

Upper Austria - A must-visit place in the heart of Europe

Upper Austria, the land of musicians and writers, is an exciting mix of diverse landscapes and delightful cities and towns.

The capital city of Linz is an alternative to the imperial city of Vienna, where technology and modern design have been developed without boundaries, such as the impressive Ars Electronica Center.



In Upper Austria, there are many places worth visiting. For example, if the weather is nice, you might want to go hiking on mount Krippenstein. 400 meters above sea level, where the viewpoint "5fingers" is located. There you'll get a great view over lake Hallstättersee and the Salzkammergut region.

Upper Austria definitely offers beautiful nature to the wildlife-interested visitor. There are lots of national parks with an impressive view of Austria's beautiful mountains inviting you to wander hillsides, enjoy the great diversity of wildlife and take in the clean air smelling of freedom and unspoiled flora and fauna.



Take, for example, the national park Kalkalpen. Established around fifty years ago, the giant area is still unaffected by human influence. It's located in the south of Upper Austria and it provides shelter to countless endangered species, like the lynx, the otter and the

dormouse. If you are more interested in hiking than in observing the wildlife, this national park is also perfect for you. Offering a wide range of alpine pastures, it's a splendid place to go for a hike or enjoy a colourful sunrise from the top of one of the many mountains there. Family-run alpine huts maintain the centuries-old tradition of cattle farming on the giant meadows.

Are you looking for an opportunity to cool down after an exhausting hike? Maybe you'd like to go to a lake with your family, where you can have a lot of fun, or do you want to go to a quiet one, where you can enjoy the amazing view of the mountains around that lake? Upper Austria has a lot of different options, so you will easily find the right place for you. If you don't have an idea which lakes are located in Upper Austria, here is a small selection of places you need to discover.



Lake Attersee is the largest lake of the Salzkammergut region and Austria's third largest lake. You can do lots of activities like swimming and diving because of its clear blue water and you can take a look at all the beautiful fish.

Lake Mondsee is the perfect place to go with your family. Of course, you can go swimming and diving there, too, but there are a lot more activities you have to try out. You can look at rare species of birds at the lake shore and take great pictures of



them. If you want to have a wonderful view of lake Mondsee, you can climb the top of mount Schafberg und get a breath-taking view of this wonderful lake with clear blue water.

Located at the riverbank of the charming blue Danube Austria's most beautiful city is waiting for you. It's not Vienna, no, it's Linz. You don't know it because you come from a foreign country? Then here is a tip: come to Linz and experience the loveliest time you have ever spent anywhere. It doesn't matter if you don't know what to visit since Linz has as several appealing places waiting to be discovered. Take, for example, the Bauernberg or the famous Pöstlingberg, which is even well known to people in Tyrol and Vorarlberg.



Why go to lake Neusiedler See or lake Bodensee, where everybody goes, when the wonderful Pleschingersee helps you escape from your daily routine off the beaten track? The Freinberg is also a must. From one moment to another you have clean and fresh air surrounding you. Your children can have fun at one of the many big playgrounds, while their parents go for a walk and take in the marvellous view of Linz. In the evening you can enjoy the sunset while taking a stroll next to the

wonderful Danube and go across the futuristic brand-new bridge, which is unique in Austria.

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