



Tour MON1: Planica Nordic Centre and Wurzenpass Bunker Museum

In the **Planica Nordic Centre** we dive into the wonders of winter sports. Our guided tour gives us the chance to see the wind tunnels and learn that the cross-country course is ready even in the middle of the summer.

From the viewing platform it is possible to see the grounds including the ski jumping hills, which are – apart from the giant hill – open all year round. The great courage of ski jumpers can be observed when we ascend 202 metres high by a chairlift, to the top of the flying hill.

We will learn that the history of Ski Jumping dates back to year 1934, when the first World Record was set. Information about the rich history of Planica and the development of Ski Jumping is available at the museum which also offers a ski jumping simulator and interactive content.

<https://www.nc-planica.si/en/>

Our second stop is the **Wurzenpass Bunker Museum**. During the Cold War between East and West, Austria built a secret network of bunkers and barriers. They were intended to spare the small, neutral Alpine Republic from being attacked and invaded by foreign NATO or Warsaw Pact troops.

At the Wurzenpass, Austria's largest continuous barrier was created and is now publicly accessible as a museum area. Seven bunkers with connecting corridors and combat positions - some networked like tunnels - can be experienced.

The Bunker Museum has been created to raise awareness, especially in times when war is more present on our minds again.

<http://bunkermuseum.at/>

Tour MON2: Glock Heat & Power Plants and Organic Farm Thalenstein

GLOCK Ökoenergie GmbH has specialized in the manufacture of wood gas combined heat and power plants which convert natural wood chips into heat and electricity with high efficiency.

Glock wood gasifiers are the result of many years of development and innovation. They are a novel way of producing heat and green electricity self-sufficiently using only wood chips.

The systems are used in local heating supply and in industrial companies to cover the base load, in agriculture, for example, to dry grain or hay or in forestry to dry wood. The products are also ideal for guest and hotel businesses that have a constant need for hot water (spa areas).

<https://www.glock-ecoenergy.com/>

Our second stop is **Biogut Schloss Thalenstein**, a pioneering organic farm in Carinthia.

The Helldorff family has been growing bread grain at Biogut Schloss Thalenstein for over 25 years. Ancient grains such as emmer and spelt, as well as rye, maize and buckwheat grow on organically farmed fields, which have a high humus content and a high diversity of soil organisms.

They also own vast areas of forest and supply companies and private households in the vicinity with wood chips - a biogenic and renewable energy source.

<https://helldorff.at/wp/>



Tour MON3: Historama Vintage Transport museum in Ferlach

Immerse yourself in the world of traffic from yesteryear!

Our adventure begins when we are picked up in Cap Woerth by a vintage double decker bus and make our way to the Historama vintage transport museum.

From modest beginnings with 300 m² in 1993, the Historama has since grown continuously to become the second largest transport museum in Austria with over 4,700 m² of exhibition space.

Images from old films come alive again: dream of a romantic trip for two in the BMW Isetta; of your first bus trip in a VW "Samba" bus; or perhaps rediscover grandpa's first car.

Find out what simple devices the Fire Brigade used decades ago; set a railway signal yourself - and play with our LGB model railway layout to your heart's content!

A few surprises have been especially arranged for us during this tour so if you're interested in vintage cars and other old transport technology, this trip is made for you.

<https://nostalgiebahn.at/historama.html>

Tour MON4: Fort Hochosterwitz

In one of the most beautiful valleys in Carinthia, a 150m high limestone cliff rises. It can be seen from all the surrounding mountains and hills, and in reverse the view from Fort Hochosterwitz is impressive.

We take the easy option and skip the steep climb and instead reach the castle with the Fürst-Max-Bahn (lift). With a climbing height of 124 meters and a journey time of 65 seconds, 14 people can be transported to the stronghold.

Up at the castle, we enjoy an amazing view of the surrounding area and explore what the Fort has to offer: Armory, the weapons collection, and the interesting collection of pictures from the Renaissance period bear witness to the history of this unique fortification.

