

Beguilingly beautiful

From the Danube to the Alps

The Mostviertel is Lower Austria's most alluring region, brimming with tempting delights. A haven of culinary indulgence nestled between the Danube and the Ötztal mountains. The charming contrast between the mild, fertile lands of the north and the rugged alpine scenery of the south proves an irresistible draw to embark on fascinating journeys of discovery, mountain adventures and enjoyable family holidays.



The mild Mostviertel

Birnenmost, wine, juice and an array of other delicacies

The gently rolling hills south of the Danube are home to Most producers and distillers, winegrowers and farmers. Flourishing under a mild climate, over 300 varieties of pear are grown along the famous Moststraße (Perry Road), which stretches for around 200 km. The people of the Mostviertel produce different types of Birnenmost (perry) from some 20 varieties of pear, mostly of single origin. Grapes – predominantly the “Grüner Veltliner” variety – thrive in the winegrowing region of Traisental. Over in the Pielachtal, otherwise known as the Pielach Valley, wild red fruit, the Dirndl, grow in abundance. Rosehips are the speciality of the Dunkelsteinerwald hill country, while the eastern part of the Mostviertel, bordering the Vienna Woods, is famous for its Elsbeeren (chequer trees). Situated in the heart of the region is the Lower Austrian capital of St. Pölten.

The wild Mostviertel

Majestic mountains and fiery forges

Strange rock formations, fathomless gorges, bubbling brooks and three nature parks are the distinctive features of this wild, alpine world. The Mostviertel Alps, famed for their striking peaks towering nearly 3,000 metres into the sky the Ötztal, the Hochkar, the Dürrenstein, the Gipfel and the Göller are beloved among hikers and nature lovers in the summer. Visitors to the ÖTSCHER-REICH can expect some unique excursions, guided nature tours, as well as a range of incomparable ÖTSCHER-REICH products. This was once the home of the “Black Smiths”, the charcoal burners, and the woodcutters. Today, museums and themed routes along the Eisenstraße relate colourful tales about these long-gone times.

TIP: A winter holiday can still be affordable. Mostviertel ski regions both big and small score highly for their attractive offers for day trips and short winter breaks.
www.mostviertel.at/winter

A journey of discovery through the regions of the Mostviertel

This map is your companion through 10 regions of adventure and culinary delight in the Mostviertel region. More detailed information on various sights and excursion destinations as well as selected eateries can be found on the back

- Moststraße (Perry Road) Birnenmost - one of a kind in Europe**
A vast orchard dotted with hundreds of thousands of cider pear trees, proud “Wierkanthöfe” (quadrangle farmsteads) and cosy “Mostheuerig” (traditional taverns selling perry).
- Naturpark Ötztal-Tormäuer**
Peace in the wild
An inspiring haven and tremendous space to roam, with deep ravines and placid alpine meadows surrounding the majestic Ötztal.

Lower Austrian Eisenstraße

The region of the five elements

From hill country to mountain realm: enjoy the views from the Panoramic High Road. Follow in the footsteps of the smiths and trace the five elements.

Dunkelsteinerwald

Wild roses & roships

Tranquil forests, vast meadows and legendary look-out spots such as the picturesque ruins of Aggstetten Castle set high above the Wachau Valley.

Elsbeere-Wienerwald

Kingdom of the Elsbeere tree

Chequer trees, some nearly 200 years old, flourish on the sunny meadows here. The speciality: precious Elsbeerbild (a spirit derived from the fruit of the tree).

Pielachtal

Valley of the Dirndl

Picture-perfect landscapes straight out of a fairy book, with “wild delicacies” from the red Dirndl fruit (Cornelian cherry) to wild herbs.

Melker Alpenvorland

A feast for the senses

Splendid views, craftsmanship and tavern culture surrounding the magnificent Renaissance castle of Schallaburg.

Traisental-Götsental

Water, wood & wild game

Hiking trails, cycling trails and pilgrimage routes through one of Austria's most densely forested regions, entertaining adventures for the kids.

St. Pölten

The baroque and the modern

The capital of Lower Austria and of the Mostviertel, known for its charming mix of baroque, art nouveau and modern architecture.

Traisental-Donau

A magnet for lovers of wine and cycling

Gently undulating hills sprinkled with small terraced vineyards, traditional lanes lined with tempting wine cellars, handworking and prosperous vineyards, and simply elegant wines.



