

# ERLEBNIS CARD

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# The best tips for your holiday!

## Carinthian Station Shuttle

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## READY FOR ADVENTURE

The best tips for your holiday

### CARINTHIA

Villach  
Faaker See  
Ossiacher See



## Cycling

**DRAU CYCLE PATH R1**  
The Drau Cycle Path traverses seven different sections from the source of the Drau (Draul) from Töblicher Feld (in Italy) 510 km through East Tyrol and Carinthia, all the way to Maribor in Slovenia and on to Croatia. Two of these sections lead through the region of Villach. The routes are flat and easy to ride on, making them ideal for families!  
[www.draucycle.com/en](http://www.draucycle.com/en)

**Tip:** For the return journey take the MICOTRA train from Italy to Austria.  
[www.alpe-adria-erlebnis.com](http://www.alpe-adria-erlebnis.com)  
• Section 4: Spittal an der Drau - Villach (A2-H8)  
• Section 5: Villach - Tarvisiaty (H8-A12)

**CICLOVIA ALPE ADRIA CYCLE PATH R3C**  
From Salzburg to Grado in a week. Stretching across 415 km, the Ciclovía Alpe Adria route is divided into eight sections and also runs along the Drau Cycle Path.

**CARINTHIAN LAKE LOOP**  
Experience the sunny side of the Alps on the Carinthian Lake Loop! This 8-section tour takes you through six picturesque holiday regions and offers unforgettable nature experiences among a breathtaking mountain and lake backdrop. Ideal for all those who want to enjoy Carinthia's beauty to the fullest!  
[www.visitcarinthia.at/carinthian-lake-loop](http://www.visitcarinthia.at/carinthian-lake-loop)

### CYCLING

Countless easy and flat cycle paths that will awaken enthusiasm for cycling in everyone, including children! The lakeside circuits and routes running alongside rivers are particularly popular.

- Ossiacher See Cycling Tour - R2 and R2A (J7-M5)
- Gaialf Radweg R2 (A8-F10)
- Manor house tour (M8-J8)

### MOUNTAIN BIKE

Flow downhill and challenging single trails set in breathtaking natural scenery. The perfect combination of adrenaline and nature experience – get ready for an unforgettable adventure.

- Trailcenter Lake Ossiacher See, 15 Trails (J10-J11-K10)
- Trailcenter Lake Faaker See, 25 Trails (K6-L6)
- HIKOlines Trail on the Gerlitzen Alpe (H8)
- Pumptrack Lake Afritzer (G4)
- Pumptracks in Drobollach-Faaker See (J9)
- Family Playground Ossiacher See (J7)



### RACING BIKES

Glorious scenic roads, sharp passes, 3-country-tours (Carinthia, Italy, Slovenia) and the world champion feeling on a former World Champion track – the many routes in and around Villach offer a very special kind of racing bike experience!

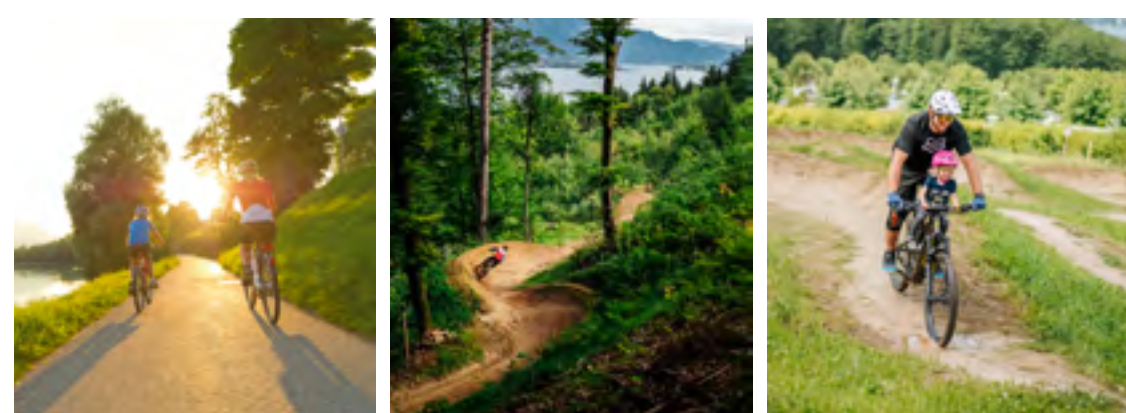
- Three-Countries-Tour-AT-ITA-SLO (J10-G18-B13)
- Drei Seen-Tour-Ossiacher-See-Wörthersee-Faaker-See (L5)
- Higelrunde Ossiacher-See-Mitterkärnten (L5-N6-A4)

### BICYCLE BUSES IN THE REGION

From April until the start of November, the bicycle transport buses run from Lake Ossiacher See and Lake Faaker See to various destinations. The individual return journey by bike takes you along the Drau Cycle Path, the Gail Cycle Path or the Ciclovía Alpe Adria Cycle Path. The Erlebnis CARD gives you access to discounted tickets for the bicycle buses!  
[card.visitvillach.at](http://card.visitvillach.at)

### ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR CYCLISTS

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON BICYCLE OFFERS ALONG THE WHOLE OF CARINTHIA AT: [RADLAND-KAERNTEN.AT](http://RADLAND-KAERNTEN.AT)



