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# CONFERENCES IN AUSTRIA

Congress and conference organisers from all over the world like Austria. For practical reasons, on the one hand: Austria is easy to get to, impresses with its nature, has an active cultural scene and is known for its excellent cuisine. But organisers and participants also value the Austrian sense of hospitality. Whether at the conference locations or hotels, the hosts create an atmosphere that makes meetings a success, with warmth, attention, experience and professionalism. What also distinguishes Austrian hosts is their ability to stage events with the right combination of competence and creativity, facilitating everything that could possibly be possible.

#### Profound professionalism and charm

From the cities to the rural regions, you will find well-equipped conference locations and hotels everywhere. Highly qualified teams ensure that events are a success. Tourism training in Austria is internationally known for its high standard and the experts at the convention bureaus are on hand to help you find suitable locations and put together the perfect programme. The Austrian Convention Bureau and the convention bureaus in all nine provinces offer this service free of charge.

#### Impressive nature and sustainability

In the village, surrounded by vineyards, high up in the mountains or by a lake? Those searching for a conference location outside of the city are spoilt for choice in Austria with plenty of options for active or enjoyable accompanying programmes. Green Meetings & Events are a given in many places, from rural regions to the cities.

#### Great culture and inspiration

Looking to hold a meeting within historical or contemporary architecture? Want to end the congress with a ball, concert or theatre performance? How about enhancing the conference programme with a museum visit or city tour? Cultural treasures and events make Austria's rich tradition and vibrant present particularly tangible.

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# AUSTRIA IN GENERAL



### **BURGENLAND**

#### **Burgenland Convention**

In Burgenland – the sunny side of Austria – there are 47 locations for congresses, conferences and seminars to choose from. Options include a conference centre, heritage sites, wineries, charming family establishments, hotels and resorts. Burgenland Convention works with a variety of providers to compile bespoke programmes, as well as event agencies, transfer companies and caterers.

#### Web

www.burgenland.info (German only)

### CARINTHIA

#### **Convention Carinthia**

Convention Carinthia cooperates with various conference and congress locations – from hotels on lakes and in the mountains to wine estates and sports stadiums. The team can also put you in touch with a range of companies offering side programmes, event agencies and caterers.

#### Web

convention.kaernten.at

# LOWER AUSTRIA

#### Convention Bureau Lower Austria

The Convention Bureau Lower Austria unites 50 certified partners. These include 27 conference and congress locations from castles to monasteries and museums, 16 conference and seminar hotels in urban and rural areas as well as event agencies, regional convention bureaus and catering partners.

#### Web

convention.lower-austria.info

# **UPPER AUSTRIA**

#### Convention Bureau Upper Austria

The Convention Bureau Upper Austria brings together 32 partners that include six congress centres, eleven locations from factory buildings to museums and ships and nine seminar hotels. It works with experts from five tourism regions to design supporting programmes.

#### Web

www.upperaustria.com

### SALZBURG

#### Salzburg Convention Bureau

The Salzburg Convention Bureau unites 63 conference and congress locations under the name "meet Salzburg". The choice ranges from convention centres in the city to hotels in mountain villages. The team also establishes contact with event agencies, service providers from a variety of areas and companies offering all kinds of accompanying programmes.

#### Web

www.meetsalzburg.com

# STYRIA

#### Steiermark Convention

Steiermark Convention offers 38 locations across Styria, ranging from urban congress centres and castles to hotels in cities, in the mountains and in wine-growing or spa regions. There are also 55 suppliers to choose from that can support your event with a bespoke programme.

Web

www.steiermark.com

# TIROL

#### **Convention Tirol**

The Convention Tirol network combines 46 conference and congress locations, from conference centres to hotels. The locations are to be found in cities, villages, high up in the mountains or in the heart of the countryside. The convention bureau also has numerous partners when it comes to cuisine, incentive programmes, transfer services and event planning.

#### Web

www.convention.tirol

# VORARLBERG

#### **Convention Partner Vorarlberg**

Convention Partner Vorarlberg offers 118 locations for congresses, conferences and seminars across the province. The choice ranges from congress centres in cities to seminar rooms in former factories, mountain huts, hotels and ships on Lake Constance.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

## VIENNA

#### Vienna Convention Bureau

The congress locations in Vienna are experienced in implementing events for more than 10,000 participants. The congress, conference and seminar organisers have over 240 locations at their disposal, ranging from congress centres to museums, former factories, hotels and clubs. The Vienna Convention Bureau establishes contact with local partners such as event agencies and service providers. It is also the funding body for the Vienna Meeting Fund 2022-2024 and the Vienna Convention Fund 2025+ and compiles the Vienna Meeting Industry Report every year. The Vienna Convention Bureau will be celebrating its 55th anniversary in 2024.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

# **NEW SEMINAR HOTELS AND CONFERENCE LOCATIONS**



### **BURGENLAND**

#### At the winery: Scheiblhofer The Resort

In May 2022, well-known Burgenland winemaker Erich Scheiblhofer added an extraordinary resort to his portfolio in Andau. The modern function rooms of the 4-star superior wine and wellness hotel are named after grape varieties and range between 25 m<sup>2</sup> and 130 m<sup>2</sup> in size. As an alternative to the Hall of Legends at the winery, rooms at the resort can also be combined into one big Ballroom of 390 m<sup>2</sup>. There are 118 rooms to stay overnight in and the restaurant can accommodate 300 guests. The garden with natural pond and the wellness area are ideal for relaxing.

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#### In the vinevards: Chaletdorf Hannersberg

Since May 2022, Chaletdorf Hannersberg in Hannersdorf has been offering new opportunities to meet and find inspiration in the middle of the vineyards. Options include several rooms for everything from small meetings to events with up to 150 people. There is also plenty of space in the approximately 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> outdoor area. Guests can stay in 35 chalets that accommodate two to three people and the kitchen puts together a culinary programme to meet all requirements.

Where
Hannersdorf

When

e May 2022

v.hannersberg.at man only)

#### **Elegantly Pannonian:** Hotel Galántha

Hotel Galántha opened in Eisenstadt, opposite Esterházy Palace, in September 2022. The establishment combines modern design with Pannonian lifestyle. There are six rooms ranging from 29 m<sup>2</sup> to 226 m<sup>2</sup> for seminars and conferences. There are also 115 rooms for overnight stays, three suites, a restaurant, rooftop bar and spa area.

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	vww.hotelgalantha.at German only)



# CARINTHIA

#### On the mountain: Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa Carinzia

The Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa Carinzia in the Nassfeld region will reopen following complete renovation in summer 2023, having been upgraded from a 4-star establishment to a 4-star superior active hotel. It offers five rooms between 36 m<sup>2</sup> and 187 m<sup>2</sup> in size for active seminars and conferences. Breaks can be enjoyed in the foyer or on the outdoor terrace.

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Where	When
Hermagor / Nassfeld	Since December
When	Web
ab July 2023	www.virtuellesha
Web	(German only)
www.falkensteiner.com	

# LOWER AUSTRIA

#### Historical: Villa Schönthaler

Fully renovated Villa Schönthaler opened in Semmering in autumn 2022. The villa looks back on a long history. Completed in 1882, it the first of the unique ensemble of villas built in Semmering in the years that followed. Skilfully combining the old with the new, Villa Schönthaler has a spacious function level on the ground floor with a large hall, lounge, library and dining room with kitchen. Events for around 100 people can be held here. There are nine bedrooms with a total of 25 beds on the two upper floors.

Where	
Semmering	
When	
Since autumn 2022	
Web	
www.event-residenzen.at	

#### State-of-the-art: House of Digitalisation in Tulln

The House of Digitalisation opened in Tulln in December 2022. In addition to an exhibition dedicated to the subject of artificial intelligence, the building houses event and conference rooms. You can choose between the 500 m<sup>2</sup> multifunctional showroom with a 360° LED wall and the 130 m<sup>2</sup> Innovation Lounge, which is located on the top floor with glass façade.

Tulln
When
Since December 2022
Web
www.virtuelleshaus.at (German only)

#### International flair: Plaza Wiener Neustadt

The Plaza Hotelgroup, which operates several Best Western Plaza Hotels in Austria, is opening a Plaza Hotel in Wiener Neustadt in summer 2023. It is located in the nova city business park, where you will also find the medical facilities of the Gesundheitswelt Wiener Neustadt. The building comprises 120 hotel rooms, 30 suites and 40 serviced apartments. There are also 700 m<sup>2</sup> of seminar space, a bar in the lobby and a restaurant.

#### Where

When

Summer 2023

## Web

www.plazahotelgroup.com

# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### Authentic living: Villa Bergzauber

The listed Villa Bergzauber, built in 1900, is located in an idyllic park in Roßleithen in the Pyhrn-Priel holiday region. Ten cosy one- and two-storey earth houses with space for two to four people have been extending the range of accommodation since the end of July 2022, which previously consisted of 13 rooms and suites. There are two rooms for seminars, conferences and parties: the 40 m<sup>2</sup> "Weißer Salon" and the 320 m<sup>2</sup> seminar room "Bergzauber".

Where
Roßleithen
When
Since July 2022
Web
www.villabergzauber.at (German only)

#### In the middle of nature: Hotel Falkensteiner Bad Leonfelden

Freshly renovated and redesigned, the Falkensteiner Feel-Good Hotel in Bad Leonfelden in the Mühlviertel has been welcoming guests (aged 14 and over) since April 2023. The establishment has 17 rooms and suites as well as a wellness area. There are also three seminar rooms that range from 61 m<sup>2</sup> to 81 m<sup>2</sup> in size. Two of the rooms can be combined to form a 142 m<sup>2</sup> space. When it comes to food, the hotel offers "all inclusive" regional delicacies.