Mostviertel cycling trails

Whether pedalling your way through the lowlands beside the Danube along scenic rivers, over gently rolling hills, or up in the rugged alpine landscapes, the Mostviertel offers a range of diverse routes for cycling enthusiasts. Enjoyable stop-off points and attractive destinations are strung like pearls along the trails.

www.mostviertel.at/rad

Traisental-Donauweg runs from the Danube to Mariazell, a place of pilgrimage for the Virgin Mary. Numerous cycle-friendly hosts will be pleased to welcome you to their premier establishments along the length of this 111 km route, which is suitable for both families and pilgrims. For the return journey to St. Pölten, one option is to take the Mariazell Railway from Mariazell. Pilgrim cyclists start their journey at Melk Abbey by the Danube. The abbots of Göttweig, Herzogenburg and Lilienfeld can also be found dotted along the way.
www.traisentalradweg.at

The **Ybbsradweg** connects Ybbs an der Donau with Lunz am See, and is a real natural paradise for families and connoisseurs. Its new core stretch between Waldhofen an der Ybbs and Lunz am See invites you to take a relaxing ride by the river. The Ybbsradweg joins up with the Donauradweg, the cycling routes on the Perry Road, the Ötscherland cycle route and the Meridian cycle route, making it well worth considering for cycling holidays of several days' duration.
www.ybbsradweg.at

- Donauradweg**
Length: 130 km Section: St. Pantaleon to Traismauer
- Traisental-Donau**
Length: 111 km Start: Traismauer (Donauradweg), destination: Mariazell
- Ybbsradweg**
Length: 107 km Start: Ybbs/Donau, destination: Lunz/See
- Most-Radrouten**
Length: 120 km Start and destination: Amstetten
- Stiftsblick-Radrouten**
Length: 66 km Start and destination: Seitenstetten Abbey
- Birnenblick-Radrouten**
Length: 63 km Start and destination: Seitenstetten Abbey
- Herz Mostviertel-Radrouten**
Length: 63 km Start and destination: Seitenstetten Abbey
- Kollmitzberg-Radrouten**
Length: 16 km Start and destination: Ardagger Abbey
- Kletzenbrunn-Radrouten**
Length: 11 km Start and destination: Neuhofer/Ybbs
- Mostbaron-Radrouten**
Length: 52 km Start and destination: Ardagger Abbey
- Ötscherland-Radrouten**
Length: 75 km Start: Ybbs an der Donau or Pöchlarn (Donauradweg), destination: Lackenhof or Lunz
- Meridian-Radrouten**
Length: 88 km Start: St. Pölten, destination: Kienberg-Gaming
- Melker Alpenvorland Radweg**
Length: 53 km Start: Purgstall, destination: St. Margarethen
- Pielachtalradweg**
Length: 56 km Start: Melk, destination: Dobersnigg (small town of Loich)
- Fladnitztal-Radrouten**
Length: 30 km Start and end point: Hain
- Weinbergadweg**
Length: 14 km Start: Hollenbrunn/Donau, destination: Herzogenburg – joins Traisental-Radweg
- Traisental-Donau Radroute**
Length: 20 km Start: St. Andrä/Traisental, destination: Altenwörth (Donauradweg)
- Tullnerfeld-Radweg**
Length: 37 km Start: Traismauer, destination: Tulln
- Triesting-Götsental-Radweg**
Length: 60 km Start: Leobersdorf (Wienerwald), destination: Traisen – joins Traisental-Radweg

Mostviertel pilgrimage trails

Pilgrimages have enjoyed a long tradition in the Mostviertel region, and have experienced rather a renaissance over the last few years. The final destination of many pilgrimage routes is the town of Mariazell, a Marian pilgrimage site.

