

Innsbruck

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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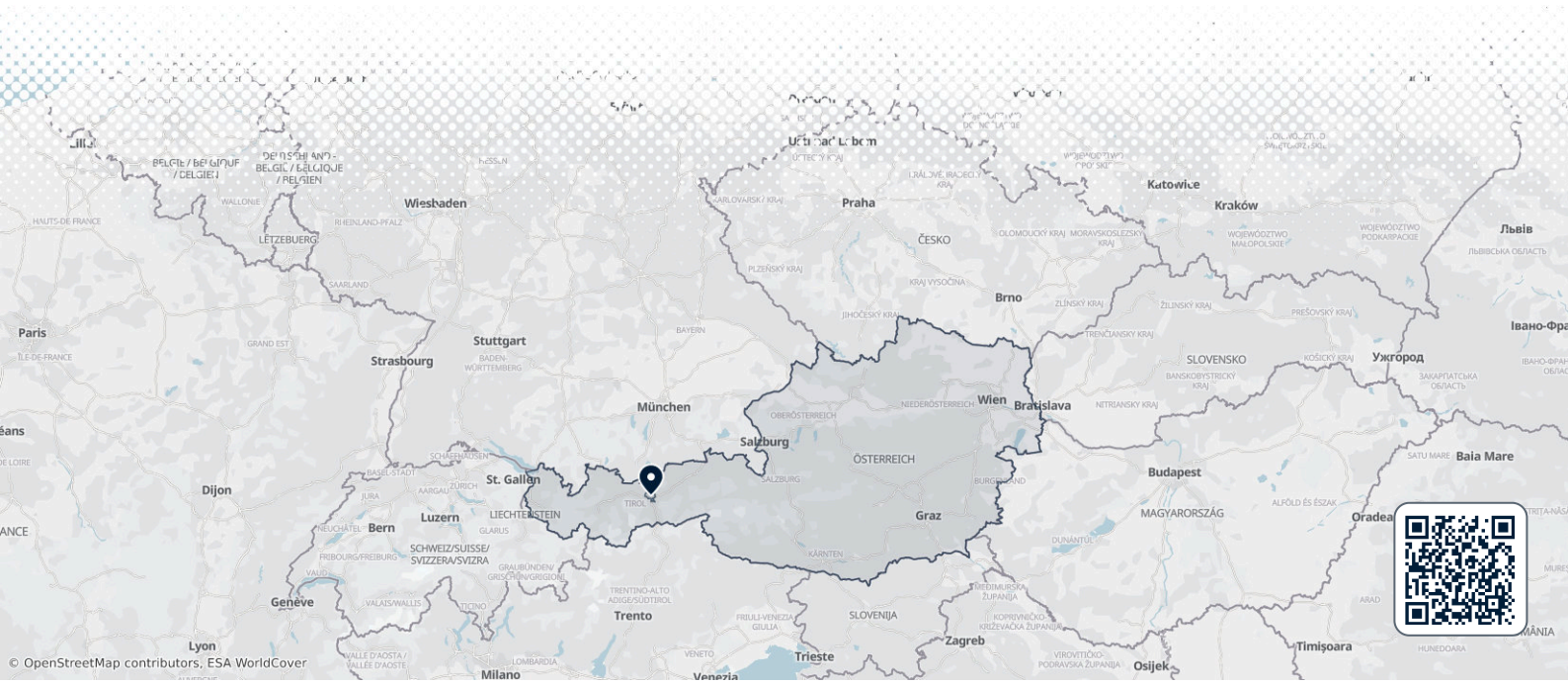

Overview

Innsbruck is the capital of Tyrol and sits in the Inn valley, ringed by high peaks. Few cities put the mountains so close to the centre: a cable car reaches alpine terrain in about 20 minutes.

The pastel old town has Habsburg palaces, arcaded streets and the Golden Roof. The city hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It works for a city break and as a ski and hiking base.

