

Compact

Tips and favourite places

Truly encounter a region.

To experience this place means to dive into it, figuratively and literally: into its culture, gastronomy, lifestyle, and into Lake Constance. This brochure is intended for all those wanting to discover the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region in all its stunning diversity.

The Compact-brochure is not, however, full of lists to tick off but rather a companion through trips you'll talk about for years to come. This mini tour guide brings you closer to the people, customs and particularities of this place. You'll be introduced, for example, to forestry educator Jürgen-Thomas Ernst who shows how sustainability is brought to life here – a topic which comes up again and again in the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region. We wish you a wonderful journey of discovery!

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"I am delighted to present the new edition of our
Compact-brochure – within it, you will discover a
careful selection of regional highlights and inspiring
inspirations for your stay in our region. The QR
codes will guide you to more in-depth articles on our
website. We hope that with the help of the brochure
and our tips, you'll uncover your own favourite spots."

The best destinations with just one ticket

Discover the diversity of the region. No matter whether winter, spring, summer or fall, there's something for everyone all year round. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card is your ticket to not only all the main attractions but also buses and trains, as well as discounts at selected partners.



Where to buy

The card can be bought directly online or at Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus, as well as at selected partner hotels or tourism bureaus in the region.

→ More information: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/leisure-card



About the region About the region

Key facts about the region

people live in Vorarlberg.

Bregenz Dornbirn
Hohenems Feldkirch

cities belong to the region.

⅓ of Vorarlberg's population live and work in the **Rhine Valley**, which belongs to the region.



There are a total of 6 official **tourism regions** here. The Bodensee-Vorarlberg region is one of these.

$128,000,000\,\mathrm{m}^3$

Lake Constance
provides Southern
Germany with
128,000,000 m³ of
drinking water
each year.



The region is home to lively culture, diverse landscapes and hospitable locals.



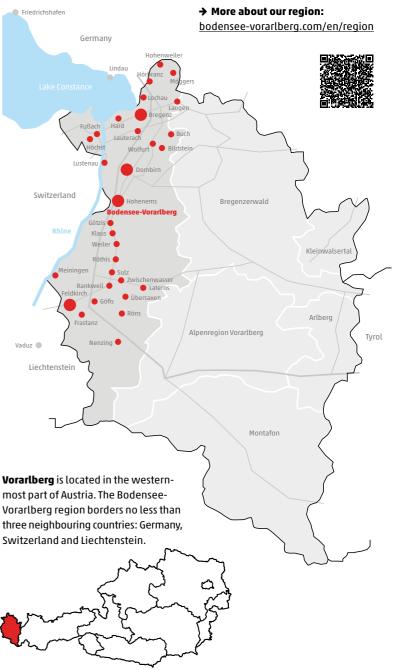
Piz Buin is the region's highest point.

Out of love for people and nature, the region relies on a well-developed network of transportation and cycling paths.

The region's lowest point is 395 m above sea level.

28km

of **Lake Constance**'s shore are part of the region, encompassing nature reserves, beaches, promenades and cycle paths.



Getting around Getting around

Getting around

The Bodensee-Vorarlberg region is easily reachable by all modes of transport. The public transport system here is very well developed, serving as an excellent alternative to car transport.

With the Bodensee-Vorarlberg Leisure Card you can ride buses and trains for free throughout Vorarlberg and on cross-border trains to Lindau (Germany), St. Margrethen and Buchs (Switzerland), and Tirol's St. Anton am Arlberg.

By bus & train

Timetables and detailed fare information can be found at <u>vmobil.at</u>, and all train connections can be found at <u>oebb.at</u>.

For real-time timetable information, download the "cleVVVer mobil" app from vmobil.at:

For cashless and contactless tickets get the "FAIRTIQ" app. (fairtig.com)





By car

The use of all motorways and highways in Austria (in Vorarlberg, the A14 and S16) is subject to charge. Toll stickers are available to purchase for 1 day, 10 days, 2 months, or 1 year.