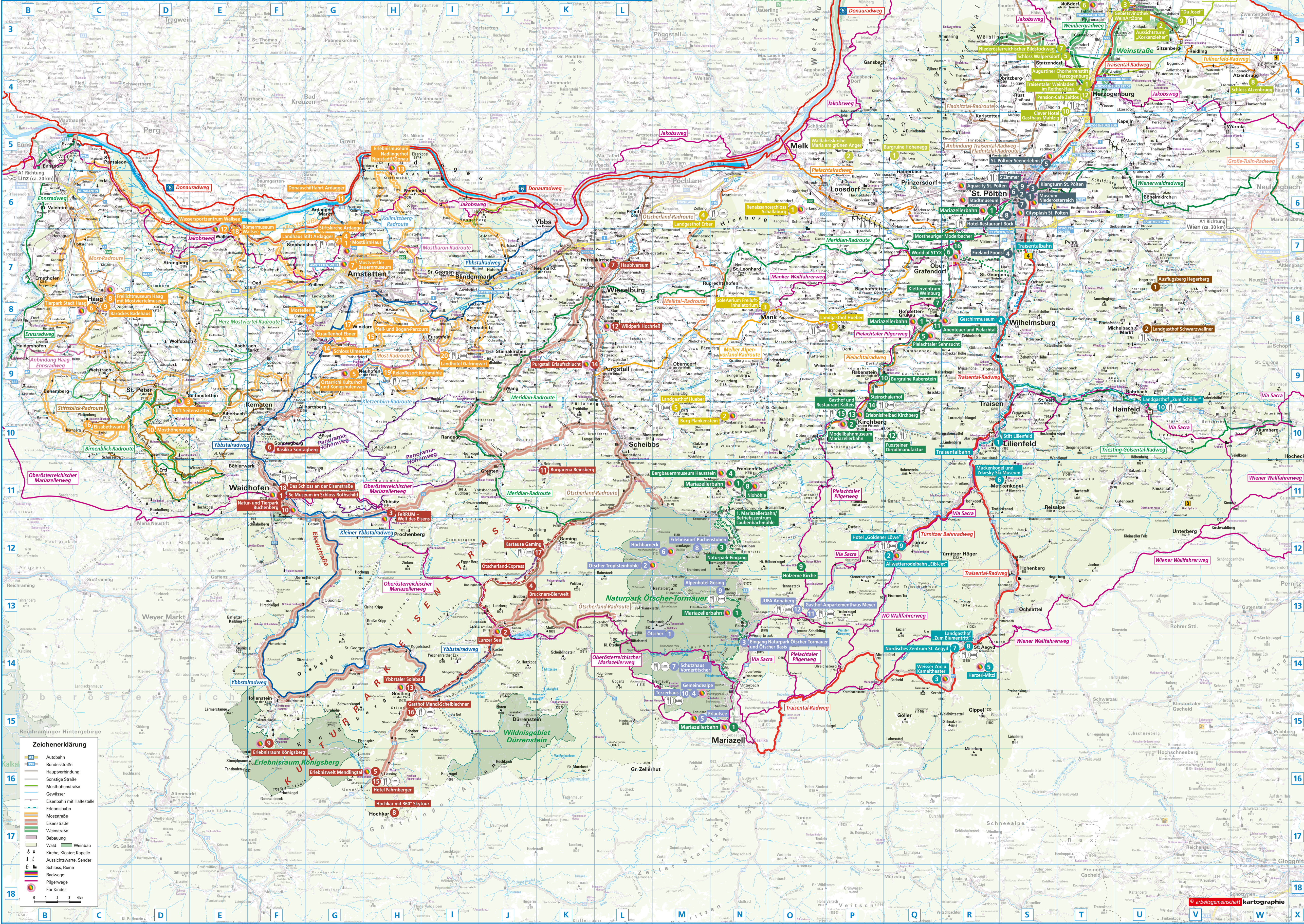
Pilgrimage routes
Perhaps the oldest pilgrimage route in Austria is the Via Sacra. A more athletic alternative is the **Wiener Wallfahrweg** (Viennese Pilgrimage Route). Both are around 220 km long. Via Sacra begins in the town of Brunn am Gebirge, while the Wiener Wallfahrweg starts in Perchtoldsdorf or Wien-Rudau. Each trail passes through the Vienna Woods, the Vienna Alps and the Mostviertel region until reaching Mariazell. Certified Via Sacra hosts, dedicating themselves especially to the needs of their pilgrim guests, are situated along both trails. www.viasacra.at

Further pilgrimage routes include the **Pielachtaler Pilgerweg** (Manker Pilgrimage Route), the **Oberösterreichische Mariazellerweg** (Upper Austrian Mariazell Route), the **Sonntagbergweg** (Sonntagberg Route) and a section of the **Jakobsweg** (Way of St. James).



Wilde Wunder-Card

The “Wilder Wunder Card” offers you free admission to numerous attractions in the ÖTSCHER-REICH area, including the Ötztal, Hochkar and Gemeindealpe mountains, the Pielachtal Valley and the Mariazell area. Use your ticket to hop on various lifts, or enjoy a range of sporting activities, leisure activities and adventure programmes. All guests staying at one of the many Wilder Wunder Card accommodation providers will receive this “Wilder Wunder Card” free of charge. Find out more about these destinations at www.wildewunder.at.





