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Tips and favourite places 2020

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The most beautiful excursions with one card

Discover the diversity of the region – in summer, winter, autumn and spring! The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg has so much to offer the whole year long.

This card is your easy access to the whole region, from Bregenz to Nenzing. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card paves the way for the best excursions in the region, is your bus and train ticket, and grants you discounts with bonus partners. You can visit any of the attractions several times: however, no more than once per day.



All partner companies are indicated in the Compact Folder.

- All-inclusive partner – free admission
- Bonus partner – reduced admission

Information about the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card

Validity and price

1-day card €16

2-day card €25

3-day card €32

Children and young people (6–15 years) each pay half.
Children aged up to 5 years go free provided they are accompanied by an adult.

Price advantage

The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card pays off as soon as you have visited just two attractions.

Example: visits to the Karren in Dornbirn and the vorarlberg museum Bregenz together normally cost €20.70 – with the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card, you can visit them from just €16 and also travel comfortably from one to the other by public transport.

Bus and Rail

With the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card, you can travel free of charge by bus or train throughout the Vorarlberg region; you can also travel by train to the border stations in Lindau (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg. Timetable information: Vorarlberg Traffic Company T +43 (5522) 83951-0, www.vmobil.at

Where can I get the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card?

The card is available directly from our online shop or from Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus and selected partner hotels and tourist centres in the district.

T +43 (5574) 43443-0, office@bodensee-vorarlberg.com
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/leisurecard

Network of cycle paths Bodensee-Vorarlberg

- 1 Ill-Rhein Route
- 2 Villages-cities Route
- 3 Bregenzerwald Route

- 5 Gaißau-Dornbirn Route
- 6 Leiblachtal Route
- 7 Lake Constance Cycle Route

— Signposted cycle tours



You can find detailed cycling information at:
radplaner.vmobil.at

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The region possesses an excellent and extensive network of cycling routes that enthusiasts may use to travel from A to B without harming the environment in any way. Some of the routes will take cyclists past remote nature reserves and places where they can experience nature directly in the beautiful countryside. Most routes do not follow any roads, not even for a metre, and even professional cyclists like Rainer Sebal, who heads the development department at Simplon, the famous manufacturer of high-performance bikes, rave about the high quality of life that passionate cyclists can find here. His portrait and a few insights into the world of extreme sports on two wheels can be found on Page 8.

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Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card

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Welcome

to the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region – that this little brochure presents to you in ever-new facets. We're really enjoying the preparations for publishing it because it's a job that takes us away from our everyday lives and reminds us of the diversity of the region we live in. Its location alone, situated as it is on the banks of one of the largest lakes in Central Europe where three international borders come together, is a stroke of good fortune that has produced great cultural diversity. Our high quality of life is carefully maintained by the residents. The quality of the water in Lake Constance is good enough to drink and the breeding and nesting grounds on its shores are protected and home to numerous insect, bird and plant species that have unfortunately become very rare elsewhere. An extensive network of cycle paths leads through these splendid islands of tranquillity, and a similar expanse of hiking trails, taking you into the mountain landscapes, presents ever new vistas far into the region and magnificent natural experiences to both residents and visitors alike. Here is where the mind can come to rest.

It is a privileged place and the people here have been working for generations to turn the region into a strong business location, to establish innovations on global markets and to develop continuously. The cultural offers that may be enjoyed here are also able to compete with the international venues in the cities and they attract visitors and interested parties to the region all year round. Art, architecture, literature and the performing arts cast an impressively bright light over the borders of the region. This pocket-sized brochure you are now holding – which is also available in a digital version by the way – presents a really vibrant insight into our region's abundance. You'll find a personal online guide at today.guide that will store your preferences and deliver interesting and valuable information based on your current location – all without the need to download any apps. It will unobtrusively offer the most relevant information based on the weather, time of day and current events on your display – so why not give it a go?

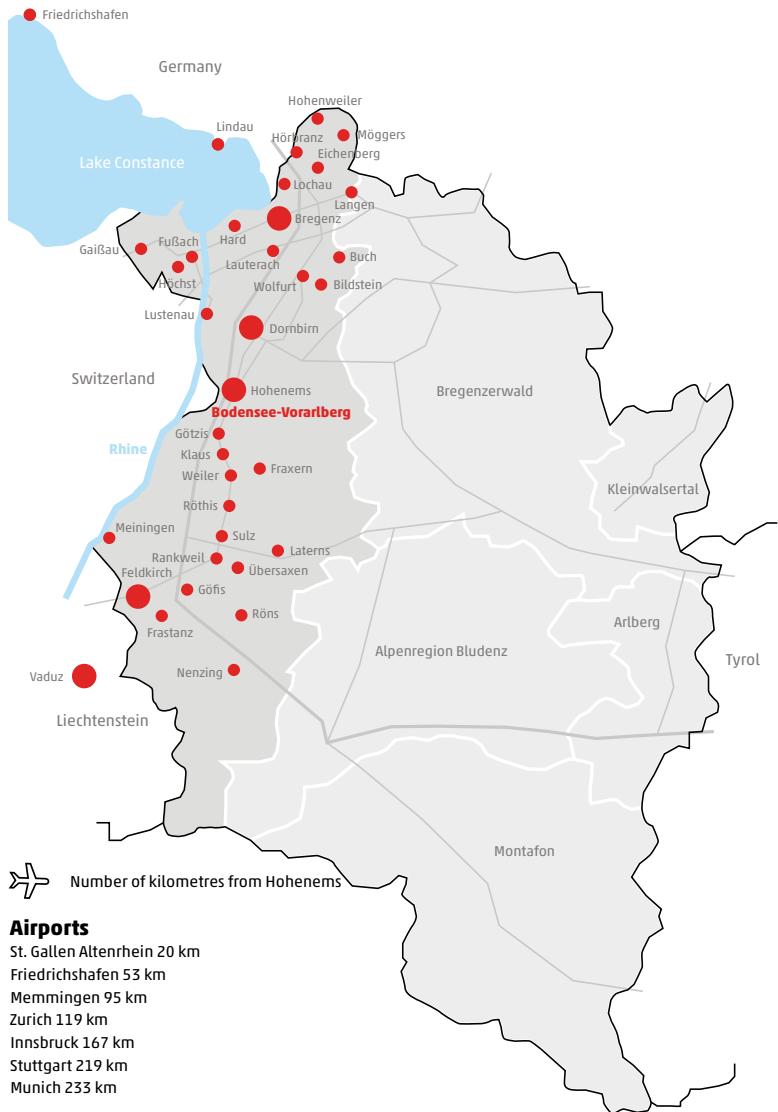
But visiting our website www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com is also always worthwhile because that's where you'll find a wealth of offers, where stories are told, where people are introduced and where you become part of all the action – be inspired, we are here for you.

Urs Treuthardt

Managing director of Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus

Getting here

The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg is easily accessible by all routes, and from all directions, with a very well-developed public transport network. Trains operate between Bregenz and Feldkirch, as do buses and Lake Constance ships of Vorarlberg Lines.



Vorarlberg

Facts

Population	394.297 (Status 2019)
Area	2.601 km ² (3,1 % of Austria)
Location	In the centre of Europe, on the north-western foothills of the Austrian Alps. On the borders to Germany, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein.
Altitude	395 m above sea level (Lake Constance) to 3,312 m (Piz Buin)

67 % of the population live in the towns and villages of the Rhine Valley, which make up around 17 % of the area of the state of Vorarlberg. The population density in some areas is comparable with that of conurbations.

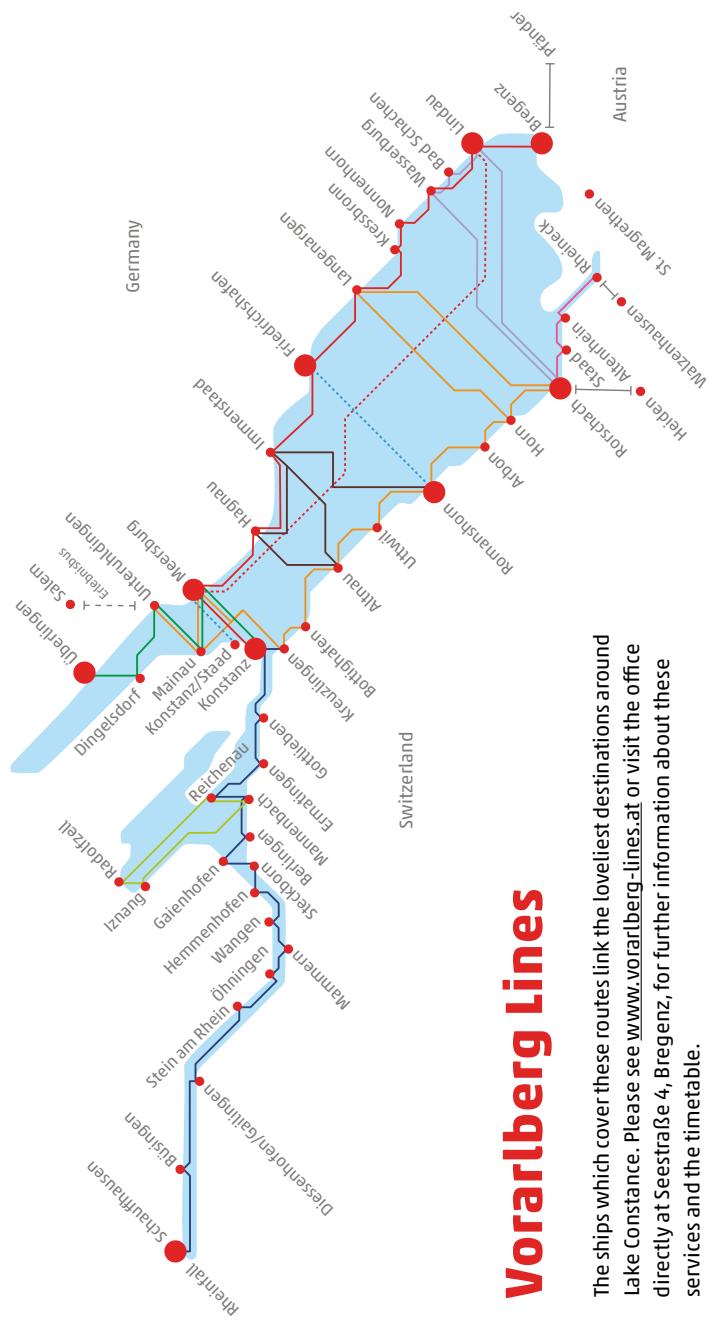
The region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg goes even further, it includes 32 municipalities.

180 million cubic metres of drinking water are extracted from Lake Constance every year. Its drinking water quality is deemed to be excellent.

The circumference of Vorarlberg's border is 321 km, with only 69 km of it connecting Vorarlberg to the rest of Austria – a road tunnel, a railway tunnel and the road across the Arlberg, passable all year, cross the high-alpine mountains.

Using public transport in Vorarlberg

The public transport system in Vorarlberg is well developed, and offers a good alternative to driving. A standardised fare system applies to the trains, town and regional buses. The state is divided into "zones". A day ticket for the entire public transport system costs € 14.50 for adults. Timetables and detailed fare information are available at www.vmobil.at: you can also download an app for smartphones from fairtiq. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card entitles you to travel free of charge by bus or train throughout the Vorarlberg region; you can also travel by train to the border stations in Lindau (Germany), St. Margrethen (Switzerland), Buchs (Switzerland) and St. Anton am Arlberg.



Vorarlberg Lines

The ships which cover these routes link the loveliest destinations around Lake Constance. Please see www.vorarlberg-lines.at or visit the office directly at Seestraße 4, Bregenz, for further information about these services and the timetable.



High performance from Hard

Cycling is more than simply a means of transport for Rainer Sebal. And it's no coincidence that he owns seven bikes and that he knows the region's steepest ridges and mountain peaks like the back of his hand.

It's said that exploring your own limits makes you happy. Rainer Sebal and his team develop and build the popular Simplon bikes – the 'high performance' claim is not simply an empty promise that the company makes – it's something that's taken very seriously. The competition in the market for bicycles is fierce but Simplon is one of the leaders in the field and frequently sets the pace – not least due to the inventive minds who work with the head of the development department and who are willing to think the impossible. It's not possible to achieve victories – professionally or athletically – without team members who are perfectly adapted to each other. So it's not surprising that the research and development department is mostly staffed by team players – they're one of the reasons for the enthusiasm that fills Rainer when he climbs into the saddle to cycle to Hard every day.

His grasp of the world of two-wheels is comprehensive and deep because after graduation and leaving university with a profound knowledge of sports technology, he worked as the editor of a major mountain bike magazine for many years where he was responsible for testing the latest bikes and materials. It was a job that took him around the world and he 'test rode' bikes for instance during the Absa Cape Epic in South Africa – one of the most famous and toughest stage races for mountain bikes – or the Ötztal Bike Marathon, which covers more than 5,000 metres in altitude difference and 200 kilometres in distance. The Simplon company brought the young father from Stuttgart to Hard six years ago. He's been living with his small family in Dornbirn ever since – and is really enjoying life there. "The mix of nature and urbanity here in the region is unique," he says, "and the extensive network of cycle paths in the Rhine Valley and in the mountains is fantastic. I couldn't wish for a better place to live right now." When he feels like relaxing, he visits his favourite places in the middle of the cultural events, such as the Spielboden and the Dynamo Festival, that the city of Dornbirn has to offer. He starts to get really enthusiastic when he talks about it because the quality of life that the region has to offer is definitely one of the reasons he wants to stay there.

More stories: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/stories



Bregenz

Dance festival Bregenzer Frühling

This dance festival has attracted an international audience since the 1990s. For a good reason: this is the place to experience the stars of the international dance scene, and legendary premières and unforgettable performances have maintained a reliably high standard. Frequent standing ovations express the audience's enthusiasm. ☺ The hall of the Festival Theatre is alive with dance between March and June 2020.

www.bregenzerfruehling.at

Bregenzer Festspiele (Bregenz Festival)

In the summer months, the actors and visitors to the festival turn the town into a multi-cultural meeting point – the opera "Rigoletto" by Giuseppe Verdi is performed for the second time under the directorship of Philipp Stölzl. The lake stage is one thing – the rest of the programme such as the opera "Nero" by Arrigo Boito and many more on the Werkstattbühne and in the theatre of the Kornmarktplatz, first-class orchestral concerts, the established opera workshop and the crossculture event for teenagers, and other highlights provide plenty of reasons to stay in Bregenz that bit longer.

☺ The festival is held between 22 July and 23 August 2020.

A look behind the scenes

It is the world's largest lake stage – and it welcomes interested visitors to take a look behind the scenes at all the goings-on.

Reserve a guided tour:

➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, T +43 (5574) 4076, ☎ p. 19 – B3
www.bregenzerfestspiele.com

Cultural Life ☕

Culture is, without doubt, the first answer that comes to the mind of each and every local when asked to name the most prominent feature of life in the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg. Cultural life in the region is high-brow – as high as it possibly can be for a region which doesn't have a big city. Something has established itself here which you normally only find in cultural conurbations, i.e. wide acceptance for art and culture, which leaves a lasting impression on the atmosphere. The major cultural institutions with their international appeal and the many regional productions, of an exceptionally high quality, have contributed equally to this. Essentially, a lively cultural scene influences all areas and boosts the quality of life.



Tip

Dominic Mayer

Host and Chef, Hörnlingen Rankweil

"The Bregenz Festival is clearly the cultural highlight of the year for me – the spectacular presentation and the elaborate stage design at Lake Constance are unique and a must for me."

Bregenz Festival

Vorarlberger Landestheater (State Theatre)

The State Theatre brings a breath of fresh air to the classical plays of world literature. Then again, the stage also has plenty space to accommodate the present.

➔ Seestraße 2, T +43 (5574) 42870-600, ☎ p. 19 – F3

www.landestheater.org

Theater KOSMOS

Always on the look-out for unusual plays and authors, the team at the KOSMOS theatre guarantees the audience a view of contemporary literature and the indelible attraction of theatre makers who give their life's blood to what they do.

➔ Mariahilfstraße 29, T +43 (5574) 44034

www.theaterkosmos.at

Künstlerhaus Palais Thurn und Taxis

The headquarters of Vorarlberg's Professional Association of Visual Artists and an exquisite exhibition programme give a lease of life to the town palace – the park around the estate is home to botanical sights well worth seeing.

➔ Gallusstraße 10, T +43 (5574) 42751, ☎ p. 19 – E7

www.kuenstlerhaus-bregenz.at

Environs

Kammgarn Kulturwerkstatt

In 1996, the disused premises of Schoeller in Hard were converted into a cultural centre which, since then, has been livening up the old walls with music, theatre, stand-up comedy and a children's programme. The Kammgarn Kulturwerkstatt is the setting for the Foen-X stand-up comedy festival and part of the hardcover literature festival, is home to the arthouse cinema every Wednesday, and hosts over 120 events per year. Stop off at the Kultur-Café after each event to exchange opinions.

➔ Spinnereistraße 10, Hard, T +43 (5574) 82731

www.kammgarn.at



Spielboden

Dornbirn

Spielboden

The Spielboden, which hosts concerts, theatre, cinema and legendary club nights as well as socio-critical discourses is a central location for cultural life in Dornbirn.

