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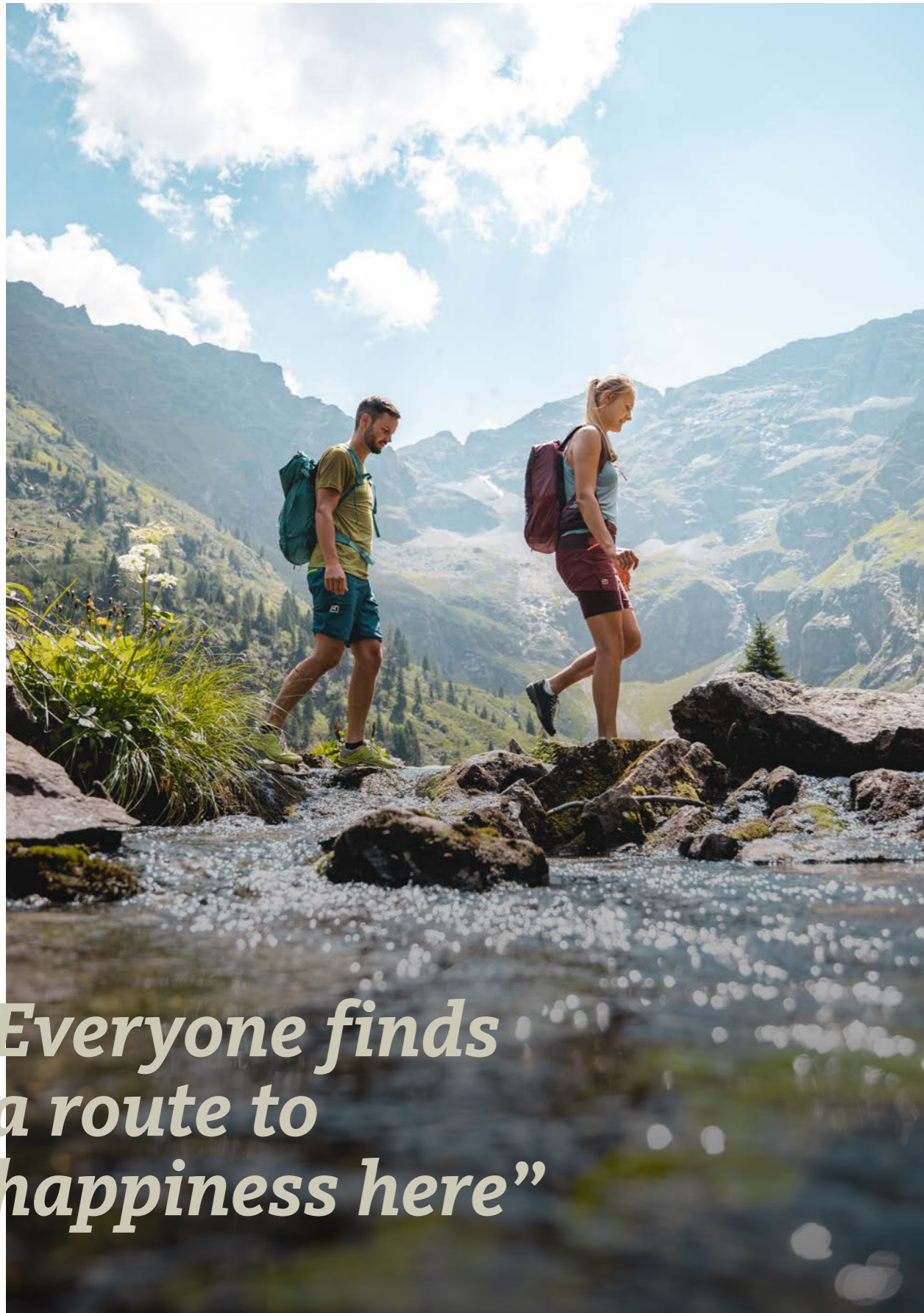
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event tips**

**The best
hiking routes**

**Experience
Dachstein**



SCHLADMING
DACHSTEIN



*“Everyone finds
a route to
happiness here”*



Welcome

If you're looking for a summer holiday full of goosebumps moments, look no further. Our magazine will show you where and how to find lots of unforgettable experiences in the Schladming-Dachstein region.

Lush mountain meadows, hiking tips for peak baggers. The adrenalin kick of new bike routes. Arnica and St John's Wort as healing local produce. Aromatic mountain hut cuisine and pure indulgence in the town centre. Secret tips from locals and all you need to know about the new Dachstein mountain station. Why it is so special to work and network at meetings and conferences in the region and when events take place. Where climbers get their kicks and the history of the majestic marble. All of this can be found in the Schladming-Dachstein region. In a nutshell: A destination like no other.

What sets us apart is the Styrian cuisine, our mindset, rural living, fostering traditions and unfailing reliability. We are very proud of the hospitality of our businesses and invite guests from around the world to immerse themselves in our world. To create goosebumps moments to last a lifetime. To pave the way for an unforgettable visit. And for our guests to get to know the Schladming-Dachstein region. The "Für Dich" magazine is here to help with that. As the name suggests, everything important is summarised here for you. We hope you enjoy reading and have even more fun exploring the area around the Dachstein mountains!



Director Mathias Schattleitner
and the entire Schladming-Dachstein Tourism Board team

We're there for you.



Take your "best shot" to win

Post your favourite photo from the Schladming-Dachstein region and with a bit of luck you could win a holiday for 2.



Business with a vision

Whether a conference, meeting or networking – we find the right venue for every event. For us, business isn't a word, but a feeling.

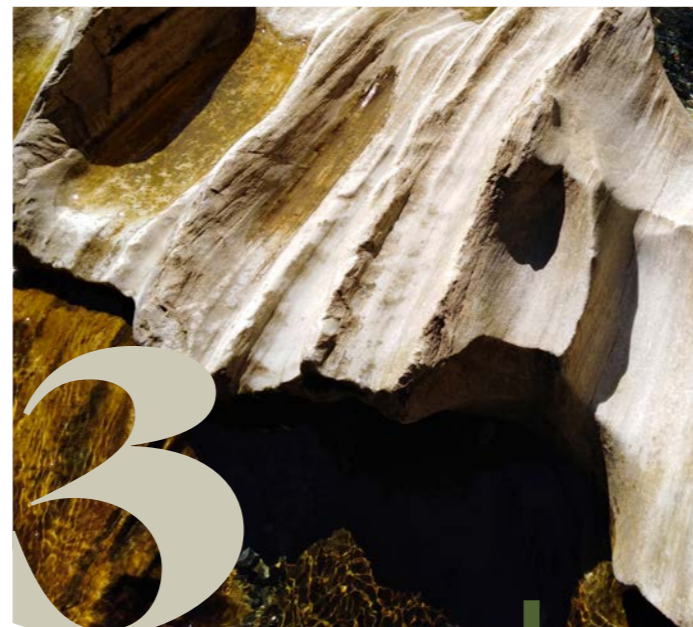


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OF WAYMARKED
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THE MOST COMMON
GREETING IN THE
SCHLADMING-DACHSTEIN REGION.

AROUND **300**
calls 
RECEIVED
BY OUR TEAM
DAILY.

300
amateur actors 
PERFORM EVERY 5 YEARS
IN “THE WEDDING”
AT THE ÖBLARN FESTIVAL.
FIND OUT MORE AT THE BACK!

CARIBBEAN
feeling
IN SCHLADMING-DACHSTEIN?
THE TURQUOISE SEEKARL LAKE
IN THE SÖLKTÄLER NATURE PARK
BRINGS EVERY WISH TO LIFE.

THE 
Schladminger
BEER

IS BREWED WITH THE REGION'S
BEST QUALITY MOUNTAIN WATER.

FOR ALMOST THREE DECADES,
ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS
classic car rallies

THE ENNSTAL CLASSIC,
HAS BEEN HELD IN THE
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OVER **90**
managed
huts &
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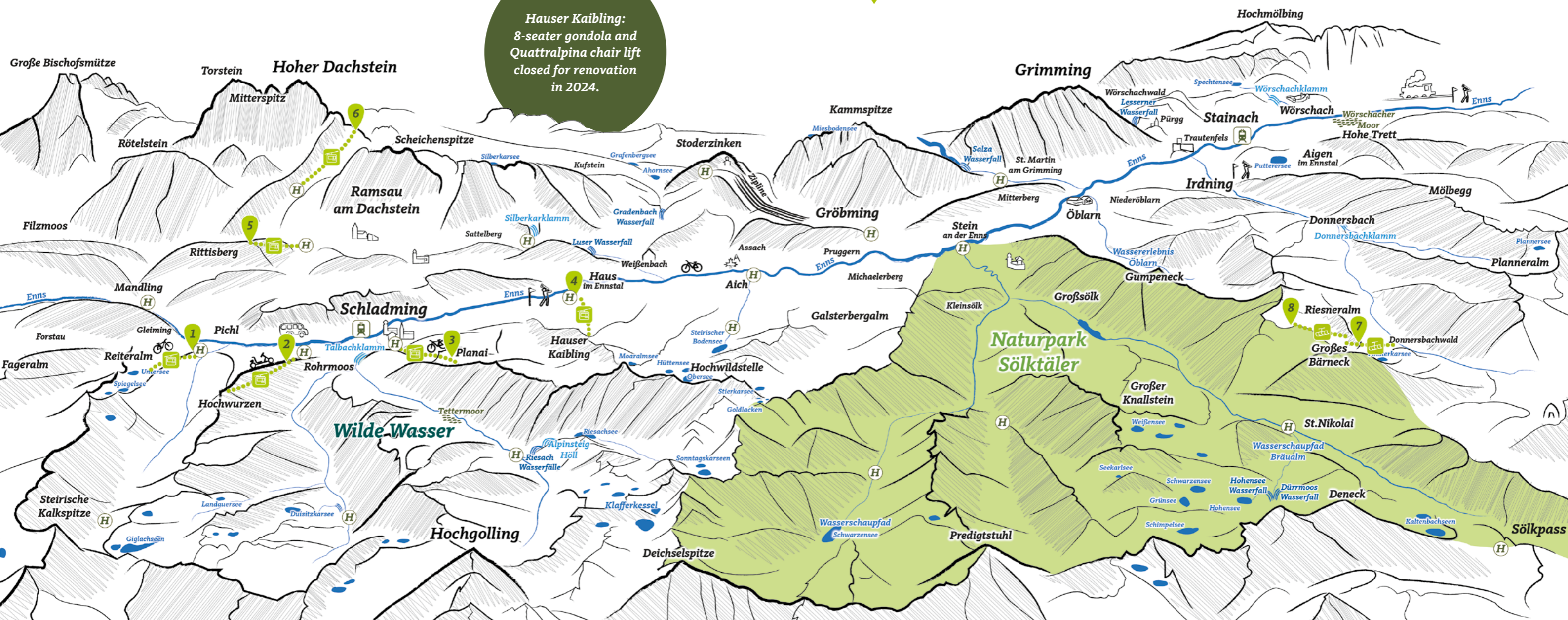
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More info for you

Did you know that with the Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard, you can use one cable car each day for free? Even the Dachstein glacier is included once a week.



Hauser Kaibling:
8-seater gondola and
Quattralpina chair lift
closed for renovation
in 2024.



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Sommer card

Enabling unlimited holiday fun: discover the many benefits of the Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard from 17th May to 3rd November 2024 and experience unforgettable moments!



Included when you stay just one night! Our selected Sommercard hosts offer a warm welcome and make your stay an unforgettable experience.



Infinite views! A daily return journey on a cable car of your choice – scale the summit and witness incomparable panoramas.



Adventurous and affordable! Enjoy numerous inclusive and discounted holiday experiences for the whole family – one adventure after the other.



Get moving! Sporting offers for your active holiday provide adrenalin and plenty of fun.



Comfortable and sustainable travel! Use our semi-inclusive public transport to explore the region stress-free.



Recharge! Whether in nature or other free-time activities – you'll find the perfect place here to find reenergise.



Many inclusive toll roads lead you to unique places.



For old and young – pure family fun! Special offers guarantee adventurous moments for children and parents.



Total relaxation! Our pools and lakes await you. Lean back and relax.

Die Sommercard ist für Dich da. 17th May to 30th September 2024

Die Herbstcard ist für Dich da. 1st October to 3rd November 2024

SCHLADMING DACHSTEIN
Wir sind für Dich da.

“This is your ticket to whichever path you take”



“There are so many impressions to keep hold of”

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#MySDMoment



Picturesque mountain landscapes

Immerse yourself in the majestic beauty of the mountain panoramas of Schladming-Dachstein and experience breathtaking photo spots for those unforgettable moments.

The rugged peaks, green pastures and clear mountain lakes form a naturally impressive backdrop. The region's photo points allow you to capture the fascinating landscape while experiencing the unique atmosphere of the alps. Whether you're standing on a summit, wandering along a path or relaxing in an idyllic mountain lake – spectacular views to make your heart race open up all around. Schladming-Dachstein is not just a place of impressive nature, but also a living canvas which will fill your memories with incomparable beauty. Pack your camera and allow yourself to fall under the spell of the mountain panoramas of Schladming-Dachstein!

