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# Seefeld

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# RAINY DAY ATTRACTIONS

## MUSEUMS - EXHIBITIONS - CHURCHES

### SEEFELD MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY



In Giessenbach near Scharnitz you can turn back time and visit a hairdressing salon from the 1950s, an old shoemaker's and woodcarver's workshop, and marvel at old skis from way back when...

### SPECIAL EXHIBITION "A GLIMPSE INTO THE OLYMPIC HISTORY OF SEEFELD"



- Rathauspassage Seefeld/Klosterstrasse:  
Immerse yourself in our Olympic history and visit the lovingly designed exhibition with "relics" from the 1964 and 1976 Olympic Games. Guided tours and detailed information available at times to suit by prior arrangement. For further information tel. 0664/1216621, Heinz Strasser.

### HOUSE OF CULTURE - GANGHOFER MUSEUM



Here you can gain an insight into the life and work of the popular author Ludwig Ganghofer, and into the village history of Leutasch and its hunting traditions. The Ganghofer Museum also hosts various special exhibitions, talks, cabaret performances and readings.

### MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN FARMING IN BUCHEN



At the Landgasthof Ropferstüb'm restaurant, you can see around 70 collector's items from the beginning of the 19th and 20th century. Themes: forestry, agriculture, flax, housekeeping, ironworking, dairy farming. The hamlet of Buchen has been populated since the 16th or 17th century and it appears that the Ropferhof farm was the first area to be inhabited by a mountain farmer. Working at an altitude of 1,200 metres must, by today's standards, have been unimaginably arduous. The climate at that time was much more severe than it is now and the farming implements, some of which date back to the 19th and 20th century, bear witness to the gruelling adversity of farming life.

## MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY & PETTING ZOO AT THE STERZINGERHOF IN MÖSERN

History - tradition - handcrafts - the way it used to be.

### KARWENDEL INFO CENTRE IN SCHARNITZ

Exhibition room devoted to the Alpenpark Karwendel nature reserve with a model of the source of the River Isar, information on mining, a wooden history book, a children's play area and film screenings. Opening times are the same as those of the information office.



### ST. OSWALD PARISH CHURCH IN SEEFELD

Dedicated to St. Oswald, the pilgrimage church is situated right in the centre of Seefeld. The earliest historical records of it date back to 1263. The church became one of the most famous pilgrimage centres in the Tyrol after the so-called 'Miracle of the Host' in 1384. St. Oswald Church is one of the most beautiful Late Gothic churches in the Tyrol. The wonderful tympanum relief along the main portal tells the story of the Miracle of the Host; the church's three-aisled interior is home to many treasures including 15th century frescos, the chancel with its flat carvings from 1524, valuable shrine figures, a Gothic baptism stone and the famous panel by Jörg Kölderer which dates back to 1502.



### 'SEEKIRCHL' CHAPEL IN SEEFELD

Archduke Leopold V began building Seefeld's landmark, the 'Seekirchl' (Little Church in the Lake), also known as the 'Heiligkreuzkirche' (Holy Cross Church), in 1629. It was finished in 1666 and, at that time, it stood in the middle of the man-made 'Kreuzsee' lake which had been created in the 15th century by Duke Sigismund the Rich, but which was drained in 1808. The little church is unusual in the Tyrol in that it is Baroque with an octagonal centralised structure and dome. It was created by the famous Architect to the Imperial Court in Innsbruck, Christoph Gump. The Late Gothic cross on the high altar and the frescos testify to the significance of the second pilgrimage church in Seefeld in previous centuries.



## ST. MAGDALENA PARISH CHURCH IN OBERLEUTASCH, KIRCHPLATZL



In 1178, Bernhard von Weilheim bequeathed part of his estate of field and forest in Oberleutasch to the Augustinian Monastery in Polling bei Weilheim. In 1190 the monastery had a church built dedicated to St. Magdalene in the middle of the valley. The building that stands there today was built in 1820/1821 under the auspices of curate Franz Siess and designed by the sculptor and master of drawing Josef Falbesoner from Nassereith. The church contains a magnificent Neo-Classical high altar, colourful ceiling frescoes and an impressive tower with four bells.