Moststraße (Perry Road)

Pear trees & quadrangle farms

The part of the Mostviertel where people have devoted themselves entirely to producing Birnenmost, or fermented pear juice, is nothing short of a vast garden. Benefiting from the mild climate south of the Danube, these fine fruits ripen to perfection on some hundreds of thousands of gnarled old trees. The **200 km Moststraße** weaves its way through a hilly landscape, past rows of venerable pear trees and stately Vierkanthöfe, farmsteads set around an enclosed courtyard. Snug inns, rustic Mostheurer taverns and well-maintained Perry Road hostleries make for tempting places to linger a while. Farmers are only too pleased to sell their wares farm-fresh. Employing a great deal of commitment and a wealth of innovative ideas, the people of the Mostviertel have been able to transform the fruits of Europe's largest contiguous pear tree area into liquid heaven: juices, liqueurs, fine brandies, sparkling wine, pear **fizzante**, and of course perry.

Single-origen perries are a rarity in Europe. Anyone sampling these ciders for the first time will be astonished by their diversity of flavour and aroma - from mild 'starter' perries (made with Speckbirne or Steißbirne pears) to crisp ciders that pack a punch (Grüne Pflüchbirne, Dorschbirne). Perry has a very low alcohol content (4 to 8 per cent by volume).

Mostviertel locals know how to celebrate too: **Mostfrühling (Spring Perry Festival)** is the time when the pear trees burst into flower, transforming the land into a sea of brilliant white. Celebrations also take place at harvest time in autumn, when the young perry begins filling in the barrels. In early winter, the young perry is first served for tasting. www.moststrasse.at

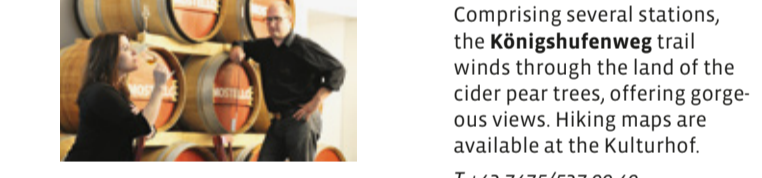
TIP: For true expert insight into proper Mostviertel perry culture, you'll need a **Mostbaron** ('cider baron'). Together, they develop the finest perries and brandies, invite you to specialist tastings and come up with informative and entertaining programmes for all ages. www.mostbaron.at

Sightseeing tips

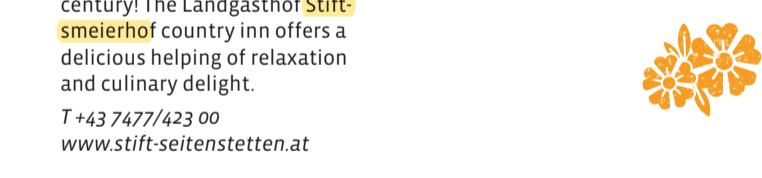
- 1 Erlebniswelt MostBirnhaus (House of the Most Pears) at Ardagger Abbey** Informative and amusing for adults as well as children. Learn all about cider pears here. Mostviertel perries, fruit juices and fine brandies are available to sample and to purchase. T +43 7479/64 00 www.mostbirnhaus.at
- 4 Stiftskirche MostBirnhaus (Cistercian church)** The stained glass window dedicated to St. Margaret, dating back to 1237, is the oldest example of Romanesque stained glass painting in Austria. Further cultural gems include the columned Romanesque crypt beneath the high choir and the wonderfully preserved cloister. T +43 7479/64 00 01 72 46 www.ardagger.at



- 2 Farthofer Mostelleria** Doris and Josef Farthofer are only too pleased to provide an insight into the world of distilling spirits. Learn about the raw materials from their organic farm and how to make high-quality organic brandies and liqueurs. T +43 7475/536 74 www.destillerie-farthofer.at



- 3 Stift Seitenstetten (abbey)** For hundreds of years, Seitenstetten Abbey has shaped the people, nature and culture around it. Also known as the 'Heuerkaiser's Gottes' (God's Courtyard), the Abbey certainly makes an impact on visitors with its baroque treasures, unique gallery and historical gardens boasting 130 varieties of rose. Built in 1122 by Josef Munggenast, it is adorned with artworks by celebrated artists such as Paul Troger, Albrecht Dürer, Krenner Schmidt, Altonne, Maria Lassig, Fritz Wotruba and many other influential artists of the 20th century! The Landgasthof **Stift Seitenstetten** country inn offers a delicious helping of relaxation and culinary delight. T +43 7477/423 90 www.stift-seitenstetten.at



