must go towards the Hotel Krallerhof (directional signs will guide you). There is a ski lift with a ski slope by the hotel, from which you need to turn to the right so that you have a hotel on your left. After another 200 m, you should clearly see the House Blueberry. Then you just need to find the right trail that will lead you to our House. When driving on Skiroute, you do not need to slow down, the road is slightly downward and groomed for the purposes. Extra caution should be paid only when crossings the so-called Viehspare, which are the metal grates across the road, in the summer, they prevent the free movement of cattle.

### SLEDGING

Have a night ride on a floodlit toboggan run that offers adventure and romance, you can have



a delicious dinner in the local mountain huts afterwards.

The Asitz cable car is also open every Tuesday and Friday evening from 18.00 to 21.30, so you can use it not only for a ride on the hill in pursue of a spectacular night views of the Valley of Leogang and Saalfelden, but you can also rent a sledge and enjoy a unique experience in the form of night sledging on a floodlit toboggan run. For two-day and multi-day ski pass holders, the night cable car is free of charge (not for all-season ski pass). It is also wonderful to dine in the romantic mountain huts and enjoy not only a good meal but also the mysterious atmosphere of the mountains in the dark.

### **KITZSTEINHORN**

Year-round skiing at an altitude of 3 000 m. Enjoy an unforgettable atmosphere of Alpine skiing in the winter and in the middle of the summer. Due to the nature of the glacial peak and high altitude, the ski resort offers the possibility of year-round skiing. The parking lot of Kitzsteinhorn glacier is 36 km away from Blueberry.

Here you will find ski resorts and winter attractions close to our pension Baranek. Skibus: From October to March there is a free ski bus to use for both skiers and snowboarders, which runs every 30 minutes from many bus stops in Kaprun to the ski resorts of Kitzsteinhorn and Maiskogel. During the winter there is a free free ski bus also between the stations Kitzsteinhorn, Kaprun and Zell am See, roughly every 15 and 60 minutes.



### MAISKOGEL KAPRUN

Skiing for both beginners and advanced skiers. This unique experience also offers a huge freestyle park not only for snowboarders.

This ski resort is at an altitude of 760 to 1550 m and has a total of 20 km of slopes: 4 km black, 6 km red and 10 km blue. There are 3 cable cars and one ski lift. The Centre is approximately 1 kilometer from the Baranek Guest House.

### THE KITZSTEINHORN GLACIER IN KAPRUN

Glacier ski area offers year-round 40 km of slopes for beginners and adrenaline skiers and very refined snow park.

### SCHMITTENHÖHE ZELL AM SEE

The sprawling ski resort on the shore of a lake marks an unforgettable experience of skiing



with 77 kilometers of slopes and magnificent mountain scenery. This winter resort with a magnificent view on the lake is located at an altitude of 750-2.000 m. You can have fun with 25 km of black slopes, 27 km of red ones and 25 km of blue ski slopes making it a total of a whopping 77 kilometers. There are cabins, chairlifts and ski lifts for all the individual slopes. The Ski centre is approximately 5.5 kilometers from the Baranek Guest House.



### **SUMMER ACTIVITIES**



The summer in the Alps offers endless opportunities for both sport and leisure time. Whether you're embarking on an adventure with bike, on foot, by car or cable car, unique experiences are guaranteed!

### FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

The best tips for tours and attractions for families with children, that will leave behind unforgettable memories in all the age categories.

### FAMILY AMUSEMENT PARK ST. JAKOB

Have never-ending fun with more than 40 attractions for the whole family – 400 m long adrenaline roller-coaster, pirate ship, haunted Castle, trampolines, water attractions and a mini ZOO.

The amusement park is located near the village of Leogang and opens daily from 9 am to 7 pm. Unrestricted use of all attractions is included in the price of admission and parking is free around here. Apart from the fact that you will have a whale of a time and a good laugh which goes both for children and adults, this park offers the opportunity for healthy movement and the children's contact with animals. Admission for children (since the age of 3 of up to 130 cm) is €3 and for an adult it is €15. Groups of 10 or more people get discounted admission (€13 per person). Senior admission is €11.50.



### CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENT PARK SINNE-ER-LEBNIS PARK AM ASITZ

Take the cable car to the amusement park surrounded by mountains and nature. A sightseeing trail, children's attractions, crafting traditions and contact with wild animals awaits you at this wonderful amusement park.

The family park is located in the middle of the cable car (leading to the top of the Kleine Asitz where you can admire the beautiful surrounding mountain massifs or have a taste of local cuisine in the rustic Alte Schmiede restaurant).

Children can enjoy thousands of attractions (a device for pumping water, mirrors, swings, merry-go-rounds, wild animals and many many more), and apart from those, there is a sightseeing trail with more than hundred typical alpine plants. This unforgettable experience also includes contact with free-flowing herds of cows, sheep or horses, and as a bonus you can watch marmots fooling around by their burrows. You can have a wonderful meal in the year-around open restaurant Stocking Alm. They have have a wonderful sun terrace too. There are various animation, craftsmanship and folklore programmes (knives, baking bread and tortillas, mineral samples, etc.). for kids during the summer.

### **ARCHERY IN JUFEN**

Try the children's archery on life size models of animals or enjoy a home-made specialities in the nearby restaurant. Non-traditional entertainment for both children and adults. Plastic models of real life size animals are placed at different distances in a spacious meadow, which has a beautiful view of the nearby restaurant with homemade specialities. All the necessary equipment (bows, arrows and forearm protectors) is included in the price of approximately €3 for an unlimited period. After the archery and some refreshment, you can go and see live wildlife in the surrounding game enclosures.

### HUNTING TRAIL (PARKOUR)

You will be amazed by the massive alpine mountains and fascinating mountain places. Test your tracking and shooting skills on animal dummies and then enjoy your way back while sledging a floodlit toboggan run.

The unique opportunity to become Robin Hood for a couple of hours and show your best in the hunting forest adventure. Within two trails that are about 4 km long, you will encounter 28 plastic dummies of wild animals and shooting locations. Don't worry about having a rest as there are several rest areas with tables and benches that you meet on the trail. One thing worth noting is the self-service forest refreshment in the form of an aluminum box that is buried in ground and contains various chilled beverages, for which you give coin to a nearby money box. In the winter, it is also possible to go the shortened archery trail version and while you are at it, you can make the One thing worth noting is the self-service forest refreshment in the form of an aluminum box that is buried in ground and contains various chilled beverages, for which you give coin to a nearby money box. In the winter, it is also possible to go the shortened archery trail version.



### SUMMER BOBSLEIGH TRACK ASITZ, LEOGANG

400 meters of awesome ride on the bobsleigh that goes parallel with the ski lift.

The track is directly below the final station of the lift to the top of the Asitz. Although a single ride can be purchased for  $\leq$ 1.5, we do know from our previous experience that one ride is definitely not enough, and you will want more. Therefore, we recommend that you purchase a block of 10 rides straight away (for a discounted price  $\leq$ 10).

### CHILDREN'S MINI-BIKE PARK LEOGANG

Your children will be prepared for mountain biking in a difficult terrain under the supervision of experienced instructors.

The park is located at the entrance to the Asitz cable car station and is specifically designed for small bikers from 4 to 12 years old. The children are taught under the supervision of instructors who show them the key skills of driving in off-road terrain and the start consists of two routes (with different difficulties) to which the kids are conveniently carried to by moving belts. The Park opens daily from 11:00 am and the price for 1 drive is  $\leq 0.70$ , 5 rides costs  $\leq 3$  and for 10 rides, you pay  $\leq 5$ .



## ALPINE HIKING AND TIPS



You will be amazed by the massive alpine mountains and fascinating mountain places. When we were setting up the whole course of trips and adventures we were trying to think of every type of a holiday visitor.

### THE LEOGANG GLACIER, BIRNBACHLOCH (1340 altitude)

The remains of a mountain glacier and a small cave in a rock massif that is quite easy to climb. You can end your trip by throwing your own grill--party in the open air at the parking lot.

The remnants of the lowest-laid glacier in Europe, located at the foot of the Birnhorn mountain (2634 m altitude), have quite a history. In the 18th century, blocks of ice were being quarried in shafts deep up to 15 meters, and with a thunder-like sound, they would be let down into the valley using a 1.6 km long wooden slide, at the end of which would be waiting (up to a thousand rail wagons a year) to transport and unload these blocks into cold storage rooms around Munich and Hallein. Part of this slide was preserved to this day and the trail goes around it.

The route to the parts of the glacier is an easy climb (elevation difference about 400 m) and leads up to a natural monument called Birnbachlochu (1340 altitude). There, you can discover a small cave in the rock massif with the springing mountain river that is wildly rushing through a cascade of small waterfalls to the Valley.

Counting from the car park at Ullachtalu (about 880 meters above sea



level), the whole climb has about 2 kilometers with elevation difference approximately 400 m and takes about 1.5 hour. Then, you can throw your own grill-party in the open air by the parking lot. The whole place offers lots of different grills, benches and tables that you can use to prepare your own refreshment - a magnificent way to end your trip and wonderful opportunity for an unusual outdoor picnic.

### CHATA PASSAUERHÜTTE (2033 altitude)

Alpine hut accessible through quite steep and challenging route. The reward for beating the journey is great food and beautiful views over the surrounding peaks and valleys. A well-signposted route starts with a forest path, then follows with natural steps of roots and afterwards slowly turns into a steeper rocky path surrounded by mountain pines. Beating the 1200 m elevation difference and relatively steep roads is a different task on its own and requires quite good condition and even resistance to dizziness to some extent. In the last part of the climb, there is a trail secured with ropes, cut into a steep rock mast (called via ferrata) right under the Mittagsscharte saddle back. After the demanding climb, you can enjoy a wonderful view of the surrounding peaks covered with snow or an aerial point of view into the valley, but also have an excellent mushroom soup or a refreshing beer offered in the cottage.