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Bad Leonfelden	
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www.falkensteiner.com	
www.falkensteiner.com	

# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### Inspiring: Loxone Campus Hotel

A grass roof covers the Loxone Campus Hotel, which blends into the landscape of the Bohemian Forest in an arch. In addition to 80 rooms and a wellness area, the hotel which will open in Kollerschlag in mid-2023 houses conference and seminar rooms. These include an auditorium with up to 600 seats, nine seminar rooms for up to 30 people and two seminar lounges for up to 12 people. The "Glorious Bastards" restaurant takes care of the culinary side of things.

#### Where

Kollerschlag in the Bohemian Forest		
When		
July 2023		
Web		
loxone-campus.com		

#### Time out: Hotel Freigold

Those seeking inspiration and relaxation can look forward to a new retreat in Freistadt in the Mühlviertel from September 2023. The newly opened 4-star superior Hotel Freigold with 111 rooms, including 10 suites, is nestled within a revitalised historical site. Generously equipped, the spa area with swimming pond, sauna house and infinity pool on the roof invites you to relax. The modernised former auction hall can accommodate up to 350 people for events.

Where	
Freistadt	
When	
September 2023	
Web	
www.hotel-freigold.at (German only)	

# SALZBURG

#### Glass structure: International Mozarteum Foundation

The Mozarteum in Salzburg opened its new foyer in October 2022. The glass and steel structure connects the listed parts of the building with the Grand Foyer, covering an area of 170 m<sup>2</sup> on the first floor. It allows access from the concert wing to the Bastion Gardens via a wide glass staircase. On the ground floor the 200 m<sup>2</sup> City Foyer grants access to the baroque bastion wall. The foyer can be hired for events and is also used during intervals at Mozarteum concerts.

Where
Salzburg
When
October 2022
Web
www.mozarteum.at

#### Spacious: ExperienceQuarter of the Schafbergbahn

April 2023 saw the launch of the new valley station of the Schafbergbahn cog railway, which is celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The construction made of glass and wood houses the guest hall with ticket counters, event rooms and a restaurant with lakeside terrace. There is also an exhibition on the history of the Schafbergbahn.

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www.5schaetze.at	ww

#### Versatile: Zentrum für Visionen

The "Zentrum für Visionen" (Centre for Visions) will open in Puch near Salzburg in June 2023. It comprises several buildings with offices and shops as well as event halls, seminar and workshop rooms. A two-storey foyer with a lobby and reception forms the connection between the different components and a roof terrace with a relaxation and communication area extends across the top. A hotel with around 180 beds will also open on site. Further plans include a sky restaurant and an indoor pool with a sun terrace and fitness areas on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors.

#### Where

Puch bei Salzburg
When
Summer 2023
Web
kaindl-hoenig.com (German only)

#### Elegance by the lake: Rosewood Schloss Fuschl

Schloss Fuschl towers above Lake Fuschl. The 15<sup>th</sup> century castle is currently being renovated and brought up-to-date by the Rosewood Hotel Group. The hotel with 98 exquisitely designed rooms and suites and six chalets is scheduled to open in the course of 2024. Restaurants, lounges and a wellness area with indoor and outdoor pools complete the offer.

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# **STYRIA**

#### In the middle of the vineyards: Das Zeitwert

Boutique hotel "Das Zeitwert" opened in April 2022. The down-to-earth hotel with 26 rooms is located in the middle of the vineyards of Southern Styria next to the historic castle Schloss Hollenegg. Thanks to its quiet and picturesque location, the establishment is well suited for seminars on a small scale. There are two rooms of 42 m<sup>2</sup> and 60 m<sup>2</sup> to choose from, which can also be put together. The hotel restaurant spoils guests with culinary delights and there is a Finnish sauna with panoramic views plus a heated infinity pool to relax in.

#### Where

Bad Schwanberg – Hollenegg	
When	
April 2022	
Web	
www.daszeitwert.com	

#### Surrounded by vineyards: Landgut am Pössnitzberg

After several months of renovation, Gut Pössnitzberg will reopen in May 2023 under the new name of Landgut am Pössnitzberg. The hotel has modernised its 38 rooms, made the lobby and bar more inviting and freed the courtyard of parking spaces. Seminars and conferences can still be held here, either in the 91 m<sup>2</sup> seminar building or in the almost 60 m<sup>2</sup> seminar room. Guests can enjoy Styrian delicacies and accompanying wines at the hotel restaurant "Kreuzwirt".

# Where Leutschach an der Weinstraße When May 2023 Web www.poessnitzberg.at

#### Meetings in green spaces: Steiermarkhof

The Steiermarkhof is an events venue on the outskirts of Graz. It features 20 seminar rooms, the Steiermarksaal for up to 400 people, a cooking school and a large garden. The attached hotel with 53 rooms is currently undergoing refurbishment and is expected to reopen in autumn 2024.

Where
Graz
When
Autumn 2024
Web
www.steiermarkhof.at

# TIROL

#### Modern architecture: Gurgl Carat congress and event centre

The Gurgl Carat congress and event centre in Obergurgl celebrated its opening in July 2022. The extraordinary, diamond-shaped architecture, state-of-the-art technology and flexible room concept enable conferences, congresses and cultural events for up to 500 participants. Located at 1,930 m above sea level in the highest parish in Austria and surrounded by the Ötztal Alps, the area offers numerous opportunities for outdoor meetings and a variety of incentives. The centre is operated by Ötztal Tourismus, the University of Innsbruck and the municipality of Sölden.

#### Where

Obergurgl, Ötztal
When
July 2022
Web
gurgl-carat.com

#### Silver cloud: Silvretta Therme in Ischgl

The new Silvretta Therme in Ischgl is spectacular both inside and out. The four-storey building and its curves blend into the surroundings like a silver cloud. The spa is operated exclusively with green electricity and mainly heated using geothermal energy with the help of a groundwater pump. Highlights of the Silvretta Therme, which opened in December 2022, include its wellness facilities and an event hall that can accommodate up to 600 people. The hall can be divided into three rooms for smaller events.

Where	
Ischgl	
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December 2022	
Web	
www.silvrettatherme.at	

#### On the top floor: Nucleus in Schwaz

New seminar and conference location "Nucleus" opened in Schwaz at the end of April 2023. It is located on the top floor of a modern building, offers space for up to 100 people and breathtaking panoramic views. The room is suitable for conferences as well as for cultural and corporate events. The in-house bistro takes care of the catering with a large selection of regional products. The Nucleus also has three other smaller conference rooms on the ground floor.

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nucleus-schw	az.at	
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# TIROL

#### Plenty of space: new building on the Innrain university campus

The University of Innsbruck will expand its range of event rooms from summer 2023. Several faculties, administrative facilities and a library can be found in the new multifunctional building on the Innrain campus. The new Audimax has 600 seats and there is also a lecture hall with 200 seats. There are three more seminar rooms on the top floor.

Where	Where	Where
Innsbruck	Dornbirn	Dornbirn
When	When	When
Summer 2023	Since June 2022	Since March 2023
Web	Web	Web
www.uibk.ac.at	www.marriott.com	www.dasflint.at
(German only)		

# VORARLBERG

#### Alpine chic: **Revier Hotel Montafon**

Austria's first Revier Hotel opened next to the Valisera Bahn valley station in June 2022. The modern building houses 107 rooms with panoramic windows. As the group's first hotel in Europe it has a spacious seminar area with three rooms, the largest of which is 97 m<sup>2</sup>. There is also a wellness area, gym, bar, restaurant and co-working spaces.

Where		
St. Gallenkirch	Where	Since January 2023
		Web
When	Schröcken	
Since June 2022	When	www.loewen-hotel.com
Web	Since July 2022	
montafon.revierhotels.com	Web	
	www.berghaus-schroecken.at	

(German only)

#### On the outskirts: Four Points by Sheraton Panoramahaus

The Four Points by Sheraton Panoramahaus in Dornbirn, which can be seen from afar, launched 44 new rooms in June 2022. A restaurant open to the public opened on the ground floor and the former Sky Restaurant with breathtaking views has been converted into an exclusive breakfast room for hotel guests. The hotel, which is close to Dornbirn exhibition centre. offers three seminar rooms. The largest room is 93 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### In a mountain village: Berghaus Schröcken

Family Schwarzmann opened Berghaus Schröcken, a stylish holiday resort for hikers and winter sports enthusiasts, in Schröcken in July 2022. The new complex with wellness area and restaurant consists of three buildings. There are 22 studios and 18 apartments to choose from. furnished with wood and alpine materials. There are also two seminar rooms with a size of 28 m<sup>2</sup> and 75 m<sup>2</sup>. Exclusive bookings (from 60 people) mean that participants have the seminar building to themselves with the option of booking additional rooms for breakout sessions and breaks.

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	Since January 202
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	www.loewen-hotel
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#### Old and new: Hotel Das Flint

The Flint Hotel, designed by well-known Vorarlberg architects Marte.Marte, opened in March 2023 right next to Dornbirn train station. The hotel consists of a renovated listed villa and a new ten-storey building. There are ten suites in the villa and 70 rooms in the new building. There is also a wellness area, restaurant, bar, library and seminar rooms for groups of up to 30 people. Those who need more space can hire rooms in nearby adult education institute WIFI.

Where	
Dornbirn	
When	
Since March 2023	
Web	
www.dasflint.at	

#### Spacious: Löwen Schruns

In January 2023, the Löwen Hotel in Schruns in the Montafon opened its new extension. Alongside additional guest rooms it has new rooms for seminars and conferences. The divisible Room Montafon impresses with a size of 200 m<sup>2</sup> and there are three other rooms between 49 m<sup>2</sup> and 53 m<sup>2</sup> in size for guests to meet in with beautiful views.

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# VORARLBERG

#### Brought to new life: Youth and Educational Centre St. Arbogast

The Youth and Educational Centre St. Arbogast in Götzis reopened in April 2023 after complete refurbishment. New seminar rooms and a larger kitchen have been created based on designs by Vorarlberg architects Hermann Kaufmann and Christian Lenz. The building technology, which is independent of fossil fuels, has also been renewed. The centre now boasts two halls that measure 142 m<sup>2</sup> and 134 m<sup>2</sup>. There are also ten seminar rooms that range between 24 m<sup>2</sup> and 79 m<sup>2</sup> in size.