When to visit

December to March is ski season, and the Christmas markets run in Advent. June to September is best for hiking and cable car trips. Spring and autumn are quieter but can be wet. Winter days are short and cold. Summer days are warm, with afternoon storms in the mountains.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	4° / 10° Feels like 1°	-4° / -13°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	6° / 14° Feels like 2°	-3° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Poor Poor for hiking	10° / 18° Feels like 7°	1° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 23°	4° / -2°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 27°	9° / 4°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 31°	13° / 7°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	14° / 10°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 28°	11° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	17° / 24°	7° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Poor Poor for hiking	10° / 18°	2° / -7°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-2° / -13°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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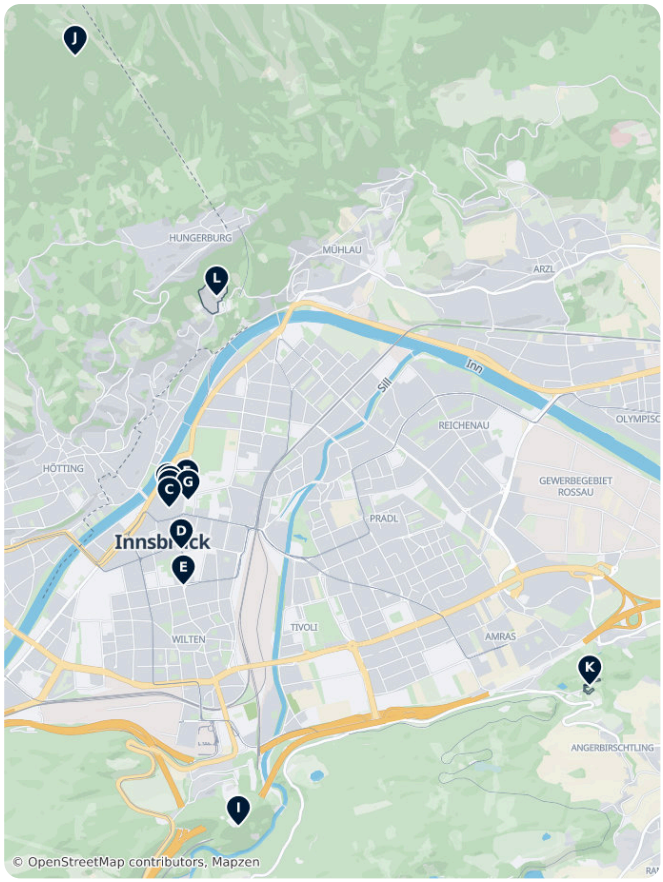
Top sights



- **A** Altstadt is the compact medieval centre with colourful houses and arcades.
- **B** Golden Roof Museum covers the Golden Roof, the gilded balcony that is the symbol of the city.
- **C** Herzog-Friedrich-Straße is the main old-town street, lined with cafes and shops.
- **D** Maria-Theresien-Straße is the wide shopping street that leads south to the Triumphpforte, with mountain views at the end.
- **E** Triumphpforte is a triumphal arch built in 1765.
- **F** Kaiserliche Hofburg is the former imperial palace, with state rooms and portraits of *Maria Theresa*.
- **G** Hofkirche holds the tomb of *Emperor Maximilian I*, guarded by large bronze statues.
- **H** Stadtturm is the old city tower. Climb it for views over the roofs.
- **I** Bergisel is the ski jump hill above the city, with a tower viewpoint.
- **J** Nordkette is the mountain range right above town, reached by funicular and cable car from the centre.
- **K** Schloss Ambras is a Renaissance castle on the eastern edge with a famous art and armour collection.
- **L** Alpenzoo shows alpine animals on the slope above the city.

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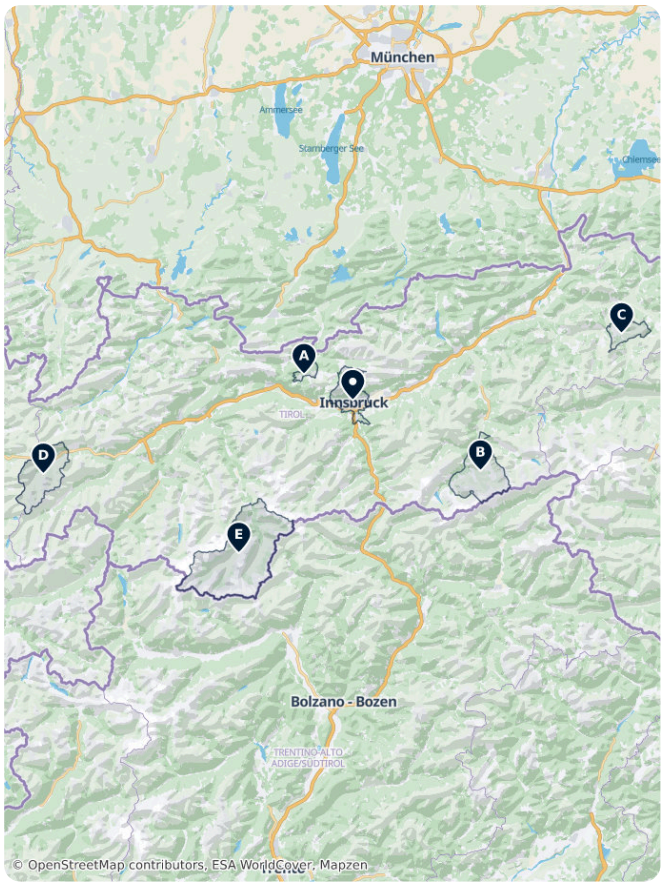
What to experience

- Ride the Nordkettenbahn from the centre up to the Hafelekar for alpine views.
- Ski one of the nearby areas on a day pass, with a shuttle from town.
- Hike a mountain trail from a cable car station.
- Visit the Christmas markets in December.
- Walk along the Inn at sunset for views of the coloured houses.