Passauerhütte is usually open from early June to mid-October. From our own experience, it is better (especially on the way up) to take your time – the climb lasts approximately 3.5 hours and the descent something around 2.5 hours. You should definitely pack enough bottles of water, blister patches, quality footwear and trekking poles that are always helpful.

The cottage is also the starting point of a climb to the highest peak of the region - Leoganger Steinberge, the mountain Birnhorn (2634 m above sea level) and the surrounding lower hills of Hochzint (2243 m above sea level) and Mitterspitzen (2160 m above sea level).



### GROßGLOCKNER HOCHALPENSTRASSE – ALPINE ROAD

Explore the breathtaking beauty of the Alps from the comfort of your car or motorcycle. The road starts in the village Bruck and continues up to Heiligenblut in Carinthia. Apart from the main road, there are also several side roads that can lead you to various interesting outlooks - such as the Edelweißspitze (2571 m above sea level) and Franz-Josefs-Höhe (2369 m above sea level) with a beautiful view of the Pasterze and Großglockner glaciers. The toll is about €28 per car and €18 for a motorcycle.

### THE SCHWARZLEO VALLEY, A NON--FERROUS METAL MINE SHAFT (LEOGANG--SCHAUBER-GWERK)



The Valley is excellent for both hiking and biking, and after you are finished, you can have a look at the Leogang non-ferrous metal mines and the adjoining galleries. The remarkable 10 km long Schwarzleo valley below the Asitz peak. Besides the beautiful nature and the wild mountain stream, it also conceals the secrets of old mines used for centuries for guarrying non--ferrous metals such as silver, mercury, copper, lead, nickel and cobalt. The drifts are on both sides of the valley and the overall distance is about 60 kilometers. At a distance of approximately 3.5 km from the main road, there is a Tavern Knappenstube, which also serves as a gateway to an hourly tour of mining routes with a guide. To overcome the height difference in the underground, it is necessary to grapple with 140 steps, sometimes with very narrow and low sections while experiencing a lower temperature (7 to 8 °C). Part of the equipment you are given is a protective helmet, which you will be given at a box office.

### STAUSEEN, KAPRUN

Take the bus and cable-way to get to the altitude of over 2000 m above sea level. Adventure and excitement on the way is guaranteed thanks to the tight tunnels and narrow roads.

The route to the system of pumping power stations and high-altitude dams set in a beautiful scenery of the Alpine Mountains and nature starts at the parking lot at the end of the Kaprun valley. You take a bus from there which runs through tight tunnels and narrow roads at a fascinating speed and drives you up to 1209 m above sea level. Then, you enjoy a short stretch of the road of up to 1640 m above sea level on the open lifts and afterwards you finally get to the Mooserboden dam (2040 m) with a bit of a help from the bus again. At the end of your journey, there is many restaurants and walking routes to nearby glaciers awaiting!

### WEIßSEE – GLACIAL LAKE

Beautiful scenery of the mountain lake which you can enjoy whether on the most beautiful hiking routes or any other unforgettable tours around.

To meet the unique experience of the dynamic nature of the Alpine glacier, a cable car takes you up to the mountain hut called Rudolfshütte, located at an altitude of 2400. On the way up, the entire valley reveals itself including the Weißsee glacier lake surrounded by the neighboring peaks with 3,000 m altitude. You can get to those via several wonderful alpine hikes that are leading directly from the hut. That means climbing on special skis with climbing belts, steep descents in deserted mountains and mountain climbing with climbing irons, piolet and a rope.

You can get up to the level of 2700 m above sea level using a two-seat chair lift, which is less than 250 m from the hut. The chair lift goes slowly so you can enjoy the view of the surrounding rocks which are covered with ice even in the summer. On the other hand, the temperature may not be your best friend in such altitude, so we highly recommend taking some warm clothes with you. You can also get to the Weißsee Valley by car going through the town Zell am See and then the Uttendorf, towards Enzingerboden.



### STONE SEA – STEINERNES MEER SAALFELDEN

Stunning mountain massif that truly resembles a stone sea. It has remarkable mysterious atmosphere, especially at dusk. Walking through the sprawling and rocky area of the Steinernes Meer, you will really feel as if you suddenly found yourself in a sea of stones. The place reveals most of its beauty and atmosphere at dusk, when it gets dark and it is under a weight of stormy mountain clouds. You can drive around the Massif using bike, even though such a trip definitely cannot be done in a single day. Therefore, we recommend that you only choose to detour to the selected section.



### TOP OF THE GROSSER ASITZ (2000 altitude)

Asitz is the starting point for many wonderful cycling and hiking trips. There is even a pasture with animals or freely accessible pond for refreshment. Both the Grosser Asitz, with a height of nearly 2,000 meters above sea level, and a halfway stop of a cable car leading to the top, are important starting points for many hiking and cycling tours and other excursions around the area. Talking about the cycling experience in the area, you can try for example the Grande X-trema (five-gondola tour) or "Single trail" that leads to the mountainside of the mountain range to several other mountain huts.

As far as it concerns the hiking trips, there is very relaxing hike along the ridges to the Saalbah valley, which offers many opportunities for rest in various mountain ranges or restaurants.

Many wild animals such as marmots fooling around, or flocks of sheep or cows and horses live in the area of Asitz mountain top. There is also a pond created from a water tank formerly used to fuel snow cannons in which you can observe frogs or rare newts and the children can have a lot of in it as well. If they are not in a mood for the pond they will definitely use the surrounding swings and other attractions anyways. Of course, there are numerous benches with tables, ideal for rest and relaxation.

### BERCHTESGADEN (KEHLSTEINHAUS, KONIGSSEE) – EAGLE'S NEST

Adolf Hitler's Eagle's nest Lodge is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the area of Berchtesgaden. The mountain chalet is litera-



Ily on the top of the Kehlstein at an altitude of 1,834 m. It was built in 1937 as a gift to Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday so he could host there his afternoon tea parties. The site was deliberately chosen because of its breath-taking view of Berchtesgaden surroundings. The whole structure - including the building itself, the construction of roads, parking lot, entrance tunnel in a heart of the rock or a luxury elevator with leather seats for 12 persons — was done in a record time. For example the 6.5 km long and fairly steep mountain road leading up to the chalet is obviously in a very difficult terrain (elevation difference of 700 m) contains only one sharp turn and five tunnels, all of it built in only 13 months while the other construction works where completed in a similar time.

The chalet itself, including the lift in the rock and a bus transport below the summit, is open to the public only during the summer tourist season (from the beginning of May to the end of October). During this period, it is also necessary to expect huge number of tourists who can spoil the charming atmosphere of the breathtaking view of the surrounding area and prevent you from taking magnificent photos, while the restaurant and the surroundings will be overcrowded. That's why we definitely recommend visiting the place out of the tourist season - the chalet, the restaurant and the transport will be off limits but the less people out there, the better the experience and hike you get. It is only because of a good view that it is worthwhile to watch the weather forecast beforehand, because by the end of April there is still a lot of snow on top.

### HOW TO ARRIVE AND WHERE TO PARK?

You can get there easily by car if you drive from the city of Berchtesgaden and follow a sign that says: "Berchtesgaden-Hintereck and Kehlstein" which will lead you up to the parking lot where buses run to the chalet during the season. What's the parking situation? During the season, the whole day costs a few €. However,





if you don't want to pay for parking or do not want to use the bus and walk to the top (e.g., out of the season), it is possible to continue on for around 400 m and use a natural gravel parking lot to park your car for free. Thanks to the fact that the majority of visitors will take the bus to get on top and you can rarely see someone take the hike, the car park is empty most of the time, so you can leave your car there with ease.



7 S H L A C The most beautiful patrs of the Alpine countryside with natural water buildings, some of which offer a refreshing natural swimming experience. Water is an important element in the Alps and you will encounter it at almost all hikes--whether in the form of mountain lakes, ponds, mountain streams or waterfalls.

### SEISENBERGKLAMM, WEIßBACH – GORGE

Over half a kilometer-long Canyon offers a walk along wooden foot--boards that are "bitten" into the rocks above the wild stream. Enrich your trip with approximately one-hour long walk in the 600 meters long Canyon, walking upon wooden bridges crossing over the wild stream which flows there for centuries, transforming and modeling the rocks into incredible and impressive shapes and corners. At the entrance to the Gorge, there is a pub with very fine food. You can also get to the gorge on bike from Leogang. The path is 19 km long and takes about an hour. If you continue about 5 km from the gorge in the direction of Lofer, you will come across the Gorge Vorderkasse.

### VORDERKASERKLAMM, ST. MARTIN

Gorge along a mountain stream which, on its shores, offers a great place for a picnic and some refreshment in nearby lagoons. Gorge Vorderkasse conceals the unbelievable connection of beautiful nature, outdoor seating area with good food and endless fun with water attractions. The Gorge is located in the Schidergreban national nature reserve along a mountain stream, which is the main source of entertainment. For children of every age, there are prepared rafting platforms where they can enjoy a lot of fun in the water and have a whale of a time. And again, the shore is around here is one big tempting picnic spot with a seating area and barbecue equipment nearby. During the main season, the place is open from May to the end of October, and it is looked after by an old manager who collects a rather symbolic fee of 1 euro per person for entrance. You can also get to the gorge on bike from Leogang. Cycling route is about 25 km long and thanks to its largely straight terrain it is suitable for children and beginner bikers.