➔ Färbergasse 15, T +43 (5572) 21933

www.spielboden.at

Art Bodensee

Small, exquisite and innovative – that is how renowned, regional and international galleries present themselves ☺ between 3 and 5 July 2020 at the Art Bodensee art fair in Dornbirn.

www.artbodensee.info

Gustav

International salon for high-quality consumer goods – the "Die Gustav" fair is being held in the Messequartier Dornbirn ☺ between 16 and 18 October 2020.

www.diegustav.com



Jessica Hotz

Farmer, Yak Halden Lochau

"The Gustav is a fixed recurring entry in my annual calendar! The fair inspires with creative products and invites visitors to try all kinds of delicacies – it's one of my favourite tips."

Gustav, Dornbirn

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Freudenhaus

The Freudenhaus in Lustenau is a wonderfully unconventional place that offers plenty of space for circus, theatre, stand-up comedy and music. The circus tent, which has found a permanent home in the Millenniumpark in Lustenau, is the venue for a broad variety of different events from April to September.

➔ Millenniumpark, Lustenau

www.freudenhaus.or.at

Hohenems

Emsiana

It's worth finding out more about Hohenems – and with a much broader focus than on just its unique history. The latest developments in this small town include a culture festival, which is by now writing history itself. From classical concerts to world music and contemporary art exhibitions through to children's performances, this culture festival makes Hohenems a place to remember.

⌚ 7 to 10 May 2020

www.emsiana.at



Homunculus

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Heroes, myths and fairytales, told with a modern twist and magnificently interpreted using puppets – that is the Homunculus puppet theatre festival in Hohenems. Theatrical productions which delight the regular audience and guests alike have been staged here for over 20 years. Every year, the productions have a thematic motto specified by artistic director Susanne Claus.

⌚ 14 to 22 May 2020

➔ Löwensaal Hohenems, ☎ p. 51 – F3

www.homunculus.info

Schubertiade Hohenems

The Schubertiade is one of the most renowned classical music festivals worldwide. Nowhere else does the programme cover such a large number of lieder recitals with the best artists in the world in such a short space of time. The festival also includes chamber concerts and piano recitals of the highest quality. The programme is rounded off by orchestral concerts, readings, lectures and masterclasses with great artists. The main event locations are the Angelika Kauffmann Hall in Schwarzenberg and the Markus Sittikus Hall in Hohenems, both of which guarantee an incomparable musical experience with their phenomenal acoustics.

⌚ April to August and October 2020

➔ T +43 (5576) 72091, ☎ p. 51 – E4

www.schubertiade.at



Feldkirch

poolbar-Festival

The festival for young people – for full six weeks, the poolbar-Festival in Feldkirch applies itself to a high-quality, original programme. Music, architecture, graphic arts, art, dance and film are there for the taking ☰ between 10 July and 16 August 2020.

→ Altes Hallenbad im Reichenfeld, ☎ p. 67 – D7
www.poolbar.at

Theater am Saumarkt

The Saumarkt theatre plays an important part in cultural education which continuously picks up on current trends and places them in the limelight. Concerts, theatre, literature, stand-up comedy and film for all ages are on the varied programme, as are discourses pertinent to society.

→ Mühletorplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 72895, ☎ p. 67 – D5
www.saumarkt.at

Johanniterkirche

Originally a hospice of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem built in 1218, after a changeful history, the small church in the middle of the historic centre of Feldkirch now houses an exceptional exhibition centre for contemporary art.

→ Marktgasse 1, ☎ p. 67 – E5
www.johanniterkirche.at

Kunst Palais Liechtenstein

On the second floor, the time-honoured rooms of an old town palace offer a stage for established as well as up-and-coming contemporary artists. Although the focus is on the fine arts, the exhibition programme also includes cooperation with other types of art.

→ Schlossergasse 8, ☎ p. 67 – E4
www.palaisliechtenstein.at

Montforter Zwischentöne

In three event cycles per year, the "Montforter Zwischentöne" festival enters into a new form of dialogue between music and the audience. This opens up spaces for dialogue with musicians – even private rooms turn into meeting places for an evening.

⌚ lose: I can't live without you – 3 to 29 February 2020
 detour – 8 June to 27 June 2020
 receive, send – 13 November to 9 December 2020
 → Montfortplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 9009, ☎ p. 67 – F5
www.montforter-zwischentoene.at

POTENTIAle

The POTENTIAle creates space. For the possible and the seemingly impossible. Autumn sees Feldkirch becoming the venue for regional and international works in the fields of design, photography and media art. That's because the POTENTIAle trade fair in the Reichenfeld-Areal is where designers, design talents and photographers are presenting their latest works for sale. Exhibitions are as much a part of the festival as a vintage market, outdoor installations and many surprising interventions to urban space.

⌚ 13 to 15 November 2020
 → Schlossergasse 1, T +43 (5522) 9009-0
www.potentiale.at



For more culture tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com



◀ to the city map

Bregenz

Bregenzer Festspiele
(Bregenz Festival) and
Festspielhaus Bregenz A3-B3
Café "Die Welle" F2
Pfänderbahn (cable car) H2

vorarlberg museum F3
Kunsthaus Bregenz F3
Pfarrkirche St. Gallus F7
Martinsturm H6
Palais Thurn und Taxis E7



Deuringschlössle



Bregenz



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From the shores of Bregenz you can see as far as the horizon – a unique pleasure for the foothills of the Alps. The open space above the lake may well have characterised the spirit of innovation of the state. One thing is for sure – not only globally successful companies and institutions are concentrated in Vorarlberg; the products of our artistic and culinary life are held in high regard internation-

nally. In particular, the Bregenz Festival sets the tone during the summer, since no stage in the state attracts as many visitors as does the performance on the lake. Art, culture, architecture and gastronomy on the smallest space between the lakeshore and the slope of the Pfänder mountain are to be had, whatever the season. Choice natural experiences are par for the course in the Lake Constance region. However, it is worth mentioning how smoothly things merge with

one another here. As well as the breathtaking view of the Rhine Valley and the neighbouring countries of Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, a walk on the slope reveals the force of attraction which draws fans of architecture in droves – the detached houses you come across on the paths are like a stroll through a museum of modern architecture. From there, you get a view of the town centre, where you can easily get your bearings. Two strong architectural statements are located but a few metres away from each other – vorarlberg museum and Kunsthaus Bregenz, interrupted by a theatre which boasts not only a high number of visitors but also attaches great importance to promoting youths. The excellent eateries play their part too – this is the life!



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1 Fischersteg – Sunset Bar | 2 Former army swimming pool "Mili" | 3 Raphaela Vogel, Kunsthaus Bregenz
4 Herz Jesu parish church, Bregenz | 5 Känzele via ferrata | 6 View above Bregenz

City Lights



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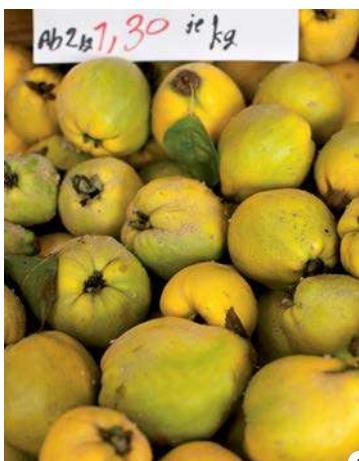
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1 Bregenzer Festspiele

2 Bregenzer Frühling dance festival

3 Strandbad Bregenz | 4 Martinsturm

5 Bregenz LIFE | 6 vorarlberg museum

7 Bregenz in winter | 8 Bregenz market

9 Sunset Steps at Molo

Museums

It is practically impossible to determine the wealth of the region's museum scene, since committed private people in many places have a passion which they make publicly accessible to others – frequently with an astonishingly professional outcome. This list includes a selection of these private collections as well as the major museums, which are also worth a visit by architecture enthusiasts.



1 vorarlberg museum

2 Rolls-Royce Museen

The following opening times are the regular opening times. Restrictions might apply during company holidays, exhibition change-overs and on public holidays.

Bregenz

vorarlberg museum

The culture of the state has been preserved, explored and made available to the public for over 150 years. Since opening its doors in 2013, the structural extension also expresses the conceptional reorientation which has completely blown away any trace of outmodedness and boredom evoked by the name "regional museum".

- ⌚ Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu to 8 p.m., Mon only open on bank holidays
- ➔ Kornmarktplatz 1, T +43 (5574) 46050,  p. 19 – F3
- www.vorarlbergmuseum.at

Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB)

Peter Zumthor has created a work of art in which to present art. With regard to both its content and its architecture, the building is considered throughout Europe as one of the major exhibition houses for contemporary art, offering a high-class art education programme for visitors of all ages.

- ⌚ Mon to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(closed during exhibition change-overs)
- ➔ Karl-Tizian-Platz, T +43 (5574) 485940,  p. 19 – F3
- www.kunsthaus-bregenz.at

Pfänderbahn-Museum

A look at the history of Vorarlberg's first cable car, which started operation in 1927.

- ⌚ Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ➔ Steinbruchgasse 4, T +43 (5574) 42160-0,  p. 19 – H2
- www.pfaenderbahn.at

Exhibition in the Martinsturm

Bregenz's landmark, located within the old town walls, has a baroque onion dome and houses a small museum.

- ⌚ May to October: Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ➔ Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, T +43 (5574) 4101561,  p. 19 – G6
- www.martinsturmbregenz.at

Environs

Art in the Rohnerhaus

The private museum housed in an interesting new building exhibits a permanent collection of works by artists from Vorarlberg, from the 17th century through to the present.

- ⌚ Every first Sunday of the month 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ➔ Kirchstraße 14, Lauterach, T +43 (676) 7032873
- www.rohnerhaus.at

Textildruck-Museum Mittelweiherburg

Exhibits from the world of textile printing are displayed in the former moated castle. ☺ April to October: Wed and Sat 5 to 7 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and by appointment.

→ Mittelweiherburg 3, Hard, T +43 (5574) 6970

www.hardambodensee.at

Dornbirn

Museum Mohren Biererlebniswelt

The Mohrenbrauerei (brewery) in Dornbirn has been dominating beer culture in Vorarlberg since 1834. Exhibits from the Huber family, which owns it, are presented on an area of 700 m² spread over four storeys. The exhibits include the chance to admire the restored brewing equipment from an old craft brewery in the region.

☺ Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri, Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

→ Dr.-Waibel-Straße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 3777 200, [▲ p. 33 – F4](#)

www.mohrenbrauerei.at

Kunstraum Dornbirn

The assembly hall of the former Rüschwerke (Rüsch Turbine Works) has been transformed into a space where current trends in international art are presented in three to four exhibitions every year.

→ Jahngasse 9, T +43 (5574) 6970, [▲ p. 33 – C6](#)

www.kunstraumdornbirn.at

Stadtmuseum Dornbirn

The Stadtmuseum Dornbirn is housed in a 200-year-old patrician house building directly on the market square, with a collection on display that focuses on the history of Dornbirn. Selected items from everyday life are presented over three storeys, and are supplemented by special exhibitions on cultural history and contemporary urban topics. One thematic focus in the museum's collection is the internationally important textile sample archive, with over 300,000 items.

☺ Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

→ Marktplatz 11, T +43 (5572) 3064911, [▲ p. 33 – E3](#)

www.stadtmuseum.dornbirn.at

FLATZ Museum

Wolfgang Flatz, the actionist artist from Dornbirn, has a museum dedicated to him during his lifetime which enables the examination of artistic stimuli of our time. ☺ Fri 3 to 5 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

→ Marktstraße 33, T +43 (5572) 306-4839, [▲ p. 33 – E4](#)

www.flatzmuseum.at



inatura – Erlebnis Naturschau, Dornbirn

inatura – Erlebnis Naturschau

The inatura is an interactive exhibition as well as a documentation centre and research facility. The modern museum concept, interesting architecture and child-oriented, interactive presentation of the objects make this revitalised industrial building into an attractive outing. ☺ Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

→ Jahngasse 9/Stadtgarten, T +43 (5572) 232350, [▲ p. 33 – C6](#)

www.inatura.at

Rolls-Royce Museen

British elegance may be experienced at the Vonier family's Rolls-Royce museums in Dornbirn-Gütte. The Rolls-Royce Automobilmuseum, with the previous, more extensive collection in an old industrial building, takes you back in time through the history of Rolls Royce from 1904 to 1906. Another smaller Rolls-Royce museum has been located next door for a while now.

☺ Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in Gütte 10 July and August daily

→ Gütte 10, T +43 (5572) 52652; Gütte 11a, T +43 (5572) 386693

www.roolls-royce-museum.at

www.roolls-royce-automobilmuseum.at

Christbaumschmuck Museum

You can view about 22 years of a passion for collecting things here, sorted, decorated and catalogued according to epochs. It is one of only three Christmas decoration museums in Europe.

- ⌚ December and January: Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ➔ Montfortstraße 34, T +43 (5572) 23128, Familie Huschle

Krippenmuseum

A collection from all over the world displays nativity scenes and figures providing various interpretations of the Holy Night. The 400 m² full of exhibits include a particularly large piece which shows the Sufferings of Christ, with over 90 figures around a scene of the Passion. The collection is always worth a visit, even from a non-religious point of view.

- ⌚ 1 May to 6 January: Tue to Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ➔ Gütle 11c, T +43 (5572) 200632
- www.krippenmuseum-dornbirn.at

Environs

Rhein-Schauen – Museum and nostalgic Rheinähnle

The River Rhine played an essential role in the life of our forefathers – its flooding brought not only bountiful harvests but also a lot of suffering. It is the focus of the exhibition, including a topographical model of the course of the river, from the sources through to Lake Constance. You can take a ride on a nostalgic steam engine.

- ⌚ End of April to end of October, summer opening hours (from 12 July to 13 September) Museum: Thu to Sun 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., in summer Thu and Sat 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Fr 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Train ride: Thu to Sun 3 p.m., in summer Thu, Sat and Sun 3 p.m., Fr 10 a.m. and Sun additionally 10 a.m.
- ➔ Höchster Straße 4, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 20539
- www.rheinschauen.at

Rauch's Radiomuseum

Some 550 objects dating from the period of between around 1920 and 1970 present developments from the first receivers to arrive in the region to the most modern of sound machines.

- ⌚ Fri 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Sat of the month 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- ➔ Hofsteigstraße 21, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 82784 oder +43 (664) 2209064

Hohenems

For centuries, Hohenems was home to a small Jewish community which also left its mark on life in the state. The Jewish quarter has been carefully renovated and revitalised in recent years. The Schubertiade, which was born in Hohenems, focuses on classical chamber music. Several times a year, the small yet world-famous festival attracts an international audience to Vorarlberg, which in turn impacts on a number of museum gems in Hohenems which are only open daily during the Schubertiade. At other times of year, they can be visited upon request.

The museums of the Schubertiade in Hohenems

Franz Schubert and great performers of his works are elucidated in the historically interesting buildings around Marktstraße in Hohenems. Exhibits pertaining to the life, work and reception history of the composer worth viewing are located here. The collection of the legendary singer Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and her husband, the English record producer Walter Legge, provides insights into the world of music surrounding Karajan, Furtwängler and Callas.

- ⌚ T +43 (5576) 72091
- www.schubertiade.at

Franz-Schubert-Museum

The Franz Schubert Museum shows the brief life of the great Viennese composer who produced so many outstanding compositions.

- ⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.
- ➔ Marktstraße 1, T +43 (5576) 72091, ▲ p. 51 – F3

Schubertiade-Museum

The attempts to deepen our understanding of Franz Schubert's works and what kind of person he was are shown in a building that dates back to 1659. The exhibition focuses on individuals connected to Schubert, whether as artists who performed his work, publishers or authors.

- ⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.
- ➔ Marktstraße 15, T +43 (5576) 72091, ▲ p. 51 – F2

Legge-Museum

Documents from the archive of Walter Legge, the most important classical record producer, are reminders of many individuals from the world of music, from Maria Callas to Herbert von Karajan. A separate room is dedicated to the writer Stefan Zweig, whose grandfather used to live in the building.

- ⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.
- ➔ Marktstraße 5, T +43 (5576) 72091, ▲ p. 51 – F2

Elisabeth-Schwarzkopf-Museum

Elisabeth Schwarzkopf (1915–2006) was one of the most outstanding singers of the 20th century. Her career, which had so many high points, and which is documented by numerous recordings that set new standards, is presented with documents from her archive.

⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Villa Rosenthal, Schweizer Straße 1, T +43 (5576) 72091, p. 51 – F3

Nibelungen-Museum

The success of the Songs of Nibelungs began with the discovery of manuscripts C and A in the Hohenems palace (1755 and 1779). The main themes of the museum are Wagner's "The Ring of the Nibelung" and other important renditions of the Nibelung theme for stage and film.

⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 6, T +43 (5576) 72091, p. 51 – F3

Schuhmacher-Museum

The parts of Karl Nachbauer's (1890–1980) shoemaker's workshop remind us of a craft that has now almost died out.

⌚ Open daily during the Schubertiade; open all year round on request.

➔ Marktstraße 15, T +43 (5576) 72091, p. 51 – F2

Museum Stoffels Säge-Mühle

The open-air mill museum documents 2,000 years of milling technology through to the modern era.⌚ 25 April to 31 October: Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

➔ Sägerstraße 11, T +43 (5576) 72434, p. 51 – G6

www.museum-stoffels-saege-muehle.at

Jüdisches Museum Hohenems

The Jewish Museum, at home in the former Villa Heimann-Rosenthal, documents the history of the Jewish community which lived in Hohenems for more than four centuries until it was wiped out during the Nazi era. It also addresses Jewishness in Europe today, the diaspora and Israel, as well as issues pertaining to the future of the European immigrant society. It has already achieved international popularity thanks to its events and activities.