In addition to the interesting museum and the culinary offers, you can also immerse yourself in the world of medieval handicrafts at the castle.

At the end, we walk back down through the historically interesting 14 castle gates. Optionally, you can buy a ticket to go down by lift (6 EUR).

<https://www.burg-hochosterwitz.com/en/>



Tour MON5: Agricultural Machinery and Mountain Farm

We first visit an **agricultural machinery exhibitor** where we can admire machines that are specifically used in the Alpine region.

The company Landtechnik Villach GmbH, with its headquarters in Villach, was founded in 1986. An abandoned farm served as a storage, repair and service area.

In the following year, the company moved into an old sawmill where an 8,000 m² area was gradually adapted, and a workshop complex was built.

Today the company is one of the most modern agricultural engineering companies in southern Austria. Landtechnik Villach is also a specialist in the field of garden technology.

<https://www.landtechnik.co.at/>

Our second stop will be a **mountain farm** where we will hear about the challenges of farming in a mountainous area. We will see which areas these machines are typically used on and maybe see some machinery in action.

Tour MON6: Lauritsch Farm + House of Archaeology / Kathreinkogel

Also called Mischelle Hof, the **Lauritsch farm** is currently managed by the 11th generation and has a diverse structure.

The meadows and fields provide fodder for the Holstein dairy cows. A variety of crops are grown, and a great number of different fruit trees thrive in the orchards. Juices, brandies, liqueurs and, most recently, whiskeys are among the specialties. Everything is produced on the farm itself.

We will get a chance to walk around the farm, try lovely local food and taste a few of the drinks produced at the farm.

http://dein-bauer-franz.at/?page_id=24

Nearby, the 772-meter-high **Kathreinkogel** rises sharply from the valley floor and offers a beautiful panoramic view of Lake Wörthersee and the Rosental.

It has been inhabited since the 7th millennium BC - surface finds indicate that Mesolithic hunter-gatherers and Neolithic farmers used the mountain as a settlement site. Today, there are excavation sites over 3000 years old.

The associated museum "**House of Archaeology**" offers general information on fundamental questions of European human history as well as a cross-section of the finds excavated on the Kathreinkogel.

This involves a short walk (2km) (good path). We will make arrangements for those less able to walk.

<https://www.woerthersee.com/en/datacycle-detailansicht/show/artikel-das-haus-der-archaeologie-am-kathreinkogel>



Tour TUE1: Italy/Slovenia - Moro Vineyards and City of Gorizia/Görz

Our journey takes us on mountain roads with spectacular views down to the border area between Slovenia and Italy. Take in the stunning scenery and enjoy the bus ride – the journey is the reward!

Notice the Mediterranean feel of the area when we arrive at the **Moro family farm and vineyard**. The Moro family has a long history of numerous generations that goes back to great-grandmother Margerita, who started to cultivate half a hectare of land. The grandfather, nicknamed Moro because of his black raven hair, brought horses to the estate. Moro's son Boris cultivates 5 hectares of land and additional 7 hectares of vineyards.

We will use all our senses on this tour – see the farm and vineyard, hear about the different grape varieties and special farming methods, and smell and taste the final product (of which you might feel the effect...)!

<https://www.moro-wines.com/>

We will then head on to the beautiful city of **Gorizia (Görz in German)** on the Isonzo river at the foot of the Julian Alps, right on the border with Slovenia.

Gorizia was the capital of the former Province of Gorizia and is a local centre of tourism, industry, and commerce. Since 1947, a twin town of Nova Gorica has developed on the other side of the modern-day Italy–Slovenia border. The region was subject to territorial dispute between Italy and Yugoslavia after World War II: after the new boundaries were established in 1947 and the old town was left to Italy, Nova Gorica was built on the Yugoslav (now Slovenian) side.