## Hiking

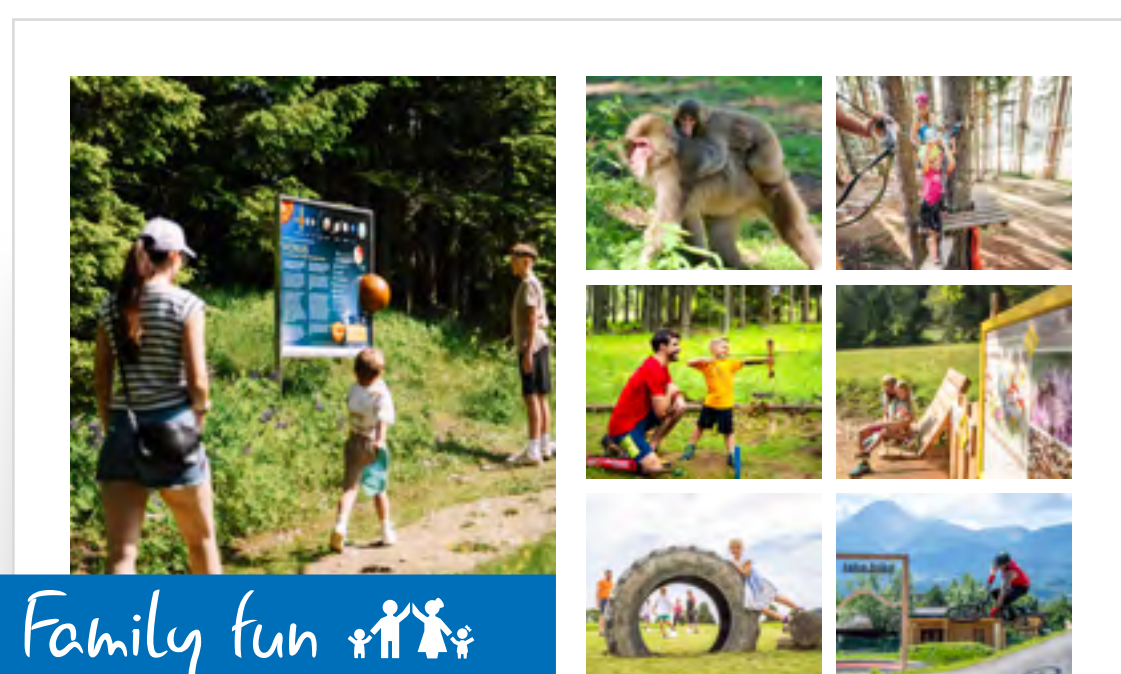
### LONG-DISTANCE HIKING TRAILS

With the Alpe Adria Trail and the Panoramaweg Südtirol, the region of Villach is also part of an international long-distance hiking trail. The Alpe Adria Trail connects the three countries of Carinthia, Slovenia and Italy and leads from the foot of the Grossglockner through the most beautiful Carinthian mountain and lake regions and ends in Maggia on the Adriatic. The Panoramaweg Südtirol extends the Carnic High Trail and runs from the village of Thörl-Magden to Zribitzkogel in Styria. Of the 20 sections in total, four lead through the region of Villach and offer breathtaking panoramic views and tangible Alpe Adria flair.  
[www.alpe-adria-trail.com](http://www.alpe-adria-trail.com), [www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at), [www.panoramaweg.at](http://www.panoramaweg.at)

### GERLITZEN ALPE & LAKE OSSIACHER SEE

The Gerlitzen Alpe is the family adventure mountain by Lake Ossiach. The Cable cars Gerlitzen Kanzelbahn takes you to the summit. Once at the top, you have an unparalleled 360-degree panoramic view of Carinthia's mountains and lakes. But there are also plenty of hiking trails of all difficulty levels to be discovered around Lake Ossiacher See and along the Ossiach Tauern mountain ridge.

- Ossiacher See Trail (J8-K10)
- Castle Landskrön-Burgherrnrunde (J7)
- Ossiacher Schilchweg (L6)
- T-Rainbogen Circuit (J5)
- Slow Trail Bressanin-Moser (L5-G3-J9-J8)
- Bergsteig 100 and Hüttersteig (H6-J6)
- Kanzelhöhe-The path of the planets (J6)
- Finsterbacher Wasserfall Circuit (J6)



## Family fun

**LAKE BIKE PUMPTRACKS**  
Discover action and fun on the lake bike pumptracks in Drobollach and Lake Afritzer! If you enjoy waves and bends, you'll find the perfect place here. You don't have a waver bike? Use our lake bike hire service directly at Lake Faaker See and start your pumptrack adventure right away. In addition to the pumptrack, the SOCCERzone offers fun for the whole family with its 18-hole football golf course.  
[www.lakebikeskills19.44](http://www.lakebikeskills19.44)

**CLIMBING & FAMILY FOREST LAKE OSSIACHER SEE**  
While the littlest kids enjoy exploring the Family Forest, older children can climb through the trees with the adults with spectacular views of the lake. The dense cover provided by the foliage makes this an ideal excursion even in rainy weather and on hot days.  
[www.familywald.at/L6](http://www.familywald.at/L6)

**FAMILY ADVENTURE HIKING TRAILS**  
Hiking fun for young and old can be found on the family adventure hiking trails. On the "Tou" Trail in Oberach, you follow the little fox Fiedelien on his search for the goose Frieda. Barefoot through the dragon forest! is the motto of the "Don Woyoun's Tail" hiking trail in Drobollach. On the Gerlitzen Alpe – The path of the planets provides exciting insights into our solar system. [www.kaernten.at/sport](http://www.kaernten.at/sport)

**BURGHERRNRÜNDE-CASTLE LANDSKRÖN**  
Explore the Burgherrnrunde around the imposing Castle Landskrön! Breathtaking views, exciting legends and fascinating insights into nature and history await you on hiking paths. An unforgettable hiking experience for the whole family!  
[www.visitvillach.at/77](http://www.visitvillach.at/77)

**"HOCHHINAUF" HIGH ROPES COURSE TABOR**  
The High Rope Course in a forest on Tabor hill, steel cables, wobbly bridges and nets are posed between trees. This forest high ropes course offers brilliant views, surprising challenges and tonnes of fun!  
**Tip:** Right next to the high ropes course is a forest mini-golf course and a 3D archery park.  
[www.hochhinauf.at/K9](http://www.hochhinauf.at/K9)

**ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR FAMILIES**  
• Wurzelpark Arrach (J4)  
• Ossiach Summer Toboggan Run (L6)  
• You can find more tips for families on Rainy Days and Day Trip

## Day trip

**LAKE OSSIACHER SEE BOATING TRIPS**  
Discover the region from the water. Take a panoramic trip around Lake Ossiach complete with on-board explanations by the captain. You can get on and off at every stop.  
[www.ossiaschere-schiffahrt.at/J7-L5](http://www.ossiaschere-schiffahrt.at/J7-L5)

**1 CASTLE - 4 ATTRACTIONS**  
Whether it's the eagle arena or the monkey mountain, hiking fun or culinary delights – leisure fun for the whole family is guaranteed at Castle Landskrön. [www.visitvillach.at/77](http://www.visitvillach.at/77)

**VILLACH ALPINE ROAD**  
This 16.5 km long toll road leads to the top of Drobollach. Along the way, the Alpine Road offers frequent breathtaking glimpses of Villach and the surrounding mountains. Also located directly on this stretch of road are the Alpengarten botanical garden spanning 10,000 m² and, right next to this, the barrier-free Skywalk Drobollach, the overhanging viewing platform at over 1,480 m above sea level. [www.naturparkdrobatsch.at/H8-E9](http://www.naturparkdrobatsch.at/H8-E9)

**CABLE CAR-GERLITZEN ALPE**  
Allow the unique combination of mountain and lake scenery to inspire you. Cozy, rustic huts will tempt you with traditional dishes. Here, a very special day trip is guaranteed!  
[www.gerlitzen.com/j6](http://www.gerlitzen.com/j6)

**OSSIACHER LABEY**  
The church is located right next to the emerald-green Lake Ossiach and was built around the year 1000. It is a former abbey church of Carinthia's oldest Benedictine abbey; today, among other things, it hosts the cultural festival "Carinthian Summer". [www.paddelstadi.at](http://www.paddelstadi.at)

**SLOW TRAILS-CARINTHIA**  
Trails that inspire. Slow Trails are relaxed paths free from stress, all of which are more than ten kilometers long and have no more than 300 metres in elevation gain. None of them takes more than three hours to complete. Each Slow Trail has its own distinct character. Its own history – some have a mystical enchantment, some feature architecturally fascinating elements, and all of them have gorgeous views into the distance. [www.kaernten.at/slowtrails](http://www.kaernten.at/slowtrails)

**THE SLOW TRAILS IN THE REGION:**  
• Slow Trail Faaker See (J9)  
• Slow Trail Ossiacher See (L5-L6)  
• Slow Trail Afritzer See (G3-G4)  
• Slow Trail Monastery Wernberg (J8-J9)

**MORE DAY TRIP DESTINATIONS**  
• 1 castle - 4 attractions at Castle Landskrön (J7)  
• (Buntwerk) Kratal and Süssler Court (H6)  
• Castle Jurek Eisenstein (J16)  
• Monastery ruins Arnoldstein (E10)  
• Find more tips for day trips at [www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at)

## Sports

**WATER SPORTS**  
Nine lakes in the region provide pure swimming pleasure. The water in the lakes has drinking water quality and is up to 27°C warm in summer! There are many water sports on offer, especially on the larger lakes, such as canoeing, stand-up paddling, water skiing and much more. The Tip: Faaker See kayak centre offers courses and attractive trips. [www.paddelstadi.at](http://www.paddelstadi.at), [www.visitvillach.at/watersports](http://www.visitvillach.at/watersports)

**CLIMBING: ROTSCHITZA KLAMM, KANZIANBERG & PETERLEWAND**  
The Via Ferrata tour in the Roschitzta Klamme leads along the refreshing mountain stream high above Lake Faaker See. The Kanzianberg, one of the largest climbing gardens in Carinthia, is located in the immediate neighbourhood. With around 600 routes and numerous via ferratas. At Lake Ossiacher See, the Peterlewand offers a variety of climbing routes and impressive views. [www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at), [www.kanzianberg.com](http://www.kanzianberg.com) [www.peterlewand.com](http://www.peterlewand.com)

**PARAGLIDING**  
Enjoy an unforgettable flight from the Gerlitzen Alpe with spectacular views of the Lake Ossiacher See. Whether a tandem flight for beginners or experienced pilots – paragliding on Lake Ossiacher See promises a unique adventure in a fantastic setting!  
[www.visitvillach.at/paragliding/15](http://www.visitvillach.at/paragliding/15)

**FREIZEITBASE VILLACH**  
The Freizeitbase am Drauzertassen Promenade offers experiences on and alongside the Drau, as well as in house SUP, kayak and canoe hire. [www.paddelstadi.at/freizeitbase/H8](http://www.paddelstadi.at/freizeitbase/H8)

**SKIING**  
Powder snow and pistes galore! During the cold time of the year, the region is transformed into a winter paradise. The Ski center Gerlitzen Alpe and the Dreiländereck offers skiing fun for the whole family. **Tip:** Check out the excellent ski and snowboard schools. [www.gerlitzen.com](http://www.gerlitzen.com), [www.dreilaendereck.at](http://www.dreilaendereck.at) [www.elli11111.com](http://www.elli11111.com)

**SCHLOSS FINKENSTEIN GOLF CLUB**  
This splendid golf course by Lake Faak features 18 holes. Pioneering landscapes, minimal altitude differences, a pitch and putt facility as well as spacious fairways and perfect greens offer one-of-a-kind golfing pleasure for beginners and pros. [www.golf-finkenstein.at/110](http://www.golf-finkenstein.at/110)