## ST. JOHANNES PARISH CHURCH IN UNTERLEUTASCH, UNTERKIRCHEN



Unlike Oberleutasch, Unterleutasch did not get its own church until the 19th century. Before then the inhabitants of Unterleutasch attended mass in the Bavarian village of Mittenwald. It was not until 1827 that a decree, issued by the royal chancellery, gave permission for a church to be built.

## MARIA HEIMSUCHUNG CHURCH IN MÖSERN



This main structure of this charming little Baroque church dates back to the 17th century. The church was remodelled and extended in 1763 and renovated in 1951. In the church you can see a beautifully marbled Rococo altar, an altarpiece depicting the Visitation of Mary and a carved, haloed Madonna.

## ST. NIKOLAUS PARISH CHURCH IN REITH



Since 1391, the church in Reith has been known as the 'St. Nikolaus Kirche' (Church of St. Nicholas). During reconstruction after a serious fire (1892), several particularly beautiful mural paintings were created (1911 - 1921). Following the air attacks of 1945 the second reconstruction was largely completed in 1950. In 1989/90 extensive renovation work was carried out to the interior restoring the church to its previous grandeur.

## MARIA HILF PARISH CHURCH IN SCHARNITZ

Even before the construction of the Porta Claudia fortification, the inhabitants of Scharnitz had built a chapel dedicated to 'Our Dear Lady' in gratitude for the averted atrocities of war. At the end of the 18th century a new church was built with the help of the so-called 'robot' - a policy by which local people were obligated to work unpaid - and it was consecrated in 1792. During the freedom fighting of 1809, the church went up in flames. A new Gothic-style House of God was created - but it too was destroyed in a major fire in 1892. A new, larger church was built under Father Johannes Natter.



## SPORT & SPA FITNESS/HEALTH

Do you feel the need to get some exercise and improve your fitness, but don't fancy doing it in wellington boots and a raincoat? Then you need look no further than Bodypoint in Seefeld. Furthermore, many hotels also offer exercise classes, Pilates and yoga, for example. Full details are available from all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.



## BILLIARDS

You can play billiards in the Britannia Pub and in the bowling centre 'Zur Kug'l' in Seefeld. You can also play in La Bamba and Pub à la Pub in Leutasch and in Gasthof Risserhof in Scharnitz.



## DARTS

You can also play darts in the Britannia Pub and in the bowling centre 'Zur Kug'l' in Seefeld, as well as in Café Senn, La Bamba and Pub à la Pub in Leutasch and in Campstüberl, Gasthof Alte Mühle and Gasthof Risserhof in Scharnitz.



## GOLF

Come rain or come shine, true golfing devotees play whatever the weather! The Seefeld high plateau is a veritable paradise for golf enthusiasts. Whether you want to improve your handicap or simply enjoy the ultimate game on





one of the world's most beautiful courses, the region offers the perfect surroundings. The 18 fairways of the Seefeld-Wildmoos Golf Club, a member of "Leading Golf Courses Austria", are surrounded by majestic firs and spruces and the course has, justifiably, been ranked by experts as one of the top 100 golf courses worldwide. The 9-hole Seefeld Reith Golf Club course offers an ideal practice area for players of all skill levels. Qualified golf pros are available to help beginners find their golfing feet.

## BOWLING



The bowling centre 'Zur Kug'l' in Seefeld has 4 fully-automatic bowling lanes and, when the weather is bad, it's open during the day time too. The Alpenhotel zum See in Leutasch and Gasthof Risserhof in Scharnitz each have 2 bowling lanes. Pre-reservation is recommended.

## MASSAGES



Do something for your body, mind and soul and let yourself be pampered from head to toe: In no other region in the Alps are there more spa and wellbeing establishments than in the Olympiaregion Seefeld. Hotels and private studios offer a wide range of services including massages, body treatments, relaxation baths, beauty treatments, pedicures, curative therapies and lots more besides.