⌚ Tue to Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Schweizer Straße 5, T +43 (5576) 73989-0, p. 51 – E2

www.jm-hohenems.at

Feldkirch

Schattenburgmuseum (in the Schattenburg castle)

Today, the museum's eighteen rooms still offer an impressive look at the life-style of earlier centuries, from wall paintings and religious art through to suits of armour. It is family-friendly, has a restaurant in the old building and a lovely view across the roofs of Feldkirch.⌚ April to October: Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; November to March: Tue to Fri 1.30 to 4 p.m., Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

➔ Burggasse 1, T +43 (5522) 71982, p. 67 – G5

www.schattenburg.at

Environs

"Römervilla" open-air museum

Three buildings from a Roman estate from the period between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD can be viewed in the open country, including a partially preserved hot-air heating system.

➔ Brederis, close to the sports field, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 405-0

www.rankweil.at

Vorarlberger Museumswelt

The Vorarlberg museum world brings seven museums together under one roof on more than 2500 m²: the electrical museum, the state fire brigade museum, the Vorarlberg hunting museum, the rescue museum, the tobacco museum, the "grammophonicum" and the museum cinema. The photography and film museum is going to open in autumn 2020.

⌚ Wed and Sat 1 to 5 p.m.

➔ Obere Lände 3b, Frastanz, T +43 (676) 5440970

www.museumswelt.com



For more museum tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

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Dornbirn



The largest town in the Rhine valley is considered a shopping town, and the hustle and bustle around the market square and the Church of St Martin, with its many small shops and businesses, certainly supports this reputation. It is not without good reason that boutiques flourish alongside well-known chains and cafés, since the centre is an extremely popular destination for shopping trips. However, Dornbirn has much more to offer than just that. Along the banks of the Ach river, you reach the spectacular Rappenlochschlucht, a recommended outing which certainly impresses guests. In Gütle, a district of Dornbirn, the

industrial history meets a spectacle of nature. From here, paths take you to the unique vantage point above the Rhine valley, the Karren and into hidden Ebnet, a district in Dornbirn, only a stone's throw from beautiful mountain landscapes. The industrialisation of Vorarlberg was particularly successful in Dornbirn. The mid-19th century saw numerous companies setting out on what

Shout, yell or jump up and down with enthusiasm, from fear or out of principle – but please, for heaven's sake do not remain aloof. There is too much aloofness in the world as it is.

would become a success story which has left behind urban traces. This has not changed – the competitiveness of the companies continues to leave its mark on the architecture and the lifestyle of the people even today. You must not miss the site of the closed-down Rüscher works in the town park which have mutated into a cultural hotspot. Adapted with a great deal of sensitivity and stellar architecture, the old fabric of the former factory buildings form a lovely contrast to the modern art in the Kunstraum Dornbirn and the interactive inatura nature show which are both at home here.



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Architecture

The historic architectural legacy of the state is witness to the eventful history along the River Rhine which, like all border areas, was a melting pot. Even back in the Middle Ages, there were connections to the major metropolises of the time, either via the ecclesiastical history or via the marriage policy. Many a palace complex bears features of a foreign architectural style, such as the palace in Hohenems. The urban orientation of modern-day life had its roots in its earliest history.

This is reflected in the architectural works of today – over the past quarter of a century, the state has progressed to become an affirmed destination for those interested in architecture. The architects are setting new standards when it comes to forms, materials and ecological methods of building, thereby realising bold new projects. For instance, take a trip to the LifeCycle Tower in Dornbirn for a visit to an ecologically-oriented future.

vai Vorarlberger Architektur Institut

It was on the initiative of members of the national association of architects of the state which brought about the Vorarlberger Architektur Institut in 1997. The sustainable consolidation of building culture in Vorarlberg is the association's objective. The vai regularly holds exhibitions, offers round-table events, guided tours of particular architectural gems and operates a reference library which also contains numerous periodicals.

➔ Marktstraße 33, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 51169, [✉ p. 33 – E4](#)
www.v-a-i.at

Bregenz

Bregenz and its environs have enough to keep architect aficionados satisfied – a walk on the slope of the Pfänder is just as productive as a visit to the vorarlberg museum or the Kunsthaus Bregenz. It is worth taking a look at the Festival Theatre from the shores of the lake, or taking a trip to the bath house on the Kaiserstrand in **Lochau**.

Kunsthaus Bregenz (exhibition house for contemporary art)

Architect Peter Zumthor

The lake with its constantly changing plays of light provides the outer decoration for the glass lamp structure that encloses the concrete cube of the Kunsthaus. It was intended to be a simple container for art, said Peter Zumthor at its opening, and because he always radically implements whatever he has found to be right, the exhibiting artists are confronted with this grandiose simplicity. There is no view from the inside out, the exhibition rooms in the three upper storeys are each limited by concrete walls behind which the staircases and lifts disappear and even the daylight and artificial lighting are only allowed in through the ceilings between the storeys.

➔ Karl-Tizian-Platz, T +43 (5574) 485940, [✉ p. 19 – F3](#)
www.kunsthaus-bregenz.at

vorarlberg museum (state museum)

Architects cukrowicz.nachbaur

"The museum contains Roman vessels, up to 10,000 copies of which were manufactured in one firing", says Anton Nachbaur. "So this is real mass production. We asked ourselves what the equivalent would be nowadays. That's how we hit on the idea of the plastic bottles that you see everywhere." These now decorate the facade of the new part, which opens onto Kornmarktplatz, whilst the historically preserved part remains facing the lake, without the plastic bottles. Inside, thick earth plaster walls and untreated wooden floors convey a natural atmosphere.

➔ Kornmarktplatz 1, T +43 (5574) 46050, [✉ p. 19 – F3](#)
www.vorarlbergmuseum.at

"Die Welle" (harbour building)

Architects Wolfgang Ritsch, Nägele Waibel, Bruno Spagolla

"Die Welle" serves both as the harbour building and a cafe, fits perfectly into the complex of large buildings on Seestrasse and, with its automatically opening and closing glass front, provides a softer response in size and shape to the glass cube. In any case, in the "Welle", far away from the noise of the traffic at last, you can sit exactly where the sun looks most beautiful at sunset.

→ Seeanlagen 738, T +43 (664) 1608161, info@www.diewelle.at p. 19 – F2

www.diewelle.at

Festspielhaus Bregenz (festival house)

Architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller

The floating stage, with 7,000 seats and its view of the stage and the open horizon, is one of the landmarks of Vorarlberg. The event venue and congress centre, however, also boasts a large hall with 1,800 seats, various studios and the Werkstattbühne area. In 2006, the original building, dating from 1979, was renewed and expanded by architects Dietrich | Untertrifaller. The Festspielhaus Bregenz has been an architectural highlight on the shores of the lake for decades and copes elegantly with the impressive numbers of visitors.

→ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 1, T +43 (5574) 4130, info@www.kongresskultur.com p. 19 – A3

www.kongresskultur.com

Environs

Badehaus, Sentido Seehotel Am Kaiserstrand (bathing house)

Architects Lang + Schwärzler

A 40 m long footbridge leads from the lakeside promenade to the bathing house, which towers out of the water on stilts. It complements the Hotel am Kaiserstrand as a stunning structural element, reached directly from reception along the garden pathway and the footbridge. The enclosed wooden box faces the sun, and the café terrace and sun deck are screened from sight on the shore side.

→ Am Kaiserstrand 1, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 58111

www.seehotel-kaiserstrand.at

Rathaus Hard (town hall)

Architects Albin Arzberger, Thomas Klas and Christian Lässer

The body of the building looks more like a seagoing vessel than a town hall, setting sail across the sea towards the horizon. The lentil-shaped building with the facade in green metal panels lies like a jewel diagonal to the centre and houses all of the municipal departments. Daylight falls from the light-coloured light fitting in the attic into an atrium which also creates an opening inside the building.

→ Marktstraße 18, Hard, T +43 (5574) 6970

www.hard.at

Michelehof (farmhouse)

Architect Philip Lutz

Schnapps distillery, sales room, tasting room, schnapps warehouse, machine hall and workshop – plus three generations housed in the residential part of the farmhouse and a stall for the cows; all of these are harmoniously contained and sensibly designed in the new construction by Phillip Lutz. And this is precisely what it needs, because customers for the legendary schnapps from the Michelehof appear regularly and in vast numbers – and rightly so.

→ Marktstraße 26, Hard, T +43 (5574) 72412

www.michelehof.at



Festspielhaus Bregenz

Dornbirn

In the form of the "LifeCycle Tower", a future vision of sustainable building has come true in **Dornbirn**. The "LCT one" opened its doors in autumn 2012. The first eight-storey, wood-hybrid building in the world built according to the principles of the highest resource and energy efficiency. The interactive inatura nature show is a worthwhile, revitalised industrial monument in the town park of Dornbirn. The municipal swimming pool is an early statement of Vorarlberg architecture. A further award-winning feature can be found approximately 15 kilometres away, at the only Islamic cemetery in the state of Vorarlberg. This cemetery won one of the most internationally important architecture prizes in the form of the "Aga Khan Award".

das stadtbad (municipal swimming pool)

Architects *cukrowicz.nachbaur*

Worth a visit, especially by families, is the redesigned old swimming pool dating back from the 1960s. A sports pool and the parent-and-child area have been added to the existing pool. The entire exterior skin of the swimming pool is made of copper. A fully enclosed black body towers above the new swimming pool, with multi-media effects accentuating the visual and acoustic outcome in the respective areas.

→ Schillerstraße 18, T +43 (5572) 22687, ☎ p. 33 – F6
www.stadtbad.at

inatura – Erlebnis Naturschau (interactive nature exhibition)

Architects *Dietrich | Untertrifaller, Hermann Kaufmann, Christian Lenz*

The industrial history of Dornbirn left a disused assembly building and foundry on the site of the Rüschi works. inatura – which is both an interactive exhibition and a research and documentation centre for the nature of Vorarlberg – found its natural home in the industrial premises. To build the museum and the municipal park designed by the landscape architects Rotzler Krebs Partner, parts of the building had to be demolished but the assembly building, the old and new foundry, the turning shop and the smithy have been retained. An extension was required for the offices and ancillary rooms.

→ Jahngasse 9, T +43 (5572) 23235, ☎ p. 33 – C6
www.inatura.at



Rainer Sebal

Head of Development, *Simplon Hard*

"One of my favourite places is the church in Bildstein and its box seat, which is located above the valley of the River Rhine. That's when I always briefly start to think that it would be great to be a priest, just for the privilege of being able to live there. It's a place that's powerful and full of energy."

Basilica Maria Bildstein

Tip

Feldkirch

In **Feldkirch**, the Montforthaus opened its doors for a high-brow conference and culture programme. It is also a new destination for fans of architecture, like the basilica in **Rankweil**. And if you don't mind the distance you will be rewarded with a successful example of the interplay between old and new uses of form in the Artenne in **Nenzing**.

Montforthaus (cultural and conference centre)

Architects *Hascher Jehle Berlin and Mitisca Wäger Bludenz*

The secret of this successful architecture in the heart of a network of narrow old city streets can be admired in Feldkirch; soft, twisted shapes make ideal use of the available space without producing an ugly rear site anywhere. The historic Old City and a listed city wall contrast very charmingly with the light, bright facade, and the mighty rock wall on one side and the Schattenburg on the other suddenly look down in a kindly way on the new building.

→ Montfortplatz 1, T +43 (5522) 9009, ☎ p. 67 – F5
www.montforthausfeldkirch.com



For more building culture tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

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Islamischer Friedhof (Islamic cemetery)

Architect Bernardo Bader

A further award-winning feature can be found approximately 15 kilometres away, at the only Islamic cemetery in the state of Vorarlberg. This cemetery won one of the most internationally important architecture prizes in the form of the "Aga Khan Award".

→ Schotterried 1, Altach, T +43 (664) 4355927

www.altach.at

Landesgedächtniskapelle Basilika Rankweil (memorial chapel)

Architects Cukrowicz und Metzler

It towers over the little community from a massive rocky outcrop, the Liebfrauenberg. Ever since its beginnings, its vaults have housed a memorial chapel which was redesigned in 2012 by the two architects Andreas Cukrowicz and Simon Metzler. The names of all the soldiers missing and fallen in two World Wars are listed in two books, gold-coloured brass plates point the way into nothing and yet are actually constellations, and the outside wall has been given a simple little opening to allow the urgently needed ray of light in. The light from this falls on the remembrance shine from March to September. It is a clearly sacred space which speaks a soothingly simple language.

→ Liebfrauenberg 12, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44224

www.basilika-rankweil.at

Artenne (old farmhouse)

Architect Hansjörg Thum

The barn of a farmhouse built in 1841 now houses a lively cultural centre with contemporary literature, film and art. In the Walgau region, buildings of this type have mainly disappeared, which is why the exhibition and event venue is set to be used for a long time. During the essential alteration work, the original structure was retained as far as possible, with new elements supplementing the historic part. The complex network of different levels was also tackled with great care, and the levels are connected by two staircases and a footbridge, instead of a central staircase. The former timber plank hay loft has been transformed into an unusual exhibition space and the entire building is an exceptional architectural jewel.

→ Kirchgasse 6, Im Walgau, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 64417

www.artenne.at



Wasserhaus, Götzingen

Wasserhaus Götzingen

Architect Fridolin Welte

This concrete cube is a meditative place where everything revolves around the vital element of water. The artist Fridolin Welte designed the building in 2003 as part of an art competition. The Wasserhaus features walls with holes that resemble a membrane. It is reminiscent of how the human skin works as it breathes, protects and cools.

→ Montfortstraße 88, Götzingen, T +43 (5523) 625010

www.arbogast.at/freiraume/wasserhaus

Historical buildings ☀

Bregenz

Martinskapelle and Martinsturm ☎

The choir is adorned with a Gothic fresco cycle from the 14th and 15th centuries, a baroque Madonna adorns the east wall and, on the south wall, a Gothic ambry dating from 1492 has a worthy place. The two side altars, the way of the cross and the life-size wooden statue of St Martin with beggar in the nave of the chapel are unique. The adjacent St Martin's tower used to be a storehouse before it was turned into a watchtower in around 1600. Its baroque, wooden-shingle onion dome is the largest in Central Europe.

➔ Oberstadt, Martinsgasse 3, T +43 (5574) 4101561, ☎ p. 19 – G6

Gebhardsberg

The Gebhardsberg was appreciated as one of the best vantage points in the whole of the Lake Constance area even 900 years ago. Of the "Hohenbregenz" fortress (today's Gebhardsberg ruins), all that is left are the remains of the walls. Today a castle restaurant with a medieval ambience and a magnificent panorama terrace sits enthroned in this spot.

➔ Gebhardsbergstraße 1, T +43 (5574) 42515

Stadtpfarrkirche St. Gallus

Converted in the 18th century according to the plans of the baroque master builder Franz Anton Beer, this church stands on the very foundations of a Romanesque church from the second half of the 5th century. A lovely example of Lake Constance baroque art. The silver altar can be viewed upon request.

➔ Kirchplatz 3, T +43 (5574) 90180, ☎ p. 19 – F7

Environs

Basilica Maria Bildstein

The Basilica Maria Bildstein is able to look back on many centuries of pilgrimage. After the apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1629, the chapel was no longer large enough. In 1662 Michael Kuen, a master builder from Bregenz, designed a new church and in spring 2018 the pilgrimage church was declared a basilica as the result of its most recent renovations. Its exposed location with fantastic views makes it a popular destination in the region.

➔ Dorf 1, Bildstein



Dornbirn

Rotes Haus

The house dating back to the early 17th century is one of the last baroque Rhine Valley houses in Vorarlberg, and is considered the town's landmark. The deep-red wooden facade is remarkable, and lends its name to today's restaurant.

➔ Marktplatz 13, T +43 (5572) 31555, ☎ p. 33 – E3

www.roteshaus.at

Hohenems

Ruine Alt-Ems

The ruins of one of the largest castle complexes in Central Europe sit enthroned above the town of Hohenems: today's ruins at Alt-Ems were 800 m long and up to 85 m wide, had 7 gates, 1 drawbridge and 47 chambers. The castle, originally Guelph and, between 1179 and 1191 Staufian, has been redeveloped and is preserved for future generations.

➔ Schlossberg, T +43 (650) 8620586, ☎ p. 51 – H4

www.alt-ems.at

Renaissance Palast Hohenems

Architect Martino Longo, building commenced in 1563

The palace used to be the residence of the Counts of Ems (their marriage policy lead to them being related to the Medici) and, along with Glopper castle and Alt-Ems castle ruins, is still privately owned. Of special mention regarding the history of the palace is the discovery of manuscripts A and C of the song of the Nibelungs. → Schlossplatz 8, T +43 (5576) 77888, ☎ p. 51 – F4

www.impalast.at

Jüdisches Museum Hohenems

The Heimann-Rosenthal villa, built in 1864, Jewish Museum since 1991, is a fine example of the careful adaptation of living quarters into a public building.

→ Schweizer Straße 5, T +43 (5576) 73989-0, ☎ p. 51 – E2

www.jm-hohenems.at

Jonas-Schlössle

The Jonas-Schlössle in the Lake Constance region is regarded as a special example of a stately residence from the renaissance period. The listed building's interior impresses with artistically carved wooden ceilings, massive timber beams and magnificent wall panelling. Nowadays the Jonas-Schlössle is used as a characteristic location for Christmas markets and wedding fairs and is home to the Schlössle bar, where visitors may take a drink or two in unique surroundings.