### LAMPRECHTSOFENHÖHLE (LAMPRECHT CAVES), ST. MARTIN BEI LOFER

The deepest and longest cave labyrinth in the whole Austria, underneath which is a hidden treasure of the Knights of Lamprecht, at least according to a legend.

The cave hides several unique "jewels and wonders" within itself - this is the deepest cave with flowing water in Austria and the longest walk-through cave in the world (from the 35 km of total length, something around 600 meters is made available to the public, which you can finish without a guide in about two hours). According to a legend, there is a hidden knight treasure somewhere in the trails of the cave.

There is a direct and quite undemanding bicycle trail right from Leogang to the caves (about 35 kilometers), which s suitable even for children and beginners. The cave is open practically all year round, an adult entry fee is €3.

### SIGMUND-THUN-KLAMM – GORGE

Impressive gorge with the flowing river of Kaprun and a beautiful lake, which you can cross over in many ways through an intricate system of bridges and steps.

Natural attraction that began to form during the late Ice Age period when the Kaprun Valley was covered by a huge glacier that moved down from the mountains and left behind the canyon. The river Kaprun then made its way through the rocks and created a stunning Gorge that is available to the wide public. Here you can cross a number of ladders and steps weaving through the gorge just above the wild stream. At the top end of the gorge lies a beautiful lake.

While visiting these wonderful natural attractions we also recommend taking a trip to the city of Kaprun and its surroundings and vice versa.

Right next to the entrance to the gorge there is also a hydroelectric power station and a small museum of technology which you will easily identify due to its glass wall that will allow you to see directly inside the power station with fascinating water turbines producing electricity. Definitely do visit this exciting and instructive place!

### LAMMERKLAMM, UNTERSCHEFFAU – GORGE

This Glacier Gorge with a river streaming through is one of the most stunning natural sights in the whole Salzburgerlandu.

The Gorge was formed after the ice age period, when the movements of a melting glacier gave the origin to this gorge with the river Lammerbach 1 km long.

Interestingly, most of the karst waters of the Tennengebirge range flow directly into this watercourse, and for most of the year, these springs show little or no water. It happens only in a period of melting snow and ice, that the water level rises inside the mountains and vast mountain springs come to life.

### KITZLOCHKLAMM, TAXENBACH – GORGE

The wild atmosphere of the local Gorge is even strengthened by rumbling waterfalls, impressi-



ve narrow passes and an idyllic cove.

You can tell that you are approaching this national reserve with ease by the fact that you hear a strong roar from a distance. The roar is created by a few small waterfalls from which the water is rushing into an idyllic cove with an impressive gorge that was created by these very streams of the brook.

The Gorge is also famous for its gold - if you're lucky, you can meet a local bearded mountain dweller who is panning for gold in the brook for several years by now. And just for the record, his greatest achievement so far was the discovery of two nuggets of pure gold big as a walnut.

### THE KRIMML WATERFALLS

A unique opportunity to visit Europe's largest waterfalls (the fifth largest in the world) that will amaze you with its magnificence and natural force.

If you want to see and feel the nature in its full tempestuous and wild force, be sure to go and visit one of the greatest natural attractions in Austria – the Krimml falls, which are the largest waterfalls in Europe and the fifth largest in the world. There is an old trail that winds along the waterfalls from which you will be able to see all the nooks and crannies of the sweeping currents of water.

After climbing the first level of the waterfalls it is possible to relax in a local pub and then continue to the top of the output of the second level (1.482 altitude). A trail with a more difficult terrain also runs along the Krimmler Ache river that is the very source of the falls, and it goes on up to the alpine hut Krimmler Tauernhaus which offers breathtaking views of the surrounding small glaciers. If you have children, you must not miss a fun-filled interactive exhibition "Wonder world of water" (Wasser Wunder Welt) with many interesting water attractions.

Leogang is approximately 70 km from these waterfalls and if you are going by car head in the direction of Saalfelden - Zell am See - Mittersill - Krimml. Going by bike from Mittersill to Krimml can also be a wonderful experience (length approx. 38 km). The route offers stunning natural scenery, but the terrain is challenging.

### EISRIESENWELT, WERFEN (A GIANT ICE WORLD)

Descend into the depths of a mountain in which is hidden a fabulous frozen ice kingdom with many ice palaces, halls and caves.

Since its discovery in 1879, around 47 km of glacial paths and tunnels, that were created by underground water movement, have been explored so far. If you want to be amazed and feel as if you were in a fairy tale, do not hesitate and take the 70-minute tour of the mysterious chambers and trails that lead 800 meters into the mountain. Here you will find many ice palaces and chambers, which are named after the characters of the Norse mythology - Odin's Hall, Hymir's Castle or Thrym's Hall. There is a long mountain road to the Giant Ice World leading from Werfen (6 km away) or you can just walk which will take you something around 3 hours. We recommend packing warm clothes with you as well as some solid shoes.



Let yourself loose and enjoy wonderful experiences while from the biker saddle. Drive through the Alps using cycling and adrenalinecharged tracks with the magnificent mountain landscape. Leogang is a part of the cycling region Pinzgau and SalzburgerLand that intersects the unbelievable 2000 km long bike tracks and 3000 km of mountain bike trails of various difficulty levels. Take a stroll along the asphalt paths around the lake in Zell am See, go for a day trip to the popular Tauern cycle path or challenge yourself for technically and physically demanding mountain excursions and downhill runs.

Our tip! Cycle tracks are real well marked and adjusted and almost at every corner you can find a bike repair shop, in case you had a flat tire or so. Therefore, you can feel free to drift in the impressive landscape with fascinating views. Along the way you will encounter some cows, horses, sheep, goats and also some chamois and marmots.

### **BIKEPARK LEOGANG**

Mountain biking and downhills for both beginners and experienced bikers from a starting point of 1,300 meters. A challenge awaits you and in form of a range of different lengths, elevation differences and various terrain changes.

The Park is the first official bikepark built in Austria for mountain biking. It was opened in June 2001. It has a total of 160 kilometers of trails, customer service center, cable car, downhill trails, jumping areas and a very long descending routes that follow the mountain trails, starting at the the upper station of the cable cars.

You can also rent a bike specifically designed for the given discipline you choose. The starting point is at an altitude of 1.300 meters and there are various tracks and roads descending from it, so it is entirely up to you which style you choose. How about trying one of the specialties:

### Downhill

Track length: 2.2 km, elevation difference: 458 m, (down)slope: 21 %. Challenging natural terrain.



### Freeride

Length of the track: 2.6 km, elevation difference: 458 m, (down) slope: 18 %. Gravel track with many obstacles for both experienced bikers and beginners with a detour option.

### 4-cross

Length of the track: 400 km, elevation difference: 45 m, (down) slope: 12 %. Narrow racing track ideal for a group of people who want to test each other's skills and strengths in a tight contest.

### Dual

Length of the track: 300 m, elevation difference: 45 m, (down) slope: 15 %. Track suitable for two--biker-race who want a contactless experience or for a custom time attack.

### Bikeparkur

Training field for young riders and total beginners.

### Dirtjumping

3 tracks are scaled according to the experience of the rider.

And in case you prefer indirect adrenaline experience and prefer just watching athletic adventurers from afar – the bike park has many opportunities to observe the bikers hurtling over rocky mountain roads or performing impressive and risky jumps and tricks on the obstacles.

### TAUERN CYCLE TRAIL

Beautiful 325 kilometers long mountain bike trail lined with mountain ranges. On your way, you will come across wild waterfalls, ice caves, vast meadows around the rivers and historic Austrian cities.

The routes: Krimml – Uttendorf – Werfen – Salzburg – Brannau – Passau. The route length is is 325 km with an elevation difference of 750 m (rather with a slight ascending). 60 % of the roads are asphalted and the majority of the route is on rarely used roads. The trip is particularly suitable for trekking bikes and its side paths for mountain bicycles. Along the way, you can admire the roaring Krimml waterfalls or historic Salzburg.

The trail continues through the foothills of High Tauern along the Salzach River and offers plenty of attractive outlets - the most sought after is definitely the exit along the famous Grossglockner Alpenstrasse trail leading to the monumental glacier of the same name. In Bruck, the cycle path is divided in two and it is up to you to choose the way you want: one passes through Leogang, Lofer and the breathtaking Bavarian Alps, and the other goes further along the Salzach River, letting you admire the Liechtenstein-Klamm Gorge, Hohenwerfen Castle the largest ice cave Eisriesenwelt near Werfen or the wonderful waterfall of Gollingfall. The Tauern cycle trail has a more peaceful charac-



ter further north already leads past the Salzach and Inn rivers until it reaches its destination, the city of three rivers - Passau.

### THE GRANDE X-TREMA TOUR FOR MOUN-TAIN BIKES

The largest and most varied cycling swing in Europe with freeride sections that will take you through the mountain peaks and the magnificent valley. The largest and most colorful cycle swing in Europe with freeride sections that guide you through the peaks of the mountains and the beautiful valley. The cable cars will help you overcome total 5 km elevation difference. A full-day bike tour starting at the Bike World Leogang, leading across the Glemmertal valley, to the peaks of Saalbach and Hinterglemm and back again - this is the unique adventure and the largest cycling route in Europe, overtaking a 5000-m elevation in one day. Although on this 65 km long route, most of the climbs will be done by cable car, the hike is very demanding for fitness and riding technique. Day ticket valid for all cable cars, which are open daily from 9am to 4pm, costs up to 30 €.