## HORSE RIDING



"All you need for happiness is a good horse." - the Olympiaregion Seefeld has lots to offer for riding enthusiasts, both young and old! The riding stables in Leutascher Strasse have an indoor riding hall (20 x 60 m) and offer dressage lessons up to level 4 and horse jumping lessons up to level 3. The Nairz riding stables beside the Menthof Hotel in Seefeld and the Tschapferhof riding stables in Leutasch both have an indoor riding hall (20 x 40 m) for lunge, dressage and jumping lessons.



## SWIMMING/SAUNAS

The Olympia sports and congress centre offers fun in the water and relaxation in the saunas; indoor pool complex with a separate area for children and babies, a 140 m white-water slide, a newly-designed outdoor area, kids' playground, extensive sauna facilities covering an area of over 2,000 sq.m, cold-water plunge pools, themed tranquillity rooms, relaxation pools, massages, solariums and infrared cabins. The ErlebnisWelt Alpenbad in Leutasch also offers a unique combination of sport, leisure, wellbeing, relaxation and enjoyment of the highest calibre: leisure pool with numerous attractions, jacuzzi loungers, a huge flume, a water-massage area, a waterfall, monsoon showers and multi-sensory showers. The sauna area boasts a wide variety of different saunas, a large infrared cabin, steam bath, outdoor swimming pool, plunge pool, reflexology path and various tranquillity areas.



## TENNIS/SQUASH

A haven for all tennis enthusiasts. In the 'Casino' tennis centre (WM-Halle Seefeld) you can indulge your hobby both indoors and out. The indoor tennis area boasts 8 courts with Bross-slide surfacing. And if you want to improve your game while you're on holiday, then we recommend Håkan Dahlbo's ESTESS training and coaching centre which has many different courses on offer. The ErlebnisWelt Alpenbad leisure complex in Leutasch also has 2 indoor tennis courts as well as 3 squash courts.



## WHITEWATER SPORTS

An unforgettable experience in the great outdoors - and one that guarantees to get you wet! Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you can enjoy a tour through the Imster Schlucht gorge. You can book guided rafting tours in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.



## SHOPPING & MORE



Look on the bright side! A day like today is the perfect day to enjoy a spot of shopping. From exclusive boutiques to souvenir shops all with personal service and far from the hustle and bustle of the city, you're sure to find everything you need in the Olympiaregion Seefeld. An up-to-date shopping guide is available in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.

### KAUFMANNSCHAFT SEEFELD - SEEFELD ASSOCIATION OF RETAILERS AND RESTAURATEURS



The community of local merchants, Seefeld's Association of Retailers & Restaurateurs, has been in existence since 1996. Its motto: 'Romantic shopping in Seefeld'. This motto forms the basis of a whole host of different events in Seefeld. The association has a total of 36 member businesses including many fashion retailers. But in Seefeld you can also find sports shops, jewellers and florists, an optician, several grocery shops, hairstyling salons, cafés and restaurants, tobacconists and pet shops.

### WINE STORES/WINE AND SCHNAPS TASTINGS



Regular wine-tastings of a very special kind can be enjoyed in Seefeld at the Plangger delicatessen 'tre.culinaria' in combination with mouth-watering delicacies from the 'three countries corner'. Private wine tastings with top vintners and wine producers, schnaps tastings as well as dégustations of champagne, truffles, oil, cheese and other products are available any time by prior arrangement. Every Monday in Hotel Central you have the opportunity to taste Austrian wines and spirits in the hotel cellar. The wine store 'Vinothek Gernspitz' in Leutasch offers wine tastings on request and 'Pf's Souvenir' shop organises regular schnaps tasting events.

### DEMONSTRATION SMOKEHOUSE



In the 'Beim Rasler' smokehouse in Reith you can find out everything you've always wanted to know about smoking sausages and 'speck'. Home-made products are available for purchase.

### SEEFELD CASINO

Seefeld Casino is a popular venue in which to enjoy an evening of thrills and fun amid an enchanting atmosphere of elegance. On offer are roulette, blackjack, poker and baccarat and a wide selection of gaming machines with fantastic jackpots. Seefeld Casino is open daily from 1.00 pm. All you need to gain admission is to be at least 18 years of age and in possession of valid photo ID. You can purchase chips to the value of € 30,- for just € 27,-, or you can select from the many special packages on offer. Complementing the international spectrum of games are numerous events including fashion shows, live performances, game tournaments, presentations, gala evenings and special 'lucky day' events.