Tour TUE2: Styria - Lipizzaner Stud Farm Piber

Get close to the world-famous Lipizzaners known from the Spanish Riding School in Vienna!

As a UNESCO National Intangible Cultural Heritage Site, the Lipizzaner Stud Farm Piber not only safeguards the centuries-old knowledge of breeding and raising Lipizzaner horses but is also responsible for the offspring of the world-famous White Stallions of the Spanish Riding School.

The stud farm, with its surrounding farms and pastures, is the home base of the white horses: their home from childhood, their school and leisure domicile in their youth, their little love nest in young adulthood and their senior residence after successful performances in Vienna and worldwide tours with the Spanish Riding School.

Experience the future stars of the Spanish Riding School live and up close on a guided tour of the stud farm and a walk through the Lipizzaner pastures. Professional horse whisperers are waiting for us!

There is also a great museum, located in a listed building - the "Schüttkasten", which used to be the grain storage. The exhibition provides all the information worth knowing about the breeding, life and care of the Lipizzaner in the stud farm and in the Spanish Riding School.

Original exhibits from the 19th century can be found as well as a true-to-scale model of the Spanish Riding School and much more. The exhibition is supplemented by numerous multimedia experiences.

<https://www.piber.com/en/>

Tour TUE3: Slovenia – Mežica Mine and Klančnik Farm Visit

Please note – you need to be able to climb steps for this tour - there are altogether 400 steps. Also, please do not choose this tour if you suffer from claustrophobia.

Put on your mining equipment and take a ride on a genuine mining train right to the heart of the mine. Driving through the 3.5 km long tunnel lasts about 15 minutes and can truly be described as a unique experience. You will step out at the station in the heart of the mountain, 600 m below the surface.

Accompanied by an experienced guide, we will follow the trail to find out more about the history of mining. In the mine, different types of mining equipment and tools are presented that were used by miners in different historical periods, from the early beginnings over 350 years ago until the last days of mining in the past century. At the end of the tour, you will hop back on the train and return from the mine full of impressions.

You will also get a chance to visit the museum built in 1928 which houses a rich collection of minerals, ores and photographs. Moreover, the everyday life of miners is presented with a display of a traditional miner's housing.

www.podzemljepece.com/en

Klančnik Farm Visit: Would you like to take a little train pulled by a tractor around the farm, see game and a hunting lodge, where more than 100 types of different stuffed animals are exhibited? Then join us on our visit to Klančnik farm. We will enjoy the natural beauty of the area and taste specialties like venison salami and other meat and dairy products.

<https://www.kmetija-klančnik.si/index.php>

Tour TUE4: Carinthia - Fortress building Friesach and Hirt Brewery

The fortress construction in Friesach is extraordinary: On a mountain hill south of the medieval town of Friesach, a hilltop castle is being built with the craftsmanship of a bygone era. The focus of interest is the process of building, without the use of modern equipment. A castle complex with two towers, a palace, ring walls and a chapel was built over a construction period of around 40 years only thanks to the traditional craftsmanship of those involved, supported by strong Noriker horses.

The construction site is a "history laboratory". You can watch the craftsmen at their tedious work and experience the authentic working day on a medieval construction site in peace and tranquillity.

The tour encompasses about 1km of walking, but the terrain is mostly flat.

<https://burgbau.at/>

Our second stop is the **private brewery Hirt**. It is one of the oldest breweries in Austria - beer has been brewed with real passion in Hirt for 750 years.

A guided tour of the brewery gives us a look behind the scenes. Immersed in the world of traditional brewing, the master brewer will let us in on a few secrets. Let yourself be seduced by the spicy smell of hops, malt and yeast and find out how this popular beer is made from high-quality ingredients!

<https://www.hirterbier.at/en/>



Tour TUE5: Carinthia - Monastery St. Paul and Vineyard Ritter

The **Monastery St. Paul** is a working monastery. We will have a wander around the grounds and see buildings and courtyards.