The routes: Take a cable car from the Bike Wor-Id Leogang to the Upper station Asitz - from here to the Schönleitenhütte Mountain Lodge -Downhill through the mountain trail to Saalbach to the bottom station of the Schattberg Xpress cable car to the Schauuberg mountain - a short ride to the Schauuberg peak - to the Hackelberger Alm hut and forest trail to Bergstadt cottage - to the bottom station of the Zwölferkogel cable car in Hinterglemm - the third exit to the top of the Zwölferkogel - the gravel road to the Ellmau-Alm and the Reiterkogel cable car in Hinterglemm - the fourth cable-way trip to the start of the freeride track - Downhill to the center of Hinterglemm and then to Saalbach valley - Fifth cable-way trip to the Kohlmeis peak –to the Wildenkarhütte mountain cottage in the direction to Asitz - After a freeride track back to the original Bike Park.

### SCHWARZLEO-TOUR FOR MOUNTAIN BIKES

Slightly adrenaline downhill valley with beautiful nature, varied sections of climb and more steep slopes. Approximately 35 km long downhill slopes for mountain bikes lead from the cable car station to Asitz and consequently to Leogang. On the way, you will overcome the elevation of about 1000 m and pass through the beautiful Schwarzleo valley along the river of the same name. On the trail you will be surprised by short sections of climbing and steep downhill rides, but with a certain amount of caution the route is also suitable for less skilled cyclists.

### THE LEOGANGER STEINBERGE CIRCUIT

A popular, undemanding cycling route through the mountain valley and wildlife. The pleasant atmosphere of the trail is complemented by small pubs or natural swimming.

The total length of the casual route Leogang – Hochfilzen – St. Ulrich – Waidring-Lofer – Weißbach – Lenzig – Leogang is about 70 km. The path goes through the valley around the Leoganger Steinberge and the valley around the mountain lake below Hochfilzen. There is a small swimming pool draped by a railing on the outflow from the pond (you will understand



what the railing is there for as soon as you try to walk along the sidewalk at the bottom of the pond) - amazing refreshment and relaxation for tired feet.

Leogang - Lenzig - Weißbach and back (approx. 38 km)

Leogang – Lenzig – Weißbach – St.Martin and back (approx. 50 km)

Leogang - Hochfilzen - St.Ulrich and back (approx. 36 km)

Leogang – Hochfilzen – St.Ulrich – St.Jakob – Fieberbrunn – Hochfilzen – Leogang (approx. 45 km)

### NA KOLE Z LEOGANGU K JEZERU U ZELL AM SEE

Undemanding 60 km long route from Leogang-Saalfelden via Maria Alm and Maishofen to Zell am See. The water trail - First you will pass by the Ritzensee Lake in Saalfelden to the lake in Zell am See. The trip can be combined with bathing in lakes, boat rides, sunbathing on nearby beaches or sitting in some of the pubs. The route also offers a variation with a cable car to Asitz, crossing to Saalbach or Viehofen via Maishofen to Zell am See and back through Saalfelden to Leogang. The task of this unconventional discipline is to cycle and thanks to having the map to find 12 non-traditional minigolf holes in the city and play them with the least number of strikes. One of the holes, for example, is located at a local bank and is located in a vault. The route (altogether 32 km) leads from Leogang via Saalfelden to Maishofen.

Our tip! As a reward for the winner and all the participants we recommend the excellent traditional Austrian cake Sacher in the patisserie on the square.

### SHORTER CYCLING TRIPS AROUND LEOGANG

Pleasant and undemanding and steeper cycling trails that appeal to shorter trips around Leogang. Lovers of hilly terrain that do not enjoy the asphalt but want to enjoy an undemanding ride can take a look, for example, around many side valleys around Leogang. An 18-km long official cycle path leads directly to Leogang. From Leogang you can reach the pleasant and undemanding 17-km long trail through Euring and Saalfelden to Biberg where you can combine a trip with a toboggan run.

### **CYCLE-MINI-GOLF MAISHOFEN**

Unconventional connection of minigolf and bike rides – there are golf holes all around the Maishofen and you have to cycle to get to them with the help of a map.



Visit Alpine outdoor pool that will impress you with the beautiful surrounding nature and a variety of water activities.

### WATER WORLD FREIZEITANLAGE SONNRAIN LEOGANG

Water fun, sports and fun for the whole family, from the Blueberry Guest House at your fingertips (500m).

In the water world, you will find games, sports and entertainment on a 750 m2 water area with a 70-meter long toboggan run, a wild river, a sports or children's pool, a sauna, tennis courts or a beach volleyball court and much more. It is open from May to September, daily from 9am to 5pm.

### ERLEBNISBAD OBSMARKT (SAALFELDEN)

All water fans can look forward to a swimming pool with diving boards, slides or a wild river, and adults will appreciate a sports ground or solarium.

On the 1,700 m2 of water surface, do not miss a 50-m long pool with diving boards and water slide. Children can indulge in a variety of water attractions and parents can relax by playing beach volleyball or in a wellstocked buffet. Open from May to September, daily from 9am to 7pm.





### STRANDBAD RITZENSEE (SAALFELDEN)

Swimming in a natural lake set in a beautiful mountain scenery. There is also a children's pool with a water slide, sports attractions, snacks or nudist beach.

### OTHER OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS IN THE SURROUNDINGS

Erlebnisbad Sommerstein (Maria Alm)

Strandbäder (Zell am See, Thumersbach u Seespizt)

Hallenbad (Zell am See)



# ND OUTDC

For all the sports and adrenaline enthusiasts who want something more from their vacation!

### RAFTING (AROUND SAALACH; FROM LOFER TO UNKENU)

Unique water adventure for adrenaline lovers. Discover the world of canyons, the abysses and the rapids of wild water at full speed on rafts.

The adventure starts at the raft base in Lofer, where all participants receive neoprene clothing and life jackets. They are taken by minibuses to the place of departure. Even before embarking on, you will be provided with safety instructions, during which all the rafters have to experience and learn how to swim in the ice water in case of falling out of rafting.

After that, the fun itself and a series of amazing adventures start! – It includes paddling training according to the helmsman's commands, racing rapids for the courageous ones together with the opportunity to jump into the waterfall of a 4 m deep pool. Contact: Agentura Motion Lofer, tel.: 00436 9913 017408, web: www.motion.at, e-mail: ws@motion.at

Our tip! Do not be afraid when the agency's staff will go rafting at full speed directly into the rocks and boulders and drive the rapids in the worst places. There is no need to worry, you should enjoy it and have fun! Everything, of course, is done with maximum security for the crew of the raft. We understood this intention when we, (after losing our self-confidence in the area of steering the raft), saw a cheerful smile on our commander's face, telling us to continue forward in full steam in a situation when we would just fall back in full steam instead.

### ADRENALINE SPORTS ON WILD WATER

If it is not right for you to ride a raft commanded by a stranger, it is possible to explore unbridled alpine waters on your own. Adrenaline sports lovers wishing to dive into the hidden world of ravines, canyons, and abysses to test their courage, strength and strong will on wild water can rent equipment and transport to the place of embarkation.


All this can be negotiated with Outdoor Team Geisler (address: A–5760 Saalfelden, Ramseiden 19. Tel: 0043 6582 74926, email: sport. geisler@aon. web: www.outdoor-geisler.at, www.outdoor-teamtraining.at).

### FLYING FOX XXL LEOGANG

Have a look at the beauty of the Schwarzleo mountain valley from bird's eye perspective. At a height of 140 m you can fly at a speed of 130 km / h in summer and even in winter. View of Alpine peaks and valleys from unique height. Fly at a dizzying speed of 130 km / h on a 1,600-meter-long rope. Do not worry about falling or crashing - braking is fully automatic. In a special harness, you will start and fly safely from the Asitz cable car and land on the opposite slope of the Schwarzleo valley - all within a one-minute flight. The popular attraction is in operation both in summer and winter.

### TENNIS (FREIZEITANLAGE LEOGANG SPORTS COMPLEX)

You can play on one of the three clay courts or improve under the supervision of experienced trainers as part of the regular "Tennis Holiday" event.

Tennis can be played on the courts in the Freizeitanlage sports complex right in Leogang. The Blueberry house is about 15 minutes' walk away.

Orders for the courts and payments are provided by the site manager, it is necessary to have a reservation in advance (tel. 0043 6648 556767), information about the occupancy is exposed in the showcases directly at the entrance to the complex. The price per hour per court is 12 €. There is also regularly organized event called "Tennis Holiday" for everyone who likes tennis, wishes to either improve or to enjoy it together with other tennis lovers. Everyone can participate, regardless of age and game level, and during training that focuses on game technology, motion, co-ordination, game management and tennis tactics, you'll be in good hands with experienced coaches.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS**

If you are still missing something among the aforementioned sports and activities, we have prepared for you some more specific popular and non-traditional sport activities which are in Leogang or Saalfelden. Because it is good to have a booking in advance or contact the given staff about some free dates, etc., here are contacts of the activities like phone or e-mail, where you can directly be informed about other details.

If fishing is your passion and you don't want to lose your chance to try it on your vacation in the Alps, in Leogang you can catch fish on a fish-rod in a pond or in a short distance from the main road. The entry here is free and you pay only for the caught fish (according to your weight, about €9.8/kg). When entering, it is is quite appropriate to let the owner know, he is usually to be found in the adjoining pub (Angelteich Zinkl in Hirnreit, Tel. 0043 6583 7387). Fishing is possible in the nearby Saalfelden with focal points: Hotel Gut Brandlhof (tel: 0043 6582 7800), Anne Reichsöllner (Tel. 0043 6582 73164) and Angelteich Haid, Bartl Berger (Tel. 0043 664 4972305).