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

This action-packed, varied programme of activities is suitable for all our little guests aged 4 and over. From learning to perform magic to adventures, boredom doesn't stand a chance! And, because there's no such thing as bad weather when you've got the right clothing, all the activities take place no matter what the weather. The up-to-date programme of activities for kids can be found in the special folder (in four languages) which is available in all the information offices. It includes numerous ideas of fun things to do (indoors) when the weather is bad.



### SEEFELD CINEMA CINEPOINT

What better way to while away a rainy day than to sit on a soft, comfy cinema chair with a tub of popcorn and take in a Hollywood movie on the big screen. And you can enjoy just that in the Cinepoint cinema in Seefeld's Olympia sports and congress centre. Equipped with state-of-the-art projection and sound systems, it screens 3 different films every day (from top blockbusters to brand new releases) so there's something to suit everyone's taste. An up-to-date cinema programme is available in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.



## LIBRARIES



Take advantage of the bad weather and use the time to enjoy a good book. The villages of Seefeld (incl. DVD rental), Leutasch and Scharnitz all have libraries where you can select from a large choice of books - in foreign languages too. Please note the opening times.

## *OUTINGS SUGGESTIONS WITH SHORT WALKING DISTANCES*

### **PAST THE STATION OF THE CROSS TO THE STONE CIRCLE**



Seefeld's Parish Hill offers a unique attraction for young and old alike. The path, which was created in 2000, takes you past the 14 Stations of the Cross and on to the stone circle. Weighing up to 23 tons each, the erratic boulders which make up the stone circle have been placed in alignment in accordance with a particular astral constellation and they depict the last supper. The author Winfried Werner Linde had the idea of creating this wonderful place at the highest point of the Parish Hill as a peaceful meeting point for people of all the world's religions. Display boards on Parish Hill provide detailed information. You can extend your walk to the idyllic Wildsee lake which can be seen from the Parish Hill.

### **WILDSEE LAKE, SEEFELD**



The 'Kaiser-Maximilian-Weg' (Emperor Maximilian walking trail) runs around Seefeld's Wildsee lake and offers visitors a wealth of information about how this unique landscape came into being. The starting point for the themed walk is located south of Hotel Seespitz. From here, you walk in a southerly direction to the 'Reither Moor' marsh where you then follow the circular trail which eventually brings you back to the starting point. 11 display boards offer interesting information about the lake, the marsh, the flora, fauna and climate, and also about the history of the area, the forces of nature at play here and attempts to tame them.

## PEACE BELL IN MÖSERN

Situated on the westernmost hill of Mösern, the 'swallows' nest of the Tyrol' as it is affectionately known, the Peace Bell's location offers stunning panoramic views of the Inn Valley. The bell stands free amidst a breathtaking Alpine landscape and is the largest bell in the Tyrol. When rung at 5 pm every day, its peal can be heard far into Upper Tyrol. A pamphlet with info on the Peace Bell is available in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.



## SPIRIT GORGE IN LEUTASCH

Sinister streams and creepy cascades, witches' cauldrons and devilish ditches - the Leutasch Spirit Gorge opens up a craggy world of water-filled adventure. You can traverse the impressive gorge by means of a spectacular steel walkway that leads you high over the fast-flowing Leutascher Ache stream which flows into the River Isar in Mittenwald thus creating a bridge between Germany and Austria. Admission to the gorge is free. Not suitable for pushchairs or for walking dogs.



You can find an overview of all our hikes and themed walks in our Hiking and Culture Guidebook which is available for purchase in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld at a cost of € 3.

## *EXCURSION TRIPS IN THE OLYMPIAREGION SEEFELD*

### **BUS TRIP TO THE WILDMOOSALM**

Take the bus from Leutasch or Seefeld up to the Wildmoosalm mountain inn nestling amidst a breathtakingly scenic landscape protection area. The bus timetable is available in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.