→ Junker-Jonas-Platz 1, Götzingen

Feldkirch

The medieval heart of Feldkirch's town centre is like a journey back in time, yet with pleasing architectural stimuli from the present day, such as a footbridge across the River Ill. The Schattenburg, the cathedral (the only one in the state), the Katzenturm and much more are all worth a visit.

Schattenburg

From the early 13th through to the late 14th century, the impressive castle in Feldkirch was the seat of the Counts of Montfort. The keep, the highest part of the Schattenburg, is a lovely observation platform, enabling a view across the whole of Feldkirch.

→ Burggasse 1, T +43 (5522) 3043510, ☎ p. 67 – G5

www.schattenburg.at

Katzenturm

The eight-storey, round tower is a keep which was erected in 1507 as part of the town walls.

→ Hirschgraben, ☎ p. 67 – E3

Dompfarrkirche St. Nikolaus

This is Vorarlberg's most significant gothic church, consecrated as a parish church in 1218. Following severe fires in the 14th and 15th centuries, it had to be rebuilt in 1478, this time bearing the late gothic nave and gable roof it still has today. Upon the establishment of the diocese of Feldkirch, the parish church was made into a cathedral in 1968.

→ Domplatz 6, T +43 (5522) 722320, ☎ p. 67 – F4

Environs

Basilika Rankweil

The basilica is the landmark and heart of Rankweil. The church on the Liebfrauenberg, at an altitude of 50 m, is a fortified church – a special form of early Christian places of worship in Rhaetia built on a height making it hard to reach. Along with the artist Matt Mullican, Cukrowicz and Metzler have extended the space of the Landesgedächtniskapelle. An oblique ray of light falls onto the glass cabinet which houses mementos. The chapel has become a unique monument.

→ Liebfrauenberg 10, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 44224

www.basilika-rankweil.at

Burg Alt-Montfort

The castle ruins of Alt-Montfort, mentioned as early as in 1206, sits atop a hill next to Weiler. Hugo I named it "Starkenberg", giving himself the same name from this time too. It was destroyed in the 15th century during the Appenzell Wars.

→ Weiler

Altes Gericht

The old court – undoubtedly the oldest court in the region – used to convene here for well over a millennium. The house still bears witness to a special, historical wooden log-building method. Carefully restored, it has been a restaurant for gourmets and wine connoisseurs for decades.

→ Taverneweg 1, Sulz, T +43 (5522) 43111

www.altesgericht.at

Artenne

When it comes to construction history, the old farmhouse is one of the largest, and one of the few of its type still preserved in the Walgau region. It bears witness to a rural culture of times gone by which, unlike the farms established later outside of a village, were integrated into village life.

→ Kirchgasse 6, Im Walgau, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 64417

www.artenne.at



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Hohenems



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The town at the foot of the Schlossberg (Castle Mountain) is able to look back on an eventful history – Alt-Ems Castle was one of the largest castles in the southern German region at the end of the 12th century. The Counts of Hohenems began building their renaissance palace at the foot of the Schlossberg in 1560. At the time, they had family links to the Medici in Milan. Two of the most important manuscripts of the Nibelungenlied (Song of the Nibelungs) were discovered in

You might feel awkward, but still – hug a tree at least once in your life. Just go ahead and do it. Hugging a tree by surprise sends a wave of exhilaration through the forest, which has a positive effect on the oxygen level.

the castle's library in the 18th century. A Jewish settlement was established from the 17th to the 19th century under the patronage of the Count of Hohenems, which produced cultural as well as economic benefits. Vorarlberg's first printing shop was founded in Hohenems and the region's first coffee house opened here in 1977 – 'Kaffeehaus Kitzinger' quickly became the place where a reading circle was established. The developments

over history are familiar because – like the rest of Europe – Hohenems fell into a state of cultural dormancy ... a condition that, however, has now clearly come to an end. Not only the Schubertiade – the festival that celebrates Schubert – with its international audience has shaped the face of the city for decades, the loving restoration of the historic Marktgasse and the Jewish district has meant that Hohenems now enjoys a life that is full of vibrant culture. Even the sleeping beauty of the villa that once belonged to Iwan and Franziska Rosenthal is being given a new lease of life: over the next two years, it will become home to, among other things, the future Literaturhaus Vorarlberg and so make a valuable contribution to the revival of the tradition of literature that Hohenems had enjoyed in the past. This small vibrant town that nestles between the foot of the Schlossberg and the banks of the Old Rhine also has wonderful areas to offer for recreation.



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1 Palast Hohenems | 2 Alt-Ems castle ruins

3 + 4 Schubertiade | 5 Jewish Museum

City Lights



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1 City Centre | 2 Erholungszentrum Rheinauen

3 Islamic cemetery | 4 Schwefelberg

5 Hiking in the Schutannen | 6 Jewish Museum

7 Seating steps at Emsbach



Food and Drink

For such a small geographical region there is an exceptional amount of exclusive restaurants and attractive establishments to choose from. Not only does the region breed creative minds and culinary talents – it also seems to attract them. Many chefs have international training behind them, and have returned with a new idea of what makes life so good: great food, a refined drinking culture and a cultured nightlife.



Michelle Morik

Host, Alpencamping Nenzing

"Comfy terraces, an espresso, familiar faces and the flair of the old town – that's what Feldkirch is to me. The old town is home to a wide range of restaurants and shops for when I spontaneously want to meet up with friends or just get out and about. It's always worth a fleeting visit."

Feldkirch

Tip

Bregenz

Stadtgasthaus Weisses Kreuz

Whether you wish to enjoy regional delicacies in a stylish establishment or just want to partake of a glass of good wine – the cosy, traditional establishment located in Bregenz town centre offers high-class hospitality.

➔ Römerstraße 5, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 49880, [p. 19 – F5](#)
www.hotelweisseskreuz.at

Theatercafé

The tradition of the coffee house and home-made confectionery just as you want it. A branch has opened straight opposite, in the vorarlberg museum. Natural products from the region are greatly esteemed here, with the around 40 cakes and gateaux produced here daily made from healthy spelt flour. Miss out on the home-made chocolate creations and you'll be sorry!

➔ Kornmarktstraße 4, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 47115, [p. 19 – F4](#)
www.theatercafe.at

PIER 69

PIER 69 at the Bregenz harbour not only impresses with its fantastic location immediately on the harbour promenade but also with the large and small delicacies that it serves at lunch and dinner time. Its spacious, comfy outdoor area and the fact that it serves hot food all day make the PIER the place for guests from far and near to spend a relaxing time out at any time of the day or year.

➔ Seestraße 4, Bregenz, +43 (5574) 43202, [p. 19 – G2](#)
www.pier69.at

Petrus Café Brasserie

The Petrus Café that offers the flair of a French-Belgian brasserie is where visitors can feel good and enjoy spending time engrossed in stimulating conversations. The menu reads like an excursion into the Belgian-French world of home-made fries and other fine creations that simply spoil patrons for choice.

➔ Anton-Schneider Straße 11, Bregenz, +43 (664) 4369457, [p. 19 – G4](#)
www.petrus-bregenz.at

Germania Restaurant

Hotel and restaurant which enjoys a location which is close to both the lake and to the town centre. The menu changes weekly, the good plain kitchen with its seasonal products always includes regional produce. A true insider tip.

➔ Am Steinenbach 9, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42766-0
www.hotel-germania.at/de/restaurant

Casino Restaurant Falstaff

Gambling passion and an elegant dinner are easily combined in the Casino Restaurant Falstaff. A part of the restaurant is located on a gallery, and offers a view of the gambling tables. The cloud restaurant and the cloud lounge during the summer offer views towards the lake. You just need to step outdoors to take a walk along the shore of the lake should you need to clear your head between dessert and placing your bet.

→ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 45127-12500,

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www.falstaffbregenz.at

Weiss Restaurant

Official opening is planned for spring 2020. Weiss is going to be a restaurant, bar and a café that provides a place for the everyday, spontaneous meets and meals served in celebration of special occasions. Founded by three young, creative people, who share their talents and passions for gastronomy, which is a promising concept for culinary delights.

→ Anton-Schneider-Straße 5, Bregenz, ¶ S. 19 – G4

www.weiss-bregenz.at

Café "Die Welle"

A walk to the steps on the jetty is a joy even if you don't partake of a coffee – there is a lovely café set right next to the water and, even better, it is located within award-winning architecture.

→ Seeanlagen 738, Bregenz, T +43 (664) 1608161, ¶ p. 19 – F2

www.diewelle.at

Restaurant Kornmesser

A baroque building from 1720, restored with a high degree of sensitivity, fantastic beer garden under a huge chestnut tree, with good home cooking. You get a lovely view of the lake from the balcony.

→ Kornmarktstraße 5, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 54854, ¶ p. 19 – G3

www.kornmesser.at

KUB Café

The establishment in the Kunsthaus bears the trademark style of architect Peter Zumthor. A large terrace on the square in front of the KUB in the summer. A cool, black box for drinks, superb music and specialised snacks.

→ Karl-Tizian-Platz, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 58070, ¶ S. 21 – G3

www.kunsthaus-bregenz.at

Gasthaus Goldener Hirschen

The traditional restaurant makes you think you have stepped into a picture book. It offers consistent-quality plain cooking and the charm of a restaurant which has been just that for centuries.

→ Kirchstraße 9, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42815, ¶ S. 19 – F5

www.hotelweisseskreuz.at

Environ

Restaurant Mangold

The toque-bearing restaurant is located in a small side street, has a romantic courtyard and offers some of the best food in the state. It is recommended that you reserve – the reputation of the Mangold goes well beyond the borders.

→ Pfänderstraße 3, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 42431

www.restaurant-mangold.at

Restaurant Fritsch am Berg

A view across the lake and a mountain panorama coupled with traditional cuisine and modern architecture – this sets the scene for enjoying a glass of good wine and taking in the spirit of the establishment.

→ Pfänder – Buchenberg, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 43029

www.fritschamberg.at

Restaurant Guth

A toque-bearing restaurant, an outdoor lounge, modern architecture, garden and the alchemy of exquisite food – you really should reserve in good time to get a seat here.

→ Wälderstraße 10, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 72470

www.restaurantguth.at

Gasthaus Käth'r

A lovely old country inn with beer garden right next to the village stream – an idyllic spot serving up home-style cooking, child-oriented and informal.

→ Seestraße 22, Hard, T +43 (5574) 87588

www.hotelamsee.biz

Fischerstüble

Are you out and about on a sailing boat? The fish restaurant in Fußbach is located right on the harbour and specialises in fish and in the flair of a Mediterranean oasis. As unpretentious as it is unforgettable.

⌚ Open between mid-April and mid-September.

→ In der Schanz 30, Fußbach, T +43 (5578) 75750

www.fischerstueble.at

Panorama Restaurant Schönblick and Restaurant Mehdfaу

The hotel with the most spectacular view of Lake Constance and the Swiss mountains. The spacious terrace appears to float above the panorama. The panorama restaurant Schönblick and the restaurant Mehdfaу are good enough reasons to travel to Eichenberg.

→ Dorf 6, Eichenberg, T +43 (5574) 45965

www.schoenblick.at

Fischerheim Schleienloch

A local restaurant in the middle of the Rhine Delta nature reserve, with wooden benches, a shaded terrace and fresh fish specialities. It is also the perfect place to stop off at the end of a long ramble along the Rhine embankment or to satiate your desire to experience nature and enjoy some delicious food.

→ Rechter Rheindamm 60, Hard, T +43 (5574) 78220

www.fischerheim.at

Dornbirn

Panoramarestaurant Karren

The location and the architecture are breathtaking. You won't forget the view across the landscape in a hurry. If you hiked here (976 m above sea level), we bet you won't be forgetting the first sip of a well-earned drink for a while, either. Rest assured: this climb is worth it!

→ Karren mountain station, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 54711, ¶ p. 33 – D7

www.karren.at

Restaurant Rotes Haus

High-class cuisine which focuses on regional dishes can be found in the legendary restaurant on the market square – the historic building is listed. There are several reasons for paying it a visit – not least of all its cuisine!

→ Marktplatz 13, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 31555, ¶ p. 33 – E3

www.roteshaus.at

Restaurant Schifflе

Regional plain fare, lovingly prepared in a restaurant which is about 130 years old and which was refurbished with a great deal of sensitivity. The small beer garden is located underneath an arbour with a view of an old alleyway which functions as a centre of its own in historical Dornbirn.

→ Mühlebacherstraße 25, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 33023

www.schifflе-dornbirn.at



Gasthof Gütle

The story about the first telephone call ever made by Emperor Franz Josef in the old restaurant is legendary – the industrialists and entrepreneurs of the state were up to date even then – indeed, even one step ahead of the emperor. The "Kaisersstube" is still a place of comfort, the good traditional cooking exactly what you would wish for, and you'd have to go a long way to find a more idyllic beer garden.

→ Gütle 11, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 201540

www.guete-gasthof.at

Café Steinhauser

This café has been a meeting place on the market square for decades, and this is thanks not only to its location. It's some kind of central gathering point for urban contemporaries who come here to breathe in the town air against this ambience.

→ Marktplatz 9, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 31333, ¶ p. 33 – E2

Elfenküche Suppenmanufaktur

Soup, soup and more soup – in any combination you care to think of. Fresh, seasonal, regional ingredients without any artificial additives yet refined with the balanced five elements of eastern dietetics.

→ Bahnhofstraße 16, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 949393, ¶ p. 33 – D1

www.elfenkueche.at

Innauer Restaurant-Bar

After-work meeting place in a centrally located establishment which is tastefully furnished and bears modern digital art. Good drinks, DJ culture and a small yet choice menu.

→ Marktstraße 33, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 203488, [II](#) p. 33 – E4

www.innauer.com

Gemsle

The time-honoured inn boasts a fine wine cellar which also serves as an original setting for events, and a summery garden with wine arbour and the romantic flair which characterises the entire establishment. The cuisine is traditional with a slight twist, greatly increasing the quality.

→ Marktstraße 62, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 200918

www.gemsle.at

Gasthaus Bierlokal

The garden that is open to guests fills up at practically any time of day as soon as the weather starts getting warmer. Appropriate dishes that go well with a cool beer, great quality hot food that's served all day, and the fast and friendly service guarantee that the tables are always full.

→ Marktstraße 12/2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 53850, [II](#) p. 33 – E3

www.bierlokal.at

Hohenems

Adler

"Despite its somewhat unusual interior, this restaurant has become an institution for gourmets and connoisseurs," writes Gault&Millau in a review. The restaurant has cult status, thanks to the original restaurant with its dry charm.

→ Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Straße 104, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72292

www.adlerhohenems.com

Café Lorenz

You'll have no problem making one of the cafés in Hohenems your favourite, so great is the choice. Café Lorenz is a traditional establishment. In the morning, it tempts you in with its fantastic breakfast, featuring any amount of produce from its own bakery, lunch is made from regional products, and you'll find it hard to resist the café's own cakes and gateaux.

→ Bahnhofstraße 17, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72332, [II](#) p. 51 – C4

www.hotel-cafe-lorenz.at

Restaurant Palast

Dinner with entertainment is not just a promise here – it is practised. The restaurant located in the palace offers guests an array of popular events, from the murder-mystery dinner through to the knights' meal, combined with culinary outings to the Middle Ages or to local game.

→ Schlossplatz 8, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 77888, [II](#) p. 51 – F4

www.palast.at

Schlosskaffee

Countless guests have already enjoyed guided tours of the café's own chocolate production department. And the selection of home-made cakes, gateaux and chocolates is a great reason for many locals to visit Hohenems.

→ Schlossplatz 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72356, [II](#) p. 51 – F4

www.schokoladengenuss.at

Frida Bioladen & Café

The café serves breakfast, lunch and coffee and cake. The concept: healthy, conscious consumerism. You are immediately made to feel welcome as soon as you step into the small, cosy café, the food is excellent and, naturally, really healthy.

→ Marktstraße 28, Hohenems, T +43 (650) 2711125, [II](#) p. 51 – F2

www.frida-bio.at

Environs

Hubers am Garnmarkt

The "it" restaurant that serves hot food throughout the day. Hubers already opens its doors in the morning and treats its guests to breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. Ideally located at the Garnmarkt Götzis, particularly the cosy sun terrace becomes a popular place in summer for a refreshing drink and the perfect starting point for a stroll afterwards. And how could a day end better than with a glass of wine at Hubers?

→ Am Garnmarkt 1, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 54388

www.hubersamgarnmarkt.at

Millrütte Resort

The Alpengasthaus Millrütte, at 1,100 metres above sea level, is an insider tip for a truly romantic alpine-hut experience. This rustic building has been sympathetically and respectfully restored and consequently presents visitors with a flavour of historical life in the mountains, peace and a sense of security combined with the classics of local cuisine. It has always been a popular destination for outings, its roots date back to 1746. → Millrütte 1, Götzis, T +43 (5523) 62291

www.millruette.at

Feldkirch

RIO: cinema, restaurant, pizza, bar

The cinema has a lounge, new bar and tasty pizzas in the restaurant.

→ Marktstraße 18, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 31464-10, [II](#) p. 67 – E4

www.rauchgastronomie.at/rio

Restaurant im Montforthaus

"Good catering is one of the most important parameters in an establishment for culture and congresses," says Edgar Eller, managing director of Montforthaus. In addition to its open, inviting architecture, the roof terrace restaurant on top of Feldkirch's Montforthaus uses regional products.