#### Where

Götzis – St. Arbogast
When
Since April 2023
Web
www.arbogast.at (German only)

# VIENNA

#### Casually elegant: The Hoxton Vienna

The Hoxton Vienna by British hotel group Ennismore will bring a further accommodation and conference option to Vienna from autumn 2023. Located near the Stadtpark, 196 bedrooms as well as meeting rooms and an event space are being built across eight floors in the listed, former "commercial building". There will also be a restaurant with an outdoor dining area, a sandwich shop and a rooftop bar with a view of the city centre.

Where	
Vienna	
When	
Autumn 2023	
Web	
www.thehoxton.com	

#### Spectacular views: Weitsicht Cobenzl

Event location "Weitsicht Cobenzl" opened on the Cobenzl above Grinzing in autumn 2022, surrounded by vineyards. It includes a modern building with spectacular views, Schloss Cobenzl and the Meierei. The modern Panoramahaus has six different seminar rooms that can be used separately or together, with terraces right in front for fresh air breaks. There are two salons in the Meierei, which have a combined size of 135 m<sup>2</sup>. The historic Schloss Cobenzl is ideal for large-scale events, accommodating up to 2,600 people when connected with the new building.

Where
Vienna
When
Since autumn 2022
Web
weitsichtcobenzl.at

#### Social business: magdas HOTEL Vienna City

magdas HOTEL has had a new location since October 2022: Austria's first social business project has moved from the Prater to the city and is now located near the Stadtpark. The hotel is run by people with a refugee background under the direction of tourism professionals. In addition to 85 rooms and suites it has two conference rooms with a size of 90 m<sup>2</sup> and 96 m<sup>2</sup>. Breaks can be spent in the spacious garden.

#### Where

Vienna Landstraße
When
Since October 2022
Web

magdas-hotel.at

Luxurious: Almanac Palais Vienna

In March 2023, the Almanac Palais Vienna, a boutique 5-star luxury hotel, opened opposite the Stadtpark. The hotel houses 31 luxurious rooms and 80 suites. Its locally inspired restaurant offers modern and creative interpretations of Austrian-Alpine cuisine. Rooms of various styles and sizes are available for meetings and events with a total event space of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Where

Vienna Inner City
When
Since March 2023
Web
www.almanachotels.com

#### Cultivated: Casino Zögernitz

In the heart of Döbling, between vineyards and the city centre, Casino Zöbernitz has been brought back to life following renovation. The building, which was completed in 1837 in the Biedermeier style, was once a popular meeting place for Viennese society. Johann Strauss conducted and played here and balls and festivals were held. Centrepiece of the building is the opulent 340 m<sup>2</sup> ballroom. There are also several other smaller rooms, a restaurant and a garden.

Where	
Vienna Döbling	
When	
Since March 2023	
Web	
zoegernitz.com	

# LOCATIONS IN A SPECIAL LOCAL AREA



# CARINTHIA

#### Schloss Seefels by Lake Wörthersee

Last year the 5-star Hotel Schloss Seefels underwent major renovations. All 68 rooms were given a stylish facelift, as were the wellness area and restaurant. There are two moden, air-conditioned meeting rooms for seminars with beautiful views of Lake Wörthersee. You can choose between a 27 m<sup>2</sup> and a 102 m<sup>2</sup> room.

Web

www.seefels.at

# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### Cruises with Donauschifffahrt Wurm & Noé

Danube cruises are ideal for incentives and exclusive events. The modern design ship of the Wurm & Noé shipping company, the MS Linzerin, has space for 220 people indoors and 132 outdoors. Options range from brunch cruises to cocktail receptions (held on the sun deck when the weather is nice, of course), dinner cruises and culinary voyages during which participants enjoy delicacies from the on-board kitchen.

Web www.donauschifffahrt.eu

#### scalaria event resort by Lake Wolfgang

Located right on the shore of Lake Wolfgang, the scalaria superior event resort in St. Wolfgang impresses with its elaborate design and many possibilities. Event locations include a theatre hall, a theatre restaurant, a historical castle, a "mystic underworld" with underground grottos and tunnels as well as a beach by the lake. In addition, there are 210 rooms for guests to stay overnight in. There is no doubt you are in expert hands here when it comes to the perfect staging of your event.

Web

www.scalaria.com

# TIROL

#### Café 3440: Austria's highest coffee house

With its free-floating terrace, Café 3440 offers fascinating views at 3,440 m above sea level on the Pitztal Glacier. Austria's highest coffee house is quite literally the highlight of Tirol. The café, which can be reached by cable car, is also suitable as an event location and offers 100 seats indoors and 60 seats outside on the terrace. The top location is popular for weddings when it becomes Austria's highest registry office.

#### Web

www.pitztaler-gletscher.at

#### Jakobskreuz: largest accessible summit cross in the world

On the 1,456 m high summit of the Buchensteinwand in Pillerseetal, the Jakobskreuz reaches to the sky. Visitors can enjoy a unique panorama from five viewing platforms on the largest accessible summit cross in the world. The cross also houses four seminar rooms with a view, suitable for events with up to 35 people.

Web

www.bergbahn-pillersee.com

## **STYRIA**

#### Schloss Pichlarn: 5-star seminar hotel & golf resort

The 5-star Hotel Schloss Pichlarn in Aigen im Ennstal with its many options is ideal for meetings, incentives, conferences and events, celebrations and weddings. The hotel has seven function rooms that enjoy natural light and a terrace. The rooms can accommodate up to 200 people. There is also a new, 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> multifunctional hall that is even accessible for trucks. Golfers can play on the hotel's own 18-hole golf course and the kitchen uses regional ingredients and products from the own estate. When it comes to downtime, guests can unwind in the 4,500 m<sup>2</sup> wellness area with pools and saunas.

Web schlosspichlarn.at

# VORARLBERG

#### Meetings on Lake Constance boats

In addition to conference locations in the cities, villages and mountains, Lake Constance boats are also ideal for events of all kinds in Vorarlberg. The Vorarlberg Lines event boats are available for exclusive bookings. The smallest ship, the MS Montafon, offers space for 84 people. Up to 1,000 guests can celebrate balls and parties on the elegant MS Sonnenkönigin. There are also two historic ships to choose from: the Hohentwiel paddle steamer is suitable for trips with up to 130 people and the MS Oesterreich can accommodate up to 140 people.

#### Web

www.vorarlberg-lines.at

# VIENNA

# Europe's largest event hotel in a city centre location

Only a 16-minute drive from Vienna International Airport, in the heart of the city, is Europe's largest event hotel: the Hilton Vienna Park. The hotel has 663 guest rooms and function rooms with a combined space of 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>. There are 21 multifunctional rooms for meetings and seminars, including two ballrooms for up to 840 guests and 13 rooms ranging in size from 50 to 115 m<sup>2</sup>. Most meeting rooms offer natural light.

#### Web

www.hiltonhotels.de

# LOCATIONS WITH A SPECIAL AMBIENCE



Burg Glanegg © Marvin Walde

### **BURGENLAND**

#### Meet in castles and palaces

Palaces, fortresses and historic sites are characteristic of Burgenland and are also among the country's most important landmarks. In addition to a wide range of options for side programmes, many historical locations offer an ideal setting for events. The largest space is 567 m<sup>2</sup> and is located in Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt.

Web

www.burgenland.info (German only)

## CARINTHIA

# Meetings at St. Georgen Abbey by Lake Längsee

St. Georgen Abbey is a unique place of power, a place of stillness and inspiration, embedded within the natural scenery of Lake Längsee. "Tradition meets modernity" is the motto in the historic walls. The abbey combines a hotel with 63 comfortably furnished stone pine rooms and an educational centre. Twelve seminar and conference rooms flooded with daylight are equipped with modern technology. They offer space for events with up to 100 people. The monastery bakery and restaurant provide the accompanying culinary delights.

# Celebrating at Taggenbrunn Castle

For a few years now, lovingly renovated Taggenbrunn Castle near Lake Längsee has been host of the Taggenbrunn Festival and a popular venue for events. Location options include the ballroom, large terraces and rooms of up to 200 m<sup>2</sup> in the granary from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Guests can stay overnight at the castle's hotel with 31 rooms and Taggenbrunn Winery supplies the wines to match every occasion.

#### Web

www.taggenbrunn.at

#### Web

www.stift-stgeorgen.at (German only)

# CARINTHIA

#### Celebrations at Glanegg Castle

"Glanekke" was first mentioned in a document more than 900 years ago. The local castle association has been responsible for the renovation of the ruins for around 25 years now. In the meantime, the castle has been transformed into a venue for culture and events, hiring out the entire castle or individual parts of it. There is an open courtyard, for example, with a 300 m<sup>2</sup> roof, the castle chapel and several halls and vaults.

#### Web

www.burg-glanegg.at (German only)

# LOWER AUSTRIA

#### Meet and celebrate with Roman flair

In Carnuntum, east of Vienna, a Roman city quarter was rebuilt in its original location, which has been done nowhere else in the world. The buildings are fully functional. A town house, a villa and Roman baths take you back to the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD. Carnuntum is a great location for team events. All Roman buildings plus the amphitheatres of the former civilian and military cities can be hired exclusively and come with standard technical equipment. The dedicated event team is on hand to provide professional support.

#### Web

www.carnuntum.at

#### Grafenegg Castle: where everything comes together

Grafenegg, about a 40-minute drive west of Vienna, is a highly versatile event location. Eleven well-equipped, 40 m<sup>2</sup> to 100 m<sup>2</sup> rooms inside the castle are available for seminars. There are also 13 smaller workshop rooms. Dinners can be held in the state rooms and corporate celebrations in the Old Barn, whilst Grafenegg Cottages provide accommodation. Grafenegg is also known for its concerts on the architecturally and acoustically unique "Wolkenturm" open-air stage and in the Auditorium concert hall with space for up to 1,300 people. Both locations can be hired for events.