Competition: join in and win!

“The best shot – the most beautiful photos of the Schladming-Dachstein region”

Show us your photo hotspots in the region and you could be the lucky winner of your next holiday in the region. We're giving away a 3 night stay for 2 people in Schladming-Dachstein exclusively to customer club members.

How it works

Upload your photo to www.schladming-dachstein.at/mysdmoment and you might be the lucky winner of a holiday in the region.

Tip for you

Post your photo with the hashtag **#MySDMoment** to show everyone where you visited in the Schladming-Dachstein region.



On these pages, discover the various photo spots in the mountains of our region. The summer mountains promise unforgettable views, perfect for your album. Dive into a world of alpine photography and be inspired by the beauty of the mountains.



We present our summer mountains in their full splendour.

Are you ready to discover endless scenic photo spots?



*Reflecting the natural beauty:
Fascination Reiteralms*

*Family adventure:
Hauser Kaibling*

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Fun & action in the valley

With water zorbing, tubing, aquapaddler boats, e-bike trails and encounters with native animals, the Wollis Kids' Park at the Hauser Kaibling valley station is a real highlight for families. When a break is needed or to watch the children let off steam, there is a comfortable chill out area and food truck with delicious burgers, ice creams and more.



*Tip:
Wollis Kids' Park in the valley.*



Peace and nature on the mountain

The Tauernseilbahn in Haus takes you to Hauser Kaibling where breathtaking view-points show the alpine landscape. From the summit to scenic hiking routes, the mountain offers a dreamlike 360-degree panorama. Our tip: The Schafsinn pool on the Kaibling pasture is the perfect backdrop to capture the Dachstein massif.



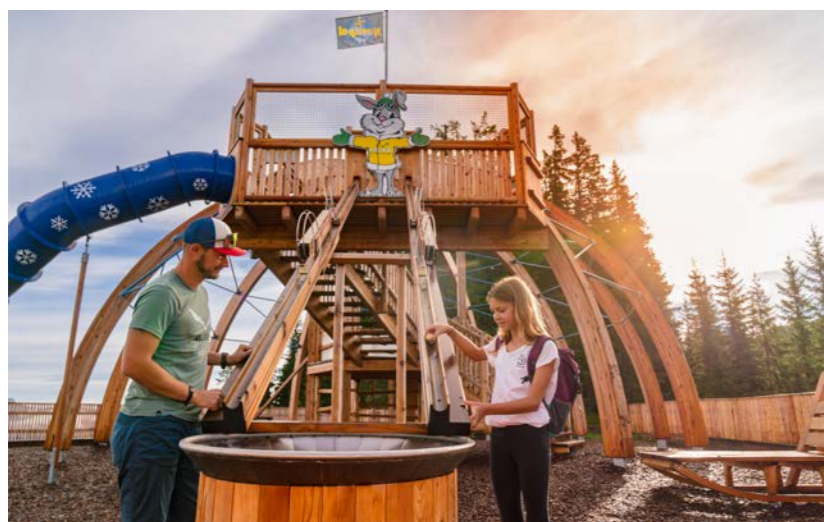
Enter a world where the entire Reiteralms is one big photo point. Every corner hides a special beauty and a careful eye will find something special in every little thing.

Experience the magic of our "big" photo points, above all the unique Spiegelsee with its breathtaking reflection of the Dachstein. This spot promises a special mirror-effect and is an unforgettable highlight for every professional and hobby photographer.

The "small, intimate photo points" also await your discovery. They can be found along the scenic paths, at the numerous sporty bike trails and on the summits. The idyllic mountain lakes, unspoiled nature and delightful panoramic views also catch the photographer's eye. The great offer for children and families also invites you to snap away.

The Reiteralms is accessible by the "Preunegg Jet" cable car which is the starting point for much of what is on offer. The valley station is right on Preunegg Street and is also well-connected to the hiking bus network.

With the motto – "experience – wonder – sport" we wish you a wonderful time on the Reiteralms with many amazing and unique memories.



Picture book moments everywhere: Planai and Hochwurzen

Planai and Hochwurzen don't just offer unforgettable experiences but also a multitude of special photo moments. Be inspired by our views and create lasting holiday memories.

The North Pole in Hopsiland Planai: fun, games and views

In the centre of Hopsiland on the Planai sits the North Pole, an eight-metre-high semi-circular play station. With a staged skittle alley, fun slide and lots of motorised elements, the North Pole is not only an Eldorado for little adventurers but also offers a unique photo opportunity. At the top of the viewing platform, you can also enjoy an impressive view of the majestic south walls of the Dachstein massif.

The "Place for Reflection" on the panorama circular path

Along the cosy panorama circular path on the Planai you'll find the "Place for Reflection". An accessible wooden sculpture in a small pond, surrounded by breathtaking landscape, creates a calm place for contemplation. The special atmosphere brings unique moments to be immortalised in photos.

The idyllic reservoir in Schladming Bikepark

A special photo spot awaits all the sporty bikers who explore Schladming Bikepark. The idyllic location offers not only a chance for a refreshing break, but also an impressive backdrop for photos. The reflection of the mountain panorama in the still water makes for a unique photo opportunity.

Selfie break on the Bankerlweg

If hiking the Bankerlweg in the Hochwurzen mountains is on your bucket list, it is worth keeping your camera and phone to hand. Around 25 hand-carved benches along the path invite you to both relax and snap some pictures. How about a romantic photo with your partner on the Lovers' Bench, or a happy photo with your loved ones on the Family Bench or atmospheric shots on the Sunset Bench?

The joy of hiking with a view: Hochwurzen to Roßfeld

This easy walk from the mountain station over Kleine Hochwurzen to Roßfeld promises exceptional and imposing panoramas over the surrounding valleys. Take your time to enjoy the magical nature and don't forget to capture these unique moments on camera.

World-class hiking trails

The Planai and Hochwurzen offer the best experiences even in summer.



Perfect for the family album: Erlebnis Rittisberg

Welcome to an unforgettable summer adventure in Ramsau am Dachstein! Rittisberg lures you in with adventure, fun, walks and recreation, perfect for your family holiday. Float on the Flyline, race on the Rittisberg Coaster, refresh yourself in the lake and Ramsau Beach leisure park – there is something for everyone. The longest fairytale trail in Styria will enchant young and old. Or how about a brave journey on the forest high ropes?

In summer, the 10-seater gondola offers a safe and accessible journey to the mountain station 1,500m above sea level. Once you arrive at the top, keep your camera to hand. A breathtaking view of the high Ramsau plateau awaits. The summit cross offers another photo highlight. From here, you have a marvellous view of the Dachstein triumvirate.



Discover art with the Landart Rittisberg project! The project inspires people to create sustainable and environmentally friendly mountain resorts. Instead of artificial steel and concrete structures, the focus here is on sustainability, environmental awareness and climate protection. Experience this unique connection between art and nature!

The new highlight at 1,500 m

Search for the lost recipe with Kali the Ramsaurus – on Kali's Riddle rally for children and families on the summit tour.



A great cinema: Riesneralm

Small guests – big adventure: the Riesneralm guarantees action and memorable moments. Our family mountain is not only full of adventure, but also fun: The friendly ghost, KRISPINA brings surprises in summer too and invites you to “summer summit swimming”.

Action for body and spirit

Wooo! The first adventure is in the valley. Travel over rocks and roots with green energy in the E-Enduro Bikepark. At the middle station, our BergKINO promises movie highlights. And altogether the wild bee farm is as much fun as learning about herbs.

En route to the summit, KRISPINI gives some clues to the children's treasure hunt. At the mountain station, the adventure never ends with the tierHOLZpark, summit barefoot path, JAGasteig, Lawinen[GALERIE], HochSEEsitz with raft, wooden trout fishing and scrambling. The crowning glory is a jump in the summit pool. Just like “the old days” – so refreshing for mind and body.

True views

The breathtaking picture book landscape charms big and small alike. With our photo points on the “Riesner Krispen” and “hochsitzplateau” you can capture these breathtaking moments perfectly forever.



“Up there,
we’re building
new highs”



Dachstein mountain station

Austria’s highest building site – The last few months have been a hive of activity up at 2,700 metres. The Dachstein-Glacier mountain station has undergone a complete renovation inside and out. The end result: An “energy crystal” with a special feel-good atmosphere and fascinating new features for guests.

DIARY OF A LANDMARK MOUNTAIN

As the highest mountain in Styria and Upper Austria, the 2,995 m Dachstein has always kept an eye on everything. Read about its experience of the highest building site in Austria.

27th to 29th July 2023

Erecting a crane in lofty heights

The preparations for the building site are well under-way. A tower crane was erected – the components were flown to the mountain station by Super Puma. I was a little nervous at first that the crane could outdo me because it looked so mighty – standing 43 metres tall, it certainly is. However, it didn’t come close. ;-)



6th September 2023

Here we go!

Today was all about the building site Kick Off. Lots of representatives from business, politics, construction companies and employees of the Planai-Hochwurzen lifts were there.



End of September 2023

Everything turns, everything moves

Everywhere you look work is going on. There are around 70 workers and the crane appears to be conducting it all - constantly turning and taking materials where they need to be. The demolition works are underway while plenty has been done on the facades and in the new kitchen and restaurant spaces.



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End of October 2023

Feel the energy

The demolition work is finished. A few days ago already, the huge glass components of the facade were constructed - that looked truly spectacular and the whole area is reflected in it. Talking about spectacular: work is underway on the foundations for the new restaurant terrace. The workers have real plunging views from here.

Construction of the photovoltaic unit has also begun. I think that's cool because in the future, it will generate around 80% of the energy needed for the mountain station.

14th December 2023

Winter festival

In recent weeks, winter has set in up here. I take my hat off to all the workers here who, despite the extreme weather conditions, have ensured that the entire building is now watertight. Today was time to say THANK YOU to everyone involved at the "WinterFEST" celebration!



16th February 2024

Stairway to heaven

I am so excited - today the new attraction on the roof terrace is being constructed. The "Dachstein Stairway to Heaven": 12 steps lead up to a glass platform which offers breathtaking views. Up there, I can make contact with the visitors directly. Eye to eye.



26th February 2024

Anticipation

We still have a few weeks to wait before opening - but for now it's time for me to finish my entries. The "Für Dich" magazine needs to go to press. So, it will be a surprise what goes on here when you indulge in a visit to the Dachstein Glacier after the 24th May. Looking forward to seeing you! Until then, your Dachstein.



What has happened on the Dachstein?



280 DEGREE
panorama

1 Stairway
to heaven

The renovated Dachstein Mountain station shines with a new splendour. These four short points summarise the radical changes at 2,700 metres:

Photovoltaic: Sustainable energy

An essential aspect of the renovation of the mountain station was the integration of photovoltaic panelling. A total of 338 modules with a surface area of 63 m achieves a maximum output of 125 kWp. This innovative solution means 80% of the energy needed for the mountain station is self-generated.

Restaurant: Culinary variety with panoramic views

The new restaurant and its breathtaking 280 degree panorama is enchanting. Seating over 230, it offers plenty of space in a unique atmosphere for guests. Natural materials such as loden cloth, stone and wood influence the interior design and harmonise perfectly with the high alpine surroundings.

A place to linger: The Sky Bar

With a modern design and stunning view of the imposing south wall of the Dachstein, the new "Sky Bar" offers a welcoming atmosphere for guests looking to enjoy their snacks and drinks inside or on the outer terrace.

Dachstein Stairway to Heaven:

A unique viewing platform

Awaiting visitors on the roof terrace of the mountain station is the "Dachstein roof terrace", a fascinating attraction and the opposite number of the "Stairway to nowhere". Twelve steps lead to a glass platform with a view directly towards the 2,995 m high Dachstein.

230 Seat
RESTAURANT

“There are still places not everyone knows”

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Secret tips



Surrounded by an unrivalled mountain world, the 13 municipalities of the Schladming-Dachstein region are ready to be discovered. In the holiday resorts there are many nature and leisure experiences and off the beaten track there are a few secret tips to discover.

The rugged summits of Dachstein and Grimming on the one hand, the incomparable mountain and pasture variety of Schladming and Wölz Tauern on the other. In between lies the Ennstal with its quaint villages and the mountain ski town of Schladming: This is what sets the Schladming-Dachstein region apart.

The region's 13 municipalities are known for their warm hosts, culinary delights and many nature and leisure experiences. Off the beaten track there are many hidden treasures to discover in the region.

Exclusively for you, the municipalities share 13 closely guarded secrets. From hidden natural gems to hardly known sights, there is something here to make your summer in the region unforgettable. A discovery tour is definitely worthwhile.

Tip for you

Experience the variety of our communities in the new mountain worlds film. Watch the film now.