- 5 Ostarrichi Kulturhof and the Königshufenweg** This museum houses fascinating historical documentation on the idea of Austria. For families: a puzzle book enabling you to discover the history of Austria. The European Union can be represented at the farm at the Europe Games Table. Comprising several stations, the **Königshufenweg** trail winds through the land of the cider pear trees, offering gorge views. Hiking maps are available at the Kulturhof. T +43 7475/527 00 40 www.museum-ostarrichi.at



- 6 Stadt Haag Zoo** Explore the animal kingdom! This animal park is one of Lower Austria's most beautiful recreational areas. Spanning 33 hectares, the park grounds belonging to Castle Salzburg are home to over 70 native and exotic species (around 200 animals) from five continents, housed in spacious enclosures. Lots of fun and games for the kids. Open daily and all year round. T +43 7436/454 08 www.tierparkstadthaag.at

Ötscher-Tormäuer Nature Park

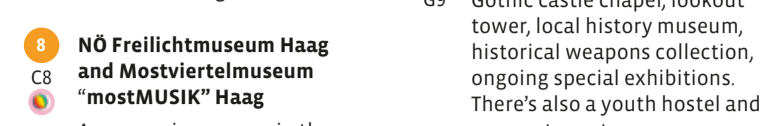
Peace in the wild

Visible for miles around is the **Ötscher mountain**, the emblem of the **Mostviertel**. It forms the centre point of one of Europe's most stunning landscapes: the Ötscher-Tormäuer Nature Park. Famous for its peaks and troughs and its extensive system of gorges. It spans an expanse of 170 km², making it the largest nature park in Lower Austria. Quietly, an inspiring refuge for those wishing to draw new strength from the peace and serenity of Nature. Visitors are particularly astounded by its **unspoilt scenery**. Its interplay of bizarrely shaped crags, yawning ravines, waterfalls, caverns, tranquil forests, alpine meadows, lakes and gorgeous viewpoints. The park is best explored in the company of a nature guide. www.naturpark-otscher.at/naturvermittler

T +43 2728/211 00 www.naturpark-otscher.at



- 7 Mostviertler Bauernmuseum Amstetten (farming museum)** The largest private folk collection in Austria, located at the striking Vierkanthof (quadrangular farmstead), visits by advance booking. 23,000 exhibits tell stories from the farming world. Visits by advance booking. T +43 7479/73 34 1 www.distelberger.at



- 8 NO Freilichtmuseum Haag and Mostviertelmuseum "mostMUSIK" Haag** An open-air museum in the centre of Haag, featuring log cabins, a Froadkostl (granary), a private mill with water wheel, and much more. Admission is free, guided tours by advance request. In addition, the Mostviertelmuseum offers a window into farming culture and work in the past - with audio voices and fitting music. Visits by advance booking. T +43 7434/424 23 16 17 www.stadt haag.at

- 9 Baroque bathhouse in Haag** The bathhouse belonging to Salberg Castle is a real rarity, comparable to the Badenbug (bathing lodge) in the grounds of Nymphenburg Palace in Munich, or the Marble Baths at Kassel Castle. T +43 7434/44 53 www.stadt haag.at

- 10 Straubenhof Ebner in Winklarn (orchid farm)** Guided tours every first Saturday of the month from May to October, sampling of ostrich egg liqueur and ostrich egg ice cream. T +43 7434/273 40 www.eisenstrasse.at

- 11 Elisabethwarte on the Plattenberg (town of Weistrach)** Lookout tower with climbing facilities, and an idyllic sprawling view. www.elisabethwarte.at

- 12 Donauschiffahrt Ardagger** Take a cruise on the Danube through the romantic Strudengau, the legendary Nibelungengau, and the Wachau region from Easter to 28 October; eventful trips through the locks. T +43 7479/64 64 www.donauschiffahrt-ardagger.at

- 13 WasserSportzentrum Wallsee** One of Austria's most fabulous water sports centres, with baroque waterskiing, wakeboarding, sailing, swimming, five floodlit beach volleyball courts, sport camps, and courses, plus a circular trail for hiking, walking and running. T +43 7475/216 80 www.wis.at

- 14 Landhaus Stift Ardagger** Mostviertel specialties (cheese and beverages), cosy, award-winning restaurant with an inviting terrace. T +43 7479/65 65 www.landhaus-stift-ardagger.at