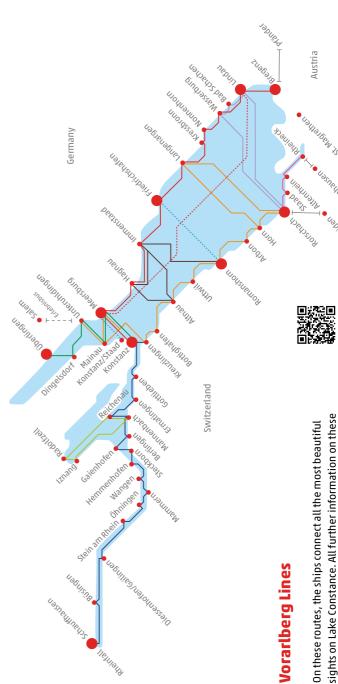
The motorway section Hörbranz and Hohenems (A14) is exempt from toll (as of December 2023).

By ship

Along with trains and buses, the Lake Constance ships of Vorarlberg Lines can be used both as modes of transport and a way to get to various destinations.



All information on arrival and mobility at: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/getting-here



routes and timetables are available at <u>vorarlberg-lines.at</u> or

Getting around Getting around

Bodensee-Vorarlberg cycling paths

- 1 Ill-Rhein Route
- Villages-cities Route
- 3 Bregenzerwald Route
- Signposted cycle tours

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



Travelling by bike opens up completely new perspectives and landscapes. The cycle paths here lead through unspoiled nature reserves, along the banks of the Rhine or Lake Constance and through forests and meadows. This mode of transport is made yet more attractive by the possibility to discover hidden guesthouses, lakes and rare birds or plant species along the way.



Online cycling route planner Plan your cycling trip at: <u>map.bikecitizens.net</u> (search for "Vorarlberg")



Bike and e-scooter hire Here you'll find all the options for hiring bikes or e-scooters:



You can find more cycle routes and tips at: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cycle-routes

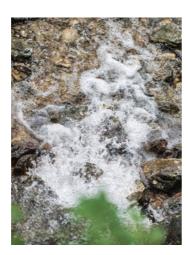


People and stories People and stories









Forest bathing

The lifelong forester Jürgen-Thomas Ernst has spent many years delving deep into the secrets of our local forests. As an author, he teaches readers about the local plant life, and in his work as a forestry educator he imparts these secrets during exciting guided tours.

A forester is basically responsible for overseeing anything that happens in a forest. They're the ones who, for example, can quickly recognise when trees are showing signs of stress – a healthy tree protects itself effectively with resin against insect attacks. "You have to realize that trees are more evolved than humans," says Ernst. "They've survived all weather extremes and climatic changes over millions of years – they have abilities we're not even aware of."

As an author, Jürgen-Thomas Ernst has long made a name for himself by writing plays, novels, non-fiction, and even detective stories about forests. And since he's been working as a forestry educator, he's also busy giving children and adults tours through forests from Wolfurt to Gaißau that he used to oversee. Ernst loves sharing all that the forest has to tell us: "My book Secrets of the Forest (Geheimnisse des Waldes) is about which remedies grow in the forest, which plants are edible and which are not. I see a great need for this knowledge, because we can't protect what we can't see."

Raising awareness for trees and plants is important for our future, although as Ernst also believes, the forest "doesn't need any help from us, it's an extremely intelligent system, I would even say it's flawless." His perspectives on nature and its regenerative capacity are hopeful: "We owe our children and grand-children an optimistic belief that we can turn things around," he says. Ernst contributes a great deal both with his books and with his educational work in the forest. His tours therefore come highly recommended, even if you sometimes need to wait – after all, forests move at a tree's pace.



Scan to read the full story or discover more stories at: **www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/people-and-stories**



Activities 🛪

Outdoor activities can create lifelong memories – especially when travelling with children and young people. Here in Bodensee-Vorarlberg you'll find plenty to do for all ages and all interests. No matter what kind of action you're looking for, various stunning landscapes – whether imposing mountain peaks or tranquil lake shores – serve as the perfect backdrop for experiences which will live long in the memory and leave all with new perspectives on life.