Day trips

- A Seefeld is a cross-country skiing and hiking plateau, about 30 minutes by train.
- B Mayrhofen is a Zillertal resort with ski and hiking areas, about 1 hour 15 minutes by train.
- C Kitzbühel is a famous ski town, about 1 hour 15 minutes by train.
- D St. Anton is a big-name ski village, about 1 hour 15 minutes by train.
- E Sölden is a glacier ski area in the Ötztal, about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.
- Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens is about 20 minutes away by bus.



Where to explore

- Seefeld, Mayrhofen and Kitzbühel are the closest Tyrolean resorts.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 4 km from the centre. Bus F and a local bus run to the main station in about 20 minutes. Munich and Salzburg are the larger alternatives.
- By train: Innsbruck is on the main line between Munich and Verona. Munich takes about 1 hour 45 minutes, Salzburg about 2 hours, Vienna about 4 hours. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The A12 Inntal motorway and the A13 Brenner motorway meet here.

Getting around

The old town is small and best on foot. Trams and buses cover the rest of the city. The main station is about 10 minutes' walk from the old town. The Nordkette cable car starts near the centre. A Welcome Card for visitors covers local transport. In winter, ski buses run to nearby ski areas.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is flat and compact. Mountain sights are reached by cable car.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Cycle paths follow the Inn river and lead into nearby valleys.

Driving

You do not need a car in the city. A car helps for the side valleys and ski areas. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. The Brenner motorway to Italy has additional tolls. Parking in the old town is limited.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food is hearty. Try *Tiroler Gröstl*, fried potatoes and meat with egg, and *Kasspatzln*, cheese noodles. *Kaiserschmarrn* is a popular dessert. Many inns serve local beer and schnapps. Mountain huts serve simple dishes in summer, and cafes in the old town sell strudel and cakes.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Wiener Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet, traditionally served with potato salad or parsley potatoes and a wedge of lemon.

Tafelspitz
Boiled beef in broth, served with roast potatoes and a sauce of apples and horseradish — a favourite of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Viennese Goulash · Wiener Saftgulasch
A rich beef stew slow-cooked with onions and paprika, typically served with a bread dumpling or bread roll.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Käsekrainer
A grilled pork sausage studded with melty cheese, a classic order at Vienna's ubiquitous Würstelstand (sausage stands).

Sausage Stand Snack · Würstel vom Würstelstand
Grilled or boiled sausages (Bratwurst, Frankfurter, Bosna) served with mustard, bread and a pickle from street kiosks.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Apfelstrudel
Thin pastry rolled around spiced apples, raisins and breadcrumbs, usually served warm with vanilla sauce or cream.

Sachertorte
A dense chocolate cake with a thin layer of apricot jam under a dark chocolate glaze, famously served with unsweetened whipped cream.

Kaiserschmarrn
A fluffy shredded pancake caramelised with sugar and dusted with icing sugar, served with plum or apple compote.

Marillenknödel
Apricot dumplings wrapped in potato or quark dough, rolled in buttery breadcrumbs — a Wachau and Viennese summer specialty.

DRINKS

Viennese Melange · Wiener Melange
The signature Viennese coffee: espresso topped with steamed milk and milk foam, the centrepiece of coffeehouse culture.

Grüner Veltliner
Austria's flagship crisp, peppery white wine, widely poured in Vienna's Heuriger (wine taverns).

Sturm
A cloudy, lightly alcoholic partially-fermented grape must, available only for a few weeks in autumn.