You can play Billiard in a Leogang hotel called Vorderriedhof (info Tel. 0043 6583 8420), Bowling and Nine-pin bowling can be played on automatic lanes in nearby Saalfelden we-Iness hotel Schörhof (tel. 0043 6582 792, hotel@schoerhof.at) or the hotel Gut Brandlhof (tel. 0043 6582 7800, office@brandlhof.com).

Minigolf can be played directly in Leogang at Minigolfplatz "Dorfalm" (Tel. 0043 6583 7221) or in Saalfelden at the 18-hole tournament course right next to the Ritzensee Lake (Tel. 0043 6582 72519). If you want to play golf while on holiday, you can do so at the 18-hole golf course, including hole Academy for beginners, located at the hotel Gut Brandlhof in Saalfelden (info Tel. 0043 6582 7800, office@brandlhof.com) or the Golfclub Urslautal in Saalfelden (info 0043 6584 2000).

Dva veřejně přístupné kurty pro squash nabízí hotel Krallerhof v Leogangu (tel. 0043 6583 8246, office@krallerhof.com). Fitness studia jsou nejblíže v Saalfeldenu – fitness studio Optifit Ritzensee, Life for Fitness nebo Figuretics a jedno je součástí hotelu Gut Brandlhof (info na tel. 0043 6582 7800, office@brandlhof.com). Fitness studi Injoy Kaprun, Parkstraße 7a, Kaprun , 00436547 87 78. U hotelu Brandlhof se nachází také největší lanové centrum v Rakousku (kancelář Outdoorteam Geisler, tel. 0043 6582 74926). Netradiční zážitek, který si můžete z dovolené odvézt, nabízí paragliding – v Leogangu je to Air Taxi "Létání s Leonardem" (kontakt: Leo Mayrhofer, tel. 0043 664 1020710, air.taxi@sbg.at) a v Saalfeldenu Air Star (kontakt: Ing. Johann Hartl, tel. 0043 664 4021873, airstar@sbg.at). Fitness studio Injoy Kaprun, Kaprun, Parkstraße 7a, 004 365 478 778.

Two public courts for squash offers hotel Krallerhof Leogang (Tel. 0043 6583 8246, offi-ce@ krallerhof.com). The closest fitness studios in Saalfelden – fitness studio Optifit Ritzensee, Life for Fitness or Figuretics one of them being a part of the hotel Gut Brandlhof (info Tel. 0043 6582 7800, office@brandlhof.com). At the hotel Brandlhof is also the largest rope Centre in Austria (Office Outdoorteam Geisler, Tel. 0043 6582 74926). An unusual experience that you can emerge into on your holiday is definitely paragliding - in Leogang is Air Taxi "flying with Leonardo" (contact: Leo Mayrhofer, tel. 0043 664 1020710, air.taxi@sbg.at) and in Saalfelden, there is Air Star (contact: Ing. Johann Hartl, tel. 0043 664 4021873, airstar@sbg.at).

Tandem paragliding Sky for twoo – www.sky-42.com, Kaprunerstraße 126, 5721 Piesendorf , +43 664 2421484

In line skates - you can come to skate to the amusement park in Leogang (tel. 0043 6582 72018) – covering an area of approx. 2500 m2, it is located next to the Asitz cable car park, you can also use a hockey playground, a variety of ramps, barriers and other attractions. Horse riding for children and adults is available at the Leogang Romantikgut Millinghof, Fam. Dürlinger (Tel. 0043 6583 20092, gasthof@millinghof.at), and they do have a course for beginners in case you were wondering.



### YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURES

Indoor activities are ideal when a bad weather falls upon the area.. Relax in the famous thermal spa or discover the local traditions in one of the museums.

### THERMAL SPAS AND INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

### TAUERN SPA KAPRUN

Being the second largest spa complex in Austria, Spa Kaprun offers a variety of water attractions and treatments with stunning panorama of High Tauern.

This unique luxurious spa is located in Kaprun. With such prestigious and stunning location, the thermal baths are ideal both in summer - as a pleasant place to relax after demanding mountain hikes and other sports activities, and in winter - offering great relaxation after skiing and other winter activities. The spa is situated on the south side and has the most beautiful views of the High Tauern National Park Mountain Range with the highest mountain of Austria. The whole complex covers over an area of 48,000 m2 consisting of hotels, spas, outdoor and indoor pools with different water temperatures, massage pools or waterfalls, including various cosmetic, nursing and massage services, shops, restaurants, a summer bar or a café. There are also tons of attractions for children, so you don't need to worry about them getting bored anytime soon but quite the opposite as they can have endless fun with various slides, sports fields, attractions in the water world or in many swimming pools for children of all ages.

### THERMAL SPA FELSEN THERME, BAD GASTEIN

Indoor spa with 1000 m2 of indoor and outdoor water area offers everything you want for the perfect relaxation as well as water sport activities.

Thermal Spa offers indoor and outdoor swimming pools with a water temperature of 33 °C, sports swimming pool with a water temperature of 24 °C, a sauna, a steam bath, a swimming pool with a water slide, a nudist terrace for sunbathing and a massage Centre. Simply all you need



to regenerate your body on a relaxing holiday or after a hard day full of sports.

### THERMAL SPA ALPEN THERME, BAD HOFGASTEIN

Six oasis of wellness and health with a unique panorama of the alpine peaks. It is definitely worth to check out their amazing saunas with mountain lakes or amusing water slides. With total area of 32,000 m<sup>2</sup> you are guaranteed to have everything that is related to the words "wellness and water fun" - starting with traditional spa treatments including a sauna with a pond or a wellness oasis moving on to unusual attractions or a multimedia temple. Culinary delights can be enjoyed in the glass Sky-bar. The entire complex provides a fascinating panorama of the surrounding landscape.

### RUPERTUS THERME – SALT THERMAL BATHS, BAD REICHENHALL

Visit the wholesome thermal pools and saltwater hot tubes that have temperature of 37 ° c or just lie on the sun terrace or massages at the Spa.

Pleasant spa in a modern environment with outdoor and indoor pools and whirlpools stretches over an area of 691 m2. The water is salty (sea salt concentration 2 % to 12 %), having a wholesome effect on your health and on preventing various diseases with temperature of 32 to 37 o C. The swimming pools include massage jets, bubbles, fountains and other attractions. There is also a snack bar, indoor and outdoor sauna, sun terrace, massage or fitness studios.

### OTHER INDOOR POOLS WITH ATRACTIONS NEARBY

Aubad Fieberbrunn – indoor pool, a swimming channel with massage jets, water slide, children's pool, bio-sauna, sauna with steam bath, sauna with mountain views, massage, solarium. Hallenbad Zell am See – indoor swimming pool, sauna, sauna with steam bath, solarium, massages.

Hallenbad Zell am See – krytý bazén, sauna, sauna s párou, solárium, masáže.

**St. Johann** (24 km) – indoor swimming pool

St. Ulrich (18 km) – indoor swimming pool

### MUSEUMS AND OPEN-AIR MUSEUMS

### SAALBACH, HISTORY AND SKI MUSEUM

The Museum of national history and Skiing in which you can discover the history of the first skis up to the present ones. The Museum of national history and Skiing is located in the restored rustic buildings next to the Church. Of course, there is a guided tour that teaches you about the history of skiing from its beginning up to the present. Open on Tuesday and Thursday, tours begin at 15.00 and 16.30. Entry fee: adults  $\in$ 3, kids  $\in$ 1.50.

### SAALFELDENU – MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY OF PINZGAU

You can explore local traditions, crafts and folk art in the Museum of national history in Castle



Ritzen. Part of the exhibition of this Museum, situated in Castle Ritzen in Saalfelden by the lake Ritzensee, are local customs, handicrafts and folk art. Apart from that, you can admire samples of Celtic excavation and various geological peculiarities and minerals. There is also the remarkable crib collection from the Alpine region. Open from Tuesday to Friday (meaning the season from July to September) from 10.00 to 17.00. Has the possibility of family entrance (approx. €4.30). You can also visit Ritzen Castle on its own.

### MINING MUSEUM IN LEOGANG

The Museum represents the mining tradition of the non-ferrous metals in the region of Leogang. Pay a visit to the Leogang mine shafts, in which the non-ferrous metals were mined. The Museum also represents the local tradition in mining of silver, mercury, copper, cobalt and nickel. The Museum is open from mid-May to October in season, Tuesday to Sunday from 11.00 to 5.00 pm and adult entry fee is €6.

### FREILICHTMUZEUM HASENWEG – OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Museum of medieval history and the open-air Museum of traditional Alpine life in the 6th century is set in the surrounding nature.

Large open air museum, located in the countryside just a few kilometers from Salzburg, offers a glimpse into the life of medieval people, local crafts and traditions of the 6th century. Here you can see the total of 70 historic buildings in its original state – a peasant's houses, water mills, post office, school, blacksmith shop, prison, police and many more. If you're lucky, the museum comes alive for 2 days every year. Around 40 craftsmen demonstrate traditional crafts, the work on the farm, old ways of preparing food, etc.



## CITIES AND VILLAGES

Picturesque mountain towns and resorts will enchant you with the combination of dynamic Alpine nature with rich history and romantic ambience.

### KAPRUN

The famous ski resort and the village with a historical castle. One of the biggest attractions of the area is the beautiful Sigmund-Thun-Klamm gorge with flowing river and wooden tourist walkway.