- 1 Take the 6-minute Pfänderbahn up to Bregenz's mountain and enjoy a unique panorama across Lake Constance.
 - → pfaenderbahn.at
- 2 From the Rappenloch Gorge in Dornbirn, one of the largest gorges in Central Europe, hike along wooden walkways past breathtaking scenery to the Alploch Gorge.
 - → rappenloch.at
- 3 Whizz down curves and across bridges on the 800 m-long **Laterns summer toboggan** run.
 - → laterns.net/sommer
- 4 Discover over 300 rare bird species at the 2000 ha **Rhine Delta nature reserve**.
 - → hotelamsee.biz/birds-club
- 5 Walk through Feldkirch's Wildpark and check out a variety of wild animals.
 - → wildpark-feldkirch.at
- 6 Cool off during summer at one of the region's numerous **outdoor pools**.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/outdoor-pools

Activities







- 7 Explore Lake Constance with Vorarlberg Lines, the majestic Sonnenkönigin yacht, or the historic steamships Hohentwiel or MS Österreich.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/boat-trips
- 8 Take the **Karren cable car** up to the imposing mountain above Dornbirn, with its impressive panoramic view from the 12-meter-long viewing platform.
 - → karren.at
- 9 Learn interesting, entertaining and historical facts about one of the region's four cities on a **guided tour**.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/ 4-quided-tours
- 10 Take a hike in the picturesque

 Nenzinger Himmel hiking area, a
 true "heaven on earth".
 - → nenzing-gurtis.at/nenzinger-himmel

- 11 Discover many small **ski areas** with familyfriendly and lesser-known slopes.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/skiing-areas
- 12 Try out **water sports** such as Stand-Up Paddling, sailing or motorboating on Lake Constance.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/water-sports









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Scan to discover more experience tips or go to: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/activities



Sights to see **⊙**

The stunning variety of the region's built environment opens doors to both the past and the future. Sitting on several thousand years of culture, numerous listed monuments here now engage in an exciting dialogue with newer buildings from some of modern architecture's biggest names. These are all accessible to visitors and many are home to either cultural or culinary highlights – immerse yourself in the region's aesthetic and cultural heritage by exploring some of our most beautiful buildings.













- 1 Admire the stunning architecture of Feldkirch's modern Montforthaus cultural centre, right in the middle of the old town.
 - → montforthausfeldkirch.com
- 2 Visit one of Bregenz's most famous landmarks, its "floating stage" and the Festspielhaus Bregenz.
 - → kongresskultur.com
- 3 Enjoy a wonderful view from the highest part of Feldkirch's **Schattenburg Castle**, including a visit to its museum and restaurant.
 - → schattenburg.at
- 4 Gain exclusive insights into Hohenems' **Renaissance Palace** during a guided tour.
 - → palast-hohenems.at
- 5 Take a pilgrimage up to **Bildstein's Basilica Maria** and be rewarded with a fantastic view.
 - → maria-bildstein.at

Sights to see Sights to see







- 6 Marvel at the landmark and centre of **Rankweil - the basilica** with its unique and newly extended memorial chapel.
 - → basilika-rankweil.at
- 7 Climb Bregenz's landmark **Martinsturm** with its baroque onion-shaped dome.
 - → bit.ly/martinsturm-bregenz
- 8 Experience the **Jonas Schlössle** in Götzis, a stately residence from the Renaissance period, rounded off with a drink in its unique Schlössle bar.
 - → ambach.at/jonas-schloessle
- 9 Admire the baroque Rotes Haus, Dornbirn's main landmark, during a visit to its restaurant.
 - → roteshaus.at
- 10 Wonder at the architecture of **Schloss Wolfurt**, a castle towering above the town of Wolfurt.
 - → wolfurt.at/Schloss_Wolfurt









Scan and discover more sights or go to: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/sights-to-see



Food and Drink 11

Enjoying culinary delights is always one of the most sensual ways of exploring new places. The traditional food here is healthy, homely and down-to-earth, from fresh *Lake Constance fish* to a classic local veal *Schnitzel*. For an alpine region, fine cheese is also of great importance and can be found in a local *Lumpensalat* and of course the ever-present *Kässpätzle*. There's even a distinctive breakfast dish to try in the form of *Riebel*, a corn-based hearty variation on porridge.