#### Web

www.events-grafenegg.com

### **UPPER AUSTRIA**

#### Creative hotspot: Tabakfabrik Linz

What used to be a tobacco factory is now a thriving creative hotspot. Tabakfabrik Linz is a listed industrial plant built between 1929 and 1935 and designed by Peter Behrens and Alexander Popp. As Austria's first steel frame construction in the New Objectivity style, the building is also of significance in terms of architectural history. Tabakfabrik Linz offers space for companies, several thousand square metres of event space and co-working spaces. Further event rooms are provided by the Linzer Bier Brewery, which has been located in the Tabakfabrik since 2022.

#### Web

tabakfabrik-linz.at

#### Craftsmanship and technology: Team 7 Welt

Team 7 stands for high-quality natural wood furniture in exquisite design. New company headquarters "Team 7 Welt" will open in Ried im Innkreis in May 2023 and include sales areas covering approx. 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>, an event room of around 400 m<sup>2</sup>, three seminar rooms plus leafy inner courtyards and a restaurant.

#### Web

www.team7-home.com

#### Imperial flair: Villa Seilern

Historic Villa Seilern, today a 4-star superior hotel, is located in Bad Ischl in the Salzkammergut, chosen to be European Capital of Culture in 2024. The era of Emperor Franz Joseph I and Sisi can still be felt in the classicist villa built in 1881. As the only seminar hotel in Upper Austria – with three elegant seminar rooms and Salon Elisabeth – the hotel restaurant was awarded a "Grüne Haube". This award stands for high-quality natural cuisine of certified organic quality using regional ingredients and fresh herbs from the own garden.

#### Web

www.villaseilern.at

# SALZBURG

#### Spectacular construction: Hangar-7

Hangar-7 is one of Austria's most exciting event locations. The building impresses with its avant-garde architecture of glass and steel. Up to 300 people can celebrate in the exhibition area and the Members Club on the 3rd floor is ideal for seminars with its seminar room that can accommodate up to 40 people. Restaurant lkarus on the 1st floor provides space for up to 100 people. It is particularly suitable for gala evenings, receptions or company celebrations. What's more, there is a different top chef to spoil guests with international haute cuisine every month.

#### Web

www.hangar-7.com

# SALZBURG

#### Modern outlook: the VEGA Observatory

In the VEGA Observatory in Obertrum, which opened in autumn 2022, everything revolves around astronomy, space, the sun, moon and stars. A place of superlatives was created for this purpose. The modern building houses Europe's largest public telescope and a multifunctional event room with the largest private event screen in SalzburgerLand. The observatory is also suitable as a location for events with up to 150 guests. Participants can enjoy "clear skies" to look into space and admire the images on the big screen in the event hall.

#### Web

www.vega-sternwarte.at

### **STYRIA**

#### LOISIUM Südsteiermark

The LOISIUM Wine & Spa Hotel in Ehrenhausen in Southern Styria is a lovely place for holidays as well as meetings and events. The spacious hotel with 102 rooms, a restaurant and wellness area is located in the middle of the vineyards. Five rooms, some of which can be combined, are available for seminars and conferences, ranging from 25 m<sup>2</sup> to 246 m<sup>2</sup> in size.

#### Web

www.loisium.com

#### Complete work of art: Rogner Bad Blumau

Rogner Bad Blumau, located in the hill country of Eastern Styria, combines the extraordinary architecture created by Friedensreich Hundertwasser with nature. In addition to colourful rooms and the wellness area which gets its water from the Vulkania<sup>®</sup> healing spring, the establishment has seminar facilities for up to 350 people. The hotel has been certified with the Austrian Ecolabel since 1997 and specialises in Green Meetings.

#### Web

www.blumau.com

# VORARLBERG

#### Exclusive use: Schtûbat

"Schtûbat" is the name of the holiday home in Andelsbuch in the Bregenzerwald, fittingly derived from "Kumm zur Schtûbat" - a loving invitation to visit and make yourself comfortable in the living room. And seminar guests who book exclusive use of the sustainably built. CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral house can most certainly make themselves comfortable here. Schtûbat offers ten accommodation units - from double rooms to 130 m<sup>2</sup> apartments. A total of 14 separate bedrooms with 26 beds and 13 bathrooms are available. Seminars and conferences can either take place in the bright breakfast room or the 80 m<sup>2</sup> seminar room in the nearby village centre of Andelsbuch. Host and chef Wolfgang Mätzler, who also created "fairkocht" (delicacies preserved in jars), takes care of the culinary side of things.

Web

www.schtub.at

### VIENNA

#### Listed: Reaktor

The "Grand Etablissement Gschwandner", a large wine tavern, was once located in what is now the Reaktor. Following restoration that combined the modern with the past, the building reopened in 2018 as the "Reaktor". Workshops, product launches, film shoots and conferences take place in its three halls which can accommodate up to 480 people.

#### Web

www.reaktor.art

#### Smart and modular: "Ariana" in Seestadt Aspern

Seestadt Aspern is a new district in the northeast of the city. By 2030, 20,000 people are to live there and 20,000 jobs to be created. With "Ariana" the district has been home to a new, modern event hall since autumn 2021. Boasting an indoor area of 1,300 m<sup>2</sup> and an outdoor area of 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>, it offers many different options for meetings, seminars and events. The largest room is the 675 m<sup>2</sup> banqueting hall.

#### Web

www.ariana-event.at (German only)

#### Plenty of space: the Spanish Riding School

The Spanish Riding School in the centre of Vienna is an institution that looks back on 450 years of classical horsemanship. It is the oldest riding school in the world and also part of the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. But the 17 m high hall, completed in 1735, does not just provide a show area for the Lipizzaner horses. It also forms the stylish setting for gala dinners, presentations and corporate celebrations for up to 600 people.

#### Web

www.srs.at

#### Time-honoured: the Austrian National Library

The Austrian National Library is located on Josefsplatz at Hofburg Palace. Its State Hall, home to thousands of historical books, is particularly well-known. The impressive hall and several other rooms and spaces of different styles can be hired for functions. Events for small groups are just as possible as receptions with up to 800 guests.

Web

www.onb.ac.at

# FOR CONNOISSEURS



# BURGENLAND

#### Wine experience Burgenland

Around a quarter of Austrian wines come from Burgenland and the sun-kissed province is home to some of the country's best winemakers. Most of them offer guided tours and tastings and some wineries also have conference rooms, event locations and traditional wine taverns. This creates excellent grounds for incentive programmes of all kinds.

#### Web

www.burgenland.info (German only)

# CARINTHIA

# See.Ess.Spiele Box – eating well on Lake Wörthersee

The See.Ess.Spiele BOX is a mini gourmet restaurant with limited seating and standing room. The mobile box can be set up at various locations around Lake Wörthersee and is ideal for culinary programmes. Participants get to watch a top chef creating tasty works of art and sample their way through culinary delights.

#### Web

www.woerthersee.com

Slow Food Kärnten © Kärnten Werbung, Johannes Puc

#### Taste the "Pinot from Längsee"

Biodynamic Winery Georgium by Lake Längsee mainly produces wines from Pinot grapes. Marcus Gruze and Uta Slamanig reveal the special features of this grape variety and of vinification according to biodynamic principles on guided tours and tastings. The programme is suitable for up to ten people.

#### Web

www.georgium.at

# CARINTHIA

#### Guided tour of Carinthia's smallest brewery

Carinthia's smallest brewery is located in Wimitz in the Wimitztal. Passionate beer brewers produce various beer specialties here. The experts provide insights into their work on approximately three-hour tours followed by a tasting. The maximum number of participants is 50.

#### Web

www.wimitzbraeu.com (German only)

# UPPER AUSTRIA

# Take a tasting tour through Linz with the Appetiser Pass

The tasting tour with the Appetiser Pass promises to be a culinary journey of discovery through Linz. The Appetiser Pass takes you to ten selected stops where sweet or savoury appetisers and tasters await. Participants also get to meet the fascinating characters who talk about their products and how they are made. And if you can't get enough, you can always stock up on supplies to take home.

#### Web

www.linztourismus.at

#### Brewing beer in Freistadt

As a medieval brewing town, Freistadt in the Mühlviertel has always been known for its breweries, variety of beers and lively brewing culture. At Freistädter Bier, beer enthusiasts can enjoy a special kind of tour through the only brewing community in Europe. The approximately two-hour programme takes you through the listed brewery and Austria's last open malt floor.

#### Web

www.freistaedter-bier.at (German only)

#### Brew your own beer in Ried

Brew your own beer and train to become a beer expert in one day – Brauerei Ried im Innkreis puts on this special programme for groups. Under the guidance of a certified beer sommelier, participants learn how beer is made from hops, malt, yeast and water. To round it all off, the brewery includes a tasting of beer specialties and a hearty "Jause" platter.

#### Web

rieder-bier.at (German only)

## SALZBURG

#### Austria's first beer estate

Austria's first beer estate is located in St. Pantaleon. The Stiegl-Gut Wildshut stands for sustainable agriculture, experimentation and moments of pleasure. Visitors can get an insight into the beer estate and the use of beer on guided tours or in the all-day brewing workshop and tuck into regional delicacies at the estate's organic restaurant. There will also be two seminar rooms from May 2023 with space for up to 20 people and there are eleven rooms for overnight stays.

#### Web

www.wildshut.at (German only)

# **STYRIA**

#### 100 percent Schilcher wine experience

Schilcher is a wine that only comes from Styria. It is made from the protected Blauer Wildbacher grape variety. You can learn more about the grape and the rosé-coloured wine on a tour of Schilcher winery Friedrich in Stainz. Participants enjoy a glass of Schilcher sparkling wine to begin with and then visit the press from 1856, marvel at the modern production building and get to taste five different Schilcher wines.