**ADDITIONAL SPORTS TIPS**  
• Sport Arena Lake Ossiacher See (J6-J6a)  
• Nature Active Park Lake Faaker See (K3)  
• Sports Arena Bad Bleiberg (D7)  
• Villach Alpine Arena (H8)  
• Trail Running Arena Wernberg (H9)  
• Puch Natural Swimming Pool (G6)  
• Voluum Building Gym (H9)  
• Draupaddelweg (A2-P11)  
• Trend Sports Village Wassenboden Villach (H8)  
• "Keep Fit" Park Arnoldstein (E10)  
• Naturfreunde Bowlingtreff Hall in St. Martin/Villach (H8)  
• High Ropes Courses Taborhöhe, Gerlitzen Alpe and Lake Ossiach (see Family Fun)

## Museums

**TAFF-TIMER CAR MUSEUM**  
Here, speed across over 4,000 m² technology and automobile fans will find more than 250 historical and current cars, from the Mercedes EVO 2 and the Chevrolet 110 to rare vintage cars. Come and marvel at these one-of-a-kind specimens and find out fascinating information about them.  
[www.automuseum-villach.at/18](http://www.automuseum-villach.at/18)

**BUNKERMUSEUM WURZENPASS**  
Keep secret for decades – now accessible to the public! A monument to the Cold War with fortifications, bunkers, fortresses, weapons and tanks – a truly unforgettable journey into a hitherto "hidden world!"  
[www.bunker-museum.at/111](http://www.bunker-museum.at/111)

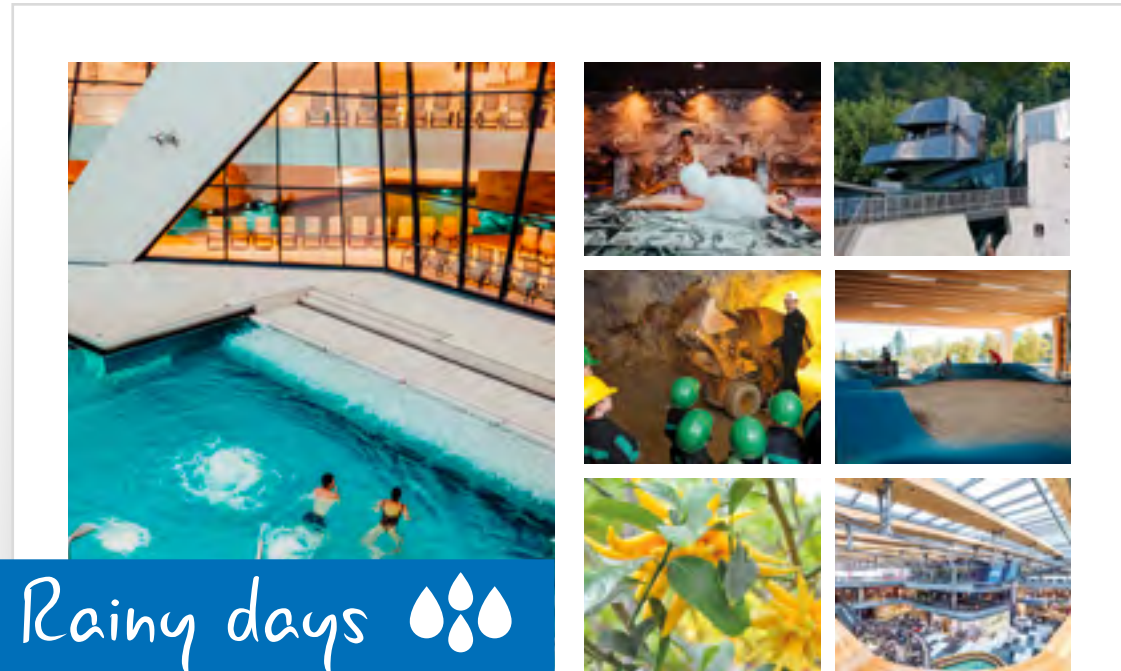
**ART-LOGGE VERDITZ**  
Discover fascinating art in a converted farmhouse and stroll over an alpine meadow and marvel at the over 20 sculptures. Enjoy a new perspective on art and landscape design with a beautiful view over our region. [www.artlogge.at/7](http://www.artlogge.at/7)

**MUSEUM OF THE NÖTSCH CIRCLE**  
The Museum of the Nötsch Circle in the town centre of Nötsch is dedicated to the life and works of painter Sebastian Isopp (1884-1954), Anton Kolig (1886-1950), Franz Wiggole (1887-1944) and Anton Mairinger (1902-1976).  
[www.noetschmuseum.at/19](http://www.noetschmuseum.at/19)

**THE MUSHROOM & ELLI RIEHL PUPPET MUSEUM**  
Austria's only mushroom museum invites you to an fascinating 1,000 m² journey through a fantasy forest. **Tip:** Since 2005, the museum also presents the charming Elli Riehl Puppet World: over 400 handmade puppets bring scenes of rural Carinthian life to life – humorous, touching and full of detail. A cultural highlight for the whole family! [www.bad-bleiberg.at/7](http://www.bad-bleiberg.at/7)

**MINING MUSEUM BAD BLEIBERG**  
The Mining Museum offers fascinating insights into the history of mining in the region. With its exhibits, the museum presents the legacy of mining and its significance for the local culture. One of the highlights is the world's only lead cult wagon.  
[www.bad-bleiberg.at/7](http://www.bad-bleiberg.at/7)

**ADDITIONAL MUSEUM TIPS**  
• Carinthia Relief Model (H8)  
• Villach City Museum (H8)  
• Terra Mystica & Terra Montana (C7)  
• Brittenmuseum Plassen in Villach (H8)  
• You can also find more museums in the Villach tips