- 15 Landhotel Ötscher** Excellent host, recipes using pear cider, snug rooms. Mittergafing 4, 3324 Eurasfeld T +43 7474/26 80 www.garfingwirt.at

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Local gastronomy

- 18 RelaxResort, Kothmühle ****** More than just a hotel, the RelaxResort is a world unto its own. A wellness complex and a RelaxGarden spanning 20,000m² with a bathing lake. Regional products are a staple of the cuisine, plus the hotel offers outstanding home-made breads. Kothmühle 1, 3364 Neuhofen/Ybbs T +43 7475/523 12 www.kothmuehle.at

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- 21 Gemeindepale Mitterbach** A mountain with an altitude of 1,656m, ideal for excursions of fering an idyllic panoramic view, accessible by chair lift. Monitor scooter and mountain cart hire in the winter ski region. T +43 3882/427 20 www.gemeindepal.at

- 22 Erlaufsee** Crystal-clear mountain lake at Mitterbach. Bathing facilities. T +43 3882/42 11 www.mitterbach.at

- 23 Hochbärneck** Alpine cabin at 959m, with traditional chalet, viewing tower, petting zoo. T +43 7489/484 64 www.hochbaerneck.com

- 24 Astrostation** Very close to the chalet. www.astrostation.at

- 25 Terzerhaus** On the peak of the Gemeindepale, with fabulous views. T +43 3882/427 20 www.gemeindepal.at

- 26 Gasthof Appartementshaus Meyer**** Family-friendly guesthouse with apartment house in the centre. Down to earth cuisine. Annarotte 6, 3222 Annaberg T +43 2728/211 00 www.vordersotischer.info

- 27 Erielenisdorf Puchensteinerhof** Water park for children and cosy restaurant called Reihlhitze Reibad. Annarotte 25, 3222 Annaberg T +43 2728/211 00 www.vordersotischer.info

- 28 Alpenhof Gösing ****** Turn-of-the-century style hotel in the most peaceful location imaginable, on the countryside, with views of the Ötscher. Right by a station on the Mariazell Railway. 3222 Gösing 4 T +43 2728/217 www.goesting.at

- 29 Weisser Zoo & Kameltheater Kernhof (zoo and camel theatre)** Recreation, nature, animal and flower park with camel shows, observation tower, restaurants. M +43 664/112 10 12 www.kameltheater.at

- 30 All-weather toboggan run "EibiJet" at Türnitz** This cool alpine coaster sweeps through some lovely scenery. T +43 2768/82 45 www.tuernitz.at

- 31 St. Elisabethen** Cistercian abbey with well-preserved medieval complex, remarkable cloister, organ and library. Abbey park with exotic groves. T +43 2762/524 20 www.stift-lilienfeld.at

- 32 Herzerl-Mitzl in St. Aegyd** Guesthouse, tavern, Lebkuchen (gingerbread) production. Gingerbread-decorating courses for visitors of all ages. T +43 2768/62 46 www.holzhof-herzerlmitz.at

- 33 Landgasthof "Zum Schüller"** Excellent regional food, modern rooms. T +43 2762/524 20 www.muckenogel.info

- 34 Nordisches Zentrum St. Aegyd** Cross-country skiing and Nordic Walking centre. Approx. 300km of trails. Courses, guided tours. Sports equipment hire. T +43 2768/22 90 23 www.nordischeszentrum.at



Lower Austrian Eisenstraße (Iron Road)

Region of the five elements

The Iron Road of Lower Austria joins the gentle hills of the lowlands with the Mostviertel Alps around the Hochkar, Dürrenstein and Ötscher. **Five elements** – fire, water, wood, metal and earth – shape the history and the character of the region. Fire, water and wood were fundamental for ironworking in this craggy alpine region. Thanks to the fertile soil to be found among the undulating hills of the Mostviertel, there was food in abundance, transported to the smithies, the charcoal burners and the woodcutters via the "Proviantweg" (supply route). Today, those looking for a spot of adventure can set off on the trail of all five elements: pay a visit to the forges, watch the smiths at work, try their hand at this art themselves, or watch how timber used to be floated for transport. More than 170 excursion destinations and themed routes are waiting to be explored along the Lower Austrian Iron Road. So keep your energy levels up at the numerous Iron Road Inns and taverns serving seasonal, regional delicacies throughout the year. T +43 7482/20 46 www.eisenstrasse.at

