

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

One city, three cultures and a southern attitude to life

The Carinthian provincial capital, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee, lies at the intersection of three cultures, which are alive and tangible in the Renaissance city: the Carinthian culture manifests itself in the soft, melodic articulation, in the humour and the laid-back attitude of the locals. The Italian culture characterises the style of the inner-city architecture and the squares and markets, and the Slovenian culture is reflected in the art of celebrating life, which can also be heard in the particular harmony of the songs. The cuisine combines the best of all three cultures in a tasty fusion of Alps and Adriatic.

Pleasant stroll through history

Italian master builders shaped the look of the 800-year-old city with its palaces, courtyards and squares. Cultural sites such as Klagenfurt's cathedral church or the Coat of Arms Hall in the Landhaus with its 665 coats of arms of the Carinthian landed estates tell of the eventful history of the city. International experts have awarded Klagenfurt the Europa Nostra certificate for the exemplary preservation of its old town no less than three times.

A walk through history can be combined with a pleasant shopping tour. Traditional inns and airy cafés give your feet a rest, and the Benediktinermarkt marketplace with its colourful diversity of regional delicacies from Carinthian farmers as well as Slovenian and Italian market traders is always worth a visit.

Events and culture

Austria's southernmost provincial capital enjoys an excellent reputation as an organiser of great events from top-class sports to high culture. At the legendary Ironman Austria, triathletes from all over the world battle through Lake Wörthersee and through and around the city. A marathon of words is run at the internationally renowned Festival of German-Language Literature where the Ingeborg Bachmann Prize is awarded.

The World Bodypainting Festival in summer is colourful and fantastic, and the inner city is transformed into a gallery of living works of art. Musically the range spans from the Trigonale Early Music Festival to concerts by music legends such as Elton John, Herbert Grönemeyer or Robbie Williams. Klagenfurt is also the venue for Europe's largest youth sports event – the United World Games. The Wörthersee Stadium, completed in 2013, is one of the locations for major sporting and musical events.

Moving environment

Dreamy hours at the lakeside, athletic activities in the countryside or pulsating, urban life – in Klagenfurt and its idyllic surroundings everything is possible. The region enthralls visitors with lakes and mountains under the southern sun, and above all with the warm swimming lake Wörthersee and the Karawanken mountain range, which are so attractive because of their many water sports, running, hiking and cycling possibilities.

As a golfing region, Carinthia is an insiders' tip, and underlined by the Golf Travel Award, "Undiscovered Golf Destination of the Year 2017" awarded in 2016. The two prize-winning 18-hole golf courses, Klagenfurt-Seltenheim and Dellach am Wörthersee, are in the immediate vicinity of Klagenfurt.

A visit to Minimundus, the miniature world on Lake Wörthersee, a boat trip on Lake Wörthersee or a visit to the venerable Cathedral in Maria Saal also belong on the to-do list of every visitor to the region.

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