Traditionally, the dishes are featured on many menus in the region. The list of good restaurants, cafes, bars, and ice cream parlors is so extensive that for simplicity's sake, you can find them all online.

















Scan here and discover restaurant tips and recommended dishes: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/food-and-drink





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- 1 Kässpätzle
- 2 Wiener Schnitzel
- 3 Lake Constance fish
- 4 Riebel
- 5 Käsdönnala
- 6 Apfelstrudel
- 7 Flädlesuppe
- 8 Lumpensalat
- 9 Modern cuisine

#zäm recipe #zäm recipe







Vorarlberger Kässpätzle with brown butter and fried onions

Ingredients for 4 people

500 g Vorarlberger Spätzle Mehl (flour) 7 Eggs 200 ml Ländle Milch (milk) 50 ml Mineral water 400 g Ländle Spätzlekäs

(cheese mixture or 190 g grated Vorarlberger Bergkäse, 160 g of 12-month matured Ländle Räßkäse, 50 g Ländle Rheintaler Käse)

50 g Ländle Sura Käs 60 g Ländle butter Fried onions:
3 Onions

30 g Vorarlberger Mehl (flour) 20 g Paprika (sweet)

Instructions:

Heat the Ländle butter in a pan until it's brown and has a nutty aroma. Place the Vorarlberger Spätzlemehl (flour), salt, pepper and nutmeg in a bowl. Add the Ländle Milch (milk), mineral water and eggs and mix with a wooden spoon to form a firm dough. Beat the dough until it starts to bubble. Be sure to have a pan with plenty of boiling salted water ready. Press the dough through a *Spaetzler* and bring to boil. Scoop the spaetzle into a bowl using a slotted spoon – you can leave a little of the spaetzle water behind to keep them moist. Sprinkle the grated cheese mixture on top and mix into the spaetzle with a wooden spoon until it starts to become stringy. Pour the brown butter on top.

Fried onions:

Cut the onions into fine rings using a slicer. Place in a bowl, dust with flour and paprika powder and mix well until the onions have absorbed everything. Fry in hot oil at 180 $^{\circ}$ C and drain on kitchen paper. Sprinkle the onions over the Kässpätzle.



Shopping 🖺

Over the past few years, a growing number of young entrepreneurs are dedicating their businesses to traditional pursuits such as gin and whiskey production, with several prizes testament to their tenacity and success. The same can be said of chocolatiers here, who are winning accolades from near and far. The region's weekly farmers' markets are equally dedicated to their time-honoured trade and a source of healthy, regional and seasonal products. Wherever you buy here, you can look forward to diverse and quality products with a respect for nature.









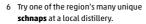


- Shop at the weekly market and buy regional produce directly from farmers, freshly caught fish from Lake Constance or homemade pasta.
- → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/markets
- 2 Sample traditional local beer at the Mohren World of Beer in Dornbirn, or buy some beery souvenirs.
 - → bit.ly/mohrenbrauerei
- 3 Try a **Vorarlberger gin**.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/gin
- 4 Enjoy chocolatey specialities at one of the region's **chocolatiers**.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/chocolate
- 5 Buy local Bergkäse at one of the region's **alpine dairies**.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/cheese