#### Web

www.steiermark.com

# TIROL

#### Culinary Craft Tours in Innsbruck

What's the deal with Tirolean beer history? Which cocktails are popular in Innsbruck's bars? And who produces the best gin in Tirol? The "Culinary Craft Tours" take participants on a discovery tour through Innsbruck to learn more about producers from the region – including tastings, of course. The focus of the approximately three-hour tour, which is offered in German and English, is on regionally produced beers and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Six to 25 people can participate, depending on the tour

#### Web

www.culinarycrafttours.com (German only)

# FOR THE ACTIVE AND ATHLETIC



# CARINTHIA

# Play pool with world champion Jasmin Ouschan

Precision and concentration are required here: get a world-class introduction to billiards from world pool champions Jasmin and Albin Ouschan in Klagenfurt. The programme consists of a tour of the "Billiard Sport Academy" and an introduction to training methods and strategy variants by the Ouschan siblings. After training together at the four billiard tables, participants compete against one another in a short tournament. The evening ends with the award ceremony and a get-together with drinks and finger food.

#### Carving with Carinthian ski legend Franz Klammer

Skiers can experience something special in the MICE destination Carinthia. Franz Klammer himself is on hand to give you his personal tips. The former ski racer and Olympic champion 1976 is one of Austria's most successful skiers. The ski experience for groups of up to ten can be combined with refreshments or dinner at a hut.

#### Web

convention.kaernten.at

# LOWER AUSTRIA

#### Green ideas – team building at the Therme Laa Hotel & Silent Spa

The Therme Laa in the northern Weinviertel is a popular leisure resort and a well-equipped place for seminars. It also offers a wide range of programmes for sustainable team building exercises. These include alpaca trekking tours, obstacle courses with huskies, "back to the roots" wilderness courses, forest bathing and trips to the nearby BOA Farm, home to 600 cattle.

Web

www.therme-laa.at

Web

convention.kaernten.at

# **UPPER AUSTRIA**

#### Indoor golf in Leonding

The first "Ruff Golf" indoor golf course in the German-speaking area has been created on 650 m<sup>2</sup> in a former shopping centre in Leonding near Linz. Ruff Golf is a year-round option for golf enthusiasts. The concept developed in Scandinavia is based on golf simulators and enables golfers to practice their favourite sport regardless of the weather. The game is played on simulators that offer access to over 170 golf courses – also ideal for team meetings or as a side programme.

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AREA 47 in Ötzta adventure park th

#### Ranger tour in Kalkalpen National Park

Nobody knows Kalkalpen National Park as well as they do: with the nature park rangers, visitors can experience the protected area from its most fabulous sides. Rare plants, colourful butterflies or fresh animal tracks along the path: rangers draw attention to details and tell you all about the flora and fauna. The different tours can be booked individually for groups. The national park can also be explored by snowshoe in winter and on e-bikes in summer.

Web

www.kalkalpen.at

# **STYRIA**

#### The Sky Walk on the Dachstein

Impressive views open up to visitors at an altitude of 2,700 m on the Dachstein, Styria's highest mountain. There's a long way to look down from the Dachstein Suspension Bridge, the Sky Walk and the Stairway to Nothingness, and then there's the Ice Palace which takes you inside the glacier world. Even the ascent with the Dachstein Panorama Gondola is an extraordinary experience as those feeling brave can step out onto the balcony!

Web

www.derdachstein.at

# TIROL

#### Adrenaline kick on the "Zitterbalken"

What does it feel like to sit on the take-off board of a ski jump? Daredevils can give it a go on the Bergisel Ski Jump in Innsbruck. This adventure can be combined with subsequent team competitions on the fun jump in the stadium and rounded off at the Sky Restaurant.

Web www.bergisel.info

### Indoor biking at AREA 47

AREA 47 in Ötztal is a large outdoor and adventure park that also offers meeting rooms. Since the end of April 2023, AREA 47 has had an additional attraction. Bikers can now have fun all year round and work on their technique in Austria's first indoor bike park, covering 3,700 m<sup>2</sup>. Highlights include a pumptrack, a flowline shaped with dirt and a jumpline with a landing bag to cushion your landings. You can also make your way around the Skills AREA with its root carpet and rock garden. When it comes to facilities, there are showers and changing rooms plus a Chill-out AREA.

Web

www.area47.at

# VORARLBERG

#### Elegantly across the water

Lake Constance is ideal for stand-up paddle boarding and there are special introductory courses for groups. The Harder Binnenbecken is the perfect spot for adventure tours and competitions and you can round the activities off with a BBQ at the surf school.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

#### Be transported to the North Pole

You used to have to travel far north for a dog sled ride and to experience the life of a musher in the wild up close. These days, however, a lovely team of dogs awaits guests in the Bregenzerwald and Brandnertal. Once you have made your acquaintance with the dogs and taken a short trial run you head off through the beautiful winter landscapes. Leading a dog-pulled sleigh is a unique form of leadership training and team building, but also a relaxing nature excursion and a great way to end a meeting or seminar.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

#### Nature explorations with depth

There are fantastic opportunities to escape the hustle and bustle of the city in and around Dornbirn, for example on a guided tour through the Rappenloch and Alploch Gorges. The gorges hidden in the forest are also delightfully cool on warm summer days. The hiking trail leads over wooden footbridges along the rock faces at a safe height with impressive views of the gorge and rushing water below.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

#### Ice-cold adrenaline kick

A bobsleigh ride on the ice run in Bludenz is an ideal alternative to a classic day of skiing for the courageous. The Vutschko (= bob) can reach speeds of up to 100 km/h. The group is provided with two Vutschkos, meaning that around 50 people can speed down the ice run per hour. The adrenaline-fuelled fun is rounded off with an award ceremony and drinks and snacks at the Bobkiosk.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

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# VORARLBERG

#### Trekking with llamas and alpacas

Walking with llamas and alpacas has a relaxing effect and is a good way to get chatting whilst admiring the beauty of nature. Llama trekking also boosts team performance and productivity. There are various places that offer llama trekking across Vorarlberg. Hikes last one to two hours and take place all year round.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

#### Mystery rallies and scavenger hunt

Groups of four to several hundred people can embark on a mystery rally or scavenger hunt across Vienna in the traditional way, equipped with paper and pen, or with a tablet. On the "Mysterious Vienna" tour, participants get to know the city, its originals and the Viennese language better. Another tour leads through the Prater and a further one into the countryside on the Wilhelminenberg.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

# VIENNA

#### Learn to waltz

If you would like to learn one of the most historic dances in the world, you can book an exclusive waltz lesson at one of Vienna's renowned dance schools. There is a glass of bubbles to loosen things up, after which the charming teachers introduce guests to the art of waltzing. New skills can then be put to the test at the evening

#### Web

elmayer.at

A visit to Vienna is not complete without a waltz! gala or one of the many Viennese balls.

# TRIPS



# BURGENLAND

#### Austria's first e-hybrid carriage

Austria's first e-hybrid carriage has been in use in Southern Burgenland since October 2021. What makes it special: it does not replace the horses, but supports them with an electric motor. A maximum of 14 people can ride in the comfortable carriage and two to three more guests can sit on the coach box. The carriage is weatherproof, can be used all year round and is comfortably equipped thanks to the power supply. There are even 220 V sockets to connect electronic devices or a coffee machine. The carriage is also accessible barrier-free, including for wheelchair users.

# CARINTHIA

#### Float across Carinthia in a hot air balloon

To peacefully float over Carinthia and the lake landscape: this is a delight that balloonists can experience. One of the launch sites is near Lake Wörthersee. With Daniel Kusternigg, the 2022 Austrian state champion in ballooning, as your pilot, the hot air balloon embarks on a journey true to the motto #changeyourperspective.

#### Web

convention.kaernten.at

Rotax MAX Dome © V&R KARTING 4.0 GMBH

# Through the Rosental on board the Carnica Draisinenexpress

From mid-July 2023, the Carnica Draisinenexpress will be in service for the first time in the Rosental, Southern Carinthia. The nostalgic train, a motor-draisine operation, consists of former Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) carriages and includes several panorama carriages. There is space for around 50 passengers.

#### Web

nostalgiebahn.at (German only)

Web

www.suedburgenland.info (German only)

# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### E-kart racing in the Rotax MAX Dome

The Rotax MAX Dome on the Untere Donaulände in Linz is the first Rotax e-kart racing arena in the world that promises a new world of experiences with interactive virtual technologies. The facility offers just about everything across 3,600 m<sup>2</sup>, including a spacious e-kart track on two levels with a tunnel, a Carrera track and a 500 m<sup>2</sup> visitor and catering area with four racing simulators, an interactive game table and a view of the race track.

#### Web

www.rotaxmaxdome.com

## SALZBURG

#### Austria's steepest cog railway

The Schafbergbahn takes you from Lake Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut to the summit of the 1,782 m high Schafberg in around 35 minutes. The cog railway, which has been in operation since 1893, is the steepest in Austria. Having arrived at the top, visitors enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains and the Salzkammergut lakes. The Schafbergbahn is celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Web

www.5schaetze.at

# **STYRIA**

#### On-road experience at the Red Bull Ring

Anyone who wants to improve their driving skills should head to the Driving Centre at the Red Bull Ring near Spielberg. This is where drivers can prepare themselves for the challenges of a racetrack with complex driving situations perfectly simulated on an area of 46,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Those who want to write racing history themselves should go for the experience laps on the Red Bull Ring itself. After a short introduction, drivers are allowed onto the race track.