### **HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES**

Enjoy an unforgettably romantic experience: Immerse yourself in the magical beauty of our forests and take in the breathtaking scenery from the comfort of a covered horse-drawn carriage. Awaiting you along the forest tracks and hiking



trails are countless traditional, rustic mountain huts where you can stop and savour mouth-watering local specialities. For further information on routes and prices contact any of the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld.

### **'LEUTASCHER ALPENEXPRESS' TRACTOR-DRAWN EXCURSION TRAIN**



From Mon to Sat you can enjoy a trip to some of the most picturesque alpine pastures and mountain huts in the Olympiaregion Seefeld. For further information take a look at the 'Alpenexpress' brochure which is available in all the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld. Pre-booking is essential!

### **TRACTOR-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE IN THE ALPENPARK KARWENDEL - AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION WHATEVER THE WEATHER**



Explore and enjoy the Alpenpark Karwendel in a totally new way - whatever the weather - together with retired local farmer and font of information Josef Draxl. The roofed tractor-pulled carriage offers a comfortable, dry journey through the valleys of the Karwendel range and lets you take in the stunning natural beauty of the nature reserve. Also on the agenda is a stop at one of the traditional, rustic mountain huts where you can savour mouth-watering original Alpine specialties such as dumplings, 'Spatzl', 'Schmarrn' and strudel. An experience that's sure to brighten up any rainy day.

### *EXCURSION TRIPS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA* **REGIONAL BUS NETWORK AND THE KARWENDELBAHN RAILWAY**



Explore the surrounding area by bus or by train. With a regional bus ticket costing € 12, guests can make use of all the public service buses in the Olympiaregion Seefeld to travel between the villages of Seefeld, Leutasch, Mösern/Buchen, Reith and Scharnitz throughout the duration of their holiday. For journeys outside these villages, the VVT tariffs (local public transport network tariffs) apply. The bus pass function can be added to guest cards in any of the information offices in the Olympiaregion Seefeld and in many of the region's hotels and guesthouses. (It is not available for

purchase in the buses themselves.) The 'Karwendelbahn' railway, Austria's first fully electrified railway, was opened in 1912 and stretches from Mittenwald to Innsbruck. Over a distance of 32.1 km, the train goes through 16 tunnels and over 18 high bridges and viaducts. You can also enjoy a day trip by train to Garmisch-Partenkirchen or Munich.

## BAVARIA

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### NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Neuschwanstein Castle is one of the most visited castles in Europe. Every year around 1.3 million people visit the castle of the so-called 'Fairytale King'. Its unique location high on a rock ledge over the Pöllat Gorge with the Alps in the distance could not be any more dramatic. The design of the interior is based on German myths of knighthood and the musical ideas of Richard Wagner.



### LINDERHOF PALACE

Linderhof Palace with its surrounding park is one of the most artistic and complex ensembles of the 19th century. The „Royal Villa“ is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria (1845-1886) was able to complete (1878). Influenced by French architecture it is modelled on the small summer palaces, usually set in parkland, that were built in France in the 18th century and were also often to be found in Germany in the parks of larger palaces. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world with motifs from the age of Louis XV of France. In Linderhof Palace Ludwig II created rooms of such incredible sumptuousness that they far surpass everything on which they were modelled, as well as showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality.



### GLENTLEITEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

The Glentleiten Open Air Museum is the largest of its kind in Southern Bavaria. It offers a detailed insight into the rural everyday life of the people of Upper Bavaria, their building culture and their working environment. More than 60 original, preserved buildings were translocated to Glentleiten and reconstructed, together with their furnishings, in accordance with historical models. The vast, multi-faceted museum grounds boast gardens, forests and meadows home to ancient animal species.