Shopping Shopping







- → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/en/schnaps
- 7 Sample the famous **Lustenauer mustard** straight from the source, or the more daring variations including grappa and raisins.
 - → <u>lustenauer-senf.com</u>
- 8 Marvel at the **craftsmanship** of regional businesses and discover great gift ideas.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/craftsmanship
- 9 Discover some surprising culinary and delicatessen gifts to take back home.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/delicatessen
- 10 Get into the seasonal spirit at the **Christmas markets**, with the air full of aromas of roasted almonds and mulled wine.
 - → bodensee-vorarlberg.com/christmasmarkets









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#zäm: Cooperation and quality

Some catch fish, others tend to bees, while yet more tend to deer or pigs. The diversity of agricultural production here is astounding, also encompassing organic vegetables or those rescuing almost-disappeared grain types. What connects all these producers is an uncompromising commitment to quality and responsible production. **Michael Kühne from Lisilis Biohof** speaks for many of his peers when he says: "We want to manage this piece of land in such a way that we can pass it on in an intact condition at some point." In the region's farmers stores can be found an assortment of seasonal delights such as milk, yoghurt, cream cheeses, and fresh vegetables.

In addition to direct sales, cooperations with local businesses are hugely important for producers here. Quality is particularly appreciated in the restaurant trade, and trust is imperative for this. Mario Fitzek from the Löwen guesthouse in Nofels, for example, says: "With the products that we use in the business, I want to regularly check for myself that the quality is right in all areas." This would be difficult if you were buying wholesale, but is no issue if you personally know the suppliers.

This kind of cooperation is not limited to restaurants and producers; it extends to conceptualising new ideas and products. As an example of this, Vorarlberger Mehl and Sennhof in Rankweil collaborated in bringing back one of the oldest cultivated grain sorts back onto the market: Emmer ancient grain flour. The motivation for doing so says much about the respect of producers for their trade and tradition. As **Felix Rhomberg from Vorarlberger Mehl** notes, "Emmer ancient grain flour is a 100 % Vorarlberg product. The added value remains 100 % in the region."







- Vegetable field tour at **Lisilis Biohof** with
 Michael Kühne and chef Dominic Mayer from
- 2 Production tour at **Vorarlberger Mehl** with Felix Rhomberg and Johannes Allgäuer from **Sennhof**.

Hörnlingen Restaurant.

3 Chef Mario Fitzek from the Löwen guesthouse in Nofels with the Gstach family at the Gstach pig farm.



Scan and read the #zäm stories or discover more:

www.zäm.at



Cultural Life &

A lively cultural scene illustrates the quality of life of any place. In the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region, regional productions are every bit as valued as international performances, whether in classical concert, theatrical productions, or literature and art. Young people have plenty to do here too, with ever more festivals taking place and drawing audiences and artists from all over the world. Check out what's on offer – no doubt you'll find plenty of good reasons to come back year after year.











- At the **Bregenzer Frühling** contemporary dance festival, see legendary shows and performers from all over the world give
 - unforgettable premieres.

 → bregenzerfruehling.com
- 2 Enjoy musical experiences at the **Schubertiade** classical festival in Hohenems.
 - → schubertiade.at
- 3 Experience classic operas against a breathtaking backdrop on the Bregenz Festival's floating stage.
 - → bregenzerfestspiele.com
- 4 Treat your senses and tastebuds at Dornbirn's **Gustav** design and lifestyle fair.
 - → gustav.messedornbirn.at
- 5 Get swept away by heroes, myths and fairytales at Hohenems' Homunculus puppet theatre festival.
 - → homunculus.info



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Cultural Life Cultural Life







- Enjoy top music from pop to electronic to rock at Feldkirch's world-class **poolbar** Festival set around an old swimming pool.
 - → poolbar.at
- 7 Rock out to alternative music from famous bands and up-and-coming stars at Lustenau's annual **Szene Openair music festival**.
 - → szeneopenair.at
- 8 Experience intimate chamber music performances at Musik in der Pforte in Feldkirch.
 - → pforte.at
- 9 Celebrate the culture of the town of Hohenems at its cultural festival Emsiana.
 - → emsiana.at
- 10 Savour the connection between dialogue and music at the **Montforter Zwischentöne** events.
 - → montforterzwischentoene.at





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Museums 血

A great many visitors come to this region for its cultural institutions, striking both for their collections and their architecture – such as Kunsthaus Bregenz, vorarlberg museum and Dornbirn's inatura. There are also notable museums dedicated to special topics, such as Hohenems' Jewish Museum offering insights into Jewish life past and present. The visitor numbers are testament to this, in some cases easily keeping up with those of larger metropolises.