The communities in the region and their tips



Schladming – Conservation area Toteisboden

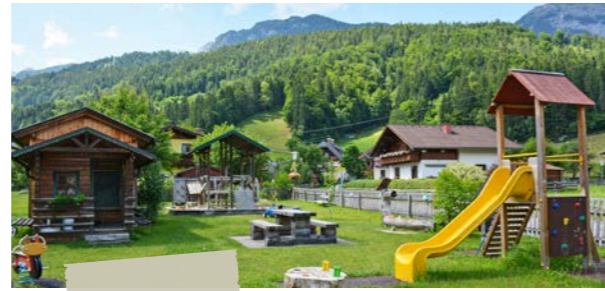
A “natural fridge” – the Steilhangmoor – is a secretive little landscape with its own microclimate and vegetation. The variety of lichen, mosses, ferns and fungi transport us to a seemingly forgotten world.





Ramsau am Dachstein – Alpine museum Austria hut

The Dachstein museum, formerly the Alpine museum, presents a new permanent exhibition. Views of the different alpinist relationships to the Dachstein and the region influence the exhibition.



Haus im Ennstal – Playground Weißenbach

The public playground in Weißenbach bei Haus is perfect for kids with places to climb, swing, a big sand pit, fountains, barefoot path, snack bars, WC and much more.



Sölk – Trogermühle

Long ago, home-grown grain was milled in the rushing stream in Mößna. Nowadays, the Troger mill is the last intact mill in the Sölk-täler Nature park. On Fridays, in fine weather, fresh bread is baked!



Öblarn – Moosberg

Scenic walks on the Moosberg climb and Moosmoar, with attractive views of the Niederöblarn, Öblarn and out towards Grimming, Kammspitze and Stoderzinken.



Aich – Dreamy views from Freienstein

The start of the lovely mountain tour is the “Assacher Tenn” over a climbing passage along the mountain ridge covered with pines where you discover the Freienstein.



Michaelaberg-Pruggern – From Kochofen to a view of Gröbming

Impressive views of the whole Ennstal, Dachstein and towards Sattental: The Kochofen in Michaelaberg-Pruggern offers all this and more. The path goes over switchbacks and a rocky outcrop of marble to the summit cross.



Irnding-Donnersbachtal – Riesneralm summit pool

Situated at 1,900 metres, blessed with a 360° view of the sea. With 24 °C water, it’s a unique concept. High up on the Riesneralm in Donnersbachwald, there is an extraordinary and (literally!) outstanding outdoor pool in the middle of the mountains.



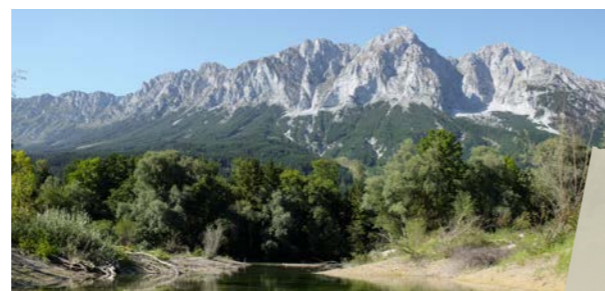
Aigen im Ennstal – Floriani church

Visit our unusual Floriani church, completed and consecrated in 1992. It reflects contemporary architecture with a nod to modernity.



Gröbming – The “new-old” Kneipp facility

The Kneipp facility in Gröbming Lend was completely renovating in 2022 with a modern design. Visitors can enjoy the wonderful new design – a great secret in Gröbming Lend.



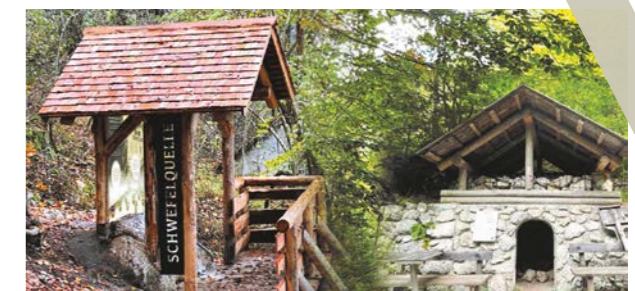
Mitterberg-Sankt Martin – River widening project

As part of the Life+ project by the BML and the state of Styria, a river widening project upstream of the Salza confluence with the Enns was implemented. This has created a wonderful place to relax. Reach it from Strimitzen zur Enns.



Stainach-Pürgg – Bench looking towards Leistenalm

After a short, steep climb, a rustic bench awaits, inviting you to stay a while and enjoy a bite to eat with spectacular views guaranteed.



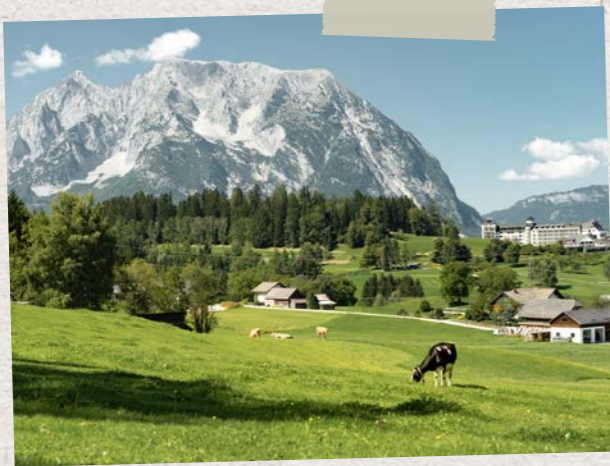
Wörschach – Sulphur springs and lime kiln

See the new reconstruction of the Wörschach sulphur springs and delve into a bygone era when the lime kiln was still fully operational. A marvellous circular walk – breathe deeply... feel the pure NATURE!

Experience diversity

Tastes vary and so does our region. There is sure to be something for all – you just need to know where! The Tourism Board team have put together an overview with insider tips and regional highlights. Here is our personal “Best of” for you!

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Grimming

Did you know that Grimming has the impressive title of the highest freestanding mountain in Europe? Its majestic elevation in the Austrian Alps makes it a fascinating natural wonder and an imposing eye-catcher in the European mountain landscape.

NEWS

Dachstein Dialogues

From the 27th to 29th September, the first DACHSTEIN DIALOGUES takes place in Ramsau am Dachstein and Filzmoos. With the motto “divided years” the artistic director, Philipp Bom and top-class national and international artists and thinkers invite you to concerts, talks and discussions around the theme of war and peace, social polarisation and political division.



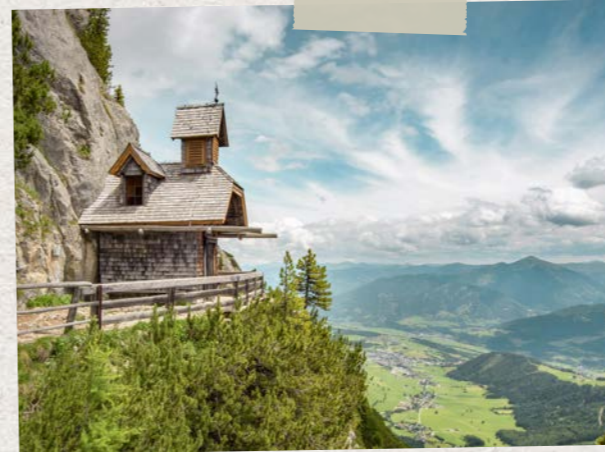
Rafting

In Schladming-Dachstein, rafting is an unforgettable adventure on the Enns with a breathtaking backdrop all around. The cool spray and exhilarating wild water experience mean rafting here in the mountains is a unique way to experience nature.



Golf

Experience golf at the highest level here with five impressive golf courses, including the exclusive course at the Imlauer Hotel Schloss Pichlarn. The harmonious connection of the challenging game and picturesque alpine landscape means playing golf here is unforgettable.



Stoder and the Stoder chapel

The prettiest spot in Austria? Yes, that's here! The Stoder chapel at the foot of the Stoderzinken towers over the rooftops and reflects the traditional beauty of alpine splendour.



Zipline

Pure adrenaline high above the peaks. Fly through the mountains and feel as free as a bird.





Trautenfels Castle

At Trautenfels Castle, where history meets modernity, there's a new exhibition – People, World and Things. A region explains its story in all its splendour. Innovation and culture merge harmoniously at Trautenfels Castle.



Bruderladehaus Schladming

The town museum in Schladming, once known as the Bruderladehaus, holds the fascinating story of the town's history. Here you dive into the past to discover the rich cultures and traditions of the region.



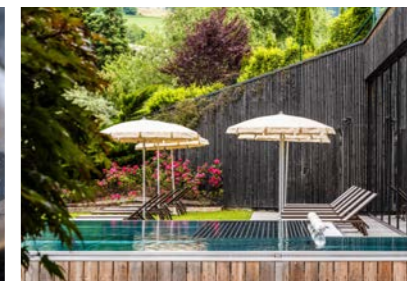
Kneipp facility Aich

The Kneipp facility in Aich im Ennstal offers a refreshing enjoyment of nature. In the midst of an idyllic landscape, visitors can experience revitalising Kneipp treatments and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

“There is definitely something for you here”

Feel-good refuge

Where regionality meets a variety of experiences, moments become memories!
In the Falksteiner Hotel Schladming you can experience a perfect symbiosis of relaxation and activity, modern achitecture and alpine touches, peace and adventure. Here, the elements combine to create a harmonious holistic experience characterised by Styrian warmth.



Alpine tradition combined with modern lifestyles reflects the activity and wellness hotel. The architectural charm of the building, inside which you can escape daily life, radiates a homely warmth thanks to its vintage wooden look.

The Acquapura SPA is the ideal retreat. The extensive wellness area with panoramic mountain views offers relaxation for body and mind. Alpine herbs are the central element of “Schladminger Alpine wellness”. The scents and ingredients unfold their effects in various treatments and pamper your senses.

Cosiness, enjoyment and a variety of culinary delights await you at Restaurant Steirer – true to the motto: “Genuine. Styrian. International.” A varied breakfast buffet with live cooking ensures a successful start to the day. In the evening, five coordinated courses are served. An accompanying wine flight with national and international wines perfectly rounds off the selection of dishes. Fine wines, colourful cocktails, an exquisite selection of spirits and small delicacies are also served in the genießBAR – with an unrivalled view of the

Planai finish slope. This is where pleasure seekers get their money's worth!

The Falkensteiner Hotel Schladming skilfully combines contrasts – relaxation and activity, modern architecture and alpine accents, tranquillity and adventure. Discover the wide range of offers from a relaxing Day SPA and cosy coffee on the sun terrace, to dinner dates with a casual finish at the bar! Immerse yourself in your feel-good retreat and experience Styrian hospitality up close!

More information here.



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“Every meeting here is in the green zone”



Business with a vision

Whether a conference, meeting or networking – everything happens here. Schladming-Dachstein continues to develop into a popular “business location”. You’ve arrived in the business class of event regions. Anyone who wants to keep business insight and vision alive, knows about the benefits we offer.

The next summit hides behind the flipchart. In the lunchbreak, there’s a trip up the mountain on the gondola. Downhill skiing relieves the stress post-conference. Does that sound too good to be true for many companies? Not when you meet your business partners in the Schladming-Dachstein region. How about a business lunch of local cuisine in a mountain hut? Or fresh mountain air in the coffee break to motivate the grey cells to peak performance and lead colleagues to unexpected creativity? No problem when the venue is located in the region. There are countless reasons why Schladming-Dachstein is a great location for a business meeting or networking.

Many benefits outside the office door

Above all, the region in the heart of Austria is easy to reach and scores highly with both Austrian business partners and European contacts thanks to its central location and good infrastructure. In addition, impress your business partners with conferences and meetings in the midst of the magnificent mountains and unspoilt nature. Hardly anyone will forget the meeting thanks to the positive impact on the senses, instead everyone will remember the good feelings.

Which brings us to the next point: When the adrenalin rush and enjoyment of the wide range of leisure activities on offer are associated with your business event, you’re guaranteed to do well with your business and network partners or customers. Our region scores points for the short distances between meeting venues and modern infrastructure. Alongside professional conference centres and unique event venues, you will be well looked after in family-run hotels.

When tradition meets modernity combined with fine cuisine and top service, then nothing stands in the way of successful business.





Many aspects available

In addition to the modern congress centres and state-of-the-art technologies, many other partner organisations offer a variety of conference facilities. Whether a conference in the middle of nature or a meeting in a city hotel – we'll find the right location for every event. Managing Director of congress Schladming, Hansjörg Stocker adds: "These days, meetings are green. Environmentally friendly events in a pleasant environment aren't a problem at congress Schladming. Situated at the at the foot of the Planai, we are not only one of the most modern and sustainable congress centres in Austria, but also one of the most versatile holiday regions that this country has to offer." The Schladming-Dachstein region offers business with a vision. And partner businesses with prospects. Or rather, everything under one roof.



Need help planning a business event in the region? No problem! We offer a point of contact so everything goes according to plan. As a central contact we support companies to plan and organise conferences, seminars and incentives in Schladming-Dachstein. We help you to find the right combination of the region's offers for your event.

Everything in one place – our complimentary services in detail

- Support for planning events
- Tendering and collecting offers
- Booking through our incoming office
- Support for pre-visits in the region
- Consultancy and designing supporting programmes
- Preparation of general information, documents and visual material

Contact us at
convention@schladming-dachstein.at



More info for you

Our Schladming-Dachstein convention partner

The perfect combination of conference and event locations, meetings and incentive hotels as well as event and outdoor agents.