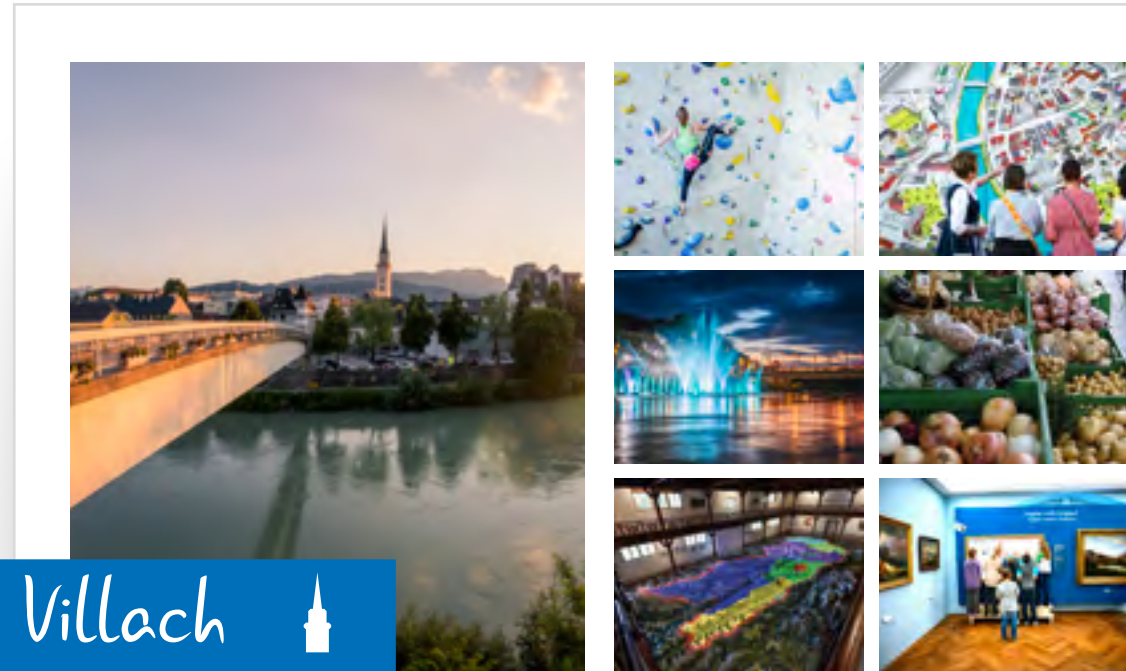
## Rainy days

**KÄRNTENTHERME WARMBAD-VILLACH**  
Austria's most modern spa experience in the heart of the region of Villach. 11,000 m² of FUN, FITNESS and SPA – among the slide tower and crazy river, hot sauna infusions, spa treatments and thermal pools. A simply fantastic place to turn up the relaxation and switch off the stress.  
[www.kaerntentherme.com/H9](http://www.kaerntentherme.com/H9)

**TERRA MYSTICA & TERRA MONTANA**  
Europe's longest miners' slide (68 m) takes you down into the wondrous world of Terra Mystica. Seven captivating multimedia shows provide insight into the culture of the miners who worked here. A ride in the mining shaft at the end makes for a unique experience. With mining machines that have been put back into action, you can experience the working world of the miners in Terra Montana then and now. And right next door to the amazing caricature museum, Terra Humorsität. **Tip:** Discover the fascinating mining legacy – free of charge in the mining museum. [www.terra-mystica.at/07](http://www.terra-mystica.at/07)

**CITRUS GARDEN LAKE FAAKER SEE**  
Around 280 types of citrus fruits are on display at the Park am See Citrus Garden. Visitors can marvel at Austria's largest collection of citrus fruits all year round and in all weathers. This unique experience comes with plenty of fascinating botanical facts and a tangy, fruity tasting session.  
[www.zitrusgarten.at/110](http://www.zitrusgarten.at/110)

**ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR RAINY DAYS**  
• Escape Room - Baumstein (A18)  
• Cineplex Villach and Villach Cinema (H8-H8)  
• VEZ and Neukauf Shopping Centres (H7-H8)  
• Gerlitzen Seilbahn Raindrop Rides (July-August) (J8)  
• Indoor Pumptrack (J9)  
• Even more tips for rainy days can be found under Day Trips and Museums



## Villach

**DOWNTOWN VILLACH**  
Carinthia's second-largest city enchants its visitors with a variety of options: stroll through its alleys and courtyards, go shopping in the Old Town, explore the city's history or sip on a coffee at one of the many café terraces on the main square.  
[www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at)

**CLIMBING HILL VILLACH**  
The 2,000 m climbing hill offers over 250 climbing and bouldering routes, an outdoor climbing wall, speed tracks and much more – perfect for beginners, professionals and families.  
[www.kletterhillevillach.at/H8](http://www.kletterhillevillach.at/H8)