#### Web

www.redbullring.com

## VIENNA

#### Through Vienna in a vintage tram

Not only modern trams are in use in Vienna. Groups of up to 500 people can embark on a journey through the city in historic carriages. Popular routes include a ride along the Ringstraße or to a typical wine tavern. The organisers also take care of the entertainment along the way: from live music to catering.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

# ART AND CULTURE



# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### Europe's largest outdoor graffiti gallery: Mural Harbor

Warehouses, containers, cranes and railways – what doesn't sound like an attractive excursion destination at first has developed into a highly impressive art space over the years. Mural Harbor is Europe's largest graffiti and mural gallery in the harbour of Linz. More than 300 pieces of graffiti, some of them of monumental size, adorn the facades of the warehouses and building walls. There are several ways visitors can discover the works of art with a guide or leave their own spray paint marks in the harbour of Linz.

#### Following the night watchman through Steyr

An evening tour accompanied by the night watchman in historical costume, revealing interesting facts about the history and tasks of the night watchmen in Steyr: the night watchman tour through Steyr takes you from the highest tower to the deepest cellar. Along the way there are gourmet stations with aperitif, main course and dessert. Steyr was an important trading town in the Middle Ages, known for its metalworking industry. Well-preserved medieval buildings and streets line the old town to this day. Groups of up to 300 people can enjoy this programme.

#### Web

www.steyr-nationalpark.at

### SALZBURG

#### The high art of puppetry: Salzburg Marionette Theatre

In 2016, the Austrian UNESCO Commission recognised the performance practice of the Salzburg Marionette Theatre as the "most highly developed form of puppet and figure theatre" and made it part of the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Its repertoire includes performances of fairy tales, musicals and operas. Those who would like to learn more about this unique stage can take part in guided tours. The baroque-style auditorium and foyer can be hired for events.

Web marionetten.at

#### Web

www.muralharbor.at (German only)

# SALZBURG

#### Music history: Mozart Residence

From 1773, the Mozart family lived in a comfortable eight-room apartment on the first floor of the former Tanzmeisterhaus, which is now run by the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation as the Mozart Residence. Wolfgang Amadeus lived here until the end of 1780 when he left Salzburg for good. Today, the residence is a fantastic location that can be visited on guided tours. The Tanzmeistersaal, in which you will still find one of Mozart's original instruments – a pianoforte – can be hired for events. You can also arrange private concerts on the piano.

# Web

mozarteum.at

#### Precious documents: in the autograph vault

The autograph vault contains the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation's most valuable treasures. This is where the foundation keeps its historical letters and documents, music manuscripts from the Mozart family and new acquisitions – well secured and air-conditioned. The vault can be visited on guided tours. The exhibition room in front of it displays around 200 original letters from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, around 300 letters from his father Leopold and over 100 autograph music manuscripts, mainly sketches and drafts of works by W. A. Mozart.

#### Web

mozarteum.at

# VIENNA

#### Vienna Prater - behind the scenes

There is a large amusement park in Vienna's Prater, which can also be explored with Prater guides. Participants look behind the scenes of the rides and experience Vienna from a bird's eye view whilst sipping a cocktail on the Giant Ferris Wheel. They get to know the best attractions and learn about the rich history of the amusement park.

#### Web

www.prater-adventuretour.com

#### Gold workshop at Belvedere Palace

Combine your appreciation of art with creativity at a workshop offered by Belvedere Palace's museum. Participants learn more about the mysterious properties of gold. Using Gustav Klimt's painting "The Kiss" as a starting point they hear how the masterpieces of his "Golden Phase" were created. The group then experiments with the legendary metal in the studio and embellishes a unique souvenir with gossamer gold leaf.

#### Web

www.belvedere.at

# DISCOVERIES



### TIROL

#### Austria's only James Bond adventure world: Ice Q

Sölden in the Ötztal was one of the locations used in the James Bond film "Spectre". Ice Q -007 Elements at the summit of the 3,040 m high Gaislalogl is a reminder of the exciting shoot and James Bond films. The interactive exhibition presents title sequences, dramatic scores, action scenes and technical gadgets. Ice Q also has a gourmet restaurant, café and multifunctional room for events with up to 30 people.

#### Web

007elements.soelden.com

#### At the summit: reach for the stars

The mountain hut at the top of the approx. 2,000 m Venet is a great choice for conferences with a view. Its meeting room with terrace is 86 m<sup>2</sup> and the Panorama Restaurant offers space for 200 guests. Those wishing to reach even greater heights can walk to the nearby observatory and gaze at the night sky. There are regular special tours are.

#### Web

www.venet.at

### **VIENNA**

#### Virtual reality journey through time

Equipped with virtual reality glasses, ten to 40 participants can discover Vienna on a journey through time. The approximately two-hour tour takes you through six centuries of Vienna's history, from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the last days of World War II in 1945. Thanks to breathtaking 360° virtual reality animations, the time travellers can experience the past up close and enjoy exciting stories and anecdotes along the way.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

# INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES AND FORMATS



### **UPPER AUSTRIA**

#### Future Thinking School by Ars Electronica

In the Future Thinking School belonging to the Ars Electronica Center in Linz, everything revolves around digital innovation. The curious are invited to immerse themselves in the creative diversity of Ars Electronica. The programme includes keynote speeches and full-day workshops on the topics of new technologies, digital humanism and digital transformation.

Web

ars.electronica.art

#### Innovation workshop Grand Garage

The Grand Garage extends across more than 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the Tabakfabrik Linz. The innovation workshop houses almost 100 professional machines, from welding equipment and CNC milling machines to 3D printers, industrial robots and laser cutters. Experimenting is welcome here. In workshops and other educational formats, interested parties learn the most important things about digital and analogue technologies and how they can implement their own project ideas.

#### Web

grandgarage.eu (German only)

### **STYRIA**

#### Workation in the mountains

New "Campus Alps" in Gesäuse National Park has been offering nature experiences, outdoor adventures and the opportunity to work since spring 2023. This is the first project by start-up company EMMA WANDERER. Across a space of 18,000 m<sup>2</sup>, a place in nature is being created for "digital nomads". The workplace of the future combines 50 tiny homes, 30 camper van parking spots and 66 co-working spaces, equipped with high-speed internet. It can also be booked for company retreats.

#### Web

www.emmawanderer.com

# VORARLBERG

#### Event design podcast

How do you create dynamic events? Which formats are best for people to learn, create and meet? How can you turn participants into contributors? Curator and moderator Michael Gleich picks up on questions like these in the podcast "Boundless Event Design – Discussions about Good Event Culture" together with experts. They tend to look at the industry from the outside and come up with surprising insights and suggestions.

#### Web

www.convention.cc (German only)

#### Impulse papers on successful events

The impulse papers by Convention Partner Vorarlberg convey knowledge and practical examples of dynamic and successful events. They talk about how organisers can boost engagement, for example, and how they can get more out of the event space. Four impulse papers have been published so far on the topics of "Effective Encounters", "Easy Learning", "Resonance and Liveliness" and "The Space as an Actor".

#### Web

www.convention.cc (German only)

#### Laboratory for meetings

In the "Laboratory for the Meeting Culture", initiated by Convention Partner Vorarlberg, organisers and service providers develop creative event formats for meaningful meetings and sustainably successful events together with experts from various fields – from event psychologists to architects. All industry colleagues receive the findings from each laboratory free of charge as white papers.

#### Web

www.convention.cc (German only)

# Li Bre – meetings without borders at Lake Constance

"Li Bre" is the name of the new conference and congress platform at Lake Constance, which combines cross-border event options on water and land. The name "Li Bre" is composed of the cities of Lindau in Germany and Bregenz in Austria, also referring to "libre" in the sense of free. With the Bregenz Festival and Congress Centre, Inselhalle Lindau and various other venues, the two cities offer the best conditions for conferences, congresses and events.

#### Web

www.libre-bodensee.com (German only)

# VIENNA

#### Learn to bake with grandma and grandpa

"Vollpension" is a real institution in Vienna. Senior citizens bake in cosy cafés at several locations and look after the guests. The concept is based on a social approach: the "public living rooms" help older people earn an extra income and, above all, make contacts. You will find highly experienced bakers working at the "Vollpension" establishments. They also lead baking courses in which up to 20 participants learn how to make traditional delights such as Sachertorte, Strudel, Viennese Cardinal Slices and "Buchteln", which are oven-baked yeast dumplings.

#### Web

www.backademie.com

#### Sustainable Development Goals Workshop

What are the UN sustainable development goals and how can you implement them in your company? In this mobile or digital workshop, ten to 50 participants learn more about the sustainable development goals and what measures need to be taken to achieve them. During the two-hour workshop a plan is developed to achieve mutually defined goals. The workshop helps to achieve sustainability goals better and more efficiently within the company.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

#### rent a village

"rent a village" is the name of the award-winning event concept that transforms an entire village into a meeting or event location. The initiators of rent a village by xnet<sup>®</sup> implement events for 50 to 2,000 people, with unique side programmes and unusual conference facilities. Event villages include Brand in Vorarlberg; Alpbach, Gurgl, Mayrhofen and Pertisau in Tirol; Goldegg and Werfenweng in SalzburgerLand and Mondsee in Upper Austria.

#### Web

rentavillage.com

# ANNIVERSARIES AND EVENTS



Belvedere Palace © Wien Tourismus

## CARINTHIA

#### Carinthia E-MICE Rally

From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Carinthia is hosting an E-MICE rally with the motto "Take responsibility and create something sustainable". Event planners gain a comprehensive insight into destination Carinthia. At the pit stop in Carinthia, Austria's southernmost province and the world's first Slow Food Travel Destination, social responsibility and sustainable action come first and are only surpassed by the impressive landscapes and unique conference stages. Split into teams and with electric cars, the rally participants learn interesting facts about the best locations and a variety of MICE offers.

#### IMEX Frankfurt: Udo Jürgens event

In May 2023, the Kärnten Convention is bringing the tunes of Carinthia's best-known voice, Udo Jürgens, to Frankfurt. At this year's IMEX, MICE destination Carinthia will be presenting its portfolio of high-quality conference hotels, event locations and unusual incentive activities. And on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, Kärnten Convention is also organising an after-dinner event for conference planners to network. The first IMEX trade fair evening will be brought to an end with legendary Udo Jürgens classics, current hits and cool drinks.