Oliver Esterl



Madelaine Trinker



Dunja Knaus

Your workplace in Schladming-Dachstein

Whether you're a globetrotter, homecomer or Schladming-Dachstein fan: If you have got the urge to work in the region, we have a TOP workplace for you! The benefits are to hand: Employers who offer warmth, appreciation and human connection. A family work atmosphere, varied industries and the opportunity of personal fulfilment. Casual events, ongoing training, workshops and fun at work. As well as all this, there is the Employee-Benefitcard with great benefits. Find out more about your dream job in the mountain here – we look forward to you and your application!

Your workplace in Schladming-Dachstein.



Career path back home

Work where others go on holiday – a precious privilege. Many who once left to see the world, are drawn back to the green heart of Austria. Because the best prospects and high quality of life are simply in our nature.

Don't let the door hit you on the way out. Just as you should appreciate the things we take for granted. But many who sought their fortune out in the world only found it sometime later when they returned home. Where their roots are. Where nature is still untouched, the water is clean and the world of work is full of prospects. This is also the case in the Schladming-Dachstein region. Many natives are first drawn to the cities of the world to study or to gain experience in promising jobs. Quite a few of them come back to the mountains in the end. Because here in the Schladming-Dachstein region they not only enjoy a high standard of living, but also extremely interesting jobs. Most companies have benefits for employees such as free leisure activities or other benefits. But what exactly makes the region so liveable? We asked three "returnees" for you.

Solid, down-to-earth and liveable

Oliver Esterl – Tenne Stadl | Stadtbräu | Du & I Alm
The 44-year-old hotel manager, Oliver Esterl, has been self-employed since 2005 – as the Director of Tenne Stadl, Kulinarwerk and the Du & I Alm. He thinks the region is strong and down-to-earth: "Schladming has the benefits of a town while being embedded in wonderful nature with an unbelievable range of leisure activities and recreational facilities. I think we are really lucky to live here. We should be careful not to overdo the tourism, though", explains the Schladming native. After gaining experience in Arlberg, Formula 1 Grands Prix and other sporting events around the world. He laid down roots back at home. He describes the tourism as being prospect-rich:

"This branch is our lifeline. You can achieve anything here. Whether self-employed or employed. Of course some hard work and luck make a difference too."

Madelaine Trinker – Mehlspeiskuchi

Madelaine Trinker would add a portion of sugar and love to that. For the confectioner, this is the perfect secret recipe for life: "Our region is simply lovely. Home is home, I can't say anything else." The 28-year old appreciates her home and came back for love. With confectionary skills in her bag and the experience of standing on her own two feet abroad.

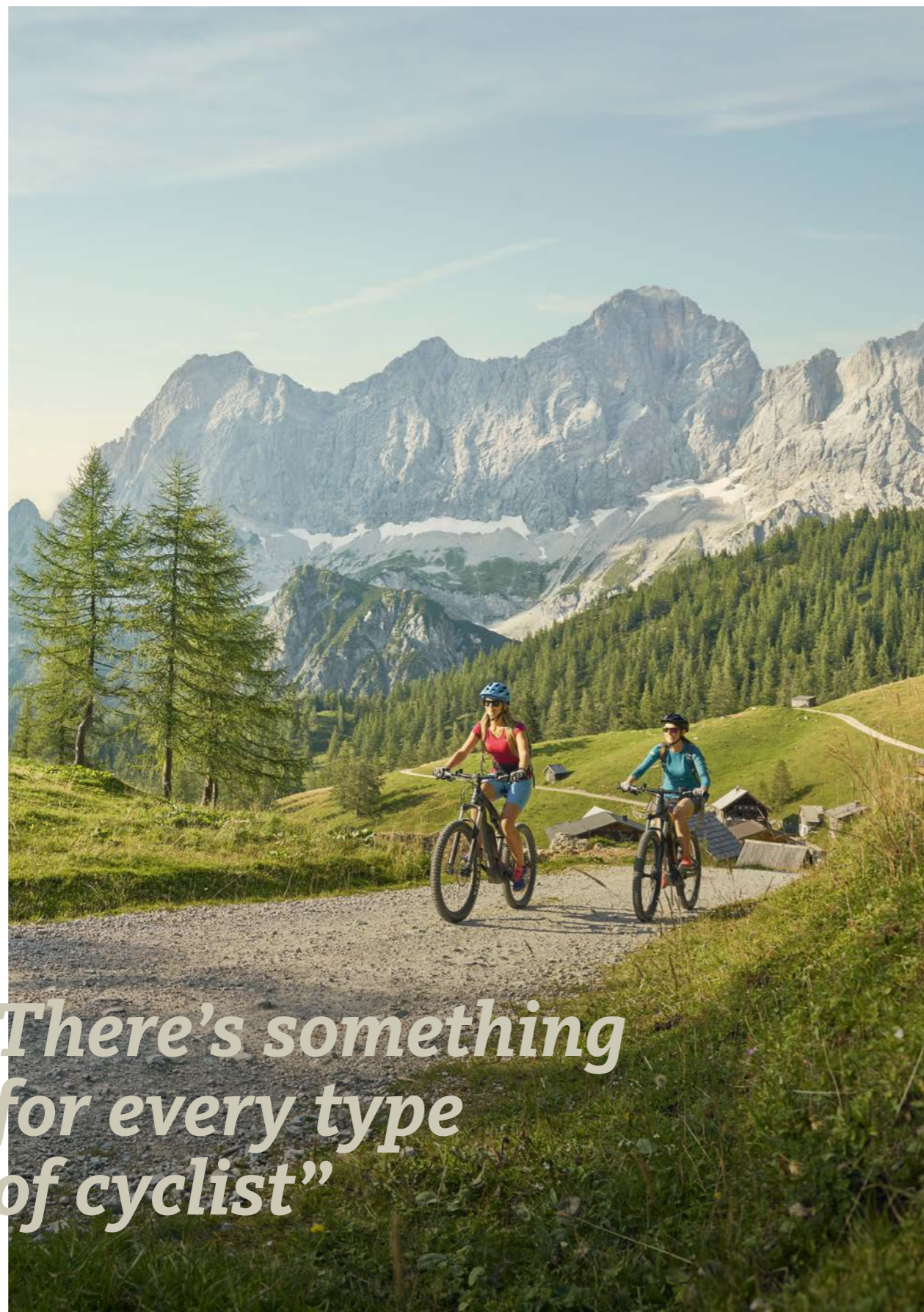
Dunja Knaus – Bauernhofbackstube

By contrast, 51-year-old Dunja Knaus has been in the Schladming-Dachstein region for a long time. She doesn't come from here but wouldn't want to be anywhere else: "The mountains, the variety, the people – I just love everything here", says the self-employed confectioner. She lives in Ramsau am Dachstein and appreciates what the region offers for young and old, families and sportspeople. Nevertheless, she doesn't want to miss out on experiences abroad, with different cultures and languages.

"It's most beautiful at home"

nature loving





“There’s something for every type of cyclist”

Adventures on two wheels

Downhiller, mountain biker or leisure cyclist – the region has plenty to offer every cyclist. Trailfans can feel the flow of numerous trails for all abilities. Mountain bike routes full of views ensure unforgettable impressions. Or maybe you’d prefer a leisure tour? Learn more about the best places for cycling fans on the next few pages.

Steep downhill aren't just for winter in Schladming-Dachstein. Bikepark Schladming in the Planai and the Reiteralm Trails allow you to race down the local ski slopes to the valley in summer too. The new family and novice single track in Aich brings the region's trails to 62 kilometres over 23 different routes. Whether flowline, uphill flow trail, jumpline, downhill, single or enduro trail: novices and pros alike will find what they are looking for. There are even practice routes for children. And if you can't decide on a bike area, you don't have to: in the summer, hike and bike buses travel between Planet Planai and the Preunegg Jet 4 times a day.

New all round: The Eiskar Trail on the Reiteralm

After a general renovation and refurbishment, the Eiskar Trail impresses with a new, improved route. More than half the tracks have been completely rebuilt in optimal terrain, guaranteeing the perfect flow for bikers. The blue Single Trail starts at the mountain station for the 8-seater gondola Preunegg Jet around 1,700 metres above sea level and offers fun for beginners and pros. At the end of the trail, you can continue the bike delights with the blue Schepfenalm Trail back to the Preunegg Jet.

Out and about by mountain bike or e-bike

With its 26 well-signed mountain bike and e-bike routes and 15 bike and hike tours, the Schladming-Dachstein region is best explored on two wheels. From the panorama tour at the

foot of the Dachstein to the adventurous routes to the mountain pastures, lakes and viewpoints, there is something here for everyone. With around 30 charging stations, you can recharge your e-bike.



Delightful mountain bike tours for leisure cyclists

In Gröbming, there are treats for everyone who likes to enjoy themselves. The tour of the Biehbergalm encircles both the Kamm massif and the imposing Grimming with breathtaking views. The culinary offering takes things up a gear: The absolute highlight of the tour is the Ritzinger hut, reached from the very

steep switchbacks known as “Öfen”. At this quaint meadow, the hut hostess Marianne serves typical Styrian dishes. It isn't just classic Styrian doughnuts and other regional delights on offer. One of the 14 huts in the region, the Viehbergalm also serves an exclusive alpine cuisine dish which Marianne has created alongside star chef Richard Rauch.





Pro tips for you:

The Planai Uphill Flow Trail

As a pro mountain biker, Christoph Eder took part in races across Europe. Today you can profit from his experience as he shares his extensive knowledge with enthusiastic cyclists – as a coach at the BIKE SCHOOL PEKOLL he co-founded in Schladming. In this interview he reveals what sets the Planai Uphill Flow Trail apart and what you need for a strong performance.

Why should I try out the Planai Uphill Trail?

Christoph Eder To experience how much fun cycling uphill on trails can be.

Why do you enjoy cycling with your bike students?

Christoph Eder I ride the trail to get into the groove before the first downhill miles and because it's fun to ride a trail specifically built for uphill riding. The fact that the trail runs next to the Flowline creates the perfect course conditions.

What skills should people bring to the trail?

Christoph Eder You should sit securely in the saddle and have good brake control. I recommend a Basic RiDE. course or private coaching session for everyone who doesn't regularly sit on a bike so they get off the saddle with a big grin on their face.

What can we learn from the Uphill Trail?

Christoph Eder The trail is perfect for getting into mountain biking because you're moving slowly. This builds security, trust and you learn the most important techniques needed for the downhills later on.



Happiness happens

Miles of trails for every ability make the hearts of cycle fans beat faster.



“It gets the adrenaline flowing”



Click here to go to the BIKE SCHOOL PEKOLL.



More info for you

Schladming-Dachstein Bike-Hotels

The bike hotels in Schladming-Dachstein offer everything you need for a successful bike holiday: From bike wash stations and repair tools to competent bike advisors on site. Bikes and guests alike are in good hands.

Book your exclusive bike package now.



More information about bikes in Schladming-Dachstein.



“There are real precipitous views”



Climbing *paradise*

Climbers have been magically drawn to the summits and walls of the Schladming-Dachstein region forever. Where once daredevils and pioneers achieved mountaineering masterpieces, today there are via ferratas and crisp routes for friends of the vertical.

Tremendous mountain massifs with rugged summits, steep walls and wild, untamed nature all around: Anyone who has witnessed the mountains of Schladming-Dachstein up close knows the appeal of this region. The region around the Dachstein in particular has attracted visitors and locals for centuries.

Friedrich Simony, for example. Since the 1840s the geographer and alpine researcher from Bohemia explored the Dachstein area and promoted its development. He was also the person who first secured the route over the so-called “Randkluft” on the Dachstein summit thus creating the oldest via ferrata in the eastern Alps.

The Dachstein South Wall quickly came to the attention of climbers and alpinists. Over the years, the 850 metre high wall was considered unconquerable. Two locals, Georg “Irg” Steiner and his brother Franz from Ramsau am Dachstein, first succeeded where many other alpinists had failed. They took around four hours to ascend the wall in 1909 and make alpine history.



Even today, the pioneers of the past are ever present. Many mountaineers climb to the summit of the Dachstein on Simony’s Randkluft via ferrata. The “Steinerweg” first ascended by Irg and Franz Steiner is still on the tour of duty for many ambitious mountaineers.

The heart of climbing in the region is still around the Dachstein. In Ramsau am Dachstein alone there are 22 of the total 33 via ferratas in the region. Children and novices are especially well-served on the Sattelberg. Several simple via ferrata as well as fixed rope routes for youngsters offer the ideal opportunity to get those first experiences on rock.





Things get more challenging in the Silberkar gorge, just a stone's throw away. Always accompanied by the gorge's thunderous water, the "Hias", "Siega" and "Rosina" via ferrata routes present a tough challenge. The absolute crowning glory has to be the so-called "Dachstein Super Ferrata", one of the longest and most difficult via ferrata routes in the Dachstein alps.