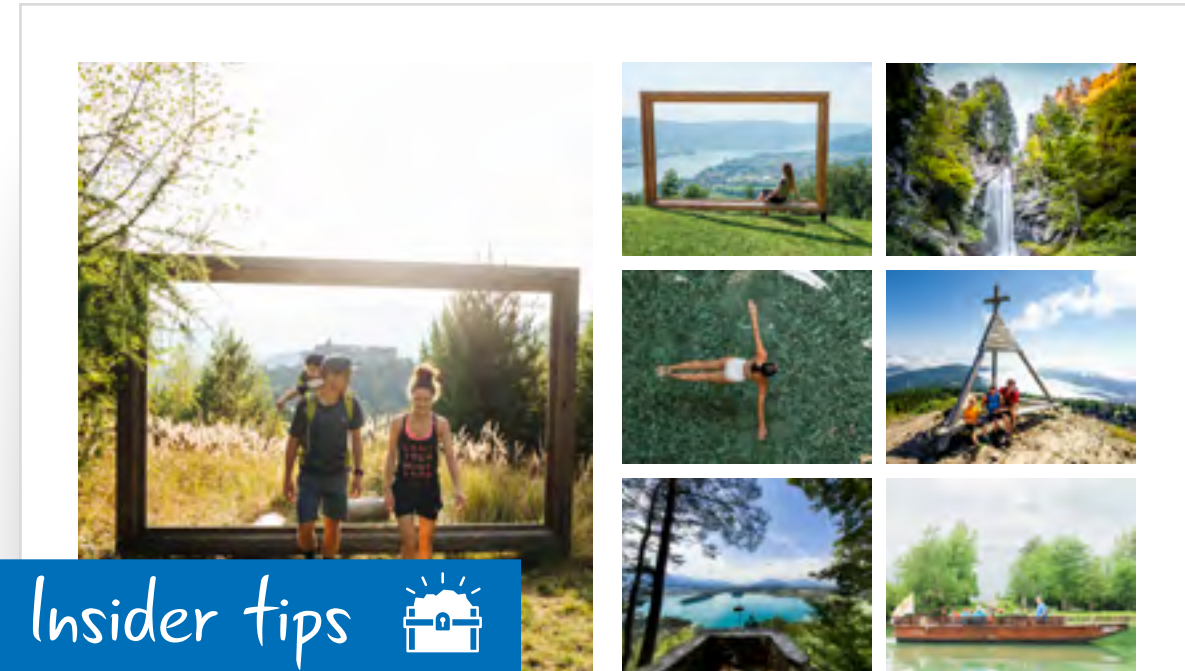
**CITY PARISH TOWER**  
Villach's Roman Catholic main parish church is dedicated to Saint Jacob. The church tower is the highest accessible one of its kind in Carinthia and, from the top, has a splendid view of Villach and the surrounding area.  
[www.visitvillach.at/H8](http://www.visitvillach.at/H8)

**GUIDED CITY TOURS**  
Discover the historical diversity of Villach alongside our Carinthia guides! Exciting themed city tours and walks around the Old Town - free of charge with the Erlebnis CARD! [www.visitvillach.at/H8](http://www.visitvillach.at/H8)

**WEEKLY MARKET AND ORGANIC FARMER'S MARKET**  
Each Wednesday and Saturday, regional specialties are offered to the public at the weekly market, directly by the banks of the Drau and in the market hall. On Fridays, the organic farmer's market is held at Hans-Gasner-Platz. [www.visitvillach.at/H8](http://www.visitvillach.at/H8)

**VILLACH CITY MUSEUM**  
The museum offers a comprehensive insight into the history, art and culture of the city. It was founded in 1873 and is one of the oldest and most charming city museums in Austria.  
[www.villach.at/stadt-erleben-museum-deer-stadt/H8](http://www.villach.at/stadt-erleben-museum-deer-stadt/H8)

**ADDITIONAL VILLACH TIPS**  
• Alpein-Adria Media Library (H8)  
• Neubauwerktheater Theater (H8)  
• Villacher Burg Showroom (free admission) (H8)  
• Villach Eyewear Museum (H8)



## Insider tips

**PHOTO SPOT: GIANT PICTURE FRAMES**  
We've got the "frame work" for your perfect holiday photo! The eight photo frames can be found at Egger Marterl, on the Gerlitzen Alp, at Verditz, on the Burgherrnrunde trail, on the Finsterbacher and Süssler hiking trails, in Bodersdorf in the lakeside park and at the "Markus" tunnel in Bad Bleiberg. [www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at)

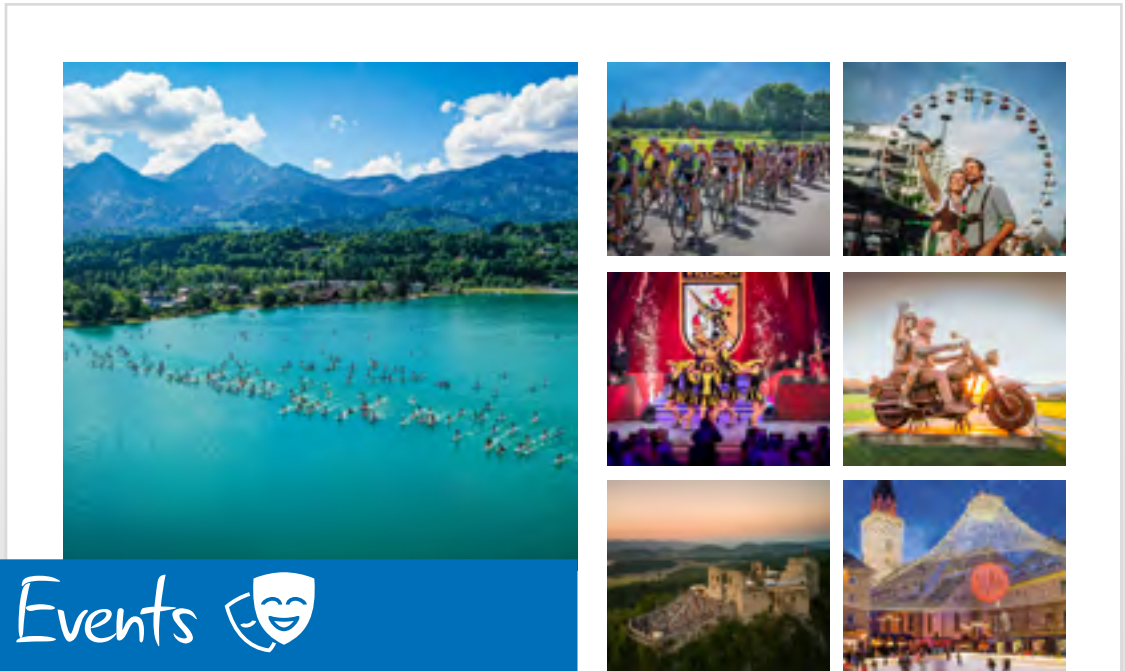
**SOURCE POOL WARMBAD-VILLACH**  
One thing you won't experience anywhere else in Austria is floating directly above the thermal spring, which naturally flows from the depths of the earth through gravel into the thermal spring pool at around 23°C. Little pebbly stones of thermal water bubble up and renew the entire contents of the pool every three hours. Pain-relieving and anti-inflammatory. Stress-reducing and soothing. [www.warmbad.com/H9](http://www.warmbad.com/H9)