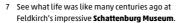


- 1 Dive into the history of the region at the **vorarlberg museum** in Bregenz.
 - → vorarlbergmuseum.at
- 2 Be moved by outstanding contemporary art at **Kunsthaus Bregenz (KUB)**.
 - → kunsthaus-bregenz.at
- 3 Learn about Jewish persecution through history at the **Jewish Museum** in Hohenems.
 - → jm-hohenems.at
- 4 Get interactive insights into the wonders of nature at Dornbirn's **inatura**.
 - → <u>inatura.at</u>
- 5 Browse the legacy and music of Franz Schubert at Hohenems' **Schubertiade museums**.
 - → schubertiade.at
- 6 Learn about the history of the city of Dornbirn at its **Stadtmuseum**, just off the main market square.
 - → stadtmuseum.dornbirn.at

Museums Museums







- → schattenburg.at
- 8 Be impressed by international installation in a former factory building at **Kunstraum** Dornbirn.
 - → kunstraumdornbirn.at
- 9 Appreciate the British elegance of 60 original Rolls-Royce cars at Dornbirn's Rolls-Royce Museum.
 - → rolls-royce-automobilmuseum.at
- 10 Visit seven museums under one roof at the Vorarlberger **Museumswelt** in Frastanz.
 - → museumswelt.com
- 11 Dive into past, present and future of the Rhine river at Lustenau's **Rhein-Schauen** Museum, and experience it close-up with a ride on the **Rheinbähnle** steam train.
 - → rheinschauen.at
- 12 Be astonished by the standard of textile printing at the **Mittelweiherburg** textile museum in Hard.
 - → bit.ly/mittelweiherburg-hard









Scan to discover more museums tips or go to: www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com/museums



Day trips 🝱

A huge variety of landscapes enchant visitors with their beauty and panoramas. The most well-known are of course Vorarlberg's famous ski slopes and winter hiking trails but these are just as spectacular in summer, with mountain streams offering cool respites, and forests and gorges granting peace and calm. A well-connected public transport networks takes you to each key location while offering the freedom to come back via any route you please.













- 1 Spullersee, Lech-Zürs am Arlberg
- 2 Cross-country skiing at Tschengla, Alpenregion Vorarlberg
- 3 Zimba ascent, Montafon
- 4 Bärguntalpe, Kleinwalsertal
- 5 Baumgarten Bezau cable-car station, Bregenzerwald

5 more holiday regions

Take a look at these five other holiday destinations in Vorarlberg, each with its own richness of experience and natural diversity:

Alpenregion Vorarlberg www.vorarlberg-alpenregion.at

Bregenzerwald www.bregenzerwald.at

Kleinwalsertal

www.kleinwalsertal.com

Lech-Zürs am Arlberg www.lechzuers.com

Montafon

www.montafon.at

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Anyone out and about in the Bodensee-Vorarlberg region will find plenty of spots to stop for a picnic, or streets to stroll through and soak up the local lifestyle. Indeed, the region is among Europe's cultural hotspots, full of hidden gems to discover and culinary delights to enjoy. There is so much to see here, so to give you an insight into the sheer diversity of this place we have created the Compact-brochure.

This handy travel guide is a trusty companion for anyone visiting here and looking for inspiration. We've collected interesting excursion ideas and insider tips to help you navigate this region. The Compact-brochure reflects the richness of art, culture, nature and gastronomy which can be found here. We wish you a wonderful journey of discovery!

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