Around this mountain town that enjoys its permanent popularity and constant influx of visitors with year-round skiing is located many of the attractions that are worth seeing. Beautiful mountain gorge Sigmund--Thun-Klamm offers not only a great walking experience but also bicycle tours. Several bike trails through Kaprun, some of which are at least trying to zoom in on the highest peak of Austria Grossglockner, which climbs up to 4.000 m.

And conversely, if you are looking for a rest, clear in both are the Tauren Spa Kaprun – a thermal spa with spectacular views of the Alpine





### mountains.

We also highly recommend visiting the Kaprun Castle which was built in the 12th century. We also highly recommend visiting Kaprun Castle which was built in the 12th century and thanks to numerous and costly reconstructions that took place in recent years, it has become a place for holding a wide range of social and cultural action. The top-notch highlight of all these happenings is definitely the two-day medieval festival in July with long tradition.

### KITZBÜHLER

A sought-after historic alpine center with picturesque colorful houses and surrounding slopes which is definitely worth visiting during both winter and summer.

Kitzbühel lies between Salzburg and Insbruck at the foot of the Kitzbüheler Alpen at an altitude of 762 meters. It was created almost strictly on the river Kitzbühler Ache and is located between two well-known mt. peaks. One of them is the Kitzbüheler Horn mountain (1.996 m above sea level), the second is the Hahnenkamm mountain (1.712 m above sea level), which is a great place for sport enthusiasts, in particular thanks to its eponymous ski slope. In summer, it hosts biker races while the nearby peaks are used for bicycle racing.

The local history is remarkable as well, it dates back to the period of 8th to 11th century BC, when the ancient Illyrians mined copper in this area. Later, after the demise of the Western Roman Empire, the Bavarians settled around this area and from the 12th century they made their own settlement named Chizbuhel in these very hills. In 1255, the place became a part of Upper Bavaria and by the year 1271 it was already assigned to Duke Louis the II. The Bavarians were granted city rights and city walls were built. After the fall of Napoleon,the city was assigned to Tyrol.

### **ZELL AM SEE**

The famous Austrian spa town lies on a lake and it combines romantic atmosphere of the historic center and skiing and hiking activities.

Luxury mountain town which combines the mysterious atmosphere of a great lake and a busy life of sport and hiking enthusiasts. Directly in Zell am See is located the Hohenwerfen fortress that is definitely worth visiting. There is also several ski resorts, ski slopes, cycling routes, hiking trails with various difficulty levels and interesting sights nearby, so the city enjoys a year-round tourist influx. The sporty character of the city is exactly what bumps the magical living rhythm into it. On the contrary, a walk along the lake offers a peaceful romance.

### LOFER

The famous water sports centre. On the wild river Saalach lies the mountain town, in the center of which is a remarkable Gothic parish church.

The contrasting combination of the picturesque mountain town with quite the atmosphere



and the wild river Saalach, which is a paradise especially for enthusiasts of extreme water sports, makes this place a popular tourist destination. The city is not only a renowned centre for water sports but offers interesting possibilities for hikers and people interested in history. You can, for example, set in the footsteps of the carpenters of Saalach – the old navigable road from the Devil's gorge through the Teufelsschlucht in the direction of Unken, or explore the ruins of the fortress Pass Strub. You can also enjoy quite a bit of a history in the very heart of Lofer where lies the Gothic parish church, that captivates its visitors with frescoes from the 15th century.

### STEINERNER SAALFELDEN AM MEER

The nearby picturesque town with a historic center, which annually holds the celebrations of the Solstice and the European Beard and Moustache Championship.

Among the towns in the area of Pinzgau, Saalfelden currently has the largest population. By its nature, the town is attractive not only for shopping, but also for a pleasant stroll in the historic center, visit to the Lichtenberg Castle or the castles of Dorfheim, Farmache and Ritzen. The town is located near Leogang, and therefore there are some activities mentioned in our user guide.

Někteří turisté vyhledávají tuto destinaci kvůli pravidelný akcím, které se zde konají. Na oslavu začátku léta se zde konají slavnosti slunovratu. Na vrcholcích kopců Leoganger Steinberge se v noci kolem dokola rozhoří tisíce ohňů a součástí celodenního programu je také noční jízda na Asitz, živá hudba, doprovodné programy pro děti i ohnivá magie u jezera Ritzensee. Zkrátka jedinečná podívaná.

Každý rok v říjnu se zde jeden víkend od pátku do neděle koná evropský šampionát vousáčů, kteří mezi sebou soutěží o nejoriginálnější a nejkrásnější knír, bradku, plnovous, apod. Program je doprovázen lidovou hudbou, dobrým jídlem a skvělou atmosférou.

### SALZBURG

The city will amaze you with its historic atmosphere, the beauty and all the activities you can do. Follow the footsteps of Mozart, visit historical monuments, museums and galleries, admire the nature and animals in the ZOO.

The rocky elevator leading to the modern art museum, the summer palace around which the eccentric Archbishop had had water traps prepared to surprise his guests, as well as historical and cultural monuments associated not only with the work of W. A. Mozart – all this and much more awaits you in Salzburg.

And because the menu is so vivid, everyone gets what he wants, so it is easy to spend a day around here. We put in the effort to cover as much interesting activities as we could in this manual regarding the vacation vacation in Salzburg, so we reserved a little more space to introduce you as many tips for trips, experiences and monuments, that are definitely worth a visit. And of course, there are included our own insights and tips that we have gathered during



our visits to Salzburg. Please note that is definitely worth purchasing the Salzburg card – that way, you avoid the queues, public transport is included within the whole city and overall, it really saves you a lot of money.

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOZART

In 1880, in the Grain Avenue - Getreidegasse No. 9, was the museum opened for the first time in Mozart's Birthplace, thousands of visitors from all over the world roam, making it the most visited Salzburg landmark. There are three interesting thematic exhibitions in the house: "The Day of the Miraculous Child" and "Mozart and the Theater", where visitors can admire numerous dioramas, miniature models of large stages (from the late 18th to the 20th century) documenting the most diverse interpretative forms and the history of Mozart's operas. Among the most famous exhibits are Mozart's first musical instruments – Children's violin, his concert violin, piano or authentic family portraits that were created during Mozart's life.

Part of the third exhibition entitled "Mozart - the family revealed" are Mozart's residential areas with original equipment.

Part of the museum is also a half-timbered apartment in the back of Mozart's Birthplace. In addition to the historical furniture and items of daily necessities, there are three thematic areas brought closer to the visitors' attention: "Mozart and the University of Salzburg", "The Friendship Binding Mozart with the Salzburg Families" and "Spiritual Music and the Worship of the Saints". The second Mozart House No. 8, standing on today's Makart Square, where he lived between 1773 and 1780, is also called the "Dance Master's House", mainly because of the organization of frequent dance classes for nobles and musical dances for friends in Mozart's spacious apartment. Regular guests also included famous artists, actors and musicians. A large part of the apartment was destroyed in 1944 during the war, so the present museum in the house is mostly reconstructed according to the original of the house.

Our tip! If you do not have time for the tour of both the Mozart Houses, we certainly recommend choosing a Geburtshaus house where he was born for the tour, the yellow building with narrow corridors and the low-ceiling rooms has far more spells than the large building on Makartplatz. Additionally, you can admire Mozart's first violin and personal belongings and in the wooden room you can listen to Mozart's songs for hours. You will surely appreciate the exposition of Mozart's opera scenes.

Close to Mozart's Birthplace there is a complex of buildings where the classical music festival takes place every year. Concert halls are set in carved rock and offer exquisite acoustics and atmosphere. The Festspielhaus in Salzburg is reportedly the largest, 100 meters wide, stage in Europe. Even without a ticket to one of the operas (which cost at least €200) you can see the backstage halls accompanied by cheerful and loquacious Austrians.



### THE FORTRESS HOHENSALZBURG IN SALZBURG

The castle is the largest and best-preserved medieval residence in Europe. It was built in 1077 by Archbishop Gebhardem. The archbishop Leonhard of Keutschach made some serious reconstructions and expansions to the building in the 15th and 16th centuries, when the unrest associated with the Hungarian War and the European peasant uprisings shaken with Salzburg, and the impregnable fortress served as a shelter for the Archbishop of Salzburg. It was in this period that the castle gained its present appearance - the main building was raised, the armory and the granary were built, a massive defensive tower (Khuenburgbastei) and the interiors gained a more magnificent appearance thanks to the magnificent Gothic carved reliefs and the ornamental drawing decorating the Golden Hall and the Golden Chamber with 58 inscriptions of coats of arms reminding us of the Leonhard's family.

The Salzburg Fortress also served as barracks and prisons and fulfilled its function of the defense complex – perfectly well, none of its attempting besiegers ever managed to conquer it.

The castle is situated on a hill, so you have the city's surrounding rooftops as right before you. In addition to a magnificent view, the fortress offers a tour through the medieval princes' chambers and several historical and thematic exhibitions. At the lower entrance gate, definitely do not miss the tour of the St. Peter's local cemetery, that is considered one of the most beautiful in the world thanks to the metallic old crosses and the magnificent floral decorations of the graves. Among other things, the composer Haydn or Mozart's talented nurse Nannerl are buried there.

The city catacombs are also worth a visit. By the way, they surprisingly go up the stairs and give its visitors a nice view of the cemetery.

On the way back, we recommend going around the Dome through the Golden Lane, where the path lined the small shops of the grocers with the stylish and traditional signposts. This way you can reach Mirabell Castle, where you can relax in the local park with a fountain, while watching the majestic and historic fortress from a distance.