## INNSBRUCK

### GOLDEN ROOF WITH MUSEUM



The Golden Roof, Innsbruck's most renowned landmark, is situated in the heart of the Medieval Old Town. Emperor Maximilian I commissioned the construction of the magnificent alcove balcony with its 2657 fire-gilded copper shingles onto the former residence of Duke Frederick IV. Set between wild, acrobatic dancers, stone reliefs portray Maximilian's first wife, Mary of Burgundy, and his second wife Bianca Maria Sforza of Milan. The Golden Roof not only contains a museum bearing the same name (including a view from the stunning balcony!) in which visitors can sample a taste of life during the time of Maximilian and enjoy a very informative 15-minute film about Maximilian; it also houses the offices of the International Alpine Convention.

### MUSEUM OF TYROLEAN FOLK ART



Innsbruck's Museum of Tyrolean Folk Art ranks among the most beautiful of its kind in Europe. The various exhibition areas include 'Miniaturen des Evangeliums' (Gospel Miniatures - nativity scenes), 'Pralles Jahr' (Year Packed to the Brim), 'Prekäres Leben' (Perilous Life), 'Schein und Sein' (Illusion and Reality - traditional costumes), the Study Collection, and the 'Stuben' (Tyrolean-style parlours). An impressive preview also gives visitors a taste of the 'Hofkirche' Court Church.

### 'HOFKIRCHE' COURT CHURCH



The Court Church houses the tomb of Emperor Maximilian I, the Tyrol's most important monument. Flanking the table tomb are 28 larger-than-life bronze statues depicting Emperor Maximilian's ancestors and role models. The sarcophagus is adorned with marble reliefs showing scenes from the life of Emperor Maximilian I. Positioned in the gallery are bronze statuettes of those saints worshipped by the Habsburg family. Further attractions worth seeing in the Court Church include the Ebert Organ (1558), the Silver Chapel and the final resting place of Tyrolean freedom fighter Andreas Hofer.



## 'HOFBURG' IMPERIAL PALACE

Commissioned by Archduke Sigismund (known as Sigismund 'Rich in Coin') as a residence for the Tyrolean sovereigns, and completed under the rule of Maximilian I around 1500, the palace was remodelled in the style of the Viennese Late Baroque (1756-1770) on the orders of Maria Theresa, who fondly referred to it as her 'little Schönbrunn in the Alps'. With its 'Riesensaal' (giant hall) - the most imposing banqueting hall in the Alpine region - the Imperial Apartments, Maximilian's Armorial Tower and the chapel, as well as its event and exhibition rooms (Gothic cellar, Baroque cellar and foyer) the Imperial Palace is one of Austria's most important historical buildings.



## AMBRAS CASTLE

The Tyrolean sovereign Archduke Ferdinand II (1529-1595) commissioned the extension and remodelling of the mediaeval 'Burg Ambras' into a Renaissance castle. Educated in the humanities, the archduke had a museum specially built for his world-famous collections, a museum which today ranks as one of the oldest museums of the early modern period. Set amidst an English garden, the castle houses the Chamber of Armoury, the Cabinet of Art and Curiosities and the Spanish Hall, one of the most impressive freestanding halls of the Renaissance epoch.



## ALPENZOO, INNSBRUCK

Situated at the foot of the Nordkette mountain range, high above the rooftops of Innsbruck at an elevation of 750 m, is the Alpenzoo. Spread over an area of more than 4 hectares, the zoo is home to around 2,000 Alpine animals of 150 different species which are kept in near-to-nature enclosures, aquariums and terrariums. No other zoo in the world can boast such a complete collection of wild fauna of the Alpine region, which is only one of the reasons why the zoo has set many world-first breeding milestones and enjoys a remarkably high offspring success rate.



## TIROL PANORAMA MUSEUM



In 1896, the Munich-based artist Michael Zeno Diemer was commissioned with painting a panorama of the historical battle on the Bergisel mountain on a canvas almost 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> in size. Following a turbulent history the giant circular painting, the 'Rieserndgemälde', has now found a new home in the Tirol Panorama and forms the centrepiece of the museum. The Tyrol exhibition is dedicated to the 'legend of Tyrol' and focuses on four main themes - nature, politics, religion and people. With the aid of fascinating, surprising and occasionally bizarre exhibits, the exhibition

recounts historical stories, sheds light on their background and draws connections. Within the overall concept of the Tirol Panorama, the Kaiserjäger Museum (museum of the Imperial Tyrolean Infantry) is a 'museum within a museum'. Documenting the military history of the Tyrol between the 18th and 20th century, the museum's historical collection ties in directly with the drama of 1809.