Web

convention.kaernten.at

### TIROL

#### Industry congress Convention4U

The annual congress of the Austrian conference and congress industry, the "Convention4U", will take place at the Congress Centre Alpbach in Tirol this year. From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July, industry representatives will meet under the motto of transformation and talk about necessary changes within the industry but also cherished traditions and courageous innovations in a sustainable setting. The Austrian Convention Bureau will also be marking its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the Tuesday evening with colleagues from across the Austrian meeting industry.

Web

www.acb.at

#### Web

convention.kaernten.at

# UPPER AUSTRIA AND

#### 150 years of passenger ferry service on Lake Wolfgang

On 20<sup>th</sup> May 1873, the impressive paddle steamer "Kaiser Franz Josef I" ploughed through the water of Lake Wolfgang for the first time. Onlookers cheered from the jetty as the era of passenger ferry service on Lake Wolfgang began. There are four modern ships in use today and the paddle steamer "Kaiser Franz Josef I", which was brought up-to-date a few years ago, also sails as a nostalgic ship on certain dates. WolfgangseeSchifffahrt is celebrating 150 years on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with an exclusive anniversary cruise. Various routes and catering options are available for groups.

#### Web

www.5schaetze.at

# 130 years of the SchafbergBahn cog railway in St. Wolfgang

Lots of curious onlookers gathered when, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1893, the Schafbergbahn took its first seven passengers up the Schafberg high above Lake Wolfgang. The cog railway was considered a technological masterwork and the perfect complement to the Lake Wolfgang ferries. Austria's steepest cog railway is still in use today. The journey from St. Wolfgang to the mountain station takes around 35 minutes. On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023, the Schafbergbahn will be marking its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special trip. And there is an anniversary present too: the new valley station will open in early summer 2023, becoming an experience in itself with an exhibition, shop, event zone and restaurant with lakeside terrace.

#### Web

www.5schaetze.at

# SALZBURGLAND

#### 150 years of Max Reinhardt

Actor, director, artistic director and entrepreneur Max Reinhardt (1873-1943) founded the Salzburg Festival with his Jedermann (Everyman) performances, the impressive "Play of the Rich Man's Death". 2023 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth and the 80th anniversary of his death. On the occasion of the anniversaries, the city of Salzburg will be holding an exhibition on Max Reinhardt's famous Faust production from July to October 2023 at three locations, namely the Karl-Böhm-Saal, Stefan Zweig Centre and Schloss Leopoldskron. There will also be a party for Max Reinhardt at Schloss Leopoldskron on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. In August 2023 and from October 2023 to spring 2024, performative Max Reinhardt tours will take place in the Karl-Böhm-Saal and Felsenreitschule. The guided tour, during which visitors wear 3D glasses, is being created in cooperation with the Ars Electronica Futurelab.

#### Web

www.salzburgerfestspiele.at

# **STYRIA**

# Steiermark Convention celebrates 20 years of success

Steiermark Convention is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. Celebrations began at the conference fair in the provincial capital of Graz at the beginning of the year under the hashtag #treffpunktsteiermark. Other occasions to celebrate the cooperation with regional and international partners are the "Zukunftstag der Steirischen Wirtschaft" (Future Day of the Styrian Economy) on 31<sup>st</sup> May in Graz as well as conference fairs in Austria and abroad.

Web

www.steiermark.com

### VIENNA

#### 300 years of Belvedere

The Belvedere celebrates its 300th anniversary under the motto "Golden Spring" and takes up two basic motifs of its history: gold for tradition and the sacred spring (ver sacrum) for new beginnings. The anniversary programme will shine accordingly. The Lower Belvedere will be dedicated to the theme "The Belvedere, 300 Years a Place of Art" throughout the year. Since 3rd February it has been showcasing the "Klimt. Inspired by Van Gogh, Rodin, Matisse" exhibition and from 22nd September you will be able to see the early works by Louise Bourgeois. And with "Picture this! The Belvedere Collection from Cranach to Export" the Upper Belvedere has been inviting visitors to view its collection from new perspectives since 22nd March. Belvedere 21, specialising in contemporary art, has been dedicating itself to local art scenes since 6th April and the spring festival on 13th and 14th May will be a big event with concerts, a colourful programme and free entry to all three sites.

#### Web

www.belvedere.at

#### 150 years of the Vienna World's Fair

The World's Fair took place in Vienna in 1873, now 150 years ago. It marked a major milestone in the development of Vienna and attracted 7.3 million visitors. The anniversary will be celebrated in many ways, by the city of Vienna as well as by institutions and companies that have existed since the World's Fair. Here is a selection of events: The Vienna Museum of Science and Technology is showing a special "Women At Work" exhibition. A room at the Weltmuseum Wien will be dedicated to the World's Fair. From 28<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the MAK – Museum of Applied Arts will be looking at 19th century Orientalism, an important facet of the World's Fair. Key themes throughout 2023 will be Japan and the soybean, which was presented in Europe for the first time at the World's Fair.

#### Web

www.wien.info

# QUALITY SEALS AND AWARDS



# **CARINTHIA**

#### Awarded: Hotel GUT Trattlerhof & Chalets

More and more hotels in Carinthia are committed to the subject of sustainability. One of them is the Hotel GUT Trattlerhof & Chalets in Bad Kleinkirchheim. It bears the Austrian and European Ecolabels for its extensive measures. The hotel's own power station generates electricity from hydropower. E-charging stations and e-car and e-bike rental help guests reduce their carbon footprint. The restaurant primarily uses seasonal and regional products from organically certified cultivation. Interested guests and groups can gain insights in cooking courses and craft workshops.

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www.trattlerhof.at

## **UPPER AUSTRIA**

#### Zero Project Award: Hotel Wesenufer

At the Zero Project Conference 2023, which took place in Vienna in February 2023 at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Hotel Wesenufer in Waldkirchen an der Donau was Austria's first inclusion hotel to receive the Zero Project Award. Hotel Wesenufer stands for modern seminar culture and offers barrier-free rooms for seminars and conferences for up to 220 people. It has 49 guest rooms, some with a view of the Danube. One of the special features of the establishment is its employment concept for people with challenges.

#### Upper Austria's first Green Event

In June 2022, Business Upper Austria and the Upper Austrian Tourist Board organised their first Green Event. The tourism summit talks took place at Mondsee Castle. The certification was awarded by the Upper Austria Convention. Sustainability was also the central topic of the conference, which was attended by around 140 tourism professionals from Upper Austria.

#### Web

www.upperaustria.com

#### Web

hotel-wesenufer.at

# UPPER AUSTRIA

#### Welcoming Upper Austria - top ranking

Every year, the booking platform booking.com presents "Traveller Review Awards" to its bestrated hosts. The ranking of the most welcoming places in the world 2023 awarded Upper Austria a sensational third place. The ranking is determined by the number of accommodations with a "Traveller Review Award".

#### Web

www.oberoesterreich-tourismus.at (German only)

# SALZBURG

# Seeham honoured with the EU Organic Award

For decades, Seeham has been shaped by the organic commitment of its residents. 80 percent of all farmers work according to organic principles and sustainability is lived in all areas of society. In September 2022, the Committee of the Regions, the European Commission and other partners presented the municipality of Seeham with the "EU Organic Award 2022" as "Best Organic City" in the "Cities and Communities" category.

#### Web

seeham-info.at (German only)

## TIROL

# Schlosshotel Lebenberg bears the Austrian Ecolabel

40 hotels throughout Tirol currently bear the Austrian Ecolabel and Schlosshotel Lebenberg in Kitzbühel has been one of them since January 2023. This means it is also a designated Green Location. The hotel has five meeting rooms and is suitable for events with up to 420 people.

#### Web

www.daslebenberg.com

#### Europahaus Mayrhofen awarded the Austrian Ecolabel

"Meetings with a vision and Zillertal heart and soul" is the motto of the Europahaus Mayrhofen - Congress Zillertal. At the beginning of 2023, the congress centre was awarded the Austrian Ecolabel. It offers space for events with anything from ten to 800 participants. Options include the 641 m<sup>2</sup> Europa hall, which can be made smaller depending on the number of participants. There are also up to eight breakout rooms and 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space.

#### Web

www.europahaus.at

#### Werkstätte Wattens becomes partner of Green Events Tirol

Werkstätte Wattens has been a partner of Green Events Tirol since January 2023. The joint initiative between Klimabündnis Tirol, the Umweltverein Tirol (Environmental Association) and the province of Tirol is committed to an environmentally and socially responsible event industry. Its partners currently include 12 locations, two educational institutions, four initiatives and 12 service providers, mainly from the catering sector. Werkstätte Wattens combines co-working spaces, workshops and meeting and event rooms across 7,200 m<sup>2</sup>. The rooms range from 10 m<sup>2</sup> to 371 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Web

www.werkstaette-wattens.at

## VIENNA

# Vienna named world's most livable city in 2022

The "Global Liveability Index" of the "Economist Intelligence Unit" (EIU), which has been published annually since 2004, enjoys worldwide recognition and compares over 140 major cities around the world. In June 2022, Vienna was voted number one again. In 2019 and 2018, Vienna was the first European city to win the ranking, replacing Melbourne as the most livable city after seven years. In addition to criteria such as health care, education, infrastructure and culture, Vienna scored particularly well when it came to safety and stability.

#### Web

www.wien.info

# SUSTAINABILITY



# BURGENLAND

#### Sustainable Burgenland

Burgenland owes its more than 300 days of sunshine a year to the Pannonian climate. The province uses its sun and wind to generate energy and the proportion of renewable energy generated in Burgenland is currently 52.5 percent. Landscape protection also plays a major role in Burgenland, which is characterised by unique landscapes. A third of the province is protected with the largest share belonging to cross-border Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park. There are also six nature parks. More than 30 percent of agricultural produce is certified organic, from wine to vegetables.