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Safety & health

Innsbruck is very safe. Mountain weather changes fast, so check forecasts and carry layers when going up. In winter, follow marked ski runs and avalanche warnings. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Innsbruck means 'bridge over the Inn'. It became an important trade stop on the Brenner route in the Middle Ages. *Emperor Maximilian I* made it his court seat around 1500, and the Habsburgs left many monuments. It later hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

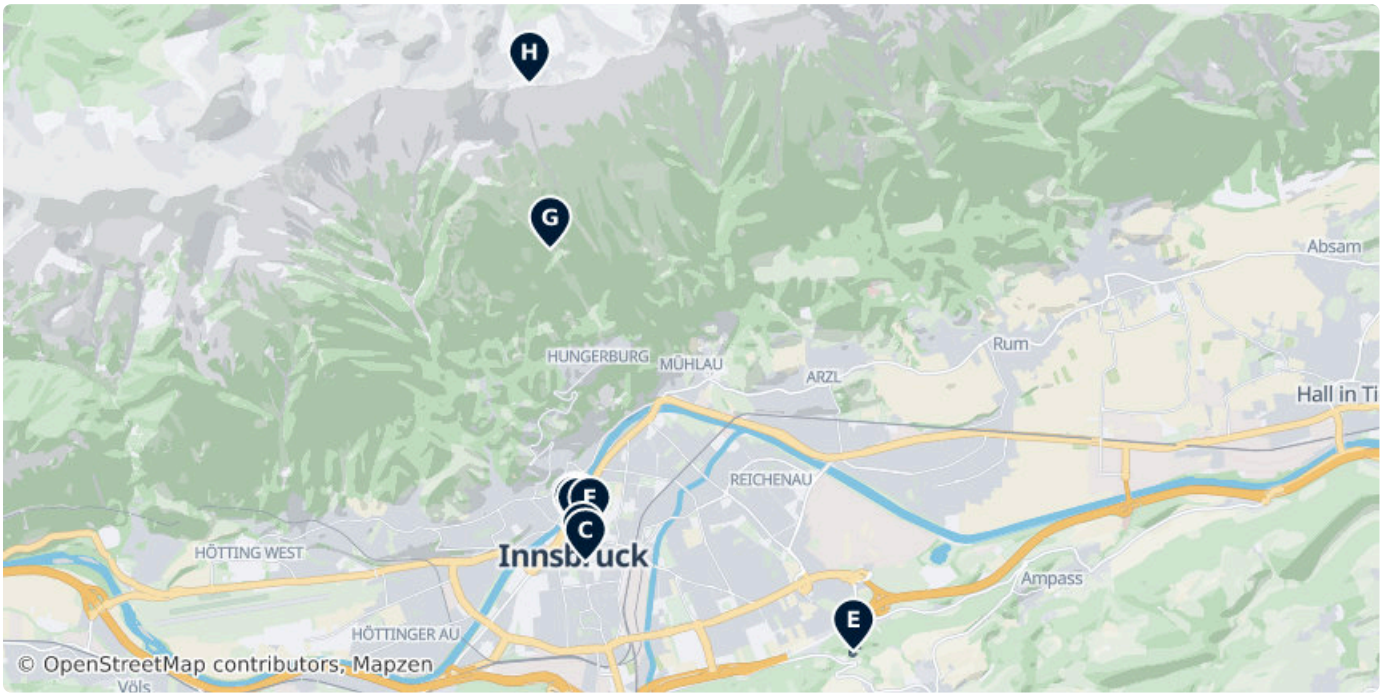
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Innsbruck Unmissables

Innsbruck blends imperial history with Alpine nature. The Old Town features the Golden Roof with its 2,657 fire-gilded copper tiles and the late-Gothic City Tower. Nearby, the Court Church houses the cenotaph of Emperor Maximilian I, surrounded by 28 larger-than-life bronze statues. Beyond the historic center, the Nordkette Cable Car transports visitors from the Zaha Hadid-designed Hungerburg station up to the Hafelekarspitze at 2,269 meters. Architectural highlights include the Rococo-style Helbling House and the Renaissance-era Ambras Castle, which houses extensive art and armor collections.





A Golden Roof Museum

The Goldenes Dachl is a landmark structure located in the Old Town section of Innsbruck, Austria.

Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 15, 6020 Innsbruck, AT
(47.26866, 11.39327)

May-Sep Mo–Su	10:00–17:00
Oct-Apr Tu–Su	10:00–17:00

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B City Tower

The 15th century tower is a perfect vantage point for overlooking Innsbruck and its charming mountain panorama.

Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 21, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria
(47.26823, 11.39348)

+43 512 56 15 00



C Maria-Theresien-Straße

The street is named after Maria Theresa, the Archduchess of Austria. There are impressive monuments, charming cafés and luxurious boutiques.

34 Maria-Theresien-Straße, Innsbruck 6020, Austria (47.26499, 11.39460)



D Old Town Innsbruck

Innsbruck is the capital of Tyrol and the fifth-largest city in Austria.

1 Hofgasse, Innsbruck 6020, Austria (47.26851, 11.39352)



E Castle of Ambras

Ambras Castle is a Renaissance castle and palace located in the hills above Innsbruck, Austria. Ambras Castle is 632 metres above sea level.