Away from the Dachstein, other climbing hotspots have established themselves in the region. Above all the neighbouring Stoderzinken. A climbing park under the summit of Gröbming's local mountain offers several routes at all grades and exciting combinations. The "Franzi" via ferrata on the Reiteralm or the Burgstall climbing park in Stainach-Pürgg are also worth a visit.

You don't need to be a pioneer to feel the charm of the Ennstaler mountains today. A little daring doesn't go amiss, however.



More info for you

Climbing in Schladming-Dachstein

- 33 via ferratas, of which
22 in Ramsau am Dachstein
- 3 youth via ferratas
- 2 children's via ferratas
- Kali's climbing park
- 7 climbing parks
- Alpine climbing routes
- Beginner courses with via ferrata ticket

Find out more about climbing
in our climbing leaflet and
on the website.



Strong shoes

The majestic summits and rugged paths of Schladming-Dachstein region attract adventurers and nature lovers in equal measure. But before delving into the landscape, it is important to find the right shoe for the adventure ahead. Here are some tips to help.

Tip for you

The renowned manufacturer LOWA offers a wide range of quality hiking shoes in the Schladming-Dachstein region. In the local specialist shops you can discover the latest models and get some expert advice.



Stability for every terrain

The more rugged and rough the ground, the more stable the shoe needs to be. In the Schladming-Dachstein region, with its challenging, varied topography, robust and stable shoes are a must.

Optimal lacing for descents

When descending, correct lacing makes a difference. Pull it tighter around the collar to hold the heel in place. This prevents the foot from sliding forwards and other unpleasant side effects such as blisters.

The importance of the right socks

Socks are the link between foot and shoe. Choose functional walking socks, which sit like a second skin, wick away moisture and provide cushioning. In Schladming-Dachstein you can find specialist shops with a range of quality walking socks.

Thorough fitting at a specialist retailer

Buying shoes in a specialist shop isn't just about the look. Take the insole out and stand on it. You'll soon see if the shoe is big enough for your foot.

Time to try on

Feet can swell a little during the day. This is why it is advisable to try on shoes in the afternoon to be sure that they are also comfortable with slightly swollen feet.

Allow for comfort

Based on the length of the foot, an extra 12 mm for children and 15 mm (a finger width) space for adults is needed. This ensures enough room, especially for descending.

Hiking with care – the right shoe makes a difference!

The experienced expert & paediatric chiropodist, Dr. Micha Bahr, emphasises the importance of appropriate shoes for enjoyment of hiking, especially for children. In alpine and high-alpine terrain especially, supportive shoes and LOWA's innovative technology are an advantage. Clamping eyelets in the forefoot and collar area allow for individual customisation, while a high cuff provides stability and support.

Trust in LOWA's quality and more than 100-years of experience and discover the fascinating world of Schladming-Dachstein in the best hiking shoes which offer you optimal protection and support.

LOWA
simply more...



“Refreshment
along the
route”



Water walks

Dive into a world of clear mountain lakes, roaring streams and breathtaking views. Ready for unforgettable moments in nature? Follow us on these three water walks on a journey around mountain lakes, picturesque landscapes and unmistakable idylls. Two of these routes are easily accessible by public transport.



1 Walk in the footsteps of Heidi



Your goal

The breathtaking Giglachsee, nestled in the Giglach corrie. The unspoilt natural landscape between the upper and lower Giglach Lakes invites you to linger and relax.

Your path

The start of the walk is the Ursprungalm. A new hiking trail leads to the spectacular source of the Ursprungalm stream. The path crosses alpine meadows, bridges, isolated rock formations and small forests. The new signed path takes around an hour with some steeper and level areas over the Rinderfeld to the connecting Alten Giglachweg on the Preunegg Pass. The jewel of nature sits at the foot of the Styrian Kalkspitze.

Your tour highlight

Remember the film, “Heidi”? The Ursprungalm, the starting point for the walk to the Giglach Lakes, was the location for filming of “Courage Mountain”. You’re in genuine natural theatre scenery. On the trail of Grandad, Heidi and Peter, you’ll find some boards with memories of the filming along the circular walk.

What should you take your time over?

On the upper Giglach Lake, there are two huts to stop at. The Giglachsee hut is right at the head of the mountain lake. If you walk 15 minutes further along towards the lower lake, along fascinating nature and gigantic mountain backdrops, you’ll reach the Ignatz-Mattis hut.

Giglach Lakes walk

DIFFICULTY	DURATION
easy	3½ h
DISTANCE	ASCENT
9.6 km	350 m
EXPERIENCE	LANDSCAPE
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SKILL	FITNESS
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2 Aim high: from mountain lake to the summit

Your goal

The highest peak of the Planneralm. At 2,200 m the Hochrettelstein, by the highest village in Styria, affords you one of the very best summits.

Your path

From the car park you start with a nice walk up to the idyllic Plannersee. After a short rest, you continue with that mountain lake feeling, rather more steeply to the Plannerknot. There you keep heading along a delightful ridgeline just below the ridge to the Hochrettelstein path. The edge of the path is lined with mountain flowers and alpine herbs – enjoy them and the wonderful mountain landscape all around. With the summit already in sight the last uphill section is a little more challenging. Once you reach your destination, you will be rewarded with a fantastic panorama – the perfect backdrop for your snack and the obligatory photo with the summit cross! Add your name to the summit book and then it's back down to the Planneralm via the ascent route to your starting point.

Your tour highlight

Along with the summit views, this is of course the Plannersee. On the return path, this provides wonderful cool refreshment. Please don't forget that the mountain lake is a natural habitat and not a swimming pool. Please avoid sun screen – the lake will thank you with the best water.

What should you take your time over?

A detour to the pine distillery including the fragrance experience. Here, the precious oil is obtained from the gnarled branches of crooked wood (we call it mountain pine). Our personal tip for you is to take a deep breath in!

Hochrettelstein walk

DIFFICULTY
medium

DURATION
3½ h

DISTANCE
7.3 km

ASCENT
625 m

EXPERIENCE
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LANDSCAPE
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SKILL
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FITNESS
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3 Silent and still sits the lake

Your goal

The natural Ahornsee at 1,485 m is the goal of this wonderful walk along green valleys, lush meadows, cold streams and rugged crags. A varied walk, with unforgettable memories of the rewarding view of the Ahorn lake.

Your path

From the car park by the Sonnberg crossroads, take the forest road towards the Kneipp facility. Flat at first, following the small Gradenbach stream, to the Jagd hut (899 m) and the tucked away Gradenbach waterfall. Behind the hut, take path 668 over wooded, steep steps upwards. The sloping path is secured in places with wire ropes. After the steep section, the path leads to a romantic high valley. A small stream is crossed several times. After around 2.5 hours, you reach the Ahornsee. On the banks is a small hut, where you can take a seat and relax.

Your tour highlight

At the end of the Gradenbach valley, before the step climb, you'll find the hidden Gradenbach waterfall. An unbelievable natural spectacle in the middle of the forest. Take 5 minutes before the climb or once the job has been done to admire the water dancing along your path.

What should you take your time over?

Take time for you. At the Ahornsee, you learn to enjoy the silence and the moment. Take a fortifying snack and enough water as there is nowhere to buy food at the Ahornsee. Pause, switch off and admire are the order of the day in this special place. Take strength from the unspoilt nature and encircled mountain lake.

Ahornsee walk

DIFFICULTY
difficult

DURATION
5 h

DISTANCE
11 km

ASCENT
816 m

EXPERIENCE
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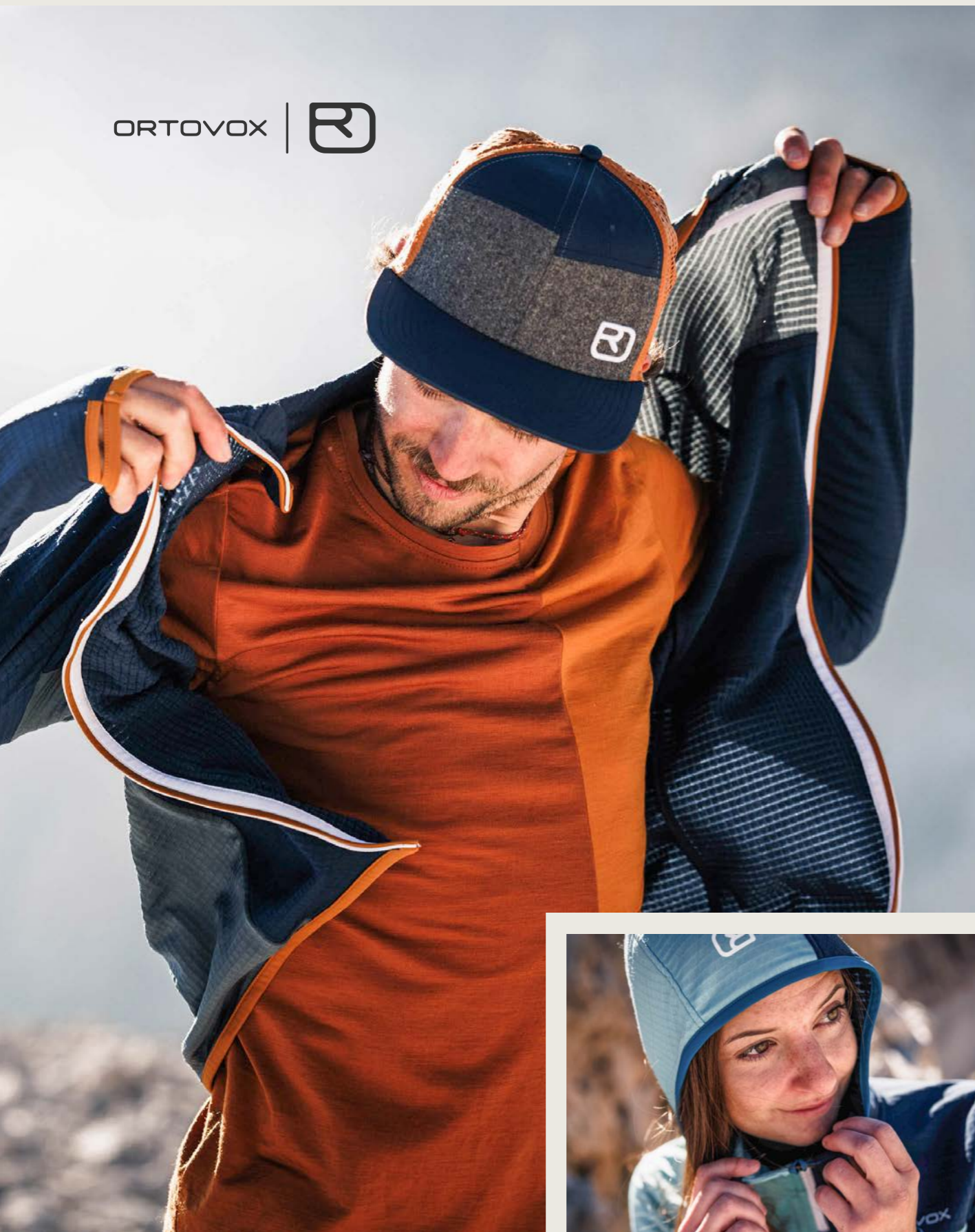
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Attractive *in every way*

For those who undertake walking tours in the picturesque surroundings of the Schladming-Dachstein region, choosing the right equipment is important. Ortovox Merino Fleece turns out to be indispensable for mountaineers, who appreciate comfort as well as functionality.



HIGH-QUALITY MERINO WOOL



Find our extensive range here.



Ready for all temperatures

As a pioneer of wool, ORTOVOX has used high-quality merino wool from happy Tasmanian sheep for three decades. These high-value natural fibres offer excellent insulation, keeping you warm in even the coldest months of the year. In the Schladming-Dachstein region, where temperatures can change, this is incredibly important for hikers, spending time up high or in shady valleys.

Comfortably breathable

The unique breathable properties of merino wool make the Ortovox Merino Fleece especially comfortable to wear. During demanding climbs or sporting activities, the fleece allows for efficient moisture wicking and prevents the uncomfort-

able feeling of overheating. This functionality is especially important for hikers in the dynamic topography of Schladming-Dachstein.

Altogether, the Ortovox Merino Fleece is an essential element for hikers. With its combination of comfort, functionality and sustainability, it offers an ideal solution for anyone wanting to enjoy the beauty of the Alps at every step.

Tip for you

In combination with the technical fleece products, merino wool comes second in the list of all-rounders for use year-round for any activity.

Our four-legged friends

A summer in the alpine pasture with our four-legged friends promises lush meadows, clear air and time to let off steam. However, we should adjust our behaviour when in contact with cows and other livestock. Our tips for getting along.

TIPS FOR DOG OWNERS



Our beloved cows can be different
When different four-legged species meet, it pays to bear in mind a few things.

1 Keep your distance

Livestock view dogs as a natural enemy, thanks to their relationship to wolves. Mothers in particular, with their young, have a protective instinct. With dogs, always keep your distance to cows and other livestock.

2 Dogs on a lead

To keep dogs under control and always in sight, they should always be on a short lead. Only when there is imminent danger – such as a cow threatening to charge – should dogs be let off the lead immediately.

