

## Vorarlberg inspires: Awakened and creative

**Fancy new sound experiences, architectural tours, time out in nature or the finest culinary delights? In the very west of Austria, in Vorarlberg, there is plenty to discover and do. What's more, all destinations are easily accessible by public transport.**

### The best connections

If you visit Vorarlberg, you don't need a car. The region is well connected by train and bus. The timetables are coordinated. Holidaymakers can even travel for free with their regional **Inclusive Card**. You can take your bike with you on most trains. There are also a number of treats for public transport users. Some event and museum tickets include travel to and from the venue within Vorarlberg. This advantage also applies to those who book a round trip, special trip or event trip with the ships of Vorarlberg Lines and with the historic ships, the MS OESTERREICH and the DS Hohentwiel. Many other events and destinations are easily accessible by train and bus. The whole of Vorarlberg can be explored and circumnavigated using the **hop-on hop-off** principle.

### Moving experiences

The diverse valley and mountain landscapes are ideal for hiking and cycling excursions. In some places, cable cars shorten the ascent or descent. Numerous **hiking trails** tell stories or are artistically designed. Along the way, you will be amazed by leaning sculptures such as the Georunde Rindberg in the Bregenzerwald or installations such as the Gauertaler AlpkulTour in the Montafon. The newly revised Natursprünge trail in Brandnertal with 11 interactive stations is ideal for an educational experience of nature. One of the most popular **cycle paths** is the Lake Constance cycle path. Escape stories from the years 1938 to 1945 are told on the 100-kilometer audio cycle path "Over the border". In the Bregenzerwald, "culinary cycling" combines enjoyment and architectural exploration. Mountain bikers and e-bikers can hire bikes in many places and take part in guided tours. Downhillers can ride downhill on trails, for example in the large Brandnertal bike park or in the trail park on the Hochjoch in Montafon. In Kleinwalsertal, the nature explorer adventure expands the interactive offer for nature lovers. "Respect your limits" is the motto in terms of nature and animal protection.

### New impressions

The towns and villages show that Vorarlberg builds and designs differently. Architects and craftsmen approach their work in a modern, bold, straightforward manner and with a sense of sustainability. Wood is their preferred building material. If you want to go on an ArchitekTour, you can choose from seven routes that are also easily accessible by public transport. The ArchitekTours lead to remarkable buildings and showcase **Vorarlberg's innovative craftsmanship and design**. Insights are also provided by the twelve "Umgang Bregenzerwald" trails, all of which are village tours, as well as the Walser culture trails in Kleinwalsertal. Long-established craftsmanship demonstrates consistency. In 2024, the Bezau craft guild can look back on 150 years of history and is looking forward to two major events in its anniversary year. Art also amazes in public spaces, from sculptures on the Lake Constance promenade in Bregenz to the **Medieninformation der Vorarlberg Tourismus GmbH**

"Skyspace Lech" created by US artist James Turrell. Speaking of Lake Constance, Lake Constance shipping is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a fleet rally on April 27, 2024. The first passenger steamship, "Wilhelm", offered space for 124 passengers and went into service on November 10, 1824. The "MS Austria", the largest passenger ship on Lake Constance this year, can accommodate up to 1,200 people.

### **Great culinary delights**

Vorarlberg treats its visitors to the finest culinary delights in down-to-earth inns, mountain inns, alpine huts and in the many excellent restaurants that are known for their **creative cuisine**. Wherever possible, the chefs use regional ingredients. The cheese that flavors the Kässpätzle, for example, comes from the Alps and alpine dairies. Fish comes from Lake Constance or from sustainable fish farms. Fruit and vegetables thrive in the gardens near Lake Constance. Fine products, from chocolate to brandies, are produced in gourmet manufactories. Specialties of all kinds are also available in farm stores and at the weekly markets in the towns and some villages.

### **Cultivated art of living**

Opera on Lake Constance, pop music in Feldkirch, jazz concerts in Montafon: there is plenty to see and hear for culture lovers in 2024. The biggest event is the Bregenz Festival, which performs opera in the open air on the spectacular lakeside stage. From July 17 to August 18, Carl Maria von Weber's opera "Der Freischütz" is on the program this year for the first time in the festival's history. Gioachino Rossini's opera "Tancredi" will open the festival in the Festspielhaus. With events in the open air and in Feldkirch's old indoor swimming pool, the pop culture festival poolbar is a hotspot for cultural debates, design and live music, taking place this year from July 10 to August 9.

Classical music and lieder can be heard at the Schubertiade in Hohenems (April/May, July and October) and Schwarzenberg in the Bregenzerwald (June and August/September). Music, from folk music to jazz, will be performed by the Montafon Resonanzen from August 1 to September 16. Jazz and classical music can be heard in Lech Zürs am Arlberg. The Literaricum Lech takes you into the world of literature from July 18 to 21. FAQ Bregenzerwald, the forum with a festival character and culinary claim, raises questions of time from September 12 to 15. Many other larger and smaller events round off the **festival summer** in Vorarlberg.

### **Inspiring exhibitions**

The **museums and exhibition venues** bring different worlds to life. With changing exhibitions, the Kunsthaus Bregenz impresses all those who appreciate contemporary art. The summer program includes "Anne Imhof" (8 June to 1 September) and "Tarek Atoui" (14 September to 3 November). Also in Bregenz, the vorarlberg museum presents several permanent exhibitions as well as changing special exhibitions.



The interactive nature show inatura in Dornbirn is a popular destination for families and experimenters. Until October 13, the special exhibition "Um alles in der Welt. On the trail of my everyday life". Until August 25, the Jewish Museum Hohenems is showing "A Place of Our Own. Four young Palestinian women in Tel Aviv". Until October 27, the Hittisau Women's Museum is showing "Cleaning. An exhibition about an extra-clean world" until 27 October. A few villages away, the Baroque Master Builders Museum in Au tells the exciting story of the masters from the village and the region who built around 800 Baroque buildings in southern Germany, Switzerland and Alsace in the 17th and 18th centuries.

### **Warm hospitality**

Vorarlberg is known for its well-kept, mostly family-run hotels and for **hosts** who are highly committed to their work. Many hotels and vacation accommodations also stand out structurally. Conversions and new buildings are largely in the style of contemporary Vorarlberg (wooden) architecture. Wooden furniture, woolen fabrics, felt and other natural materials, designed by innovative craftspeople, create a stylish and extremely pleasant atmosphere. Whether renovation or new build: sustainability and energy efficiency take center stage.

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