Schloßstraße 20, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria (47.25601, 11.43420)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

schlossambras-innsbruck.at



F Court Church

The Hofkirche is a Gothic church located in the Altstadt section of Innsbruck, Austria.

Universitätsstraße 2, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria (47.26821, 11.39526)

Mo–Sa 09:00–17:00
Su 12:30–17:00

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G Nordkette Cable Car

The Nordkette Cable Car in the Austrian state of Tyrol is a gondola lift from Innsbruck to the Nordkette, the southernmost mountain chain...

(Unnamed Road), 6020, Austria (47.29628, 11.38938)

nordkette.com



H Hafelekarspitze

The Hafelekarspitze is a mountain in the so-called North Chain north of Innsbruck in Austria.

6020, Austria (47.31283, 11.38632)



I St. Anne's Column

St. Anne's Column stands in the city centre of Innsbruck on Maria-Theresien-Straße.It was given its name when, in 1703, the last Bavarian...

Maria-Theresien-Straße 29, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria (47.26567, 11.39420)



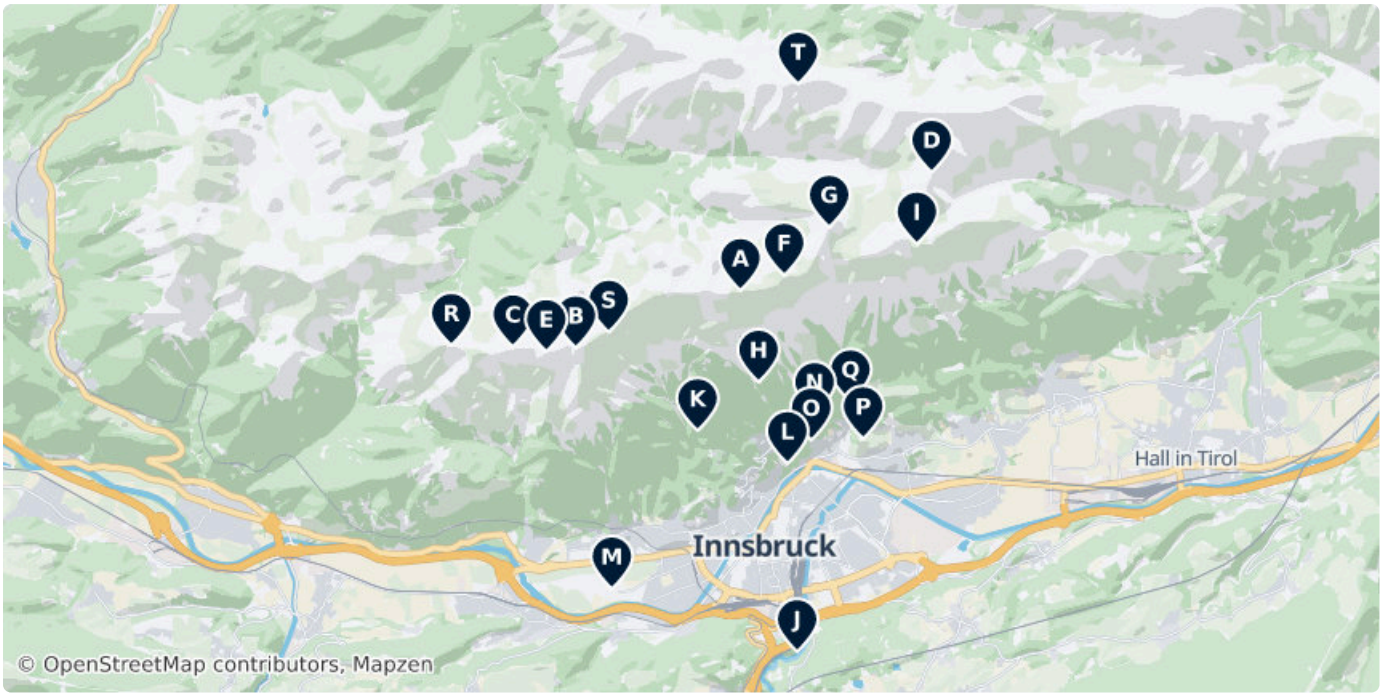
J Helbling House

Helbling House is a building located in the Old Town section of Innsbruck, Austria, across from the Golden Roof at Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse...

Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 10, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria (47.26841, 11.39292)

Majestic Mountain Vistas

This collection features the prominent peaks and observation points of the Nordkette and Karwendel ranges overlooking Innsbruck. It includes the 2,637-meter Kleiner Solstein, the highest point in the Nordkette, and the iconic Frau Hitt rock needle. The list covers technical climbs like the Vordere Brandjochspitze as well as accessible viewpoints like the Hafelekarspitze, reached via the Nordkette Cable Car, providing expansive views of the Inn Valley and the Alps.