3 Use the paths

Foraging and grazing areas are not playing fields, but a central economic factor for the region's farmers. Walkers should, therefore, not leave the marked paths on alpine pastures. Don't block the route for livestock, please give them a wide berth.

4 Leave no trace

Our four-legged friends' poo poses a big risk for the health of cows and other animals in meadows and pastures. That's why it is important to always pick up after your dog.

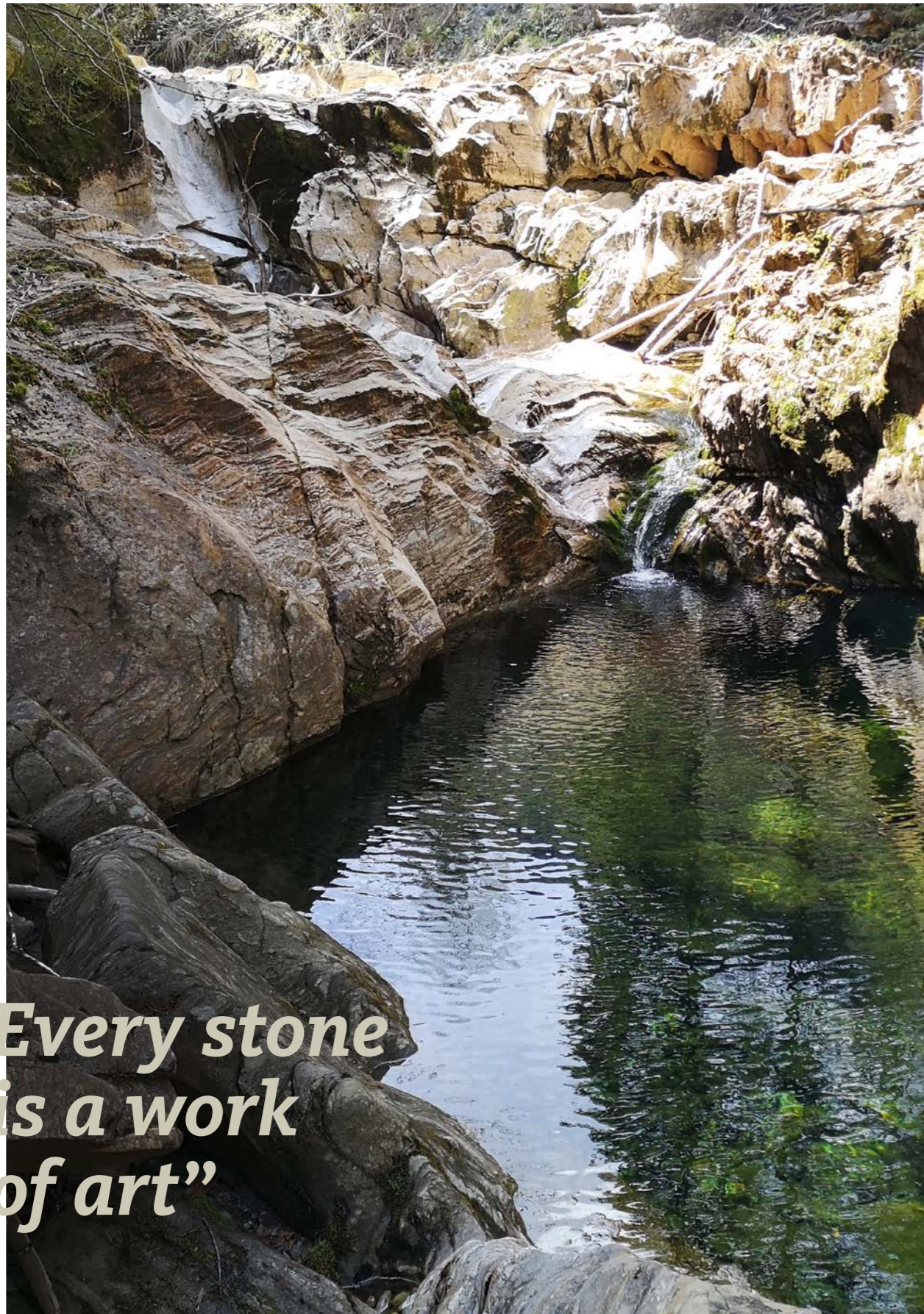
Puzzle fun for you

Linni is a small, happy bee with a special message: treat all living creatures and our nature with love and respect. Get to know Linni and help her to find the mistakes in the picture. Have fun!

Find the 7 differences between the pictures



*“Every stone
is a work
of art”*



Sölker

elegance

SOLID DECORATIVE STONE

Sölker marble is a fascinating natural phenomenon, a jewel of nature and pride of the Kleinsölker region. Let's go on a journey through the history, meaning and uniqueness of this remarkable natural wonder.

The formation of Sölker marble

The history of Sölker marble goes back centuries. It began to be formed more than 380 million years ago, as ocean sediment was compressed into stone. The enormous pressure at 15,000m deep turned this stone into the fine marble we know today. The distinctive veins and colour nuances which characterise Sölker marble are due to minerals and trace elements encased in the stone.

Characteristics of the stone

What makes Sölker marble so unique are the striking colour variations from white and grey to delicate pinks and greens. The grain lends it a natural elegance making every single stone a natural work of art. The quality of Sölker marble is recognised worldwide, making it a desirable material for sophisticated architecture and art projects.

The meaning for the region

Sölker marble is not just an aesthetic jewel, but also a valuable economic driver for the region. Mining and processing the marble creates jobs and supports local businesses. The Kleinsölker community has made the marble a symbol of its identity and local artists use the material for their works to reflect the uniqueness of the region.

Many impressive buildings around the world carry traces of Sölker marble. From impressive sculptures to elegant facades,

this marble has found its way into art history. Each individual block tells a story and architects value the versatility of the material, which has a significant influence on both modern and traditional designs.

Sustainable mining and environmentalism

Despite its economic value, the Kleinsölker community places great emphasis on sustainable marble mining. Modern technology and responsible practices are used to ensure that the environmental impacts are minimised and the natural beauty of the region is retained.

For visitors and art enthusiasts

Visitors to the Kleinsölker region have the opportunity to experience the Sölker marble in its natural environment. Sölker Marmor offers guided tours that provide an insight into the quarrying and the processing of this extraordinary material. Art galleries and museums in the surrounding area also display works of art made from Sölker marble and show the creative side of local artists.

Sölker marble is not just a geological wonder but also cultural heritage which the community proudly shares. In Kleinsölker this valuable gift of nature unites tradition, economy and art in a unique way. A visit promises a beautiful landscape as well as a glimpse of the history and meaning of a stone which has shaped the local identity.

Tip for you**Guided tour****“Constant dripping erodes the marble”**

Experience the impressive force of nature and marble erosion in Strubschlucht. You'll learn all sorts of interesting things about the formation of the Söltkta, marvel at the rock formation, seek out your own souvenir stone or simply enjoy the peace and quiet of the gorge. Sturdy shoes, surefootedness and a head for heights are required, as the path crosses a stream, steep forest climb and the approx. 40 metre high Stausee dam.

Dates: 13.6.2024 to 26.9.2024, every Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon
Meet: Car park by the Stausee dam, 10 am
Participants: Guided tour for min. 6/max. 12 people
Cost: Free entry with the Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard, otherwise Adults € 13, Children (6 – 14 years) € 9

Booking required by Wednesday 12.00 at the Nature Park office.

**Data & facts**

- Sölker marble is an antique marble. Finds date back 2,000 years.
- First documented mentions 1717 – Abbey church Spital/Pyhrn
- 1771 – 1773 mining and manufacture of the base for the Admont Monastery
- Since 1958 commercial quarrying
- Annual mined quantity approx. 8,000 – 10,000 tonnes

Tour**Sölker marble factory**

Learn all the details from formation to processing of the fascinating colourful marble on a tour of the Sölker marble factory. Get a glimpse into the different methods of processing the natural stone to the completion of Sölker marble products. Afterwards you will be an true expert on this fine stone. Nobody here will explain how to bake a marble cake though.

Dates: during the summer holidays
Meet: Sölker marble factory in Kleinsölk, 3.30 pm
Duration: approx 1.5 hrs
Cost: Adults € 3.50
 Children under 14 years FREE

No need to book! Tours for groups of more than 10 people are always possible.

culture loving



“Everyone has their big performance”



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Magical spectacle

When Paula Grogger’s play “The Wedding” captured the audience and actors in 1821, an entire village took to the stage. Every few years, the Öblarn Festival society forms the largest amateur theatre in the Alps, with 300 amateur actors. The play, celebrating the combination of love, history and regional tradition, promises unforgettable moments for the audience.

The audience is taken to the year 1821, when the Archduke Johann is staying in Öblarn as the groom’s best man in Gstatt and the wedding becomes the scene of a heart-wrenching encounter with his sweetheart, Anna Plochl. The picturesque market place in Öblarn becomes a living portrayal of times gone by filled with conversation and the worries of the people. The almost-forgotten customs of the region are wrapped like a cloak around the plot, which culminates in homage to the Archduke Johann, the “good spirit of Styria”.

The organisation of the spectacle lies in the trusted hands of the Öblarn Festival society, which can again rely on the experienced director Bernhard Wohlfahrter. The performance has a special touch with the search for a “Festival baby” who plays a small part in the play in the arms of the bride. There is a call to couples to seize the chance to become part of this unique opportunity.

Paula Grogger, the writer behind the piece, was born in Öblarn and gained international recognition with her novel “The Grimmingtor”. Her significant play, “The Wedding”, was first performed in 1936 in Öblarn. Since then, the piece has been performed every few years and is making its triumphant return in summer 2024. The house where Paula Grogger lived and wrote is now the “Paula Grogger museum” and welcomes interested visitors. The revival of her work through the Öblarn Festival helps to keep the cultural history of the region alive and shown through an impressive spectacle.

More info for you

Performances every Friday and Saturday between **6th July and 10th August 2024.**

Festival ticket prices:

- Category 1: € 69,-
- Category 2: € 59,-
- Category 3: € 45,-

In the event that weather forces cancellation, the purchase price will be refunded.

Find information about the theatre and tickets here.



Animal parade



When nature shows her colours, the temperatures fall and the days slowly get shorter, it's time for the livestock to return to the barn from the alp. The Dachstein cattle drive in Ramsau am Dachstein is an annual event. Even today this lovely custom takes place – on Saturday 21st September 2024 on the Wacheralm.

The day before the animals will return to the valley, the so-called Schottenrühren takes place. The last alpine milk is heated in a copper kettle and mixed with butter-milk and sour milk. The “curds” are placed in small bowls and blended until they are really fine. In the Schladming region, they are enjoyed with raisins (grapes) or cinnamon.

Early on cattle drive day, straight after milking, the “crowns” are started on the Wacheralm at the foot of the Dachstein. After an uneventful summer with every animal returning safely to the valley, the cows are adorned with colourful flower wreaths, ribbons and signs for the day's celebrations. As a sign of mourning, if an animal is lost or has died, the decorations are kept dark instead.

The bell cow leads the herd with its keeper. She is decorated with a wreath around her neck, a headband and the so-called “Hörnerschorn”. All the other cows have headbands. The dairy-maid is at the back of the procession, treating the onlookers to specialities. These traditionally include Raungerl, small cubes of pastry baked in hot fat and rolled in cinnamon and sugar.

As thanks for a successful summer, the cattle drive has become an annual celebration on the Wacheralm, where the cows are welcomed joyously back into the valley. A tradition which will hopefully live on with the next generations!

Did you know that ...

- ... **hospitality in the alpine pastures has long played an important role in farming?**
- ... **farming is an important aspect of alpine farming from an ecological perspective?**
By carefully selecting locations, natural hazards such as avalanches and landslides can be minimised.
- ... **alpine pastures are some of the most biodiverse habitats in the Alps?**
- ... **dairymen carefully cultivate the pastures and thus influence Austria's cultural landscape?**

“Someone has got all dressed up”



Find more information about the cattle drive in the region here.



Events in summer

From jumping in haystacks, feeling the groove or putting your foot down in a classic car. There's always something going on in the Schladming-Dachstein region. We've got the best tips for you.



Irdninger Kirtag

The Irdninger Kirtag with its marquee and amusement park has been held around the first of May for over fifty years. Every year, numerous visitors from all over the Enns Valley come to the traditional folk festival, the first beer tent of the year. On **Saturday, 27 April 2024**, the Junge Paldauer offer the finest music. **Sunday, 28 April 2024** is all about the little ones, with children's afternoon, gymnastics displays and the Irdninger Musimäuse in the marquee. The second beer tent evening on **Tuesday, 30 April 2024** is all about "cool costumes". From 8pm there will be live music to get you in the mood for the big Kirtag finale. On **Monday, 1 May 2024**, there is not only the all-day market in the centre of Irdning, but also the best entertainment over a morning beer in the marquee.