Our tip! It actually really does pay off to pay for the cable car to get to the main gate of the castle (and back), which saves you otherwise quite a steep path. This cog railway (which has been in operation since 1892) is quite similar to the czech Petřín cable car. The chairlift is glassed-in, so you will not lose the possibility to see the beautiful view for yourself. It goes up to 22:00 in the season. And finally, in the mighty walls of the fort you can very well hide from any unpleasant weather - whether it is hot, rain or snow.



### HELLBRUNN PALACE AND FOUNTAINS

The impressive city residence at the foot of the Hellbrunn Hill was built by the Archbishop of Salzburg Markus Sittikus in 1612. The magnificent structure was supposed to faithfully (maybe better) copy the Italian Mediterranean style that Sittikus admired. The Hellbrunn summer residence is thus, along with vast gardens and numerous fountains, a real architectural gem, one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings on the northern side of the Alps.

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mountain are stunning by their originality and surprising effects.

They are made up of dozens of fountains, mysterious caves, ponds, water-powered animated figures, or sneaky nozzles that unexpectedly spray the passers-by in the moments when they are least expecting it (which is especially welcome in the summer). In July and August, evening tours are also taking place, visitors can enjoy a magical blend of water, lights and music.

Monthly mansion is another architectural jewel within the Hellbrunn Castle area. Today, the Salzburg Museum's ethnographic collections, dedicated to the life of people in Salzburg, are located here over the course of several centuries.

Our tip! Tour of the Castle and the area takes about an hour, then it is possible to relax and chillout in the grass in the Park. In hot days you will appreciate a small swimming pool with really cool water where you can refresh yourself, oh and there are some fountains with drinking water too. You can get yourself a meal at a local restaurant or buffet. The Salzburg card gets you a free admission. The public transport line no. 25 leads from the town hall in the city center up to the castle.

### THE SALZBURG MUSEUM

The newly built museum premises are located in the magnificent historic building of the New Residence at Mozart's Square.



The new concept of the museum offers visitors an unconventional combination of historical and artistic knowledge with an aesthetic and multimedia presentation that proves that the modern museum can be both informative and fun at the same time. For these qualities, the Salzburg Museum was awarded the highest award in the form of the Austrian Museum Prize.

Our tip! In the hall, where moderators move from one plasma screen to another and present the archbishops paintings on the canvas above them, you will feel like you are in the Hogwarts Castle of Harry Potter.

On the first floor of the museum, the exhibition is dedicated to outstanding personalities of Salzburg. So you can admire the life and work of interesting artists, architects, scientists or doctors, artisans or laborers. On the second floor there is a permanent exhibition offering an unusual view of political history, culture and art from the beginnings of modern times up to the present and a mirror hall exhibiting archaeological findings from various historical epochs. In the underground passage linking the Salzburg and Panorama museums, are among other things exhibited many discoveries found during excavations in the New Residence and 1800 years old Roman wall with frescoes. In the underground beneath the inner courtyard of the New Residence, the Art Hall was established. The 500 m<sup>2</sup> large, multifunctional space with illumination holds three major extraordinary exhibitions each year.

### SALZBURG MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The museum consists of two buildings: a baroque building with a modern art dome Rupertinum located in the heart of the old town and the modern Museum at the Monastery Mountain, where you can find Salzburg and all the old town's roofs on the palm. Both buildings have an exhibition area of more than 3000 m2, and there are also thematic and monographic exhibitions devoted to the art of the 20th and of the century. The premises are also used for presentations of graphic works and photographs - an Austrian photo gallery with over 17,000 unique and interesting photographs is definitely worth visiting.

The remarkable building of the Museum of Modern Art opens at the top of the Monastic mountain, right on the edge of a steep rock, at a height of 60 meters above the square of Anton – Neumayr – Platz and above the roofs of the Old Town. The architecture of this four storey building is just unique and has four exhibition areas for any exhibition of various formats. The glazed walls in the part of the museum, where the staircase is located, open a beautiful view of the historic water tower from the 19th century. Worth mentioning is also the façade of the building, which was created according to a specific Treble Clef – using the unique computer, notes were inscribed into the notches of the facade system in a form of some arias from Mozart's Opera "Don Giovanni ".



### MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY HAUS DER NATURE

It is perhaps the most popular Salzburg museum for children and adults and it conceals the knowledge from a variety of natural sciences. The main feature is the water world, which represents and unleashes the mysterious underwater world in 40 different aquariums (that stand out for their reputation as one of the most beautiful in Central Europe). You can see, among other things, coral sharks and various colorful fish from the oceans as well as fish from domestic lakes and rivers. In the terrarium part of the museum, there are imitations of the usual living conditions of its inhabitants, it is possible to observe more than 200 rare and exotic types of reptiles and amphibians – the most famous poisonous snakes of all continents, aquatic and terrestrial turtles or lizards and alligators from the Mississippi river basin.

The museum is also a space hall where visitors can see, for example, the exposition of the cosmic city of the future, models of the planetary system, the immitation of the Mercury space cabin or the diorama depicting moon landing in the original size. Many interesting information can also be gained at the geological part of the museum, there is a biological laboratory or exhibition devoted to the development of humans and animals of all continents from the lce Age.

Part of the museum is also a Science Center built accordingly to the world's natural science museums. A total of 80 experimental stations focusing on different thematic units (eg. energy and water, acoustics, sounds and music, physics and natural laws, or the human body, its function and health) are deployed on three floors overall, aiming to interactively and amusingly bring science closer to anyone who strives to get more out of the experience. Everything is based on one's own experience and the message is clear: "touching and testing is allowed!" The exhibits can be moved so that the visitor experiences have its own ongoing story "with one's very own eyes and hands" reveals the principle and functioning.

Our tip! A great attraction happens every Monday at 10:30 - feeding coral sharks in their giant reservoir with 10,000 liters of water. Between the tours of individual parts of the museum, it is also possible to relax and refresh yourself in the café with a restaurant on the sunny terrace.

### SALZBURG RESIDENTIAL GALLERY

The gorgeous exhibition spaces of this gallery hide and harmoniously combine both a permanent exhibition in the form of the Salzburg Land Collection of Classical Painting and various temporary thematic exhibitions of both classical and contemporary painting. However, the main part of the exhibition is based on Dutch painting of the 17th century, the Italian, French and Austrian Baroque paintings of the 17th and 18th centuries and 19th century Austrian painting.



### SALZBURG ZOO

The Zoo offers a magnificent combination of free ranges and the surrounding Hellbrunn nature with a breathtaking view of the surrounding wreath of the snowy mountains around the city. One of the main missions of the Zoo is to save endangered species of animals and breed animals in natural conditions that are as close as possible to life in the the wild. Also, it is very often possible to observe related species in one free range, which makes visiting the zoo a unique experience.

Our tip! For small children, there is a wooden baby carriage for rent, which will make it easier for you to explore the whole zoo in the case of your children are tired and the legs need some rest. However, we can tell from our own experience that most of the children in a baby carriage will only remain in it until you reach the goat free range, because that one is also freely accessible to even the youngest of visitors. There is a bus line to the Zoo coming right from the center. The Salzburg card gets you a free admission.



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### **ARRIVAL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Salzburg is often referred to as the heart of Europe, because it really has a central location within Europe and can therefore easily be reached from all sides - Germany has an excellent connection to the euro rail network and is a major transport hub for European motorway networks. In order to use motorways in Austria, you need to buy a Vignette (depending on the duration of the stay, there are different vignettes for different prices). It is possible to move around the city through a dense network of public transport, which guarantees fast and convenient travelling. Salzburg main train station is just a 15-minute walk from the city centre. There, it is possible to switch to different lines of city or regional buses, local railways and the S-Bahn - the elevated railway which connects the city with surrounding villages. If you purchase the Salzburg card, the public transport in Salzburg is free.

### SHOPPING

Shopping in Salzburg is an experience in itself, you can even choose whether you want to visit one of Europe's most modern shopping galleries, Europark Salzburg, where under one roof all world-famous brands meet in a total of 130 stores, or you just prefer stylish shopping in the old part of town. Here, you will find the main shopping street - the Getreidegasse and Judengasse with lots of smaller shops and boutiques offering contemporary designer and traditional Salzburg products. Of course, we believe that shopping enthusiasts will not miss either of the two contrasting ways.

### THE TRADITION AND QUALITY

The Old Town of Salzburg is always alive - people live, shop, admire the atmosphere and work. There are many historical craftsmen - bakeries, liqueur manufacturers, weavers, confectioners, cobblers, folk artists, fur workers, etc., that produce and sell their traditional products here. The shops themselves or the passages with decorated backyards are sights as such. It is worth mentioning and visiting, for example, the Mora Bookstore in the Residential Square, the old court pharmacy of the Ar-chbishops of the Old Market, the Anton Koppenwallner Gold Workshop,



the monastery bakery st. Peter, the specialized Holzermayr chocolate shop or the Schatz sugar factory.

### THE TASTE OF SALZBURG – LOCAL SWEET SPECIALITIES

What would it be like to visit one of Austria's most beautiful cities if you did not get yourself local sweet specialties in some of the local charming historic cafés or pastry shops? The Salzburg specialty is the Salzburger Nockerl dessert, the Mozart balls and the large pretzels (Bretzel) with marzipan, chocolate, cheese or pudding flavors. Do not forget to buy some of the Salzburg sweets as a nice gift from a trip for your loved ones, perhaps in the form of a hand-made chocolate delicacy (sush as Mozart balls).



## USEFUL INFORMATION AND PECULIARITIES

### EMERGENCY SIGNALS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Although the Alps is a source of many exciting adventures and opportunities for unforgettable holiday experiences, it is still good to remember at all times that this is an unpredictable and, in many ways, dangerous natural area. For this reason, we will introduce the main principles of taking emergency action in the mountains, their observance may in case of danger save a human life.