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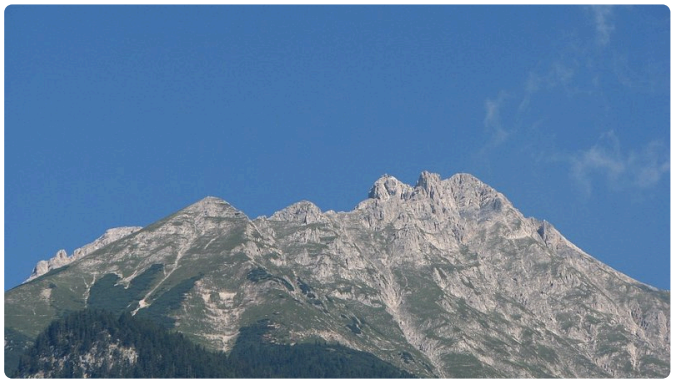

B Vordere Brandjochspitze

The Vordere Brandjochspitze is a peak, 2,559 m high, in the Nordkette in the Karwendel range and is one of its highest and most striking...

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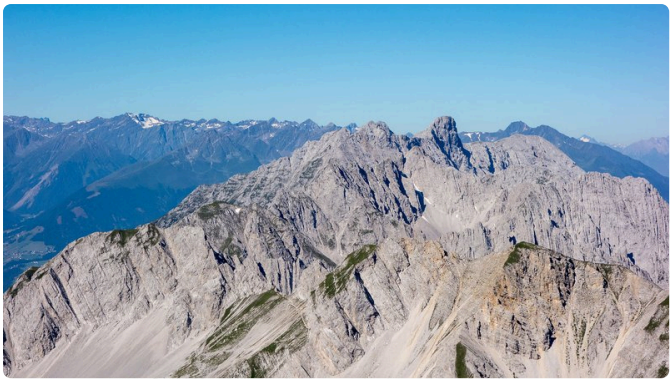


C Kleiner Solstein

The Kleiner Solstein is a mountain, 2,637 m high, in the Nordkette in the Karwendel Alps in the Austrian state of Tyrol.

6020, Austria (47.30248, 11.32440)



D Große Stempeljochspitze

A 2,543-meter peak in the Karwendel range, situated north of the Stempeljoch pass.

6065, Austria (47.33463, 11.43832)



E Hohe Warte

The Hohe Warte is a mountain, 2,597 m in height, in the Karwendel range in Austria.

6020, Austria (47.30159, 11.33349)



F Gleirschspitze

A 2,317-meter summit in the Nordkette range, located east of the Hafelekarspitze station.

6020, Austria (47.31564, 11.39818)

H Rastlboden

Viewpoint on the southern slopes of the Nordkette overlooking the Inn Valley.

(47.29597, 11.39124)

G Südliches Gleierschtaler Brandjoch

A double-peaked mountain reaching 2,372 meters, located in the Nordkette north of the Arzler Scharte.

6020, Austria (47.32449, 11.41046)

J Drachenfelsen

Scenic viewpoint located south of the city center near the Bergisel Ski Jump.

(47.24626, 11.40175)

I Kreuzjöchl

High-altitude peak in the Karwendel mountains.

6065, Austria (47.32140, 11.43432)

K Mundinghütte

Viewpoint located on the hiking trails of the Nordkette mountains.

(Unnamed Road), 6020, Austria (47.28699, 11.37465)

L Sophien-Ruhe

Historical vantage point on the Hungerburg plateau, named in honor of Archduchess Sophie of Austria.

(47.28094, 11.39908)

M Besucherterasse

Observation deck at Innsbruck Airport providing views of the runway and surrounding alpine peaks.

(47.25783, 11.35134)

N Steigerruhe

Resting point and viewpoint situated along the forest trails above Innsbruck.

6020, Austria (47.28998, 11.40650)

O Bederlungerquelle

Natural spring and viewpoint located on the southern ascent of the Nordkette range.

(47.28527, 11.40557)

P Modellflugplatz

Model aircraft airfield and viewpoint on the plateau near the district of Arzl.

(47.28552, 11.41969)

Q Mühlauer Aussicht

Panorama point offering views of the Mühlau district, the Inn River, and the city of Innsbruck.

(47.29233, 11.41622)

R Großer Solstein

The Große Solstein is a mountain, 2,541 m high, on the western corner of the Nordkette range in the Karwendel mountains near Zirl in the...