## BERGISEL SKI JUMP STADIUM



Breathtaking views of Innsbruck, the fascination of a ski jumping venue with an Olympic past and contemporary architecture are what define the Bergisel ski jump. Designed by the eminent architect Zaha Hadid, the tower, the panoramic restaurant 'Café im Turm' and the viewing terrace can be reached in just minutes by means of two lifts.

## BELL MUSEUM - GRASSMAYR BELL FOUNDRY



The peel of bells created by the Tyrolean Grassmayr Bell Foundry can be heard in almost 100 countries around the globe. The art of bell casting has been preserved by the Grassmayr for 14 generations - 400 years of experience, history and tradition. The 'Bell Museum' offers a unique combination of bell foundry, bell museum and sound studio.

## WILTEN BASILICA

Wilten Basilica, a parish church and a place of pilgrimage, is one of Innsbruck's artistic gems. Earliest records of the 'Church of Our Dear Lady' date back to 1259 and the basilica was, thereafter, visited by huge numbers of pilgrims. The interior of the basilica is a kaleidoscope of subtle tones combined with magnificent gold and exquisite Rococo work. Created by Matthäus Günther from Augsburg, the elaborate ceiling frescoes depict Judith and Esther from the Old Testament and Mary as their successor in the New Testament. At the high altar, set in the aureole, is the 'Gnadenbild', a miraculous image in the form of a sandstone figure of the Madonna measuring around 9 cm and dating back to the beginning of the 14th century.



Further places well worth visiting in Innsbruck includes the 'Stadtturm' city tower, the Ferdinandeum State Museum and the museum in the 'Zeughaus' (arsenal).

## TIROL

### 'FASNACHT' CARNIVAL MUSEUM IN TELFS

The so-called 'Telfer Schleicherlaufen' is one of the most fascinating 'Fasnacht' carnival traditions in the Alps. On 29th November 2010, the 'Telfer Schleicherlaufen' was granted the official document confirming its inclusion in the Austrian UNESCO National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. In the 'Noafllhaus' museum, visitors can discover lots of interesting facts about the history of the origin of the 'Fasnacht' tradition and its significance, and about the individual figures and carnival groups.



### STAMS MONASTERY

The Cistercian abbey in Stams is one of the Austria's most renowned monastery complexes. It was founded in 1273 as a family endowment of the Counts of Gorizia by Meinhard II and his wife Elisabeth of Bavaria. Visitors to Stams can explore a host of interesting features including the Baroque monastery church, the high altar, the beautiful rose metalwork in the Heilig Blut chapel and the tombs of the sovereigns of the Tyrol in the princely vault.



## COIN MINT & HASEGG CASTLE IN HALL



With the aid of modern audio-guides, visitors can take a journey through 500 years of European coin history and discover all about the secrets of powerful mint masters and fascinating machines. Impressive highlight of the tour is the ascent up 186 steps to the top of the Mint Tower from where visitors can savour unforgettable views of the mediaeval Old Town of Hall and the majestic backdrop of the Karwendel mountain range. At the end of the tour you even have the chance to use the spindle press yourself and mint your very own personal coin as a unique souvenir of your visit to the birthplace of the 'thaler' and dollar.

## SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLDS WATTENS



Their twinkle, their sparkle cast a spell on all who behold them. Set amidst a freely accessible park, the Swarovski Crystal Worlds invite you to come and be amazed, to laugh and to have fun. Treat yourself to some carefree quality time. Year after year millions of guests visit the Chambers of Wonder of the Crystal Worlds created by André Heller, and immerse themselves in a fantastic universe of cut crystal. With cultural events such as 'Music in the Giant' and other special attractions like 'Giant Child's Play' for the youngest guests, the 'Kristallwelten' offers a pulsating world of wonder.