→ Montfortplatz 1, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 9009-3366, [II](#) p. 67 – F5

www.montforthausfeldkirch.com

Unterberger Espresso Bar

An urban meeting point for passers-by and regulars alike, for stopping off for a coffee, under the arcades or in the stylish interior: the perfect finish to your day in town.

→ Marktplatz 23, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 85280, [II](#) p. 67 – E4

Hotel-Landgasthof Schäfle

Hotel, beer garden and award-winning restaurant. It produces its own wine on Feldkirch's local mountain, keeping up the traditional aspect of the time-honoured country inn and good traditional cooking skills.

→ Naflastrasse 3, Feldkirch-Altenstadt, T +43 (5522) 72203

www.schaeffle.cc

Cafe Hecht

There are good reasons why the tables are always occupied. The wonderful, very relaxed atmosphere under the arcade arches of Feldkirch's city centre attracts both regulars and passers-by. The art-loving landlady is a fan of discreet jazz and serves a great selection of wines, fine soups and tarte flambée. Cosy, friendly, inexpensive, just like a small restaurant and bar in town should be.

→ Neustadt 10, Feldkirch, T +43 (676) 6805928, [II](#) p. 67 – F5

Café Zanona

A traditional café in the old town of Feldkirch, cake shop and the closest thing to what is considered "coffee house culture" in Austria.

→ Montfortgasse 3, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 73635, [II](#) p. 67 – D4

www.zanona.at

Environs

Altes Gericht

The old court has been known for decades for its high-end cuisine which has received several awards, and the wine cellar is legendary. Enjoy romantic dining under the shade of old trees in the garden. A historic vaulted cellar is sometimes used as a theatre set. This establishment has a unique ambience of its own.

→ Taverneweg 1, Sulz, T +43 (5522) 43111

www.altesgericht.at

Alpengasthof Gamperdona

The Gamperdona alpine restaurant is the base for lovely rambles and hikes in the Nenzinger Himmel nature reserve – it is not without reason that people stop off at the so-called "heavenly restaurant"! Traditional dishes through to the enormous ice-cream sundae are served in the cosy restaurant or on the sunny terrace.

→ Löchera 126, Nenzing, T +43 (5525) 64606

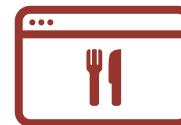
www.himmelwirt.com

Hörnlingen

The Hörnlingen is a modern place to eat and drink that serves its guests only fresh products from Vorarlberg in line with the food-sharing principle and that adapts to the seasons as they occur in the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. There is no menu, guests can let themselves be guided by their appetite and the chef's cooking skills. The perfect place for all those who've always wanted to experience a mix of pub, wine bar and club.

→ Bahnhofstraße 25, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 25458

www.hoernlingen.at



For more restaurant tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com



◀ to the city map

Feldkirch

Altes Hallenbad D7

Katzenturm E3

RIO cinema E4

Schattenburg G5

Johanniterkirche E5

Kunst Palais Liechtenstein E4

Wildpark Ardetzenberg F1

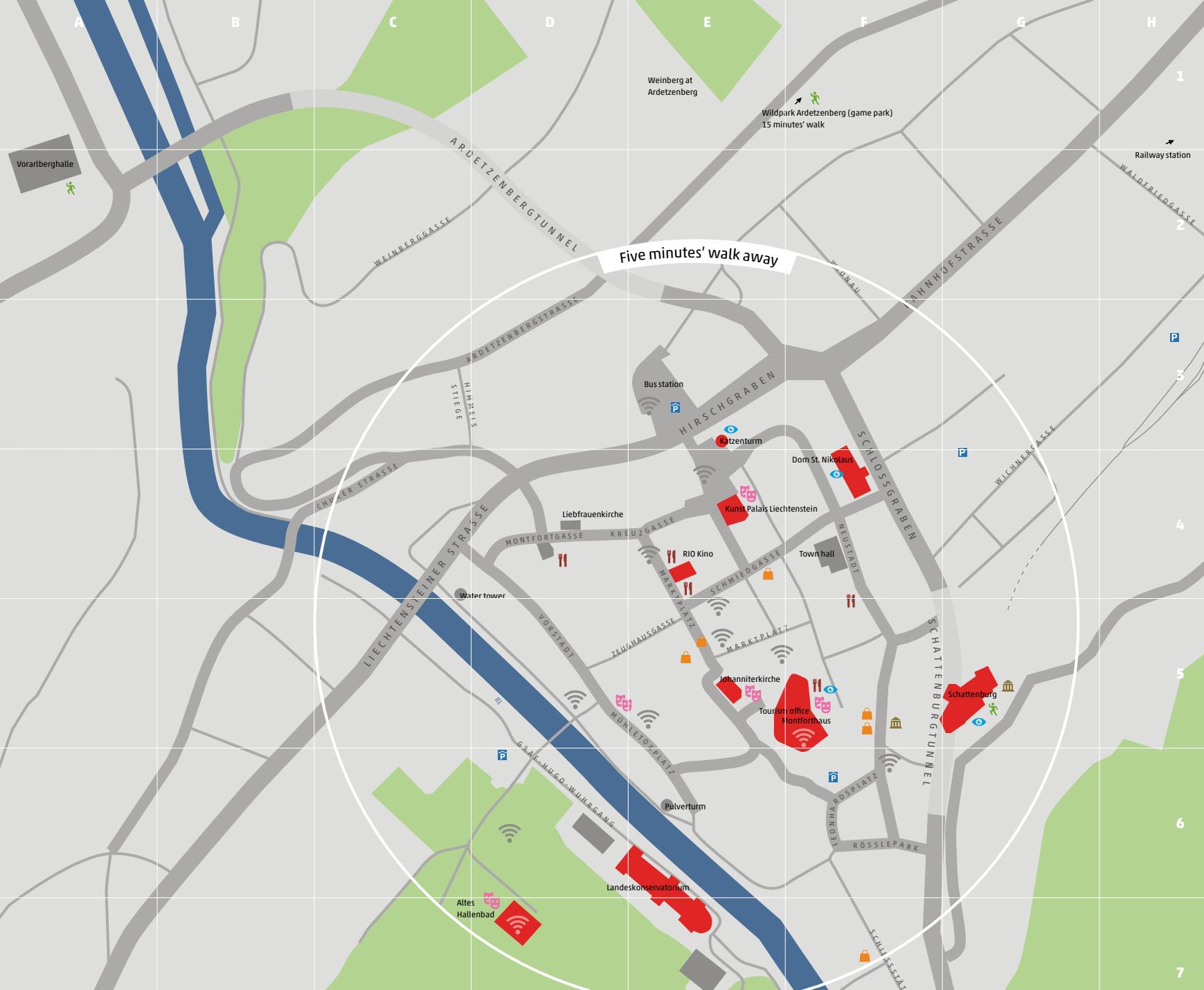
Montforthaus F5

Dom St. Nikolaus F4

Landeskonservatorium E6



Water tower



open WiFi: FreeWiFi@StadtwerkeFeldkirch



more information online: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Feldkirch



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The town's name goes back to the time of the Roman settlement when there were two churches in the field, one of which was the ecclesia sancti Petri ad Campos, from which "Feldkirch" is derived. The well-preserved medieval centre at the foot of the Schattenburg, the ancestral seat of the Counts of Montfort, is a charming setting for the urban life which boasts excellent gastronomy, interesting cultural events and a busy market. James Joyce, who just managed to

escape arrest at Feldkirch station when fleeing over the border from Austria, was not the only one to stop over in Feldkirch: James Bond is also forever associated with the town. The former elite grammar school Stella Matutina progressed from a college established by the Jesuits in 1649 which contributed to the town's international religious, scientific and educational reputation between 1856 and 1979. Today, the six-week

poolbar-Festival on this site is similarly well known, albeit by fans of cultural events. It utilises the old swimming pool of the Stella Matutina in the Reichenfeld complex. The town has had a new attraction since early 2015 – the Montforthaus is a great venue for a high-brow conference and culture programme. Naturally, Feldkirch is also a base for trips to nearby Liechtenstein. A Buddhist centre is located above the town for interested parties to rediscover themselves in a small, protected Tibetan world. There is plenty of space here – however, this only partly explains the attraction of Vorarlberg's second-largest town. The city of Feldkirch celebrated its 800th anniversary in 2018. Its history, the important role it played during the age of humanism as well as its time as a frontier city at the turn of the century were presented in exhibitions, festivals, events, concerts and publication releases that took place throughout the year.



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1 Wine Festival | 2 City view | 3 Rundklang (Music all night long)

5 Gauklerfestival | 6 Wildpark Ardetzenberg

City Lights



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1 Montforthaus | 2 Market in the Marktgasse

3 Montforter Zwischentöne

4 Feschmarkt | 5 Bunt Bar | 6 Schattenburg

7 POTENTIALe | 8 Feldkirch in winter



Shopping

A region is also defined by the items it produces. The following (small) selection of shopping options shows the high degree of professionalism and creativity of local entrepreneurs and craftspeople, featuring the smallest of product ranges through to internationally successful brands. It is no problem at all to find quite unique products in the region Bodensee-Vorarlberg for you to buy – things which you may never find anywhere else.

Valentini Schuhe

Lovely shoes are an essential part of daily life – for most people at least. You are guaranteed to find an exquisite selection of the latest designers of shoes and bags at Valentini.
 ➔ Römerstraße 9, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 43533,  p. 19 – E6
www.valentini-schuhe.com

fesch LIVIN

Lovely things from Scandinavia and a reliable address for tasteful gifts of all sizes – at fesch LIVIN, you will find furniture, lamps and exceptional toys.
 ➔ Kirchstraße 14, Bregenz
 T +43 (699) 10960593,  S. 19 – F6
www.feschlivin.at

4D Outfitters

The perfect range of clothing, literature and home accessories for people who have almost everything, but not quite.
 ➔ Kornmarktstraße 7, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 20710,  p. 19 – G3
www.4dbregenz.at

Strolz Leuchten

At Strolz Leuchten, people with an eye for detail can pick up lights which are made from high-quality – right down to the very last screw. Each and every lampshade is hand-made by Anna-Claudia Strolz herself.
 ➔ Römerstraße 7, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 43563,  p. 19 – E5
www.strolzleuchten.at

Wolford

Outlet or boutique – the high-class brand of hosiery and more has its headquarters here. Wolford collections are available at the best addresses in the world. It is in Bregenz, however, that the heart of the company palpably beats. Once you have finished shopping, the restaurant and café invite you to a drink in your new outfit.

➔ Wolfordstraße 1, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 690-0
www.wolford.com

Wolff Shop + Outlet

In addition to the actual WOLFF collection of underwear for him and her, the outlet shop stocks lingerie and underwear from various manufacturers in a comparably high quality.
 ➔ Heimgartstraße 3, Hard
 T +43 (5574) 6781274
www.wolffshop.net

Hops & Malt

300 types of beer from all over the world combined with the valuable consulting of connoisseurs and lovers – this is an awesome location for beer gourmets. Also, unique souvenirs can be found here.
 ➔ Maurachgasse 16, Bregenz,
 p. 19 – G5;
 Eisengasse 2, Dornbirn,  p. 33 – E2
 T +43 (664) 4178714
www.hopsandmalt.at

Christine Dünser MANUFAKTUR

Welt-sewn by hand, tree-nailed or double-stitched: our original custom-made shoes are the fantastic result of the old trade of shoemaking, which is enjoying a renewed burst of popularity with the new shoe workshop. Longevity is in.
 ➔ Widagasse 9, Dornbirn
 T +43 (664) 2267738
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For more shopping tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Skinfit

Functional clothing made from high-quality, fast-drying, light and skin-friendly materials. Suitable for regular hiking purposes as well as for high-performance sports – now that is quality!

→ Klostergasse 2, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 890179, p. 33 – F1
www.skinfit.at

Lingg Bekleidung

Department store boasting the latest fashion labels, plus a collection by the owner, everything a combination of top quality and care.

→ Marktplatz 16, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 34239, p. 33 – E3
www.linggafashion.com

Denz Herzen

The hand-made porcelain hearts by artist Margit Denz already adorn whole walls in galleries and homes alike, since they are addictive. Their presence alone takes their wit and charm out into the big, wide world. A gift that brings joy for a long time.

→ Egeten 7, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 200934
www.denz.at

DF Shop Lagerhaus

The company produces its entire collection in Altach, and is stocked by exclusive stores worldwide. Your search for original gifts comes to an end in the outlet shop. You'll be spoilt for choice!

→ Schulgasse 70, Dornbirn
T +43 (5572) 398229
www.dfshop.at

SASU

From natural cosmetics to organic teas and matching designer teapots, SASU offers a wonderful selection of items that simply make people happy. The risotto package is just as lovingly wrapped here as the handbags or toys for young and older children. Apart from that, the goods here are displayed in what is probably the most beautiful apothecary cabinet in the whole city.

→ Schulgasse 20, Dornbirn
T +43 (699) 17153273, p. 33 – D2
www.sa-su.at

KLEIDERgrün

Responsible consumption is dear to your heart? Here you will find small, international labels such as Lanius, Armedangels and Wunderwerk – fairly and ecologically produced fashion and cool design.

→ Neustadt 38, Feldkirch, p. 67 – F5
T +43 (650) 4690606
www.kleidergruen.at

Loacker Schmuck & Steine

Precious stones, jewellery and everything you need to highlight your very own style.

→ Schmiedgasse 15, Feldkirch
T +43 (5522) 77672, p. 67 – E4
www.schmuckundsteine.com

extrigs KUNST.HAND.WERK

It is about time that craftsmanship was appreciated again – "extrigs" is the name of the business behind the Association for the Promotion of Craftsmanship. Artists and craftspeople come here to display and sell their products.

→ Neustadt 44, Feldkirch
T +43 (650) 4009990, p. 67 – F5
www.extrigs.at

M3 Fashion & Shoes

M3 has been determining trendiness in Feldkirch for 20 years. The designers featured in this boutique aren't easy to find, except in the big cities – and in Feldkirch.

→ Marktgasse 3, Feldkirch
T +43 (5522) 31442, p. 67 – E5
www.m3fashion.at

Hoferhecht Stickereien

The products of embroidery and sequin creations are at home on the catwalks of the fashion world. And here, in Lustenau's retailer as raw materials for individual creations.

→ Reichsstraße 68, Lustenau
T +43 (5577) 82525-0
www.hoh.at

Josefine Lustenau

Her own creations made from the finest embroidery, produced in her own studio using cashmere, loden, silk and the finest leather.

→ Reichsstraße 19, Lustenau
T +43 (664) 4658629
www.hoferdaniela-josefine.at

Kleidheit

Favourite garments for any occasion – leave work and go out for the evening, all you need is to slightly adapt your accessories and you are ready for anything! The fact that the entire collection has been produced under fair conditions and that, despite its feminine form, it is very comfortable, is the reason that customers keep on coming back to Susanne Bell's shop in Marktstraße, Hohenems.

→ Marktstraße 42, Hohenems
T +43 (664) 9407617, p. 51 – E1
www.kleidheit.com

Frida Bioladen.Café

It is a good idea to take a shopping bag with you when you come to Frida - Hohenems' model organic shop and café consistently avoids plastic waste, with the regional organic produce being delivered – and hence sold – void of packaging.

→ Marktstraße 28, Hohenems,
T +43 (650) 2711125, p. 51 – F2
www.frida-bio.at

**Tip****Jessica Hotz****Farmer, Yak Halden Lochau**

"My favourite shop in Lochau is Ölmühle Sailer. This oil mill is a fine, small family business that offers a range of varied regional products that have been selected with love and attention to detail. The Mühlencafé, where delicious and healthy food is prepared, has also recently opened."

Ölmühle Sailer, Lochau**Regional specialities**

The region has culinary treasures which many a resourceful mind knows how to use – you'd be well advised to enjoy the taste of tradition and the treasures produced by the local soil. This wins international awards as well as loyal customers who arrive bearing long shopping lists.

Xocolat Manufaktur

The whole world of quality chocolate is the title emblazoned across the chocolate paradise located right next to fesch LIVIN in Bregenz's Kirchstraße. Four hundred selected bars of chocolate and an incredible array of delicacies made from the cocoa bean – all this awaits true gourmets who are familiar with the happy-making properties of chocolate. You can throw together your own confectionery – the Xocolat Manufaktur not only produces its secret-recipe creations, it also shares many of its secrets with interested parties in the form of workshops.

➔ Kirchstraße 12, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 43157, p. 19 – F6
www.xocolat.at

Pfändergold

Pfändergold is awarded a Golden Pear in 2013. Sorry? This is a coveted award for home-made specialities pertaining to fruit and vegetable processing in jam jars whose creations obviously delight not only customers.

➔ Seilerstraße 5, Lochau, T +43 (699) 11388027
www.pfaendergold.com

Ölmühle Sailer

At the Ölmühle Sailer everything from seeds to pellets is processed: into oil, mash, flour, breakfast porridge and more. Most of it is sold without packaging. There's also a small fine café where visitors may enjoy home-made cakes baked with the Ölmühle's own nut flours.

➔ Landstraße 3, Lochau, T +43 (664) 1237004
www.oelmuehle-sailer.at

Fein-Brennerei Prinz

A traditional company with over a century's worth of experience in the field of distilling schnapps, numerous awards and an extensive range of products.