**LOOKOUT POINTS**  
Many spots in the region offer marvellous views of the mountain and lake landscape. Especially worth your while is the "Markus" tunnel. Here, you have a fabulous view of Bad Bleiberg, Drobollach and Mittagskogel. With a little luck, you might even run into the miner who sells tales of the Bad Bleiberg tunnels and the mining tradition almost daily here. Further popular viewpoints are Taborhöhe at Lake Faak, the viewing platform on the Gerlitzen Alp, the church in Sernberg and the "Jungfernsprung" at Lake Ossiach. [www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at)

**FINSTERBACH WATERFALLS**  
A small but delightful natural wonder! Very near the centre of the village of Satterdorf is the first of the three waterfalls and the entrance to the hiking trail. The hike leads along the three waterfalls and features a gorgeous panoramic view of the lakes. Rainbow phenomena guarantee magic moments and on hot summer days, in particular, the cool air around the waterfalls feels wonderful. [www.visitvillach.at/j6](http://www.visitvillach.at/j6)

**LANSACH-FEHRNITZ DRAU FERRY**  
The Lansach-Fehrnitz Drau ferry ties in with the decades of ferry tradition here. While ferries were an important means of transport "back then", today's ferry helps cyclists, hikers and all those who want to indulge in little nostalgia to cross the river. [www.weissenstein.at](http://www.weissenstein.at), [www.patemon.at/15](http://www.patemon.at/15)

**ADDITIONAL INSIDER TIPS**  
• Wiegelt Mill in Nötsch (C9)  
• Eisenwerk Panna Factory (H8)  
• Observatory at Alpbühel Paschersee (H9)  
• Kelleberg Leisure Facility with Drau playground (G6)



## Events

**CONCERTS**  
In summer, things start to get really musical, when the Carinthian Summer puts on its programme in the entire region. Concerts are also regularly held in the Castle arena Finkenstein, in the Villach Concert Center, in the Carinthian Music Academy (CMA) at Ossiach Abbey and in the Arnoldstein monastery ruins. All dates can be found at [events.visitvillach.at](http://events.visitvillach.at)

**VILLACH KIRCHTAG**  
Each year at the start of August, the Villach Kirchtag draws over 400,000 visitors to the festively decorated Villach Old Town. Austria's biggest traditional festival is a true spectacle for young and old alike. [www.villachkirchtag.at/H8](http://www.villachkirchtag.at/H8)

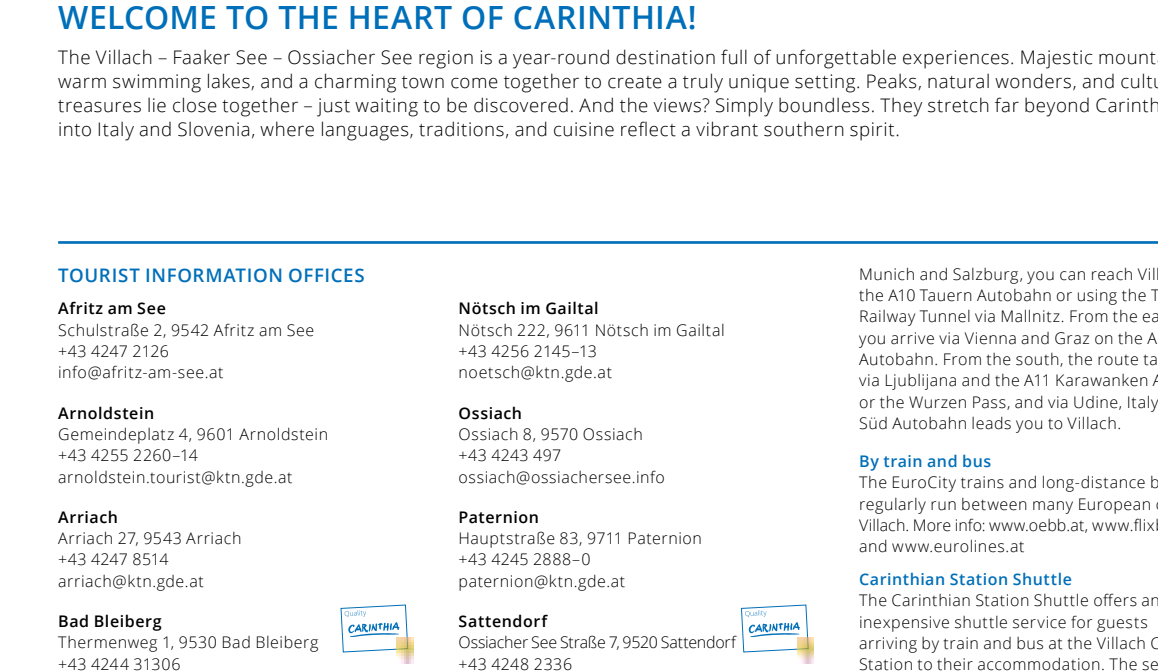
**VILLACH FASCHING (CARNIVAL)**  
"Lil'le" is the battle cry of Villach's Fasching guild, and its festive guests to its annual sessions in the Villach Congress Centre. The highlight is the Carnival Sunday, where all the Villach locals don their masks to participate in the carnival parade in the Old Town.  
[www.villachfasching.at/H8](http://www.villachfasching.at/H8)

**SPORTS EVENTS**  
The region of Villach regularly hosts international sports events, plenty of art and culinary offerings as well as an extensive programme of activities for children. Here are just a couple of the highlights to be had.  
[www.visitvillach.at](http://www.visitvillach.at)