## ZEISS PLANETARIUM IN SCHWAZ



The ultimate cinematic space experience: Cosmic shows with interactive flights through space, classic astral heavens, starry fairytales, music shows and lots more! With the help of optical precision instruments, effect projections and audio and video equipment, the events that take place high above us in outer space, are visually presented and explained in a fully air-conditioned domed hall. Immerse yourself in the world of the stars!

## SILVER MINE IN SCHWAZ

Experience firsthand how, some 500 years ago, more than 10,000 miners went in search for silver and copper and find out how the Tyrol became one of the richest countries in Europe. Once upon a time Schwaz was the world's biggest mining centre producing more than 85% of the world's silver. Find out all there is to know about the biggest mine of the Middle Ages, about the arduous life of the miners and about the powerful merchants' guilds. 800 metres deep in the mountain you climb out of the clattering mine cart and find yourself immersed in the unique world of Schwaz's legendary silver mine.



## TRATZBERG CASTLE IN STANS

Built high above the Inn Valley in 1500, Tratzberg Castle served as a hunting lodge for Emperor Maximilian I and the Fugger family. Exquisitely furnished and significantly extended during the Renaissance, the castle has been in the private ownership of the Counts of Enzenberg since 1848. With the aid of a fascinating audio drama, emperors, knights and other aristocratic former owners take you on a 'personal' tour of the castle and show you its magnificent Renaissance rooms, its original furnished Gothic parlours, the hunting hall, the Gothic chapel as well as the unique mural painting of the Habsburg family tree with its 148 figures and the extensive collection of armoury.



## MUSEUM OF TYROLEAN FARMHOUSES IN KRAMSACH

The farming customs and traditional culture of the Tyrol have been preserved in this open-air museum. 14 true-to-original farmhouses from bygone years and from various Tyrolean valleys lend this extraordinary museum its unique charm. The walk around the museum, which takes around 1 2 hours, takes you on a journey through the whole of the Tyrol. A host of outbuildings and implements, including a saw, a mill, a blacksmith's workshop, a threshing barn, two chapels and the old school, give visitors an insight into the farming life of years gone by.



## UPSIDE-DOWN HOUSE IN TERFENS



Experience a topsy-turvy world in the village of Terfens. Visit an attraction of a very different kind, an attraction that is unique in Austria - a fully-furnished Upside-Down House! See the world from a bat's perspective. The ordinary becomes out-of-the-ordinary and everyday objects take on fascinating, new dimensions. All the furnishings are situated on the ceiling. Even the car parked in the garage can be viewed from beneath. Let your imagination run wild and take the most outrageous, hilarious and unbelievable photos. But beware! Your senses might play tricks on you! An unforgettable adventure for the whole family.

## EHRENBERG CASTLE WORLD



Ehrenberg Castle World offers a fascinating, fun-filled day for the whole family, whatever the weather! In former times the castle ensemble was an impregnable bastion and it served as the most important toll station between the northern and southern trade routes. Today, the gatehouse and the surrounding castle and fortress buildings rank among the oldest and most important fortifications in the Northern Tyrolean Alpine Uplands. Take a journey back in time to the Middle Ages! In the hands-on museum adults and children alike can gain an insight into the world of damsels and knights.

## KUFSTEIN FORTRESS



Kufstein Fortress - Historical landmark and modern event location under one roof. Kufstein Fortress is one of the Tyrol's most important historical monuments. Open every day it is not only a fascinating visitor attraction but also a spectacular and unique event location. Explore the fortress's various museums - from the museum of local history to the former state prison in the 'Kaiserturm' tower.

## HAPPYHOPP IN VOMP

2,000 square metres offering unparalleled fun - whatever the weather! The indoor play park Happyhopp offers non-stop fun and action for kids up to the age of 14 - a bouncy castle, a trampoline for higher-than-high jumps, a cool fun-shooter park, zippy go-karts, a rodeo bull, a volcanic climbing wall, a three-dimensional climbing frame with a huge pool of balls to dive into and fantastic slides. And a fun-filled tots area with a separate trampoline and giant building blocks for little ones aged one and over.



## ICE ART ARENA IN TELFS

Located in the town of Telfs beside the sport centre the ICE ART ARENA offer all-year-round ice skating.

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