We will then get the chance to have a look at their exciting new exhibition “Books, Codes and Spells”, looking at the wonders that are trapped within pages of books.

Umberto Eco's "The Name of the Rose" and the “DaVinci Code” come alive as the visitors immerse themselves in the experience of secret books that made history but also hold many miracles.

<https://www.stift-stpaul.at/>

Our second stop is at a vineyard: The **Weinhof vlg. Ritter** is located at 450m above sea level on the sunny southern slope of the Josefsberg near St. Paul in the Lavanttal and is the home of the David Family of winegrowers.

The family will show us around on the farm and vineyard, where we will learn about their grape varieties and farming methods.

From harvesting to bottling, every step of the process is carried out at the Weinhof itself, with many helping hands from the Family. The winemaker consciously focuses on regionality and sustainability.

Of course, we will also get to taste the finished product!

<https://www.vulgoritter.at>



Tour WED1: Pyramidenkogel Walk 1- Uphill

Important: This is a 2.5 hour walk up to the Pyramidenkogel, with a roughly 300m ascent. Please only choose this tour if you are in good physical condition. The route itself is not too technical (nice wide path) but a good level of fitness and comfortable walking boots are required.

Information about the walk: We will walk from Schiefeling up to the Pyramidenkogel, a 2-2.5h walk with a roughly 300m ascent. On our way up, we will stop at Thomas Thaler's rustic **bakery** where we will see (and taste!) his crispy loaves, made accordingly to an old, traditional recipe.

Information about the observation tower: The observation tower was opened in 2013 on the summit of the Pyramidenkogel, 851 meters above sea level. At 100 meters high, it is the tallest wooden observation tower in the world.

The construction consists of 16 powerful, elliptically arranged larch laminated wood supports and 80 diagonal steel braces. The actual structure is 67 meters high. The top of the tower with the two highest viewing platforms and the "Sky Box" were placed on top of this. The "Sky Box" (on the 9th floor) is glazed all around and is therefore protected from wind and weather.

Visitors can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view of Carinthia's wonderful lake and mountain landscape when climbing the 441 steps and also during the ride with the panorama lift. The lift transports up to 20 people to a height of 70 meters.

After our visit to the observation tower, the bus will take you back down to Cap Wörth (our venue).

<https://www.pyramidenkogel.info/>

Tour WED2: Pyramidenkogel Walk 2 – Downhill

Important: This is a 2 hour walk down from the Pyramidenkogel, with a roughly 300m descent. Please only choose this tour if you are in good physical condition. The route itself is not too technical (nice wide path) but a good level of fitness and comfortable walking boots are required.

Information about the observation tower: The bus will take you from Cap Wörth (our venue) up to the observation tower, which was opened in 2013 on the summit of the Pyramidenkogel, 851 meters above sea level. At 100 meters high, it is the tallest wooden observation tower in the world.

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Information about the walk: We will then walk down from the top of the Pyramidenkogel to Schiefeling which is a 2hour walk with roughly 300m descent. On our way down, we will stop at Thomas Thaler's rustic **bakery** where we will see (and taste!) his crispy loaves, made according to an old, traditional recipe.

<https://www.pyramidenkogel.info/>



Tour WED3: Wernberg Convent

This tour is suitable for all ages and all levels of fitness.

The Wernberg convent is part of an international, multicultural congregation, with homes and communities in Africa, Europe, North America, South Korea, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. There are approximately 700 Missionary Sisters worldwide.

We will have a guided tour of the convent grounds including the beautiful church, courtyard and ballroom and gardens. We will also get a chance to visit the adjacent monastery farm.

In between, we can relax in the rose garden and enjoy some peace and tranquillity on the lovely grounds.

The convent shop offers enjoyment with a clear conscience. The in-house milk processing produces high quality and regional food with raw materials from monastery estate. Milk, yoghurt, quark, cottage cheese and much more are freshly produced and processed every day.