➔ Ziegelbachstraße 7, Hörlbranz, T +43 (5573) 82203
www.prinz.cc

Dietrich Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten

"It is our declared objective to prevent the extinction of raw materials such as old regional varieties of fruit or corn, at the same time revitalising their tradition for the Vorarlberg cuisine," says the inventor of "Vorarlberger Kostbarkeiten", Richard Dietrich. Fine spirits, semolina, "Mostler" and "Zider" apple drinks and even hand-crafted frying pans are on sale. Always a pleasure: tasting in the store.

→ Lerchenauerstraße 45, Lauterach, T +43 (5574) 63929

www.dietrich-kostbarkeiten.at

Michelehof

The Michelehof receives one award after the other with its enormous range of fine spirits. Over 50 gold medals, numerous silver and bronze medals, Distillery of the Year at the World Spirits Award, etc. A gift that is unlikely to go gathering dust.

→ Marktstraße 26, Hard, T +43 (5574) 72412

www.michelehof.at

Naturprodukte Flatz

The natural foodstuffs shop in the centre of Hard has been supplying the village with organically produced foodstuffs – including many grown on its own farm – for 20 years now. The farm breeds turkeys and keeps mother cows, hence the shop can guarantee healthy, additive-free meat from animals that enjoyed a dignified life before being processed at the farm.

→ Landstraße 30, Hard, T +43 (5574) 65974

www.naturprodukte-flatz.at

Schobel Höchstgenuss

A further specialist in the art of fine distillation. Above all, however, Schobel Höchstgenuss has made a name for itself with its exceptional range of dried fruit and the increasingly rare "black nuts" – where else can you get your hands on dried strawberries or the walnuts lavishly preserved according to an old tradition? Everything is lovingly done by hand. Tasting in the distillery is also a stimulating event.

→ Frühlingsgarten 7, Höchst, T +43 (664) 1245515

www.hoechstgenuss.at

Vetterhof

The family-run Vetterhof has been in farming for 300 years, and has been supplying the region with a popular vegetable box for years. However, the organically produced products are also available at the weekly market and from the farm shop.

→ Alberried 14, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 63395

www.vetterhof.at



Vetterhof, Lustenau

Sennereiladen

It goes without saying that some of the most important regional specialities are alpine cheese and its derivatives. It is available, as is fresh butter straight from the dairy, "Goaßkäse" (goats' cheese), eggs, honey, jam, pasta, etc. in many places especially at the weekly markets – and in the alpine dairy shop.

→ Schlossgasse 9, Dornbirn/ Montfortplatz 1, Lauterach/

Radetzkystraße 20, Lustenau

www.alpenkaese.at

Lustenauer Senf

There are quite a few people who have this mustard sent to them in their native countries as soon as they have tasted it just the once! The range offered by the family-run company, which is already over a century old, is continually expanding, with the products bearing names such as Black Gold, Mustard with Grappa and Raisins. Yet the classic mustard is – and remains – the best of all mustards!

→ Rheinstraße 15, Lustenau, T +43 (5577) 82077

www.lustenauer-senf.com

s'Lädele Mohren Biererlebniswelt

Beer gifts from the Mohren traditional brewery. If you have always wanted to learn something different, you can train to become a beer sommelier at Mohren – the art of brewing is a broad subject, with over 1,000 different types of beer in Austria alone!

➔ Dr.-Waibel-Straße 2, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 3777-224, p. 33 – F4

www.mohrenbrauerei.at

Schokoladengenuss Fenkart

The café and chocolate shop is the top establishment on the square. A new feature was added to the cake shop some years ago, making it even more special. You can look through a glass window in the cake shop and watch Gunter Fenkart, the boss, at work – adding a new dimension to sampling the wares afterwards. Even without taking a look behind the scenes, the establishment's own range tastes simply unique.

➔ Schlossplatz 10, Hohenems, T +43 (5576) 72356, p. 51 – F4

www.schokoladengenuss.at

Zeughaus Spirituosen Fachhandel

The Zeughaus has long been a household name for those in the know. Rather than being a specialist retailer for high-quality spirits, the Zeughaus is an eldorado for whisky, rum and cognac fans in search of something really good, fine rarities and an expert's advice. Benedikt Fleisch knows the history of every bottle, the particular characteristics of its contents and not infrequently even the people working at the respective distilleries.

➔ Zollwehr 2, Götzing, T +43 (5523) 53547

www.zeughaus-spirituosen.com

Genuss am Gaumen

Palatable pleasures are created when a 400-year-old vaulted cellar becomes the centre of enjoyment. The cellar with its stylish ambience is the place to discover more than 500 single malts, a broad variety of wines and first-class brandies and grappas. A range that is rounded off with typical 'alimentari' from Liguria, fine chocolate and many other delicious treats. Those who have the opportunity should not miss the monthly tasting of the finest spirits.

➔ Im Buch 15, Götzing, T +43 (664) 4373847

www.genussamgaumen.at



Broger Privatbrennerei

They are known as "The Limitless" since they – the Broger family – know no limits when it comes to the creativity they employ in the production of their noble brandies and whiskies. These include apple and Williams pear brandies, and extend to cherry, orange and even Swiss pine schnapps. They even produce gin, with the gin tank being a popular souvenir. The distillery tour with tasting of the fine schnapps and whiskies takes about two hours and is available for parties of four or more. Sales times: please call ahead.

➔ Dammweg 43, Klaus, T +43 (5523) 53546

www.broger.info

Destillerie Harald Keckeis

Fine schnapps, whisky, gin and beer made from whisky malt are Harald Keckeis' passion and are on sale in the shop in Rankweil. Most of the apples and pears used in the schnapps are regionally sourced, contributing to the preservation of the meadow orchards characteristic of the region.

➔ Sigmund-Nachbauer-Straße 9, Rankweil, T +43 (664) 1138868

www.destillerie-keckeis.at

SchokoMus

Chocolates, chocolate bars, gateaux and drinking chocolate on a stick made from the best ingredients, by hand, without any preservatives, can be addictive!

➔ Schießstätte 8, Feldkirch, T +43 (660) 2710792, p. 67 – F7

www.schokomus.at

Markets

Naturally, stylish cooking and a healthy diet have their roots in shopping at the weekly market, where fresh produce straight from the farm, fish straight out of Lake Constance and home-made pasta can be found. The collection of home-made jams and herb cosmetics made mainly from regional, natural raw materials: for a great feeling when you know what you are buying.



Bregenz

Market at the [Kornmarktplatz](#)
Tuesday and Friday 7 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.,
⌚ p. 19 – F3

Market in the
[Clemens-Holzmeister-Gasse](#)
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Farmer's market in the [Kaiserstraße](#)
Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., ⌚ p. 19 – E4

Market at the [Leutbühel](#)
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m (May to
October), Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
⌚ p. 19 – F5

Dornbirn

Market at the [Marktplatz](#)
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday
8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., ⌚ p. 33 – E2

Hohenems

Market at the [Schlossplatz](#)
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.,
⌚ p. 51 – F3

Feldkirch

Market in the [Marktgasse](#)
Tuesday and Saturday,
8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., ⌚ p. 67 – E5

Farmer's market in the [Marktgasse](#)
April to November 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
(March to November), ⌚ p. 67 – E5

Hörbranz

Market at the [Kirchplatz](#)
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(mid-March to mid-December)

Hard

Market at the [Bagnoliplatz](#)
Wednesday 7 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Lauterach

Market at the [Montfortplatz](#)
Thursday (every second per month)
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wolfsburg

Market at the [Marktplatz](#)
Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lustenau

The Luschnouar Market
at the [Kirchplatz](#)
Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Rankweil

Market at the [Marktplatz](#)
Wednesday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Götzis

Market at the [Garnmarkt](#)
Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Market at the [Pfarrkirche St. Ulrich](#)
Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(mid-March to mid-December)



Christmas markets in the region

There is a magic spell over Vorarlberg in the pre-Christmas season. Once it is already dark in the early evening and the first snowflakes fall, the small and large Christmas markets in the region spread the fragrance of roasted almonds, mulled wine and regional specialities. Small handmade presents and entertainment events for children vary from market to market – which is why it is best to let yourself be inspired everywhere.



Dominic Mayer

Host and Chef, Hörnlingen Rankweil

"I like to go to the Christmas market in Feldkirch on a day off during the run-up to Christmas to take some time away from the hustle and bustle at the restaurant and enjoy the contemplative, seasonal atmosphere in the beautifully decorated old town."

Christmas market Feldkirch

Tip

Christkindlmarkt Bregenz

The Christmas market in Bregenz is open all day and attracts great attention in the inner city. The nativity scene with real animals for petting, a small ice rink, a puppet theatre and many other amusements for children's hearts act like a magnet for children. Sales stalls, tasting culinary delicacies and special meeting places create the contemplative atmosphere which is also part of Advent.

→ Kornmarktplatz, Bregenz,

⌚ p. 19 – F3

A second Christmas market enchants the medieval lanes in the Bregenz Upper Town on the weekends before Christmas. The two markets clearly differ: small and fine in the Upper Town, larger and colourful in the centre of Bregenz.

→ Martinsplatz, Bregenz, ⌚ p. 19 – G6

Christkindlmarkt Dornbirn

The attractions of the Dornbirn Christmas markets focus on the Marktplatz and the Pfarrpark, where pony riding, candle dipping and beautiful handicraft products are waiting. The ice-skating area in front of the church is also well-frequented, and the cheerful atmosphere is supported by the caterers around the Marktplatz, who provide traditional tasting sessions.

→ Marktplatz, Dornbirn, ⌚ p. 33 – E2

Christkindlmarkt Hohenems

Schlossplatz in Hohenems is an atmospheric backdrop to the traditional Christmas market that is the Christkindlmarkt. Forty-five exhibitors are to be found between the childcare, raclette rolls and Christmas punch in a setting where visitors may find both inspiration as well as small and fine gifts.

→ Schlossplatz, Hohenems,

⌚ S. 51 – F4

Christmas market Götzis

The Christmas market in Götzis is one of the highlights of the run-up to Christmas and attracts thousands of visitors from near and far year after year. The Jonas-Schlössle building radiates a magical splendour that creates a very special and romantic Christmas atmosphere on the first weekend of Advent.

→ Junker-Jonas-Platz, Götzis

Christmas market Feldkirch

Located in the middle of the historic Old Town, the Christmas market invigorates the Marktgasse from the end of November. The setting of the venerable facades even contributes to the Christmas atmosphere, while decorated shop windows and arcades as well as a gingerbread house at Sparkassenplatz attract numerous visitors.

→ Marktgasse, Feldkirch, ⌚ p. 67 – E5

Activities and Natural Experiences

It is well-known that the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg has an abundance of developed hiking and cycle paths, skiing areas, swimming lakes and publically accessible shores to Lake Constance. It is also well-known that many of them

are associated with a varied range of leisure activities for children, families, sportspeople and hikers. However, we would like to take this opportunity to point out that you need time and peace of mind to not rush about from one place

another, but rather to emulate the pebble that falls into the water, i.e. slowly let yourself go in one place. Try standing still awhile and enjoying what you see. You will be rewarded. The tourist destinations close to Lake Constance and in the neighbouring countries also invite you, in concentric circles, to open yourself up to a very special holiday destination, and to come back next year!

The devastating rage of an ignored plant has to be avoided by all means.



Rappenloch- und Alplochschlucht, Dornbirn

Naturparks

Alpenwildpark Pfänder

Pygmy goats, rabbits, deers, alpine ibex and wild boars – plan at least an hour for taking a walk around the alpine wildlife park.

➔ Pfänder 4, Bregenz | Lochau, T +43 (5574) 42184, p. 19 – H2
www.pfaender.at

Rappenloch- and Alplochschlucht

Through one of the biggest gorges in Central Europe, the wooden bridges take you past seriously breathtaking scenes as far as the Staufenseelake, which feeds a 100-year-old power plant. Behind that lies the more gentle gorge Alplochschlucht.

➔ Gütle, Dornbirn
www.rappenloch.at

Naturschutzgebiet Rheindelta

Nature reserve over 2,000 ha with alluvial forests, moist and straw meadows, reed areas and vast sandy beaches. It is home to over 300 rare species of bird.

➔ T +43 (5578) 74478
www.rheindelta.com

Wildpark Ardetzenberg

Several forest paths suitable for prams and a forest nature trail cross the game park. Over 140 animals in their natural habitat and large enclosures allow an insight into the lifestyle and special features of the 21 species of wild animal. Free admission.

⌚ Open daily all year round.
➔ Ardetzenweg 20, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 74105, p. 67 – F1
www.wildpark-feldkirch.at

Doppelmayr-Zoo

Doppelmayr Zoo in Wolfurt has been home to more than 400 animals from more than 70 species since 1963. The one or other animal – the pygmy goats and donkeys, for example – also enjoy being stroked. Alpacas, fallow deer, yaks, raccoons and more have found a home here. The exotic species include coatis, turtles and kangaroos. Parrots, cockatoos and parakeets, along with native bird species such as snowy owls and pheasants, inhabit the open-air enclosures.

⌚ Open daily all year round.
➔ Bildsteiner Straße, Wolfurt, T +43 (5522) 74105
www.doppelmayr.com/unternehmen/doppelmayr-zoo



Cable cars

Pfänderbahn

The fastest way up the Pfänder (1064 m). The six-minute trip with the Pfänderbahn cable car presents unique views across Lake Constance – all the way to Constance on good days.

⌚ Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

➔ Steinbruchgasse 4, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 42160-0, 🚶 p. 19 – H2
www.pfaenderbahn.at

Karren Seilbahn

A panoramic view of the Swiss mountains, the Rhine valley and Lake Constance. The Karren cable car takes visitors, every fifteen minutes, up to the 976-metre mountain summit, which is a starting point for several beautiful hikes. The 12-m-long "Karren-Kante" is a newly built jetty offering an additional impressive all-round view. ⌚ Mon to Thu 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sun 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on bank holidays from 9 a.m., April to November: daily from 9 a.m., Sun to 11 p.m.

➔ Gütlestraße 6, Dornbirn, T +43 (5572) 22140, 🚶 p. 33 – D7
www.karren.at

Seilbahn Schnifis, Schnifisberg

The nostalgic Schnifis cable car takes you to an area with magnificent views – perfect for hikers, paragliders and even parents with young children. The Henslerstüble at the mountain station is well-known for its culinary delicacies from the region.

⌚ Summer: Tue to Sun 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 6 p.m.;
 Winter: Fri to Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 5 p.m.
 ➔ Jagdbergstraße 200, Schnifis, T +43 (5524) 5161
www.seilbahn-schnifis.at

Seil- und Sommerrodelbahn Laterns

(cable car and summer toboggan run)

The safe run has 800 m of speedy bends and bridges. You can hear the delighted squeals of the kids – and adults – far and wide. ⌚ Operates on weekends between mid-May and the mid-June, and between early September and early October. For opening hours, please see www.laterns.net
 ➔ Kühboden 7, Laterns, T +43 (5526) 252
www.laterns.net

Cycling

Bicycle hire

Excellently maintained bicycles can be hired from most towns and villages, frequently in the central sport shops and often also in your hotel.

Radverleih Bregenz

⌚ Mon to Fri: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (depending on the weather and season)
 ➔ Seepromenade, Bregenz, T +43 (681) 81875735, 🚶 S. 21 – F2
www.radverleih-bregenz.at

Cycle paths

Whole new perspectives of a landscape are revealed when you cycle. The cycling paths take you through natural nature reserves, along the banks of the River Rhine, along the shores of Lake Constance, and up hills. The routes that follow are only a small selection of the many paths that cross one of the most attractive regions. This way of getting around becomes even more appealing when you think that you will get to see hidden inns, man-made lakes and rare species of birds and plants that you probably wouldn't get to hear about otherwise.

→ You can find a map of the new network of cycle paths in the jacket.

The classic: Around Lake Constance (approx. 260/120 km)

The large route around the lake is 260 enjoyable kilometres long. Or 120 km if you choose short cuts and cover some of the distance by boat.

Lake Constance – Rhine Valley – Walgau (approx. 70 km)

Cycle route along the Rhine dam, signposted in both directions, well suited to families: individual stages can be shortened by taking the train.

Rhine delta tour (approx. 22 km)

From the Lustenau-Höchst bridge over the Rhine, through the 2,000 ha nature reserve as far as Hard. Alternative starting points: Hard-Fußbach bridge over the Rhine, Gaißau, Höchst.

Through Dornbirner Ried (approx. 10 km)

Leisurely stretch from Dornbirn through the fenland as far as Jannersee, an idyllic bathing lake. The return journey takes you through shaded paths along the Dornbirner Ach river.

Feldkirch: Family tour (approx. 15 km)

From the town centre as far as Illspitz (Rhine), continue in the direction of Meiningen, return to the artificial lakes, through Rüttenen and Rote Au to Gisingen and Feldkirch.

Feldkirch: Tour of three countries (approx. 35 km)

Along the River Ill to the Rhine dam as far as Liechtenstein, continue to the Swiss bank of the River Rhine, turn off to Werdenberg, continue to Vaduz. Return via Schauner Ried.

For a more detailed description of the cycle paths, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Pools and outdoor pools around Lake Constance

Numerous natural bathing spots on the shores of Lake Constance and along the Old Rhine provide areas of relaxation on hot summer days. You will come across secluded bays as well as public baths offering fun and games, historical baths as well as the chance to take a refreshing dip. The water quality in the bathing lakes also corresponds with the high quality of life in these parts. The two indoor swimming pools reflect the region's unique architectural scene and natural landscape – you can choose between a view of the lake and a superior use of form.