In Austria there is mountain rescue service (Bergrettungsdienst Österreich). Basic knowledge of the emergency signaling guidelines can help you and also other in case of danger when you capture the signal and help yourself or others. If you get into a bad situation and you need help, you can use some of signs and ways generally accepted by both IKAR Rescue Organization and also UIAA climbers, to call for rescue:

1. The standing figure with both hands up - this method is especially suitable when establishing a visual contact with potential saviors. With that figure you may signal either the need for help: hands up, making you actually look like the letter Y (i.e. YES), or you can refuse the help by pulling one hand only while the other stays down, making your figure look like the letter N (i.e. NO) If you do not really need any help at all, you will not be able to get rid can potentially prevent a rescue team coming to you just because they thought you are at risk or injured.

2. Laying out a red canvas of 1x1 m is in the snow with a white circle with a radius of 60 cm and a width of 15 cm in the middle or firing a red rocket, flares - these ways of calling for help require the special equipment that most ordinary alpine hikers do not really have on them. In particular, the flares are very effective, so if you plan for example mountaineering or other demanding summer and winter sports activities, we recommend getting them and have them on you.

3. C. T. Signal Dent – this is the most commonly used distress signal (used since 1894), which is composed of a series of six identical signs which are to be broadcast in certain regular intervals. Signal may have different forms like sound, scream, light (e.g. torch). In practice, the best tool to always carry with you proved to be a whistle because it takes virtually almost no space and has the potentional to save your life. We



recommend having plastic whistle, metal one could actually freeze to your lips in extremely cold temperatures. In the event that you do not any whistle, the next best way is a whistling using your fingers, shouting and flashing light in the darkness.

How does the repeating signal work then? There should be a series of six signals of the same kind per one minute at regular intervals (that is, every 10 seconds, e.g. whistle). Then you do not send any signal for another minute and wait for a second call - it should be three signals transmitted in a minute (i.e. every 20 seconds). Keep repeating this on and on, minute of the signals and minute pause until the call is answered.

Bear in mind that everyone who intercepts a distress signal in the mountains has a moral obligation to provide assistance or summon one. Also, do not use the emergency signals in the event that you do not really need the help.

### DANGER DURING A STORM

What to do if some unfavorable weather strikes you in the mountains?

Though for some, the storm may be a mysterious, magical and admirable natural phenomenon; in the mountains it poses a relatively dangerous risk, which should not to be underestimated. Thunderstorms occur here more often than in the lowlands, unexpected and safe hideaways occur in tough alpine terrain stretched up to tens of kilometers away from each other.

Austria is one of the storm most active European countries. Interestingly: According to a survey, 22 cases of lightning accidents were reported in the Austrian Alps between 1986 and 1992, in which 63 people were affected (out of which about 20% were killed and 40% were seriously injured). At the same time, in addition to off-road accidents at the peaks or ridges, there is a relatively frequent occurrence of lightning in contact with metal fences on pastures or when staying in simple or temporary huts that do not have a lightning rod. Also, do not underestimate the dangers that represent the second-round effects of the storm - for example, loosening stones, in steep places the rain can create a waterfall in a place where it is normally dry. The terrain becomes slippery and hailstones that can accompany a storm create very difficult stretch even out of fairly easy ways.

### PREVENTION

Every visitor to the mountains, should always take everything needed for it to not be surprised by a potential storm while in the mountains. Before every tour, watch the current weather forecast, if the weather in the mountains changes out of the blue and you suspect the storm is coming, find the fastest safe place. It is always better to return than to continue the tour without the certainty of finding a safe hideout.

Thunderstorms occur most frequently in the afternoon and in the evening. Before the actual storm comes you can usually know it is there



by a thunder sound that can be heard from up to 20 kilometers away. Thunderstorm distance can be estimated by the time between observing the lightning and hearing the thunder - you see the flash instantly; the sound wave propagates slower at a speed of 0.33 kilometers per hour. Divide the measured time by three and get a storm distance (that is, if the time difference between the visual lightning and thunder sound is 9 seconds, the storm is 3 kilometers away).

Sometimes you can see other accompanying phenomena such as Elijah's fire, in which the contours of various objects of metallic elements e.g. of your equipment can be lightning blue, or they can crack or buzzle.

### SAFE PLACES TO HIDE AND EMERGENCY MEASURES

Mountain chalets and other buildings with lightning conductors, interior spaces of cars, buses, trains and cable cars can be considered a protected and safe place. All windows and doors must be closed. Also, you shouldn't have an antenna on your car during a storm.

When hit by the storm at an unprotected place in the mountains, leave the peaks and mountain ridges immediately and try to get as low as possible. Keep all metal objects as far away as possible, if you are on the way with metallic locks or chains, try to get away from these elements as fast and as far as possible. When in a group of people, it is good to spread and get in a fair distance from each other, so you prevent the chance of chain reaction thunder hit. It is effective to isolate yourself from the ground - for example, by straddling a rope or backpack. Keep your feet close together, reducing so called stepping tension. In an open flat terrain, any recess or depression is an ideal shelter. The right place to hide is also some rock wall or high objects with a lightning conductor around which there is a certain area of the so-called safe zone (the radius of the zone corresponds to the height of the object), but you should never stand directly by the wall, keep a distance of at least 2 m.

Continue in your way by the time the thunderstorm is at least 10 km away (a time difference between lightning and thunder for at least 30 seconds).

Some places are especially dangerous for thunderstorms, so it is imperative to avoid them. These are in particular elevated buildings such as stand-alone trees, distinctive rock blocks, crest ridges and mountain peaks, ladders secured by chains, wire ropes, and so on. Hazardous is also a hiding place in tight rock niches or entrance openings into caves, windows and door chambers, because in this case the person literally connects the top and bottom edges of such niches.

Tents in the event of a thunderstorm are more likely to be hit by lightning, and they are definitely not a suitable place to hide. Places with heavily soaked soil (where there may be a growing vegetation) or meadows, damp gullies and troughs are inappropriate as well. It is very dangerous to stay nearby less than two meters from tall buildings that are not secured by a lightning rod.



# HISTOR **DF THE BARANEK RESORT**

### **BLUEBERRY** – as the time passed

In 1946 a local builder, Mr Stefan Zehentnerem developed a project of a residential house at the request of Mr. Johann Majera. A wooden house was built by the railway station and was gradually rebuilt over time and according to the requirements of the various owners, it was enlarged with the given annexes. The last complete reconstruction took place in the spring of 2006, when the house got its present form, especially in interiors. The reconstruction of the house started in January 2006 by the preparation of an architectural study and a simple implementation project. Schedule has been created, a working team has been assembled, subcontractors have been chosen, all the necessary permits have been settled and managed and then on 1 March, 2006 the reconstruction and the demolition have been launched. Approximately 25 workers from all professions, starting with the architect and ending with the room painter, were continuously involved in the reconstruction of the house. A total of 27,400 km between Přerov and Leogang was driven and approximately 45 tons of material transported. The reconstruction completely replaced thze whole wiring, the cable TV and internet distribution, the sewage system, the water distribution, the ventilation, the heating, the windows, all the doors, the furniture and the kitchen. From the original three bathrooms, their number was extended to 9. As part of making better use of the space, the attics





were completely insulated and lined up. Throughout the reconstruction, workers were housed in a house where they moved from one place to another. The first guests were housed on 22 July 2006. In the following year, the last outdoor modifications were made, and the house called Blueberry was finally finished.

### WILDBACH – as the time passed

The house was built in 1948 with the help of state subsidies by the family of Josef Baumann. The basement and ground floor are bricked, the first floor and the attic are made of wooden beams. The house was continuously reconstructed in stages, especially by the Daxecker family. Gradually, cattle sheds, a garage and a shed were added to it. The complete renovation then finally came in the autumn of 2008, when it got its present form. The specifics construction works started after the perfect day of preparation at the beginning of October 2008. Thanks to the experience of the previous reconstruction and the same team of one could say tribal workers, the house was repaired in a record time of 63 working days with 12 hours shifts. The reconstruction completely replaced the whole wiring, the cable TV and internet distribution, the sewage system, the water distribution, the ventilation, the heating, the windows, all the doors, the furniture and the kitchen. Instead of the original single bath in the house, their number was increased to seven. As part of making better use of the space, the attics were completely insulated and lined up. The first guests were accommodated on 20 December 2008.





### **PENSION BARANEK** – as the time passed

In 1979, the construction of a small hotel with 28 beds, which included a completely unused indoor pool for guests, was started and finished on the basis of an approved project. Until our reconstruction, these rooms had no practical use and served as a warehouse for unnecessary things. Although the house changed its owner several times during its existence, it still functioned as an accommodation facility. Under the leadership of the previous owner - the so-called timesharing company, the house was very dilapidated and seemed to be standing only by a stroke of luck. Haus Happy – such was the original name of our third pension, which later acquired the name of the Pension Baranek. On the first of November 2013, we bought the house and started the extensive modernization on that very day with a maximum workload. It was necessary both to adapt the house to the current requirements and standards for its proper operating while creating the most comfortable place for the quests. The unused pool spaces were rebuilt into a spacious ski room, and the infrared sauna was added to the sauna. Due to the poor condition of the building, however, the primary task was to ensure the safety and comfort of the guests. Throughout the entire house, a state-of-the-art fire system was installed as well as new beds, bedding, carpets, curtains, upholsters, all sanitary facilities - toilets, sinks, batteries, fans, and overall, it could be simply said that everything you look at right now went through a serious change. In the summer of 2014, the exterior and the surroundings of the house were also arranged.