# Web

www.burgenland.info (German only)

#### Burgenland-Trails

Sustainably built and accessible all year round: the new mountain bike hot spot is located between Lockenhaus in the Mittelburgenland-Rosalia region and Rechnitz in Southern Burgenland. The Burgenland Trails are a network of trails that is more than 40 km long, characterised by a variety of landscapes on ample terrain and their natural construction. They are ideal for incentive activities with bike rental on site.

#### Web

trails.burgenland.info (German only)

#### Green meetings in Therme Laa © Pflanzl Media Web

# CARINTHIA

#### The climate-active region of Katschberg

The climate-active region of Katschberg is pursuing the ambitious goal of being the first region in the world to be CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral by 2030, making its tourist offerings sustainable and thus contributing to protecting the environment. E-cars, e-bikes, e-trials, e-scooters and the e-choo-choo train enable guests to explore the region in a climate-friendly way. Katschberg is also a pilot partner region of the Austrian Ecolabel.

#### Web

www.der-klimaberg.at (German only)

# CARINTHIA

#### Slow Food Carinthia

Carinthia is particularly committed to the topic of Slow Food. The aim of Slow Food Carinthia is to raise consumer awareness of good products and nutrition and to promote good food throughout Carinthia. With this in mind, the Slow Food Travel Destinations invite you to get to know and enjoy their culinary specialties. The world's first Slow Food Travel Destination extends from the Gailtal and Lesachtal valleys to Lake Weissensee. The second region includes the Lavanttal. Slow Food Villages promote a culture of responsible nutrition and eating. The Slow Food Cook's Alliance unites male and female chefs.

#### Web

www.slowfood-kaernten.at (German only)

# Showing responsibility and promoting sustainability

Sustainability and corporate social responsibility are widely applauded in the MICE destination of Carinthia. Sustainable group incentives and corporate volunteering campaigns with the team from "Verantwortung zeigen!" (Show Responsibility!) strengthen team spirit and at the same time offer added value for communities, initiatives or nature. Opportunities to get involved range from active nature conservation and trips with the elderly to workshops with youngsters or cooking together in the local homeless shelter.

#### Web

convention.kaernten.at

# Wörthersee Plus Card for free S-Bahn travel through Carinthia

Guests staying overnight in the Wörthersee region receive the complimentary Wörthersee Plus Card. The card is valid for any number of journeys on local trains on the S-Bahn lines across Carinthia. The Wörthersee Plus Card is available in summer as well as in winter.

#### Web

www.woerthersee.com

# LOWER AUSTRIA

#### Green Meetings in Lower Austria

Sustainability plays a major role in Lower Austria and is also anchored in the tourism strategy of the province. Twelve Convention Bureau Lower Austria partners bear the Austrian Ecolabel as locations and caterers that implement Green Events. The Convention Bureau Lower Austria also provides examples of sustainable side programmes and incentives on its website under "Green Ideas". Thanks to the extensive public transport network, participants can travel to almost all of the convention bureau's top partner companies by train and bus.

#### Web

convention.niederoesterreich.at

# UPER AUSTRIA

#### Green Meetings & Events in Linz

Two locations in Linz are particularly suitable for Green Meetings & Events. The Design Center Linz is Upper Austria's first location to be officially authorised to call itself a provider and certification authority for Green Meetings & Events. The venue has several rooms for conferences and events, from its 650 m<sup>2</sup> congress hall to exhibition halls and seminar rooms of various sizes. Event spaces at the centrally located baroque Palais Kaufmännischer Verein include several luxuriously fitted halls and modern seminar rooms.

#### Web

www.design-center.at www.palaislinz.at (German only)

#### Green Meetings in Wels

The tourism region of Wels is committed to Green Meetings & Events. Wels is the only town in Austria in which all seminar hotels have been awarded the Austrian Ecolabel. The Wels Business Tourism Office is the exclusive licensee of the Austrian Ecolabel for Green Meetings & Events and certifies events for organisers.

#### Web

www.wels.at

#### Climate Alliance establishment: Hotel AVIVA in St. Stephan am Walde

Hotel AVIVA in the Mühlviertel is a pioneer when it comes to sustainability. It has been a Climate Alliance establishment since 2022. The hotel draws part of its energy from its own photovoltaic system. There are 18 electric cars for employees and an e-shuttle service is used to pick up guests.

#### Web

www.hotel-aviva.at (German only)

### SALZBURG

# The Climate Alliance municipality of Werfenweng

As a model location for soft mobility, the Austrian Climate Alliance municipality of Werfenweng has set itself the goal of contributing towards protecting the environment through targeted mobility measures. For many years, the village has encouraged its guests to arrive by public transport and the village shuttle E-LOIS provides environmentally friendly mobility once there. Guests can hire e-cars and e-bikes and receive the SVV ticket for free with the Werfenweng Card for public transport throughout SalzburgerLand.

Web

www.werfenweng.eu



## **STYRIA**

#### Meet sustainably

Since 2022, Steiermark Convention has been providing the latest information on future-oriented ideas and environmentally friendly conference options in its online magazine. Blog posts and newsletter articles highlight special initiatives and offers. Hotels and locations that implement Green Meetings are also featured.

#### Web

www.steiermark.com (German only)

#### Sustainable focus: Garten-Hotel Ochensberger

Sustainability has always played a major role at Hotel Ochensberger in St. Ruprecht an der Raab and the establishment has earnt itself the Austrian and European Ecolabels for many years. The hotel, which has a 7,500 m<sup>2</sup> garden, was also awarded the "Natur im Garten" (Nature in the Garden) seal of approval for refraining from the use of pesticides, chemical fertilisers and peat. The hotel has 63 rooms, four seminar rooms for up to 100 people, a restaurant and spacious pool and sauna area.

Web

www.ochensberger.at

#### Energy self-sufficient: Hi5-Hotel Seiersberg

The Hi5 Hotel with 20 rooms and six apartments opened in Seiersberg, a ten-minute drive from Graz, in June 2022. The new building is energy self-sufficient and considered the first zero-emissions hotel in Austria. The rooms are cooled and heated with concrete core activation. The energy for this system is supplied by the in-house canteen. Stylistically, the hotel combines Styrian charm with American ease. It provides e-bike rental for its guests and eight e-charging points. There is also a restaurant, small wellness area, seminar space for up to 60 people and supermarket on site.

#### Web

www.hi5-hotel.at (German only)

# TIROL

# Global Destination Sustainability Benchmark 2023

In 2023, congress and conference destination Tirol will be taking part in the international sustainability ranking of the Global Destination Sustainability (GDS) Movement for the third time. The GDS measures over 70 qualitative and quantitative criteria in the areas of environment, social affairs, suppliers and destination management. Tirol achieved 80.9 points in 2022 and thus ranked amongst the top 15. In the environmental category, the congress and conference region secured third place among the 65 participating destinations.

#### Web

www.convention.tirol

# Online tool "Greta" calculates environmentally friendly arrival

Tirol has set up the online tool "Greta" for guests who want to arrive in an environmentally friendly way. It displays the most environmentally friendly travel option and calculates the  $CO_2$ consumption for the various journeys. Further tips for sustainable holidays can be found on the Tirol Tourist Board website.

#### Web

www.tirol.at

# VORARLBERG

# Feldkirch: first climate-neutral certified congress centre in Austria

The Montforthaus Event & Convention Centre in Feldkirch is Austria's first climate-neutral certified congress centre, making it a flagship project for sustainability within the event sector. In addition, the Montforthaus culture and congress centre was voted Austria's best congress centre in 2021 by the "World MICE Awards".

#### Web

www.montforthausfeldkirch.com (German only)

# Conference hotels and locations with a sustainability certificate

Sustainability plays an important role for many tourist businesses in Vorarlberg. Nine congress houses, event locations and seminar hotels currently have a sustainability certificate and the number of certified companies is growing continuously.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

#### Certification Green Meetings & Events

Events such as congresses, conferences, corporate events, seminars and trade fairs can be certified according to the guidelines of the Austrian Ecolabel for Green Meetings & Events. Convention Partner Vorarlberg has held the ecolabel for Green Meetings & Events since 2013. With its many years of experience, the convention bureau supports organisers in the certification of their event.

#### Web

www.convention.cc

## VIENNA

#### Green Meetings checklist

The Vienna Convention Bureau has compiled a checklist for organisers who want to make their event as sustainable as possible, looking at elements such as environmentally friendly arrival and mobility on site. Other aspects include hotels and locations certified with ecolabels, waste prevention, sustainable caterers and social factors.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at



# VIENNA

#### Certified with the Austrian Ecolabel

The Austrian Ecolabel distinguishes products and services with a low environmental impact and stands for high quality. Around a fifth of the accommodation facilities in Austria that have been awarded the Austrian Ecolabel are located in Vienna. In addition, more than 40 locations and venues in Vienna are already environmentally certified.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

#### Environmentally friendly mobility

Vienna is known for its excellent transport infrastructure. The Wiener Linien public transport network with underground trains, trams and buses currently covers 1,150 km and is constantly being expanded. Thanks to frequent services, congress and conference participants can get from A to B quickly and easily. City bikes, car sharing, e-mopeds and e-scooters complete the offer. The City Airport Train (CAT) takes you from the airport to the city centre in just 16 minutes and there are special ticket offers from Wiener Linien and CAT for congress participants.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

#### Sustainable site visit

The Vienna Convention Bureau has had the license to certify events as Green Meetings since 2011. In order to give interested parties an insight into the destination, the team organises sustainable site visits. They take participants to visit certified venues, check out restaurants that specialise in local cuisine and take part in bespoke programmes that focus on social responsibility.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

#### Austrian Guides for Future

The Austria Guides for Future are the experts when it comes to showing you the greenest places in Vienna. The focus of their tours is on forward-looking developments and initiatives. In this way, participants learn how the city is dealing with the challenges of climate change and about the impact that past developments still have today. The tours thus combine history and culture with hot topics.

#### Web

www.vienna.convention.at

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