6170, Austria (47.30270, 11.30766)

S Frau Hitt

The Frau Hitt is a peak in the Nordkette, the southernmost mountain chain of the Karwendel in Austria.

6020, Austria (47.30518, 11.35047)

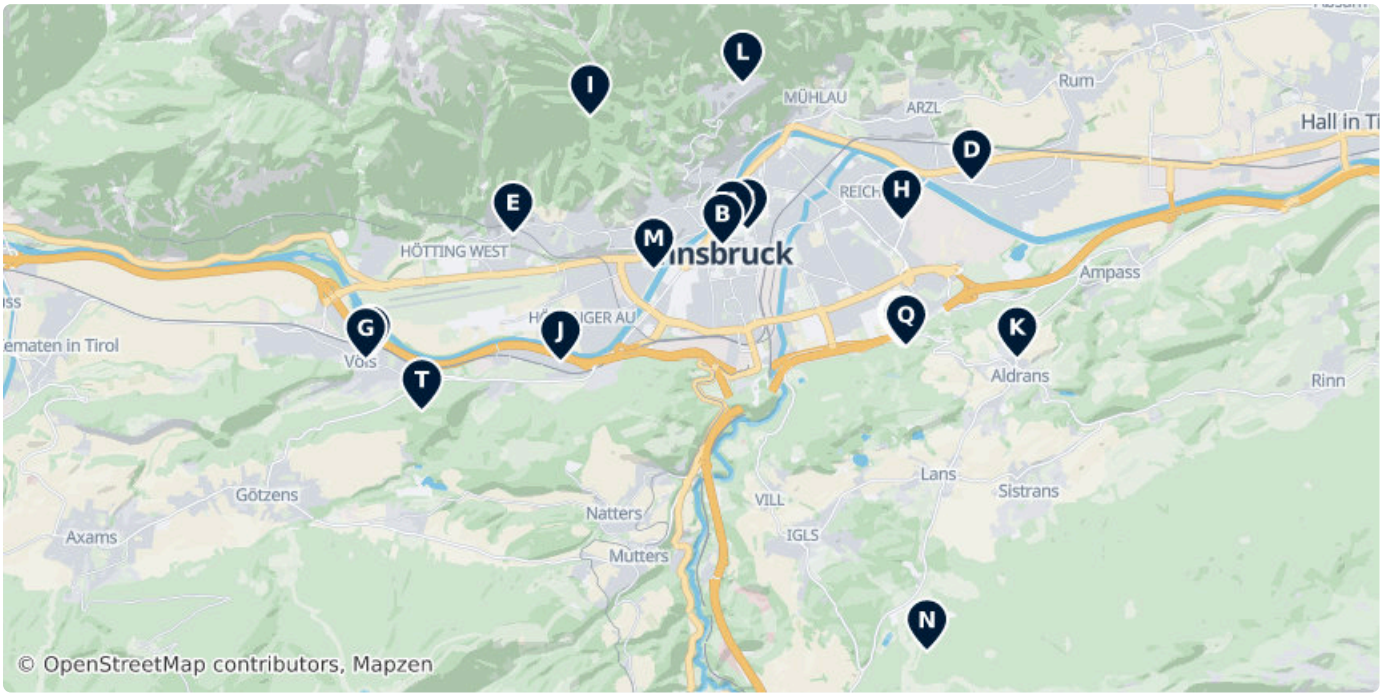
T Westliche Praxmarerkarspitze

The highest peak of the Gleirsch-Halltal chain in the Karwendel, standing at 2,642 meters.

6020, Austria (47.35086, 11.40198)

Innsbruck's Sacred Sites

Innsbruck's spiritual landscape ranges from the imperial Hofkirche, housing the cenotaph of Emperor Maximilian I, to the early Baroque Jesuit Church and the mountain pilgrimage site of Heiligwasser. This collection highlights diverse architectural styles, including Gothic, Baroque, and mid-century modern designs. Visitors can explore grand city-center monuments, quiet district parish churches, and small forest chapels like Höttinger Bild, which serves as a traditional pilgrimage spot for local students.





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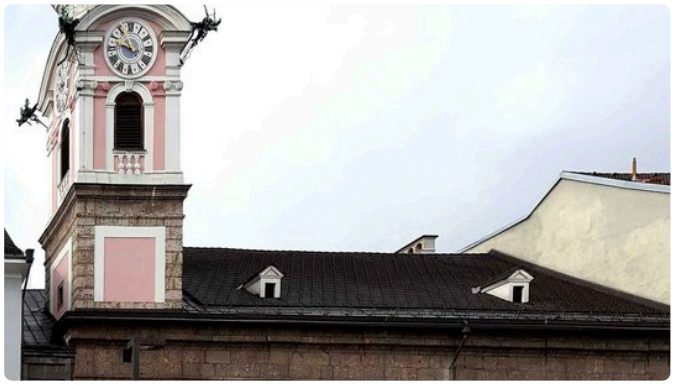

B Hospital Church

Located on Maria-Theresien-Straße, this Roman Catholic church is dedicated to the Holy Spirit and features a distinctive Baroque facade.