The Panoramahöheweg: the height of pleasure From Sonntagberg to Randegg, Waidhofen an der Ybbs and Ybbsitz, an extensive network of trails stretches along via an extraordinary ridgeway. Wonderful views lie before you at every turn: rippling hills, the Danube Valley and the Waldviertel on one side; grand, mountainous scenery on the other side. The Panoramahöheweg can be explored on foot, by bike or by car. Along the way, numerous Mostheurge (peery-serving taverns), distilleries and farmsteads invite you to partake of a delicious snack or two. There is also a picnic service for those interested. www.panoramahöheweg.at

Sightseeing tips

- 1 Se Museum at Rothschild Castle in Waidhofen an der Ybbs** The 5 Elements Museum looks at fire, water, earth, wood and metal. An exciting combination of education, fun and interactive experiments. T +43 7442/12 55 www.schloss-rotschild.at
- 6 Basilika und Schatzkammer Sonntagberg (basilica and treasure chamber)** Twin-towered, baroque church dating back to the 18th century. Newly opened museum treasury. One of the most important viewing spots on the Panoramahöheweg (Panorama High Road). T +43 7448/215 72 www.sonntagberg.at

- 7 Haubervisser in Petzenkirchen (World of Bread)** Experience traditional handicraft and modern production processes in this large bakery attraction. "Krusperhäuschen" restaurant, baking zone and play area for children. T +43 7426/50 34 99 www.haubis.at

- 8 Hochkar with 360° Skytour** Lower Austria's highest viewing platform with suspension bridge, easy to reach via the Hochkarbahn cable car. Experience 100 two-hour-long tours in just one spectacular view. Plus: signposted hiking trails, Hochkar cave, mountain lake. In winter: largest ski region in Lower Austria (1,440–1,808m) www.hochkar.com

- 9 Erlebnisraum Königsberg (adventure area)** Destination for sports and nature enthusiasts: bike park with tow lift for mountain bikers, herb garden, hikes on alpine pastures and Lower Austria Eisenwurzten Nature Park. T +43 7445/731 33 www.koenigsberg.at

- 10 Natur- und Tierpark Buchenberg in Waidhofen an der Ybbs (nature and animal park)** Eagle owl facility, animal enclosure, forest for the whole family, large adventure playground, forest and educational trail. Native American village with barbecue area, plant labyrinth, Naturparkehaus (nature park building) for events. T +43 676/84 993 444 www.tierpark.at

- 11 Burgarena Reinsberg** Combines modern technology with medieval style. Venue for open-air performances (music, theatre). T +43 7487/213 88 www.burgarena.reinsberg.at

- 12 Erlebniswelt Mendlingtal (adventure world)** Unique timber rattling system in the romantic river valley, hiking trail, 100-year-old Venetian pit saw, "Klause" (a kind of reservoir, old grain mill, trout pond, children's playground, the Hammerherregassau inn. T +43 7484/560 60 www.goesting-hochkar.at

- 13 Ausflugsberg Hegerberg** 655m high hiking mountain, open all year round, with staffed mountain cabin. Johann Enzinger Haus Am Hegerberg, 3074 Kasten T +43 2744/56 52 www.hegerberg.at

- 14 Muckenogel and Zdzarsky-Ski-Museum** Panoramic mountain in Lilienfeld, accessible by chairlift, 30m-high-Mostviertel-zip-wire swing. The museum in the town pays tribute to Mathias Zdzarsky (1856–1940), father of the modern alpine skiing technique and the slalom. T +43 2762/524 28 92 12 23 www.muckenogel.info

- 15 Herzerl-Mitzl in St. Aegyd** Guesthouse, tavern, Lebkuchen (gingerbread) production. Gingerbread-decorating courses for visitors of all ages. T +43 2768/62 46 www.holzhof-herzerlmitz.at

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- 18 Geschirrmuseum Wilhelmsburg (crockery museum)** Once upon a time, the famous Ulrich von Passau, at the spot where the Traisen river opens out into the Danube. A refurbished baroque building by Jakob Brandlauer and Josef Munggenast was erected in 1714. The monastery church is one of the most significant constructions in Austria's late baroque period. T +43 2782/832 12 12 www.stift-herzenberg.at

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- 23 Hotel "Goldener Löwe" ****** Traditional establishment with lovely rooms, guest parlour, garden, wellness facilities. Markt 6, 3184 Türnitz T +43 2768/82 4 www.punz-berl.at