Tauern Circle

After the successful second edition of the Tauern Circle, the third edition of this spectacular obstacle course across the centre of Schladming will take place on **29th June 2024**. With a route over the famous Nightrace slope, a detour into Rohrmoos-Untertal and right through the centre of Schladming, participants have to conquer a circular route of around 8 km, 300 metres of ascent and several spectacular obstacles. From carrying wooden discs to hoisting hay, participants are spared nothing. In addition to a wide variety of individual starters – from amateur to professional athletes – families, friends, companies and clubs also have the opportunity to compete in teams. The teams attract particular attention by wearing the most unusual costumes.



Mid EUROPE

Mid EUROPE is an important international brass and wind music festival and represents stylistic variety of fascinating quality, showcasing the best of brass and wind music. The festival brings together different music styles such as classical wind, symphonic wind, traditional Bohemian tones and swing to rock and popular grooves from the **9th – 13th July 2024** on stages in Schladming and Haus im Ennstal. Musicians from around 20 countries are expected to show off their talent to a large audience, exchange ideas with colleagues and take more training in masterclasses and workshops.

Ennstal Classic

Classic cars – more than just old vehicles. They are historic cultural assets. They bear witness to technological advancements. The Ennstal Classic is a journey through time, reminding us of how far developments in cars have come while celebrating the memorable aesthetic and technology of the past. From the **17th to 20th July 2024**, participants get underway again in the Schladming-Dachstein region. The traditional finish lines in the main squares of Gröbming and Schladming build the atmosphere for onlookers and participants.



Schutzengel Kirchtage

Archduke Johann danced with Anna in 1819 at the Kleinsölker Schutzengelkirchtage. On **Sunday, 1 September 2024**, 200 years later, the famous event attracts guests from near and far to Kleinsölktal. Special highlights are the cattle drive from the Tuchmoaralm, traditional Raunkerl and doughnuts and a variety of handicrafts such as carving and blacksmithing.



Find other events
in the region here.



“Every bite is a delicacy”



Pleasure guaranteed

Whether on the mountain or in the valley – the Schladming-Dachstein region makes your mouth water. We have the best tips for you, what you should enjoy where, to do your body, soul and spirit a favour.

Fresh farmhouse doughnuts. An invigorating cheese dumpling soup. Or maybe pancakes with Ennstal Styrian cheese? Anyone travelling in the Schladming Dachstein region, is spoilt for culinary choice. Delicacies on the alpine pastures, huts, restaurants and other venues where you can enjoy it all. The best place to start is with alpine cuisine by Richard Rauch. The star chef has created special gourmet dishes with selected pastures and huts to serve the best cuisine up in the mountains. After conquering the summit, refuel while enjoying the view of the breathtaking mountains and let your heart and tastebuds jump for joy!

The culinary project “Schladming-Dachstein taste partners” brings together direct marketers and restaurants to guarantee locally produced cuisine. The participating venues undergo regular quality and provenance inspection by the AMA Gourmet Region. This makes for double enjoyment for spirit and mind. Enjoy high-quality cuisine while supporting local producers with a good conscience!



Find information about local cuisine here.



More info for you

Taste the regional cuisine here:

- One evening, five chefs – The variety of the region on a plate in September
- Ramsauer Almtag in July
- Schladming Nights in July and August
- Music Nights in Ramsau in August
- Styrian Roas in August
- Aicher Kirchtag in September
- Cheese festival in Großsölk in September



“Enjoy, there’s always tasty ideas”

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Young & innovative hosts

Recently, two young hosts are doing the cooking in Schladming: Sebastian Schrempp from Pruggern and Patrick Zach from St. Nikolai in Sölktaal. have opened “the Friedrich”. The 23-year-olds don’t view the venue as a challenge, but as a big chance to accomplish something. “We are both deeply rooted in the region. After gaining experience away from home in upmarket restaurants, we’re putting this to use on our own”, say the two young men. Sebastian can let his cooking skills run free and Patrick looks after the guests. “The most important things we took from our years away are love and joy of the job.”

Love for gastronomy

For the two young entrepreneurs, there is no better feeling than serving their guests an unforgettable culinary experience. The varied job and ever-changing challenges means the industry is interesting for Sebastian and Patrick: “There is a certain charm in putting your skills to use in a new environment.

For us that means taking the step to independence and towards personal fulfilment.” The two thoroughbred gastronomes are proud to call one of Austria’s top holiday regions home and aim to do justice to the region’s reputation. “Guests delight in the varied offer we have created. On the other hand, there is a balance between tourism and conservation such as promoting culture and small business. That’s why we are happy to call Schladming our home and try to honour its name in our restaurant.” Of course, Sebastian and Patrick appreciate all the locals who regularly dine at “das Friedrich”. The entrepreneurs can see that many guests are becoming more aware of all things nutrition. “We see this change as a motivation and despite the mediterranean style, want to use regional products and producers whenever possible. We can be very proud of our local producers, who bring the highest quality to our plates on a daily basis.”



Deer

with a difference

Crispy venison sticks with seed oil mayonnaise and lamb’s lettuce

Ingredients for 4 servings

Crispy venison sticks

- 2 shallots or 1 onion
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 small chilli
- 4 stalks of parsley
- 2 stalks of thyme
- 100 g white cabbage
- 50 g prunes
- 350 g venison mince
- 2 tbsp butter
- 12 spring roll sheets
- 1 egg yolk
- 500 ml sunflower oil
- Salt, black pepper

Seed oil mayonnaise

- 1 tsp mustard (sharp)
- 1 pinch of sugar
- 3 tbsp cider or wine vinegar
- 2 egg yolks
- 100 ml pumpkin seed oil
- Salt, cayenne pepper

Method

Peel the shallots/onions and garlic and finely dice. Deseed the chilli and finely dice. Finely chop the herbs. Chop the white cabbage into thin strips and add salt. Coarsely chop the prunes. Saute the meat, shallots/onion, garlic and herbs in a pan with the butter for 2–3 minutes, toss in the salt and pepper and remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the white cabbage, chilli and prunes. Place some of the filling on the spring roll sheets and brush the edges with whisked egg white, wrap and roll up. Repeat until you have 12 rolls. Heat the oil in a pan to around 160 °C and fry the rolls until they are golden brown. Drain on some kitchen towel. Add the mustard, sugar, vinegar and egg white to a large mixing bowl. Pour in the pumpkin seed oil. Mix the ingredients with a stick blender from the bottom up. As soon as the ingredients form a light yellow, creamy emulsion, slowly lift the stick blender and keep mixing until all the ingredients are well blended. Season to taste with the salt and cayenne pepper. We recommend lamb’s lettuce to garnish.





Herbal remedies

Hardly anywhere in the mountains is too high for native herbs. Often they thrive as delicate plants in secluded places in the Schladming-Dachstein region, where they develop their healing powers in peace. “Herb witch Alexandra Fuchs” tells us about the almost-forgotten healing plants and why some really should be left alone.

There’s a herb for every illness – goes the saying. “It’s true too”, Alexandra Fuchs knows. “Nevertheless, one should know how to use herbs correctly”, the herb expert continues, who learnt much of her knowledge from her “Grandma”. For example, arnica has a reputation as a healing plant. “But please only use it externally. It can cause blindness if consumed, said my grandma. This example shows how important the correct use is. It’s the same for the dose. You mustn’t underestimate the information each plant holds”, the herb witch explains. Her favourite herb is actually arnica, which has been close to her heart since childhood. “Every time I fell, the wound was cleaned up with arnica. It stung like hell, but that is the best thing to disinfect it”, explains the mother with a wink. She recommends applying arnica to bruises, sprains, muscle pain or blunt injuries. “You can use the blossom in schnaps and turn it into arnica oil. The latter can be achieved by a warm extract – i.e. heating the oil in a water bath and infusing the flowers for several hours – or by a cold extract – which is allowed to in-

fuse for several weeks.” According to Alexandra, arnica oil also makes a perfect massage oil. The herb expert does make clear that the healing plants are protected and should not be harvested. That’s why she recommends growing the plants in the garden. “You only need a few blossoms for a schnaps or the beloved oil.” Another insider tip is arnica globules which Alexandra says are perfect for children. They are anti-inflammatory and promote wound healing. “It’s incredible what those little balls can do in children’s minds as soon as they are used for aches and pains”, she adds, smiling. In the Schladming Dachstein region, arnica flowers from the end of June until August. The radiant yellow flowers on the shrubs give off an aromatic fragrance and light up many alpine meadows. Alexandra says: “Wonderful for the sense of sight and smell – as long as you remember the conservation and leave the plants untouched so they can continue to adorn and enrich the region for many more years.”



“Gather new strength with herbs”





“A herb grows for every illness”



Soul soothers & the lightness of summer

Alongside the various native healing herbs typical of our region – such as yarrow, Lady’s mantel and mullein – Alexandra wants to highlight St. John’s wort: “You can recognise true St. John’s wort from the red colour you get when you rub the flowers between your fingers. It helps low mood as a tea or in capsules, which can hinder the effect of the contraceptive pill.” St John’s wort oil helps with burns and can alleviate sunburn as an after-sun although this makes you more sensitive to the sun for a few days afterwards so you should avoid the sun – otherwise more sunburn is inevitable. Alexandra says: “I love St John’s wort as incense. It brings back the lightness of summer.” Almost the whole plant can be used, but for the oil only the flowers are used. “The oil is never the same strong red. But that is nature for you.” St John’s wort can be harvested from the end of June until late summer. During this time, Alexandra spends a lot of time in nature, gathering healing herbs. Many of these go into her beloved “Grandma tea”, which isn’t just for old people: “Any-

one can drink this herb mix. It gets its name from the recipe I inherited from my grandma”, explains Alexandra, who could tell you much more about the healing plants of the region. As already mentioned, it’s important to use things correctly – otherwise it can backfire. “Even when working with natural ingredients, we mustn’t underestimate the effects of healing plants”, the herb witch reminds us again. If you want to learn more about the subject or are interested in their use or products from the region, you can contact Alexandra at any time. There are also other herb experts in the region such as Andrea Percht of Kräuterbauernhof Percht or the herb consultants Sarah Maria Eder and Laura Warter – who are happy to share their knowledge. “Nature and all the healing plants around the Dachstein are truly a blessing. Let’s protect this gift and use it carefully, without wasting it. Then we can all – even the generations to come – enjoy nature’s healing”, concludes Alexandra.

Harvested health

From sunburn to depression, with the right plant you have healing in your hands.

More info for you

Want to learn more about our native healing plants and herbs? Visit the Jesuit garden in the inner courtyard of the Großsölk famed for its teaching and show garden. Alongside flowers, healing herbs, new and long-forgotten vegetables thrive. On the tour, interesting knowledge about their use in the kitchen, cosmetics and folk medicine awaits. The Jesuit garden can be visited any day without a tour.

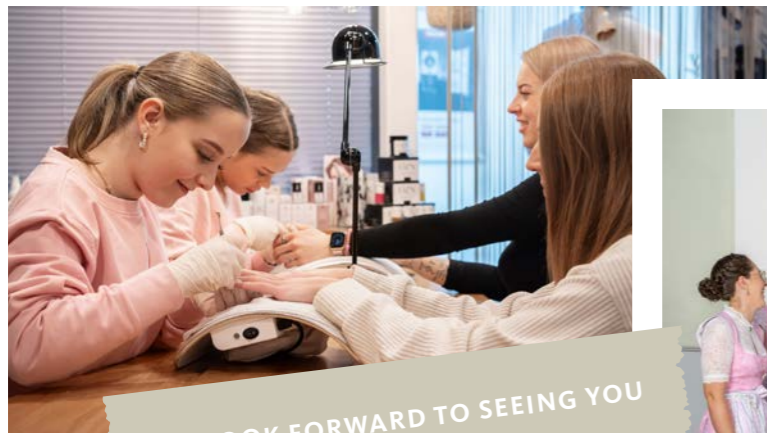
Open from the start of **May until mid-September 2024. Cost: Free entry** with the Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard.

Details here



Time for you

The Hufschmiede is the centre for cosmetics & beauty in Schladming, Ramsau am Dachstein and Rohrmoos. We guarantee professional service of the highest level in all aspects of beauty.



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Soothing retreat

Lack of exercise and poor nutrition are the cause of many health problems such as being overweight, cardiovascular diseases or mental health problems. Our region has found a cure.

The four communities of Aigen, Irdning-Donnersbachtal, Stainach-Pürgg and Wörschach have come together to serve your health and develop health-promoting programmes for you. Because when you're on holiday there is plenty you can do for your physical and mental wellbeing.

Did you know that...

- ... When spending time in the forest, your skin absorbs terpene, which supports your immune system?
- ... Touching, watching and spending time with animals reduces cortisol, blood pressure and heart rate?
- ... An 18-hole round of golf burns around 2,000 calories?
- ... The variety of muscle tension and relaxation involved in archery promotes coordination and physical awareness?
- ... The fine mist of the Wörschach gorge penetrates deeply and reduces allergic inflammations?



Our tip: Look out
for healthy offers in our
weekly programme.



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Eco friendly

In the Schladming-Dachstein region there is comprehensive range of public transport available for a comfortable and environmentally friendly holiday.

Arrive car-free

Start your holiday without roads – free from jams and stress. Eurocity and Intercity ÖBB trains arrive every two hours from all directions in Ennstal. Many Austrian cities have a direct connection. Our bus routes are also included in the Klimaticket Styria and Austria.

