



## *The magic of nature and its many faces The culture and mountaineering village of Lunz am See – The right place to be*

### **In Lunz am See at last!**

Lunz am See – amidst impressive scenery, framed by the hills of the Mostviertel, both soft and wild, glitter the emerald waters of Lake Lunz (605 m). Lower Austria's only natural lake offers the possibility to take a delightful swim or a boat trip or to go fishing off the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

You can enjoy cultural events on the "Lunzer Seebühne", the fantastic lakeside stage that is used for a diversified range of events.

Lunz am See, Lunz on the Lake, should rather be called Lunz on the *lakes*, since it also boasts crystal clear mountain lakes: the Mittersee and the Obersee, which is located amidst romantic rocks and soft hills at 1113 m above sea level.

The beautiful Amon House (formerly the house of a hammer mill owner, dated 1511) was restored after the original plan and with the support of the Federal Monuments Office. Today, in addition to the Blacksmith Museum and the Needlework Museum, the building hosts various offices, among them the Tourism Office.

Appreciate the cordial though respectful hospitality extended in nice hotels and friendly private homes, in farms close to nature or in holiday apartments, and enjoy first-quality specialities. Take pleasure in the blooming daffodils in springtime, and benefit from the superb hiking trails all the year round.

Lunz am See is also in season in winter. With its two ski lift facilities (Helmel and Maiszinken), Lunz am See offers fun for the whole family, including a "magic carpet" for small children. Ice-skating on the largest natural ice rink, Lake Lunz, is a very special experience – provided of course an ice layer of safe thickness. The offer includes cross-country skiing on the Seeau-trail and snowshoeing, and at the end of your stay, you will want to come back, and say again next year...

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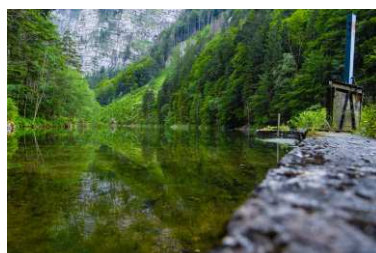


### **Blooming daffodils in Lunz am See**

Every year, from the middle of May to the beginning of June, thousands of daffodils change the green meadows on the lakeside and in the surrounding area into bright white - an unforgettable natural spectacle for flower amateurs!

### **The lakes of the region**

**The three mountain lakes** with their crystal-clear waters are among the natural treasures of the region: Lake Lunz, the *Mittersee*, and the *Obersee*, located at 1113 m above sea level between rocky knolls and mountain meadows. The 3-lake walking tour is highly recommended!





### The lakeside arena of Lunz am See - Seebühne

A multi-purpose building used in the daytime as a sun terrace, a bathing island or a diving platform, the arena metamorphoses in the evening into a sheltered auditorium with stands: an unforgettable experience for both the visitors and organisers alike.

### The Saint John Bridge



The bridge was built in 2000 and is also a meeting place, an inventive kind of exhibition space offering artists the opportunity to show their works.

### The Amon House with the Blacksmith- and Needleworkmuseum



The Amon House is among Austria's most beautiful Renaissance buildings. The inscription above the stone-edged entrance gate reads: "Built by Martin Ofner, 1551".

### The Töpper Bridge



The Töpper Bridge is located in the area of Kasten. The bridge was built of stone in 1855 by Andreas Töpper and is adorned with statues of saints cast in iron from Mariazell.

### Parish church "Mary in the Golden Chair"



Two-bay late Gothic former pilgrimage church in the town centre.

### The Ötscherland narrow-gauge railway



Romantic museum railway with historic locomotives.

### Just two of many Hiking Tours in Lunz am See



**Dürrenstein** - a splendid and extensive hiking area offering many trails and various ascents to be combined at leisure, but requiring a good condition and the proper equipment. Please take into account the differences in altitude and start in good time! Through the Lechnergraben: An almost high alpine steep path runs for 3.5 hours from Kasten past the Grünloch to the ÖAV Ybbstal Hut (from there it takes two hours to reach the peak of the Dürrenstein 1878 m). The descent leads over the Herrenalm, the Obersee, and the Mittersee to Lake Lunz. Overall walking time: approx. 11 hours

**Three Lakes** - from the starting point at the end of the Untersee, a forest road leads past Seehof Castle to the Mittersee (766 m), which developed as a result of landslides.

A somewhat steep ascent leads to the Obersee (1113 m), an ice age relic and one of the clearest mountain lakes. A green island with a group of spruces rises out of the dark green waters.

Overall walking time: 5.5 hours

Maps of all hiking routes are available at the Tourism Office.





## **SNOW TIME IN LUNZ AM SEE - the Maiszinken skiing area**

The beautiful panorama view, the sunny location high above Lake Lunz and the reasonably priced lift tickets are three of so many reasons for a family getaway to the Maiszinken skiing area.

In Lunz am See, every mountain is a magic mountain – and every slope will change into a magic slope. The Maiszinken skiing area is a perfect family ski resort. A T-bar ski lift will take you uphill, and you can choose your favourite descent from three different runs. The small children float uphill on the magic carpet and simply enjoy skiing. And the magic goes on in the evening! A wide range of possibilities is offered off-piste – cross country ski trails, snow shoeing, curling and maybe, under favourable conditions, ice skating on Lower Austria's largest ice rink – and at family-friendly prices at that!



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