Bregenz

Strandbad

Two 50-m outdoor pools (one of them heated), 500 m lakefront, kids' pool, slide, playground, beach volleyball, beach football, climbing wall, table tennis and a lot more.

⌚ Early May to early September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Strandweg 1, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

Lochau

Strandbad Lochau

With a view of the festival stage, right on the shore of the lake, with many amenities. ☈ Mid-May to mid-September: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; July and August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Lindauer Straße 1, Lochau

T +43 (5574) 43386

www.lochau.at

Lustenau

"Mili" (former army swimming pool)

A historical wooden stilt construction above the water, regular bathing spot for the people of Bregenz. The lovingly named "Mili" is definitely worth a visit!

⌚ Early May to mid-September: Daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)

→ Reichsstraße, Bregenz

T +43 (5574) 44242-0

www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

Parkbad Lustenau

Long slide, wild water channel and air bubbles are only three of the many reasons for taking a trip to Lustenau.

⌚ Early May to early September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

→ Mühlefeldstraße 21, Lustenau

T +43 (5577) 8181-3210

www.lustenau.at

Hard

Strandbad Hard

One of the largest pools on Lake Constance, featuring Grander water in the outdoor pool, slides, playground, beach volleyball and much more. Take your own journey of discovery in the tranquillity of the lake.

⌚ May and September: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June to August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)
 ➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard
 T +43 (5574) 8368220
www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

FKK-Strandbad

Spacious nudist beach in a lovely nature reserve on Lake Constance, close to Hard. Table tennis, beach volleyball court, boccia lanes, playground, self-service restaurant, barbecue sites.
 ⌚ April, May and September: Daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June to August: Daily 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

➔ Im Böschen 43, Hard
 T +43 (5578) 8368230
www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Feldkirch

Erlebnis Waldbad Feldkirch

Everything a water lover's heart desires: sports pool, adventure pool, sports, shady meadows.
 ⌚ Early May to early September:
 Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather); June to August: Guaranteed opening times: Daily 4 to 7 p.m. (whatever the weather)

➔ Stadionstraße 7, Feldkirch
 T +43 (5522) 76001-3180
www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Dornbirn

Waldbad Enz

On hot summer days, the best place to cool off is the forest pool, which enjoys a shady location next to the cooler mountain water of the Dornbirn Ach. Open-air forest swimming pool, 50 m sports pool, children's pool, slide, playground, diving platform, beach volleyball courts – this pool is also worth a visit!

⌚ May to September: Daily 8.30 a.m. to 7.45 p.m., in bad weather until 11 a.m.
 ➔ Gütlestraße 16, Dornbirn
 T +43 (676) 833068790
www.waldbadenz.at

Hohenems-Altach

Erholungszentrum

Rheinauen

Even if the car park looks full: once you are in, there is a suitable place for everyone on the spacious area right on the bank of the Old Rhine.

⌚ May to August: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; September: to 7 p.m. (depending on the weather)
 ➔ Rheinauen, Hohenems

T +43 (5576) 73571
www.rheinauen.at

Frastanz

Schwimmbad Felsenau

It is Vorarlberg's oldest preserved swimming pool (one pool). Built and opened in 1903, these days it is solar-heated and uses Grander water.⌚ Early May to early September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June to August: Guaranteed opening times: Daily 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (whatever the weather)

➔ Mariagrüner Straße, Frastanz
 T +43 (5522) 76001-3150
www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Naturbad Untere Au

The clear water of the natural lake, diving tower, sandy beach, a 40-metre long zip wire, slacklines – there is something for all ages here.

⌚ May to September: Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)
 ➔ Satteinser Straße 9, Frastanz
 T +43 (5522) 52729
www.frastanz.at/naturbad

Nenzing

Walgaubad Nenzing

Wave pool, lazy river, 5 m diving platform, 30°C-pool, slides, 50 m pool, 25 m pool, aquafit programme and all of that in all weathers!

⌚ Mid-April to late September:
 Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 ➔ Illstraße 36, Nenzing
 T +43 (699) 10125115
www.wfigmbh.at

Sulz

Erlebnisbad Frutzau

A climbing net in the water, a stream for playing in, bubbles from the bottom and flood shower: you are not likely to get bored in Frutzau pool!
 ⌚ May to June: Daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; From July to 8 p.m. (depending on weather)

➔ Frutzstraße 5, Sulz
 T +43 (5522) 44198
www.gemeinde-sulz.at

Götzis

Riebe swimming pool

The Götzner open-air swimming pool in the Riebe has been 'the place to go' for a splash in summer for more than 50 years. While the grown-ups may count the laps they swim in the 25-metre pool, the little ones are able to let off steam in the adventure pool with slides and a diving platform or play on the sports field and playground. The very little ones have their own toddler area with paddling pool, sunshades and seating. Food and drink are available at the kiosk.

⌚ Early May to early September:
 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (depending on the weather)
 ➔ In der Riebe 7, Götzis
 T +43 (5523) 62054
www.goetziis.at/schwimmbad

Indoor swimming pools

Bregenz

Seehallenbad

Sports pool, training pool, kids' area, lovely view of the lake.

⌚ Tue to Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May to mid-August: only in bad weather
 ➔ Strandweg 1, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 44242-0
www.stadtwerke-bregenz.at

Vitalium

Sauna paradise in the lake swimming pool, with sauna, steam bath, Sanarium®, solarium, whirlpool, spacious roof terrace and separate ladies' area.
 ⌚ Tue to Fri 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 ➔ Strandweg 1, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 44242-0
www.vitalium.at



Tip

Jessica Hotz

Farmer, Yak Halden Lochau

"I think that one of the most beautiful places to be found on the shores of Lake Constance is in the Lochau area! Diving into the lake after work in the evening and enjoying the sunset. That's the way to live!"

Shore of Lake Constance, Lochau

Dornbirn

das stadtbad ☎

The indoor swimming pool in Dornbirn offers something for everyone, with a sports and multi-purpose pool, children's area and slide, as well as a wellness and sauna area.

⌚ Tue 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wed to Fri 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun and on bank holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; September to April: Thu 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., (reduced opening times during summer)
 ➔ Schillerstraße 18, Dornbirn
 T +43 (5572) 22687, 🚶 p. 33 – F6
www.stadtbad.at



Boat trips on Lake Constance

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Vorarlberg Lines

The best way to reach the loveliest tourist attractions on Lake Constance is by boat. For a short trip to Lindau, to the botanical rarities on the Mainau Island, Sea Life in Konstanz – the time on board is a pleasure. Yet the thematic trips such as the three-country panorama trip and others are also very popular, for a good reason.

➔ Vorarlberg Lines – Bodenseeschifffahrt, Seestraße 4, Bregenz
 T +43 (5574) 42868, 🚶 p. 19 – F2
www.vorarlberg-lines.at

Tour of Bregenz Bay ☎

Bregenz as seen from the lake – Vorarlberg Lines take tours of Bregenz Bay⌚ between 5 March and 25 October 2020. Please see brochures available at the ticket office or the Internet for departure times and dates.

Three-country panorama trip ☎

Extensive trip of Lake Constance which takes you along the Swiss, German and Austrian shores of the lake. Enjoy the lovely views of the shores of the three countries of Lake Constance.

⌚ 12 April to 4 October 2020: Daily from Bregenz

Hohentwiel (steam ship)

The old paddle steamer is the perfect way to approach the Bregenz Festival. It has been so lovingly restored that your imagination is immediately transported back to centuries gone by. It is only the on-board gourmet cuisine that is undeniably part of today, as are the trips with Dixie music and the leisurely brunch and literature trips. You won't forget an evening on board.

→ Hard, T +43 (5574) 63560

www.hohentwiel.com

MS Österreich

More than 90 years ago, she served as a passenger ship, ice breaker and warship and, following several refits, was finally decommissioned. But the ship was awakened from its slumber and subsequently restored to its former glory more than four years ago. The result is a historically modern motor ship, which is again shipping on Lake Constance since 2019.

→ Hard, T +43 (5574) 63560

www.hohentwiel.com/oesterreich

Boat hire

Bregenz: Boat hire by Hardy Feurstein (promenade next to the gondola harbour)

Rental of paddle, rowing and electric boats, lake taxi, speedboat trips.

→ Seepromenade 2, Bregenz,

T +43 (664) 1487017, p. 19 – C3

www.seetaxi.at

Lochau: Sporer Yachting

Sailboat hire.

→ Alte Fähre im Yachthafen, Lochau,

T +43 (5574) 52247

www.sporer-yachting.com

Hard: Boat hire (next to the bathing beach)

Paddle and electric boat hire.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard,

T +43 (664) 1487017

www.bootsverleih-hard.at

Segel- und Motorbootschule Hard

Thomas Garnitschnig, sailboat hire.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard,

T +43 (5574) 78840

www.segelschulehard.at



Sailing and motorboat schools

Segel- und Motorbootschule Hard

Lake Constance skipper licence, pleasure boat licence for lakes, sailing courses for kids, maritime radio.

→ Kohlplatzstraße 12, Hard, T +43 (5574) 78840

www.segelschulehard.at

Surfmax

Offers wind surfing courses for beginners and advanced surfers, and rents out surfboards and stand up paddle boards.

→ Grüner Damm, Hard, Hechtweg 1, Bregenz, T +43 (650) 3605400

www.surfmax.at

Sporer Yachting

Taster courses, basic courses, weekend courses, Lake Constance skipper licence, ÖSV and DSV licences, A licence, SKS and SSS licence.

→ Alte Fähre im Yachthafen, Lochau, T +43 (5574) 52247

www.sporer-yachting.com

Climbing

K1 climbing hall

Over an area of around 2,000 m² and a climbing wall area totalling 3,000 m², the K1 climbing hall in Dornbirn offers climbing fun for all levels of proficiency. A taster course provides an introduction into the basic techniques of climbing, imparts basic knowledge about safety and equipment for indoor climbing.

⌚ Mon to Fri 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

➔ Bildgasse 10, Dornbirn

T +43 (5572) 394810

www.k1-dornbirn.at

Steinblock boulder hall

All levels of difficulty over 571 square metres – that is the Steinblock boulder hall in Rankweil. It offers courses for beginners, advanced climbers, children and adults.

⌚ Mon to Fri 2 to 10.30 p.m., Sat, Sun and on bank holidays 10 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

➔ Alemannenstraße 49, Rankweil

T +43 (5522) 22217

www.steinblock.at

Via Ferrata, Götzis

The Kapfwand is doubly tempting for experienced climbers: the Via Kapf and Via Kessi run almost parallel upwards and require both sure-footedness and strength. The Via Kessi leads steeply over a smooth starting wall to the key passage, which includes a challenging overhang (D/E) and a difficult crack. The Via Kapf is also characterised by overhangs and rarely easier than D but rewards its climbers with a magnificent view across the Rhine Valley.

➔ Spallerweg 3, Götzis

Block Monkey

The boulder hall presents climbing routes on 500 square metres of space with varying levels of difficulty. Block Monkey offers top-rope and lead climbing sections on around 100 square metres of space. Little climbers are able to practise on their own children's climbing wall with slide and play area in the boulder hall.

⌚ Mon to Fri 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sat and Sun 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

➔ Im Letten 6, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 38629

www.blockmonkey.at

Hiking

We want to list just a few of the particularly scenic hiking routes to whet your appetite, since it is impossible to introduce them all here. Whether you go hiking alone or with a companion, it will become second nature to constantly stop to reflect and scan the scenery. Since that which awaits you is simply incredibly beautiful.



Wasserwanderung, Rankweil



Rainer Sebal

Head of Development, Simplon Hard

"The Staufen in Dornbirn is great for hiking – but only for people who aren't afraid of steep slopes. The view of the lake from up there is magical, you're right at the heart of nature – it's a place to contemplate and bring order to your thoughts."

Staufen, Dornbirn

Tip

Langen: Pfänder – Hirschberg tour

The Pfänder presents a magnificent panoramic view across all of Lake Constance and the mountain peaks of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Vorarlberg. Several inns and places for snacks are to be found around the mountain station and along the route.

⌚ Walking time: 3.45 hours,
262 altitude difference

Bregenz: Walk along Lake

Constance – from the Festspielhaus to where the Ach river flows into the lake

This walk along the shores of Lake Constance is suitable for young and old, with prams, balance bikes or similar walking aids. It starts at the Festspielhaus and heads towards Kloster Mehrerau. The monastery complex is home to many things of interest – the church, for example, is usually open for the public. ⌚ Walking time: 1.40 hours, 22 altitude difference

Bildstein: Through Doppelmayr

Zoo to Bildstein

This route starts in Wolfurt and continues with a visit to the Doppelmayr Zoo and can be combined with a hike to Bildstein. The route takes hikers through Doppelmayr Zoo uphill into the forest. The Basilica of Maria Bildstein, one of the most famous pilgrimage churches in the Lake Constance region, opens up a breathtaking view across the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region.

⌚ Walking time: 0.50 hours,
248 altitude difference

Dornbirn: Karren circular route

A very popular hike that presents a view of the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. The trail starts directly behind the valley station and climbs steeply uphill along the Forstweg Oberbürgle (Forest Trail) across Kühberg to the mountain station. At the top hikers are rewarded with a panoramic view at the Karren's 'Glass Edge'.

⌚ Walking time: 1.20 hours,
512 altitude difference

Hohenems: On the Schlossberg

The 3.7-km long route commences and ends at the church in Hohenems. From here, you go up to Alt-Ems ruins, to the "Gsätzli" lookout point, and return to Hohenems via an agricultural path. ⌚ Walking time: 1.20 hours, 290 altitude difference

Feldkirch:

The Feldkirch Wildlife Park with its cleared paths, wildlife feeding and a forest experience is the place to go all year round for short family-friendly hikes on the Ardetzenberg – and all this in the immediate vicinity of the town and boasting views across the roofs of the old town.

⌚ Walking time approx. 1.30 hours,
219 altitude difference

Übersaxen: Panorama circuit

This family-friendly hike presents magnificent views and takes visitors across meadows and forest paths. The tour is 7.2 km long and leads back to the starting point in the centre of the village of Übersaxen. Perfect for a spontaneous afternoon hike. ⌚ Walking time approx. 2.45 hours, 555 altitude difference

Nenzing: Nenzinger Himmel

Nenzinger Himmel:

A legendary thematic path on "Lovers' Lane" between the alp settlement of Nenzinger Himmel which is 8.7-km long and passes through Setschalpe taking you to Hirschsee, Panüelalpe and back to Nenzinger Himmel. A well-kept secret amongst connoisseurs of particularly lovely places on earth. ⌚ Walking time: 3.15 hours, 423 altitude difference

Laterns: Üble Schlucht (ravine)

The ravine in Laterns is extremely impressive – and natural, above all. Along lovely meadows, you leave the village and go downwards towards the gorge, where the River Frutz has made its way through the rock faces. The path is demanding, wet close to the water. Good footwear is recommended. ⌚ Walking time: 1 hour, 424 altitude difference

Rankweil: Water hike around Rankweil

The water hike leads to the rafting of timber on the Frutz to using the energy of the Mühlbach millstream and having fun barbecuing and swimming in the Frutz.

⌚ Walking time: 3 hours,
115 altitude difference

Götzis: Natural diversity around Götzis

The route follows the remnants of the Ice Age, first crossing the Örfla gorge, then the Mitzgebach gorge and the dry valley with the Mationswiesen.

⌚ Walking time: 2.30 hours,
266 altitude difference

**Michelle Morik**

Host, Alpencamping Nenzing

"My favourite place to relax and unwind, enjoy nature and simply do nothing is the Nenzinger Himmel Nature Park (Nenzing Heaven). A walk to the alpine dairy, a little glass of wine afterwards and the view of the glowing Panüeler mountain are simply 'heavenly'."

Nenzinger Himmel

For a more detailed description of the hiking paths, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Tip

Skiing

Skiing is for Vorarlberg what the gondola is for Venice. Even the small, unknown skiing areas of the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg possess fine slopes and serious runs, family-friendly small areas (for example with lift tickets) or even concealed dream slopes for those who don't fancy waiting.

Möggers: Luggi-Leitner lifts

Two lifts, ideal for children and beginners. With magic carpet and rope tow.

→ T +43 (676) 9313897

www.skilift-scheidegg.de

Bregenz: Pfänder

Take the cable car up – and back down if you like. There are two lifts at the top. Observe the snow conditions.

→ T +43 (5574) 42160-0

www.pfaenderbahn.at

Buch: Schneiderkopf

Two ski tows and one moving walkway for the kids.

→ T +43 (5579) 8212

www.gemeinde-buch.at

Dornbirn: Bödele

Family-friendly ski area between Dornbirn and Schwarzenberg where snow is particularly assured. It has a good selection of gentle and demanding pistes. Ten lifts, two ski schools, ski rentals, cosy huts and sun terraces.

→ T +43 (5572) 7214

www.boedele.info

Übersaxen: Gröllerkopf

Two lifts, night-time skiing and authentic Käsespätzle, very popular amongst families.

→ T +43 (5522) 41311

www.uebersaxen.at

Dornbirn-Ebnit: Heumöser lifts

Two lifts and 3 km of pistes offer enough space for advanced skiers and newcomers to the sport alike.