Mobile in the resort

The comprehensive bus network into the valleys ensures you can go about your holiday in comfort and sustainably. Our bike and hike buses, as well as special valley buses in the region open up a multitude of walking experiences beyond the valley. Unique crossings from valley to valley are made possible. All without a car. The valley bus picks you up in the next valley.

We drive on “E”

If you want to arrive by your E-vehicle, there are already more than 50 charging stations available!

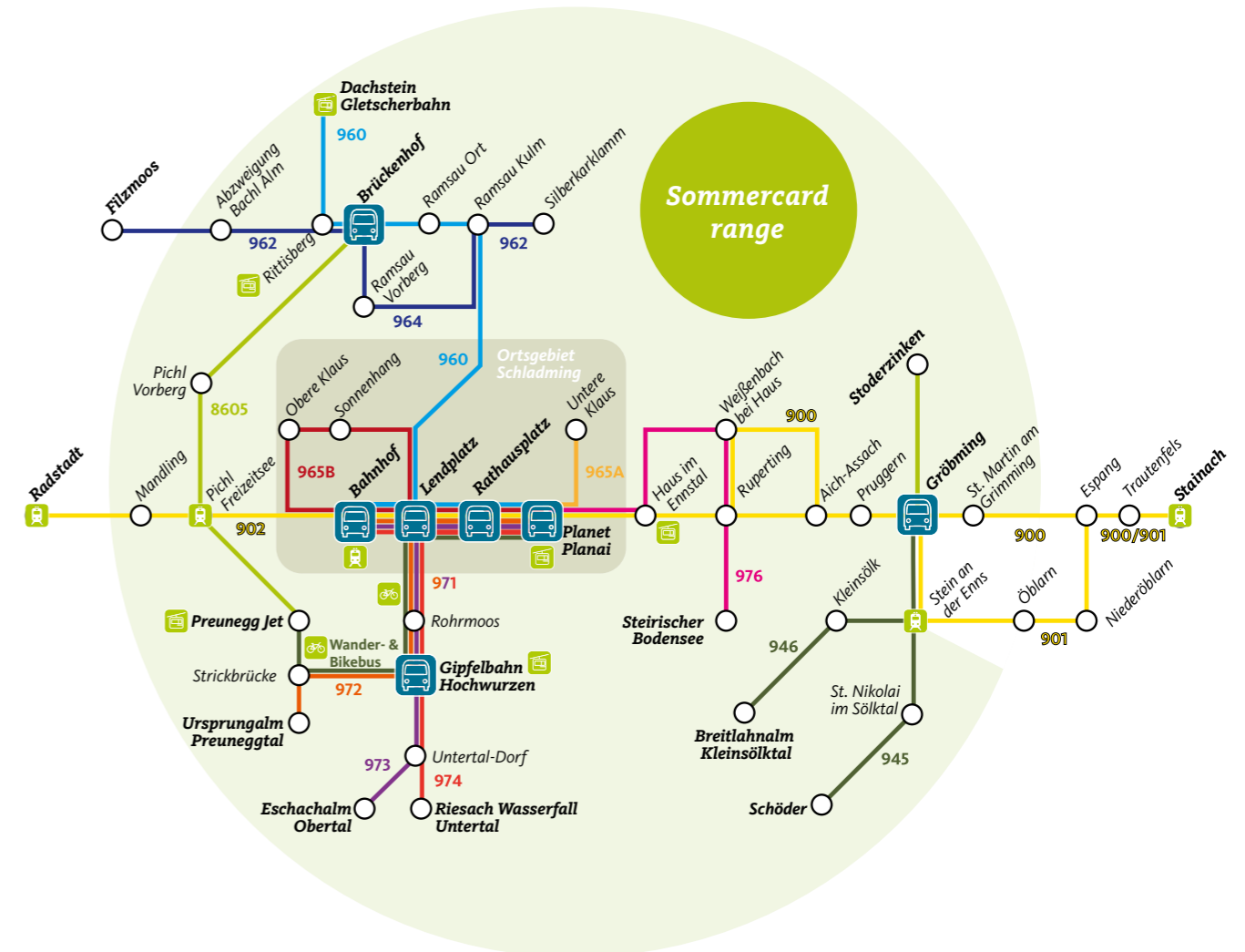
Tip for you

Hire a bike or E-bike in the resort and explore the region with its wide range of MTB tours, bikeparks, trails and single track for young and old! Charge your bike at one of more than 30 Bosch charging stations in the region.

Find everything about mobility, arriving by public transport and e-charging locations here.



Bus travel is free with the Schladming-Dachstein sommercard and is available from the day you arrive.



Route plan

- H Line 900: Stainach – Gröbming – Aich – Haus im Ennstal – Schladming
- H Line 901: Stainach – Espang – Öblarn – Stein an der Enns – Gröbming
- H Line 902: Schladming – Pichl – Gleiming – Mandling – Radstadt
- H Line 945: Gröbming – Stein an der Enns – St. Nikolai – Sölkpass – Schöder
- H Line 946: Gröbming – Stein an der Enns – Kleinsölk – Breitlahnalm
- H Line 960: Schladming – Ramsau am Dachstein – Dachstein Gletscherbahn
- H Line 962 & 964: Filzmoos – Vorberg – Ramsau – Silberkarklamm
- H Line 965 Citybus Schladming: Untere Klaus, Obere Klaus
- H Line 971: Schladming – Rohrmoos – Talstation Gipfelbahn Hochwurzen
- H Line 972: Schladming – Rohrmoos – Ursprungalm
- H Hike and Bike bus: Schladming – Rohrmoos – Preuneegg Jet
- H Line 973: Schladming – Rohrmoos – Untertal-Dorf – Obertal – Eschachalm
- H Line 974: Schladming – Rohrmoos – Untertal-Dorf – Riesachwasserfall
- H Line 976: Schladming – Haus im Ennstal – Steirischer Bodensee
- H Line 8605: Ramsau – Pichl-Vorberg – Pichl – Reiteralm/Preuneegg Jet
- H Stoderbus

“The track
to a happy
holiday”



Tip for you

Travel with light luggage and book the ÖBB baggage service for a comfortable start to your holiday!

Find all the
information here.



Holiday on track

Whether you're planning a walking holiday with the family or a weekend with friends in the Schladming-Dachstein region, your holiday begins on the journey with ÖBB.

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It takes around four hours from Vienna with a change at Leoben, departing every two hours to Schladming. On Fridays, the year-round fast train from Vienna runs to Schladming with the return journey on Sundays. In addition, the well-designed timetable includes the additional fast ÖBB Ferien Express direct train from Vienna and back.

Direct EC/IC trains every 2 hours from Graz or Salzburg and passengers from Linz should change in Selzthal for Schladming. If you take the “Transalpin” Eurocity from Graz or Zürich via Innsbruck to Schladming, you can enjoy an impressive journey in the panorama carriage (1st Class) and marvel at the wonderful mountains as you arrive.

Discover the Schladming-Dachstein region for a bargain price!

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Information and booking at oebb.at

Relaxed travel

Arriving by train makes it easy to smile – and makes the environment happy too.





Fairytale snow world

Summer in Schladming-Dachstein can be breathtaking, but the winter months reveal their own magic in this alpine region. When the landscape transforms into a glittering wonderland and the mountains are snow-topped, a world full of adventurous opportunities opens up for our guests.

The movement in the clear, fresh winter air – whether skiing on endless pistes or cross country skiing in the unspoilt mountain landscape – is in the foreground here and promises relaxation for body and soul. The region also attracts people with opportunities beyond the pistes. Toboggans, snowshoes or winter walks, romantic carriage rides or a wellness day – unforgettable days are guaranteed. The many huts and restaurants in the region finish off the day perfectly. As quaint as they are cosy, they represent Styrian tradition and exquisite cuisine.

Winter in Schladming-Dachstein is characterised by traditional events and culinary highs. From the Advent market to cosy evenings in alpine huts – the regional hospitality and warm atmosphere can be felt even in the cold season.

Delve in the fascinating winter world of Schladming Dachstein, where adventure, relaxation and unforgettable moments await. Prepare for a fun-filled season in the snow and be enchanted by the magic of winter in the Austrian Alps.

More info for you

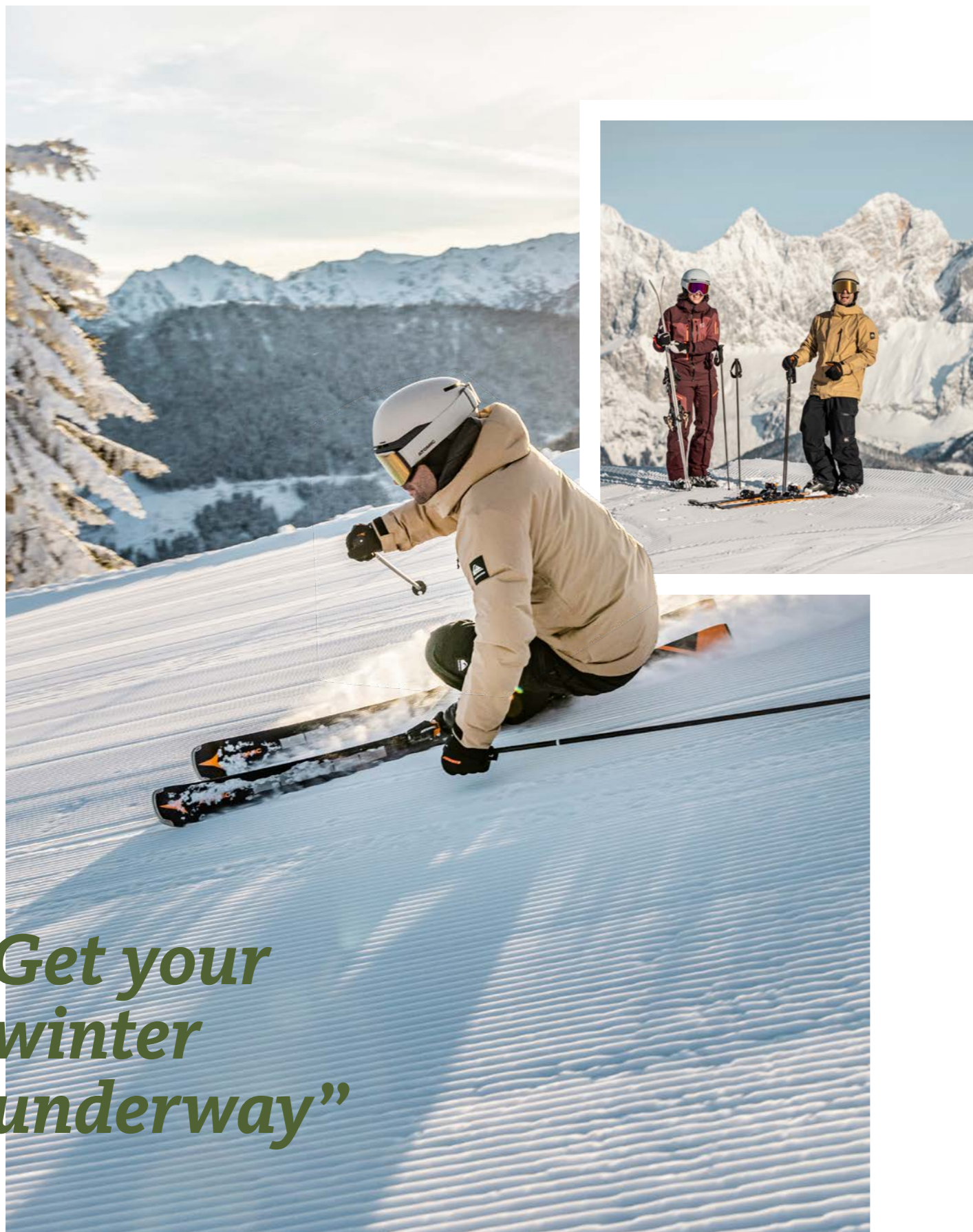
Be there for the cross country skiing event Dachsteinlauf from the 10th to 12th January 2025 in Ramsau am Dachstein.

The broad programme of events with children's races and culinary races as well as promotions, offers plenty for cross-country skiers – whether pros, hobby-athletes or nature-lovers: There's a perfect trail for everyone!

Book your winter experience with the region's hosts now.



“Get your winter underway”



Welcome to the club



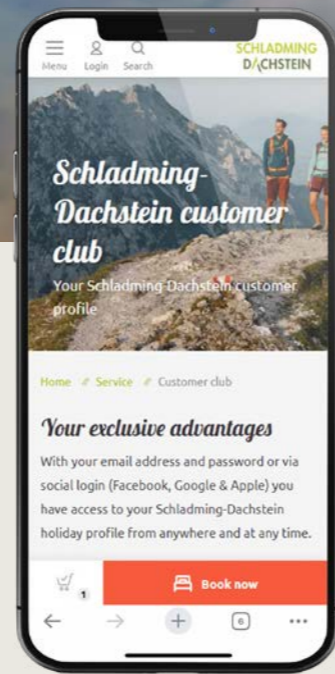
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