Maria-Theresien-Straße, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria
(47.26660, 11.39345)

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C Jesuit Church

An early Baroque Trinity church located near the Old University, known for its twin towers and prominent position east of the Altstadt.

Universitätsstraße, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria (47.26847, 11.39796)

Mo–Su 07:00–20:00

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D St. Pius X

A modern Roman Catholic parish church situated in the Olympic Village district at the border of Neu-Arzl.

14 Spingeser Straße, Innsbruck 6020, Austria (47.27448, 11.43847)

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E Pfarrkirche Allerheiligen

A Roman Catholic parish church serving the Allerheiligen district of Innsbruck.

15 Sankt-Georgs-Weg, Innsbruck 6020, Austria (47.26796, 11.35557)

F Neue Pfarrkirche Völs

The modern Roman Catholic parish church located in the neighboring village of Völs.

8 Pfarrgasse, Völs 6176, Austria (47.25286, 11.32980)

G Alte Pfarrkirche Völs

The historic original parish church situated in the center of Völs.

2 Kirchgasse, Völs 6176, Austria (47.25261, 11.32893)



H St. Pirmin

A Roman Catholic parish church and community center located in the Reichenau district.

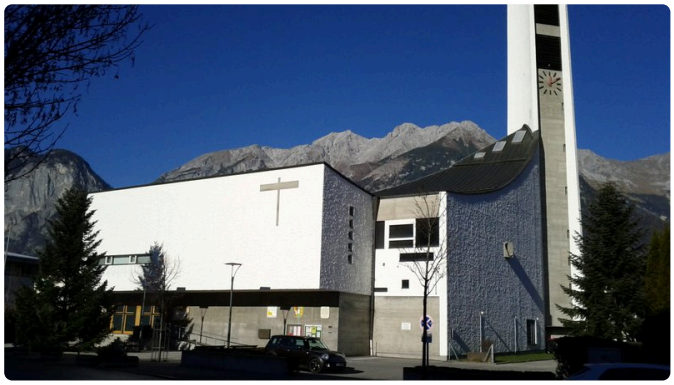
(47.26959, 11.42584)



I Höttinger Bild

A traditional forest pilgrimage chapel situated above the city, particularly frequented by students.

Höttinger Bild, 6020, Austria (47.28244, 11.36949)



J Pfarrkiche Maria am Gestade

A Roman Catholic church located in the Sieglanger district, within the cadastral municipality of Wilten.

44 Weingartnerstraße, Innsbruck 6020, Austria (47.25232, 11.36414)



K Pfarrkirche St. Martin

Located in the nearby village of Aldrans, this parish church is dedicated to Saint Martin.

2b Haller Straße, Aldrans 6071, Austria
(47.25272, 11.44672)



L Theresienkirche

A Roman Catholic parish and pilgrimage church situated in the elevated Hungerburg district.

4 Gramartstraße, Innsbruck 6020, Austria
(47.28644, 11.39708)



M Petrus Canisius

A modern Catholic parish church in the Höttinger Au district, constructed between 1968 and 1972.

(47.26360, 11.38101)



N Heiligwasser

A historic mountain pilgrimage site located on the slopes of the Patscherkofel, featuring a spring and a dedicated chapel.

47 Heiligwasserweg, 6080, Austria (47.21682, 11.43040)



O Große Kreuzkapelle

A significant chapel located in the vicinity of the Bergisel area.

6020, Austria (47.25431, 11.42581)

P Sokopfkapelle

A small Roman Catholic shrine located near the Bergisel hill.

6020, Austria (47.25431, 11.42610)

Q Kaiserschützenkapelle

A memorial shrine dedicated to the Tyrolean Imperial Infantry, known as the Kaiserschützen.

6020, Austria (47.25422, 11.42661)

R Antoniuskapelle

A Roman Catholic shrine dedicated to Saint Anthony, located in the Bergisel area.

6020, Austria (47.25437, 11.42571)

S Lourdeskapelle

A religious shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

6020, Austria (47.25449, 11.42539)

T Bildstock Höllkapelle

A traditional wayside shrine located in the vicinity of Völs.

6091, Austria (47.24629, 11.33907)

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