With other specialties and gifts from fair trade, European monasteries and mission areas, you can make your fellow human beings and yourself happy.

The Wernberg convent combines history, culture and simplicity in an old castle.

<https://www.klosterwernberg.at>

Tour WED4: Werner Berg Art Museum and Erschenhof Farm

Our first stop is the Werner Berg Art Gallery and Museum in Bleiburg.

Werner Berg was born on 11th April 1904 in Elberfeld (Wuppertal, Germany). After studying in Vienna and Munich, he settled on the Rutarhof in south-eastern Carinthia in 1931, working as both a farmer and an artist until his death in 1981. .

The remote farmhouse, situated high above the river Drau, became the setting for a remarkable symbiosis of art and life. Central to his artistic work are the landscape and people of his adopted "second home" of Lower Carinthia, observed with the objectivity of a stranger and the intensity of a lover. With his work he has given the province of Carinthia a unique document. As well as being of high artistic merit, his work is also a chronicle of life in a pre-industrial age.

<https://www.wernerberg.museum/>

Our second stop will be the Erschenhof - a working farm with farm shop and oil mill.

The first records of the farm date back to 1718. Each generation has done pioneering work and shown foresight, enabling the farm to remain in the family for more than 200 years. They enjoy passing on their experiences, values and knowledge so they also welcome interns and au pairs at the farm.

In the oil mill, they press sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, walnuts, linseed and camelina. You can buy their award-winning oils in the farm shop, as well as a great selection of farm products from Carinthia.

<https://www.erschenhof.at/>



Tour WED5: Citrus Nursery and Rosegg Castle & Wildlife Park

BioZitrusgarten is Austria's first organic citrus nursery, a botanical centre for citrus trees with indoor planting for their own organic citrus harvest. They offer over 300 varieties of organic citrus trees for sale.

A citrus tree is a very decorative plant with a special flowering behaviour and fragrance, but also producing high-quality food. The organic harvest from over 200 different citrus rarities is made into salt lemons and limoncello as well as used for co-productions such as lemon pralines with Zotter, lemon gin with RickGin, lemon honey, lemon chilli, and more.

The show garden itself extends to 1000 m² in winter (greenhouses only) and 4000m² in summer (open land and greenhouses). The garden is rounded off with a gourmet shop, with mainly organic food, where almost everything can be tasted. We will have a guided tour and a lemony tasting!

<https://www.zitrusgarten.at/>

Rosegg Castle and Wildlife Park is located between the Wörthersee and the Faaker See on the edge of the Karawanken mountain range.

More than 300 animals live in our zoo. Many of them roam freely within the premises.

Stroll around the castle hill between historic walls in the largest animal park in Carinthia and watch our animals. The extensive area with the wide paths and the idyllic rest areas enable visitors of all ages to enjoy a beautiful day.

The historic Rosegg Castle offers the setting for summer events, concerts, theatre and is home to the atmospheric castle café.

<https://www.rosegg.at/>

Tour WED6: Lakeshore Walk, Velden and power station Forstsee

This is a very easy 5 kilometre walk on a flat path.

We walk from our venue (Cap Wörth) along the lakeshore through the little town of Velden. In Velden, we learn a little bit about the history of the town and the area.

We continue to the power station Forstsee on the Wörthersee shore which resembles an Art Nouveau villa and has been a listed building since 1995. It is Carinthia's oldest storage power plant, which has been in operation since 1925 and was the starting point for the construction of the Carinthian high-voltage network.

Today it is a small storage power station that still supplies valuable peak electricity. The park-like property and the art nouveau villa on Lake Wörthersee are open to the public and since 1998, interested visitors have been able to find out more about the generation of electricity and view all the technical systems and the machine hall.

The bus takes us back to the venue.

<https://www.nekteo.eu/de/energieschauplatz/kaernten/schau-kraftwerk-forstsee>