→ T +43 (664) 1482586

www.ebniterleben.at

Hohenems: Schutttannen

With its two ski tows and a cosy mountain hut, it is an inside tip.

→ T +43 (664) 8771041

www.sv-hohenems.at

Frastanz: Skilift Bazora

Next to the Bazora ski tow, three further ski lifts provide access to flat pistes. Lovely view, nostalgic wooden lift supports (still working).

→ T +43 (664) 7973659 oder

T +43 (5522) 53371

www.frastanz.at/bazora

Nenzing-Gurtis: Gurtis

With four ski lifts, a ski school and ski and snowboard rental, it has everything you need for spending a day in the snow.

→ T +43 (5522) 51589

www.nenzing-gurtis.at

Laternsertal: Laterns-Gapfohl

The largest skiing area in the region offers six lifts and 27 km of well-tended runs for all levels of proficiency. Skiing routes for tourers, natural toboggan run, free child care on the mountain. Well-known for its good price-performance ratio.

→ T +43 (5526) 252

www.laterns.net

Cross-country skiing and winter rambles

When the snow conditions are favourable, several cross-country courses are groomed in the region of Bodensee-Vorarlberg. The near-by mountains also offer a limited selection of cross-country courses. On deep-snow days, snowshoe hikes take you to otherwise practically impassable areas, where the peacefulness and the natural experience are simply enchanting. On most routes, spectacular views of the Rhine Valley and lake keep revealing themselves.

Bildstein

Winter hiking paths

→ T +43 (5572) 58384

www.gemeinde-bildstein.at

Fraxern

Winter hiking paths

→ T +43 (5523) 64511

www.fraxern.at

Dornbirn: Bödele and Karren

Cross-country ski course (ca. 9 km) and winter hiking paths.

→ T +43 (5572) 22140

www.boedele.info oder

www.karren.at

Nenzing

Approx. 8 km of groomed cross-country ski trails on the Latzwiese in Nenzing, winter hiking paths in Nenzing and Gurtis. → T +43 (5525) 63031
www.nenzing-gurtis.at

Übersaxen

two cross-country ski trails

→ T +43 (5522) 41311

www.uebersaxen.at



For more activity tips, go to:
www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com

Ice-skating

Ice-skating Hard

Ice-skating on Hard's lakeshore – it is hard to imagine a more lovely backdrop for the spirited laps on the shiny surface. If you have always fancied yourself as an ice-hockey player, you can rent the entire kit to try it out first.

- ⌚ Mid-October to mid-March (more information on the website)
- ➔ Seestraße 63, Hard, T +43 (5574) 8368220 www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Ice-skating on a large scale: Vorarlberghalle Feldkirch

It offers a massive space for all ice-skating fans – whatever the weather. Freely move between the indoor and outdoor rink, do your laps beneath the shiny stars: if the temperatures allow it, the popular Stellafeld is open from November for all types of fun on blades. The ice rink offers protection against bad weather.

- ⌚ 3 October to 10 April: Tue to Fri 9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., Sun 9 to 10.45 a.m., Tue, Thu to Sun 2 to 4 p.m., Thu and Sat 8.15 to 10 p.m.
- ➔ Am Breiten Wasen 4, Feldkirch, T +43 (5522) 760013160, 🏷 p. 67 – A2 www.freizeitbetriebe-feldkirch.at

Guided tours

Guided tours of Feldkirch, every Wednesday

Accompanied by the "austriaguides", gain new insights rambling through a small yet important historic centre of humanistic history.

- ⌚ June to September: Wed 2 p.m.
- ➔ Registration: T +43 (5522) 9009, tourismus@feldkirch.at www.feldkirch.travel

Game of chance

Casino Bregenz

You can try your luck in the Bregenz Casino, and start the evening off in the Restaurant Falstaff.

- ➔ Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 3, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 45127, 🏷 p. 19 – B4 www.casinos.at

Golf and crazy golf

Golfing has also arrived here. For instance in **Rankweil**.

Golfclub Montfort Rankweil

A round of golf in the Golfpark Montfort in Rankweil is not just a sports highlight but also a very special kind of nature experience. The ultra-modern club house in the centre of the golf park is the start and end point of the newly-created 18-hole course, and is also a meeting place for golfers and non-golfers alike.

- ➔ Kirchstraße 70, Rankweil, T +43 (5522) 72000 www.golfclub-montfort.com

Crazy golf course, Bregenz

The crazy golf course is located right next to the lake stage and the Festspielhaus Bregenz, right on the lake shore promenade. ⌚ Open between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. from April to September (depending on the weather).

- ➔ Seepromenade, Bregenz, T +43 (5574) 53185, 🏷 p. 19 – B3 www.vbgv.com

Crazy golf course, Hard

Crazy golf with a view of the lake – the course with international dimensions has already hosted two European Championships and one World Championship.

- ⌚ Mid of May: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., June, July and August: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., September: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (depending on the weather – more information on the website)
- ➔ Kohlplatzstraße 15a, Hard, T +43 (5574) 8368220 www.hard-sport-freizeit.at

Hohenems indoor crazy golf

Fans of crazy golf and tournament players can now pursue their passion irrespective of the weather – and even in the winter!

- ⌚ Mon to Fri 5 to 10 p.m., Sat 2 to 10 p.m., Sun 2 to 8 p.m.
- ➔ Markus-Sittikus-Straße 20, Hohenems, T +43 (667) 61722825 www.vbgv.com

Crazy golf course beneath the Schattenburg

Amateur crazy golfers enjoy the 18 different challenges presented to them by the pyramid, wavy, somersault and maze holes in the park of the Schattenburg. Families and aficionados alike can tee-off at the foot of the castle tower, against a historic background, between May and October.

- ⌚ May to October: Wed to Sun 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. (depending on the weather)
- ➔ Burggasse 1, Feldkirch, 🏷 p. 67 – G5 www.schattenburg.cc

Day trips

Vorarlberg is made up of six regions, each of which is capable of filling an entire holiday with their beauty, their culture and pleasure. Naturally, however, they are also great for day trips, with the mountain roads and ranges you encounter en route making your trip worthwhile. You are already holding a plethora of information about the region Bodensee-Vorarlberg. The following overview only gives you an outline at most of the five regions in Vorarlberg. Yet rest assured: behind the concise chunks of information lies a rich world of discovery.



1 Lünersee

2 Bregenzerwald



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Lech-Zürs am Arlberg

The famous winter ski resort which, despite its extensive skiing areas, classy hotels and high-society guests, has managed to retain its original charm. It offers a discerning, cultural range of activities far from the events scene and party zones. The region is an inside tip for summer guests, a greater number of whom are discovering that the hiking routes and spectacles of nature have a particular charm of their own in summer – something the ski enthusiasts couldn't even begin to imagine. For its part, the Philosophicum attracts a clientele of its own to the idyllic location in autumn, turning it into the focal point of philosophical examinations of society.

www.lechzuers.com

Bregenzerwald

In the region of the Bregenzerwald, tradition and design, construction with timber and architecture, rural life and internationally recognised craftsmanship live in harmony. A lot has been written about the Bregenzwald alpine cheese – you really must try it and see for yourself. On the way to the village alpine dairy, don't forget to take a detour to the Werkraumhaus in Andelsbuch and to the Women's Museum in Hittisau. Both institutions can slightly alter your world view, and wouldn't that be a good thing? If you think that nothing can take you by surprise – go along to one of the numerous gourmet establishments for dinner. Maybe you'll get the surprise of your life!

www.bregenzerwald.at



Tip

Michelle Morik

Host, Alpencamping Nenzing

"As a former skier, I'm unfortunately on the slopes all too rarely. But if I sometimes long to enjoy nature in the early hours of a winter's morning, then the Brandnertal is still my destination of choice. The Brandnertal offers perfect slope conditions, on the one hand, and great huts to stop off at, on the other. But still my insider tip is ... off-piste skiing!"

Alpenregion Bludenz, Brandnertal

Montafon

Two impressive mountain ranges surround the Montafon – the Silvretta massif with the Piz Buin, which dwarfs everything else at 3,312 m, and the Rätikon with its glacier slopes. The Silvretta alpine road is considered the "dream road of the Alps" and offers an unforgettable drive – not only for motorcyclists. People started settling in the then undoubtedly inhospitable region 5,000 years ago. Today, 61 cable cars, over 1,100 km of signposted hiking paths and plenty of hotel beds are proof that the region is now a place of hospitality.

www.montafon.at

Alpenregion Bludenz

From the town of Bludenz, the alpine region extends to the valleys of Brandnertal, Klostertal and the biosphere park of Großes Walsertal. They are all home to mountains, glaciers, forests, mountain lakes and rivers. The Lünersee, the shimmering like a crystal-clear, blue glass bead at the foot of the Schesaplana at an altitude of 1,970 m, is elected as the most beautiful place in Austria in 2020. At 2,965 m, the Schesaplana is the highest mountain in the Rätikon, with the history of the Rhaetians still living on in the names of many places. Hundreds of kilometres of hiking paths, ski lifts, golf courses, summer meadows and farms show themselves at their best. Cultural landscapes which have been lavishly tended for centuries characterise the Großes Walsertal. The recognition of it as a UNESCO biosphere park is a guarantee that these cultural treasures will be preserved. The parish of St Gerold is also a very special place not only because, for decades, it has been the meeting place for internationally successful musical talents who come here to give concerts or record albums – it lies nestled in a valley so narrow and so beautiful it is hard to put into words.

www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Kleinwalsertal

The Kleinwalsertal is almost completely surrounded by high mountains. Its geographical location in the Allgäu Alps means that it has no direct connection with Vorarlberg. It was a duty-free zone for a long time. Since the establishment of the EU, however, this has lost its significance. The diversity of the region, from beginner's runs through to alpine runs for advanced skiers – the skiing area of Kanzelwand-Fellhorn is considered an inside tip, for instance – is what characterises it. Whether it is relaxation, sports or a family holiday you are after, the wealth of options available make sure that many visitors will soon become regular guests. A look into the "Walser Gipfelbuch" explains online why it is set to stay this way!

www.kleinwalsertal.com

Around Lake Constance

Fantastic spectacles of nature, art and culture, historic places and technical features – whatever your senses long for, the shores of the lake offer untold numbers of attractions for your journey of discovery. Maybe you just want to relax, take a lakeside seat and stare off into the distance – with a bit of luck a little steam yacht will sail past.

Blumeninsel Mainau

(flower island) (D)

www.mainau.de

Dornier Museum

Friedrichshafen

(aerospace museum) (D)

www.dorniermuseum.de

Wallfahrtskirche Birnau

(pilgrimage church) (D)

www.birnau.de

Sea Life Konstanz

(D)

www.visitsealife.com

Kloster und Schloss Salem

(Salem monastery and palace)

(D)

www.salem.de

Der Rheinfall

(The Rhine falls) (CH)

The biggest waterfall in Europe.

www.rheinfall.ch

Affenberg Salem

(monkey zoo) (D)

www.affenberg-salem.de

Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein

(art museum) (FL)

www.kunstmuseum.li

Pfahlbauten

(lake dwellings) (D)

UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site

www.pfahlbauten.de

Meersburg (castle)

(D)

www.burg-meersburg.de

Ravensburger Spieleland

(theme park) (D)

www.spieleland.de

HopfenMuseum in Tettnang

(hops museum) (D)

www.hopfengut.de

Neues Schloss Meersburg

(new palace) (D)

www.neues-schloss-meersburg.de

Kunstmuseum Ravensburg

(D)

www.kunstmuseum-ravensburg.de

Zeppelin Museum

Friedrichshafen

(airship museum) (D)

www.zeppelin-museum.de

Säntis-Schwebebahn

(Säntis cableway) (CH)

www.saentisbahn.ch

Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen

(abbey library) (CH)

www.stibi.ch

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1. Service content:

Upon purchasing the BVFK, the purchaser (BVFK holder) is entitled to use the services of the service partners set out in the Compact Folder. A direct contract is in place only between the BVFK holder and the service partner. The included services cover the entitlement to make use of the respective service already paid for with the purchase of the BVFK. Bonus services entitle the holder to a reduction on the fee payable for the respective service of the service partner being used.

2. Scope of service/Liability:

All service partners undertake to make available to the BVFK holders, in terms both of scope and time, the services labelled as BVFK services to their full extent during the promotion period in question, in line with their usual business hours and general terms & conditions of carriage and business. Bonus partners are subject to the best-price guarantee for individual customers.

Restrictions on taking up services under the BVFK may generally be derived from the operating hours of individual BVFK partner businesses that do not cover the entire BVFK promotion period, due in particular to meteorological conditions. Additionally, limitations may arise due to circumstances in the operating company (e.g. technical faults) and blocking periods – defined by one usage per day and per service partner. The published opening times and conditions of use in the Compact Folder, and the notice board at the service partner's premises, shall be the basis for the given service, but shall not be binding.

Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH reserves the right to terminate the agreement with individual BVFK partner companies and bonus partners for good reason at any time, even during the promotion period, without having to provide the BVFK holder with any compensation for this lost opportunity to make use of the services offered. In particular, Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH accepts no liability of any kind for any damage suffered by the BVFK holder in connection with using the services. Upon using the services offered under the BVFK, the BVFK holder only becomes the contractual partner of the BVFK partner company, to the extent that claims of any kind may be enforced exclusively against the service partner in question.

3. Particular restrictions of individual companies:

Ship and cableway:

- Vorarlberg Lines (boat trips on Lake Constance) 10 % for the tour of Bregenz bay and the three-country panorama trip.
- Cableways and summer toboggan run Laterns trip at group tariff prices (-10 bis 20 %).

Others:

- Theater am Saumarkt -10 % on tickets at the evening box office.
- Poolbar Festival Feldkirch -20 % on tickets at the evening box office.
- Surfmax - 10% on rental of SUP, canoe, kayak and outrigger canoe

The BVFK is a leisure card and the services included on it can be used for free once a day for each service partner, with a set blocking time of 00:00. Repeated use with a single partner several times on the same day is not permitted.

4. Validity conditions:

The BVFK card is issued in the name of the holder, is non-transferable and applies only in conjunction with a valid form of photographic ID. The services connected to the BVFK may therefore be used only by the named purchaser within the period of validity of the BVFK (promotion period). The BVFK is valid for one, two or three consecutive calendar days (valid from the date of issuance).

5. Use:

In order to claim the services included, the BVFK holder must present his or her card with the BVFK barcode so that its validity and the holder's identity may be verified by the BVFK partner company with a terminal or by simple visual inspection.

In order to claim the bonus services, the BVFK holder must present his or her card with the BVFK barcode so that its validity and the holder's identity may be verified by simple visual inspection.

The BVFK holder is required to present a valid form of photographic ID upon request. If he or she is unable to do so, free entry to the BVFK partner companies and/or price reduction with the bonus partners may be refused.

6. Misuse:

In the event of misuse or the suspicion of misuse, the BVFK partner companies are entitled and required to confiscate the card without any replacement. The BVFK may not be transferred to third parties – to do so may result in criminal proceedings.

7. Prices and reductions for children:

The prices set out in the Compact Folder (inclusive of value-added tax) are valid for adults and children (one-day card €16.00 or €8.00, two-day card €25.00 or €12.50 and three-day card €32.00 or €16.00). Children under the age of five are exempt from paying entrance fees. Children and young people up to the age of 15 are entitled to the reduced tariff.

8. Theft/loss:

If the BVFK is lost or stolen, the purchaser may report this on +43 (5574) 43443-0. Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH accepts no liability in the event of the theft or loss of the BVFK.

9. Applicable law and place of jurisdiction:

Austrian law is exclusively applicable to all contractual relationships. The sole place of jurisdiction is the court legally responsible for Bregenz.

10. Data protection declaration:

When the BVFK is issued, personal data are processed; the BVFK holder consented to this by purchasing the BVFK. The data notified are used to develop and process the BVFK. The BVFK holder agrees that his or her data may be collected and saved on electronic data carriers for the purposes of bookkeeping, contractual fulfilment, etc. Personal data will be passed on to third parties without the consent of the client only in the event of urgent legal requirements or to the extent necessary for the use of the BVFK. Amongst other things, the data may be transferred to the relevant service partners in order to fulfil their service provision or used for statistical and administrative purposes.

Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH takes organisational, contractual and technical security measures, corresponding to the state of the art, to ensure that the requirements of the data protection laws are complied with and that the processed data are protected from any accidental or intentional manipulation, loss, destruction and from access by unauthorised persons.

After the end of the card usage period, these data are blocked from further use and deleted after the retention periods laid down in taxation and commercial law, unless the BVFK holder has expressly agreed for his or her data to be further used or Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH reserves the right to a more extensive use of these data that is legally permissible and of which the BVFK holder is informed below. The client account may be deleted at any time by sending a message to the email address datenschutz@bodensee-vorarlberg.com.

The BVFK holder is entitled to receive information free of charge concerning saved data regarding his or her person and to amend incorrect data, withdraw permissions or to transfer, block or delete these data. In the event of any questions concerning the collection, processing or use of personal data, of information requests, amendments, transfer, blocking or deletion of data and the withdrawal of permissions granted or objection to a particular kind of data use, the BVFK holder may contact Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH directly, using the contact data in the legal notice of the folder.

If the BVFK holder believes that the processing of his or her data infringes the data protection law or that his or her data protection rights are being infringed in any other way, he or she is entitled to complain to the data protection authority as supervisory authority.

Further details are available in the data protection notice on the website www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/datenschutz.

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