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- 34 Wildpark Hochrieß in Purgstall (wildlife park)** 45 animal species, ponies, fish ponds and adventures in the European nature reserve "Niederösterreichische Voralpenflüsse" (Lower Austrian Rivers in the Alpine Foothills). Unique flora and fauna. Guided tours by advance booking. T +43 7484/25 35 30 www.hochrieß.at

- 35 Ybbstaler Solebad (saltwater spa)** Look forward to a journey of discovery at this saltwater and sauna paradise in Göstling-Hochkar! T +43 7484/25 35 30 www.ybbstaler-solebad.at

- 36 Hotel Fahrberger ****** Cosy country guesthouse with lovely rooms and Hüttp SPA. Famously good, regional cuisine, daily from 6pm. T +43 7484/273 40 www.gasthof-fahrberger.at

- 37 Kartause Gaming ****** Hotel with romantic suites and rooms, restaurant with its own home-brewed beer. Set in the largest former Carthusian monastery in Central Europe, which was originally founded in 1230. Particularly worth seeing: church, Hall of Prelates, library, herb garden, Carthusian museum. Kartause, 3392 Gaming T +43 2782/94 66 www.kartause-gaming.at

- 38 Das Schloss an der Eisenstraße ****** This tasteful hotel set on the banks of the Ybbs blends historical atmosphere with modern architecture. Wellness area, seminar and conference rooms. Excellent food. Am Schlossplatz 2, 3340 Waidhofen/Ybbs T +43 7484/22 44 www.raufing-mandl.at

- 39 Gasthof Mandl-Scheibelechner ****** Gasthof with cosy rooms in the centre of town. Regional, down-to-earth cooking. Stenlehnen 48, 3345 Gösting/Ybbs T +43 7484/22 44 www.raufing-mandl.at

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- 41 Marzellerbahn (Mariazell Railway)** Austria's longest narrow-gauge railway links St. Pölten with Mariazell. The modern "Himmelstreppe" (Stairway to Heaven) panoramic train makes the trip a real experience. At the weekend, there's a first-class panoramic wagon and vintage locomotives. Spectacular mountain route with masterfully engineered tunnels, bridges and viaducts. T +43 2722/73 09 www.mzb-mobilbahnmuseum.at

- 42 Gateway to the Ötscher-Tormäuer Nature Park in Mariazell** A colourful palette of small treasures and secret tips greets the visitor in art, agriculture and handicraft. An above-average number of cosy, inviting country taverns have been awarded the "Niederösterreichische Wirtshauskultur" (Lower Austria Tavern Culture) designation. T +43 2728/211 00 www.naturpark-otscher.at

- 43 Burgine Hohenegg (fortress ruins)** White walls visible from far and wide, outer bailey and gate with castle tower. M +43 664/170 23 22 www.hafnerbach.gvt.at

- 44 Wallfahrtskirche "Maria am grünen Aeger" in Mauer (pilgrimage church St. Mary on the Green Meadow)** The carved altar is a masterpiece of the late gothic style. M +43 664/730 90 60 www.dunkelsteinerwald.gvt.at

- 45 Burgine Hohenegg (fortress ruins)** White walls visible from far and wide, outer bailey and gate with castle tower. M +43 664/170 23 22 www.hafnerbach.gvt.at

- 46 Solearium Freiluft-Inhalatorium in Mank (outdoor inhalatorium)** Breathe in the scent of the sea! Salty water drips over bundles of pine branches, releasing wonderful essential oils (aerosols) and doing your respiratory system the world of good. Lovely park with herb garden. T +43 2752/52 82 www.mank.at

- 47 Landgasthof Erber ***** Modern rooms in the historical Gasthof. Famously good food. Mankerstraße 10, 3393 Zelking T +43 2752/52 12 www.landgasthof-erber.at

- 48 Landgasthof Hieber** Regional and creative cuisine in this down-to-earth Gasthof. 3282 St. Georgen, Leys 18 T +43 7482/46 26 www.gasthof-hieber.at

- 49 Traisentaler Weinladen in der Reitherhaus** The wine shop for the Traisental Wine Road, located in the historical Reitherhaus building in Herzogenburg, offers selected specialties from Traisental vintners at farm-direct prices. Tastings by advance booking. T +43 2782/833 22 www.traisental.at

- 50 Renaissancechloss Walpersdorf (Renaissance castle)** Situated on the Jakobsweg (St James Way). Perfect for enjoyment of the wine and food. TIP: Unique venue for music and cultural events. www.schloss-walpersdorf.net

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