**EUROPEAN BIKE WEEK**  
Once a year, Harley Davidson riders and bikers from all around the world meet at Lake Faak for Europe's biggest bike event. The highlight: the Harley Davidson parade. [www.bikeweek.at/j9-10](http://www.bikeweek.at/j9-10)

**ADVENT**  
During Advent, downtown Villach is transformed into a sea of lights. With over 60 booths, tonnes of events, plenty of art and culinary offerings as well as an extensive programme of activities for children, visitors will be charmed by the Advent & Christmas market in Villach. Further Advent markets and events can be found throughout the entire region, such as the Mining Advent and the Barbara Market in Bad Bleiberg. [www.villachadvent.at](http://www.villachadvent.at), [www.bad-bleiberg.at/H8-E7](http://www.bad-bleiberg.at/H8-E7)

**ADDITIONAL EVENT TIPS**  
• Summer Cinema in Villach (July and August)  
• IHRITZ Cultural Summer Arrivals (July - August)  
• Ossiach Arts & Crafts Market (mid-August)  
• Various farmer's markets and street food markets

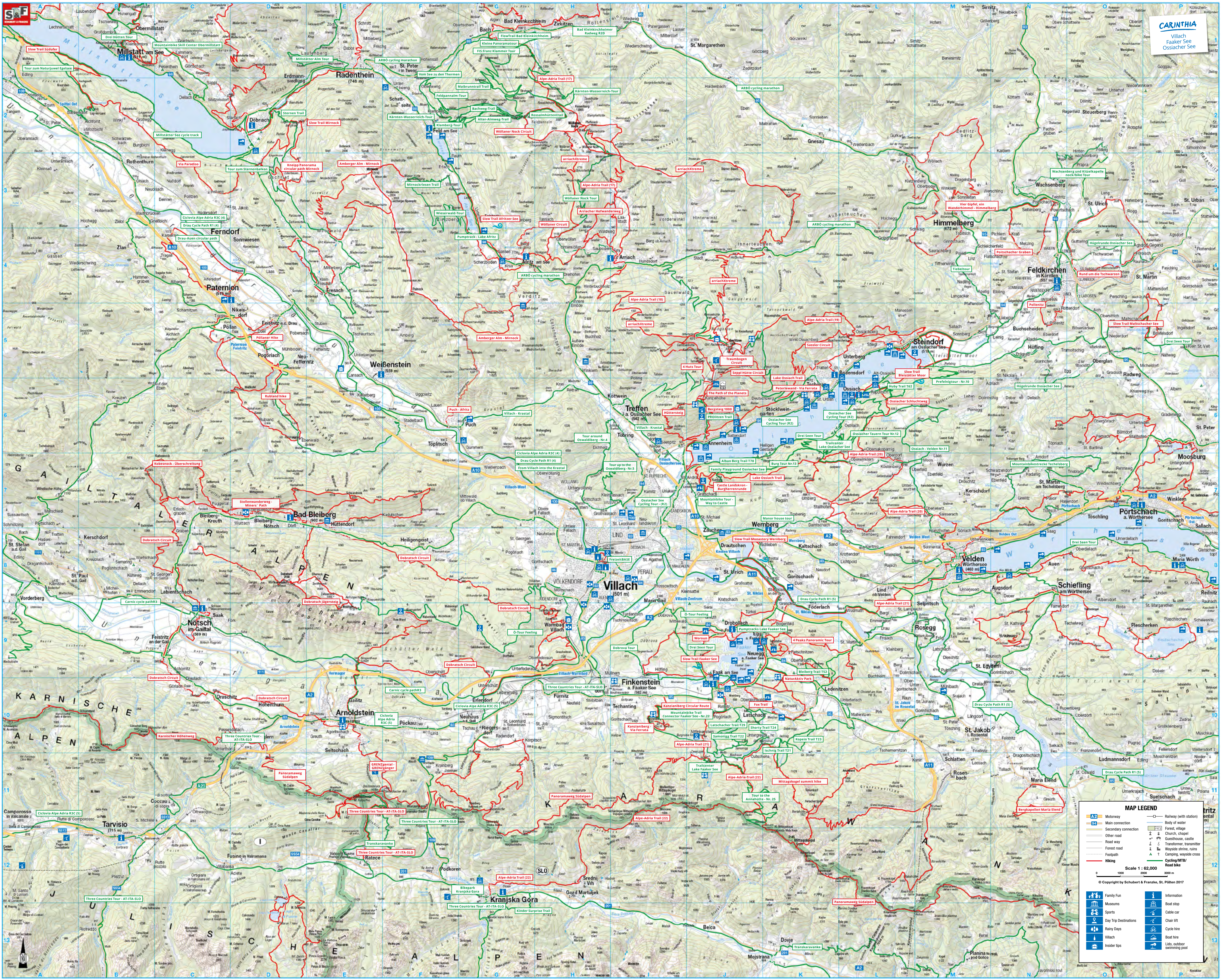


## WELCOME TO THE HEART OF CARINTHIA!

The Villach – Faaker See – Ossiacher See region is a year-round destination full of unforgettable experiences. Majestic mountains, warm swimming lakes, and a charming town come together to create a truly unique setting. Peaceful natural wonders, and cultural treasures lie close together – just waiting to be discovered. And the views? Simply boundless. They stretch far beyond Carinthia into Italy and Slovenia, where languages, traditions, and cuisine reflect a vibrant southern spirit.

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By train and bus  
The Carinthian Rail and long-distance buses regularly run between many European cities and Villach. More info: [www.fibus.at](http://www.fibus.at) and [www.eurodirect.at](http://www.eurodirect.at)  
Carinthian Station Shuttle  
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By plane  
There are several airports in the area around Villach, all of which are accessible by bus, train or airport shuttle. The closest airports are located in Klagenfurt, Ljubljana, Graz and Salzburg.  
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