

Lech

Vorarlberg · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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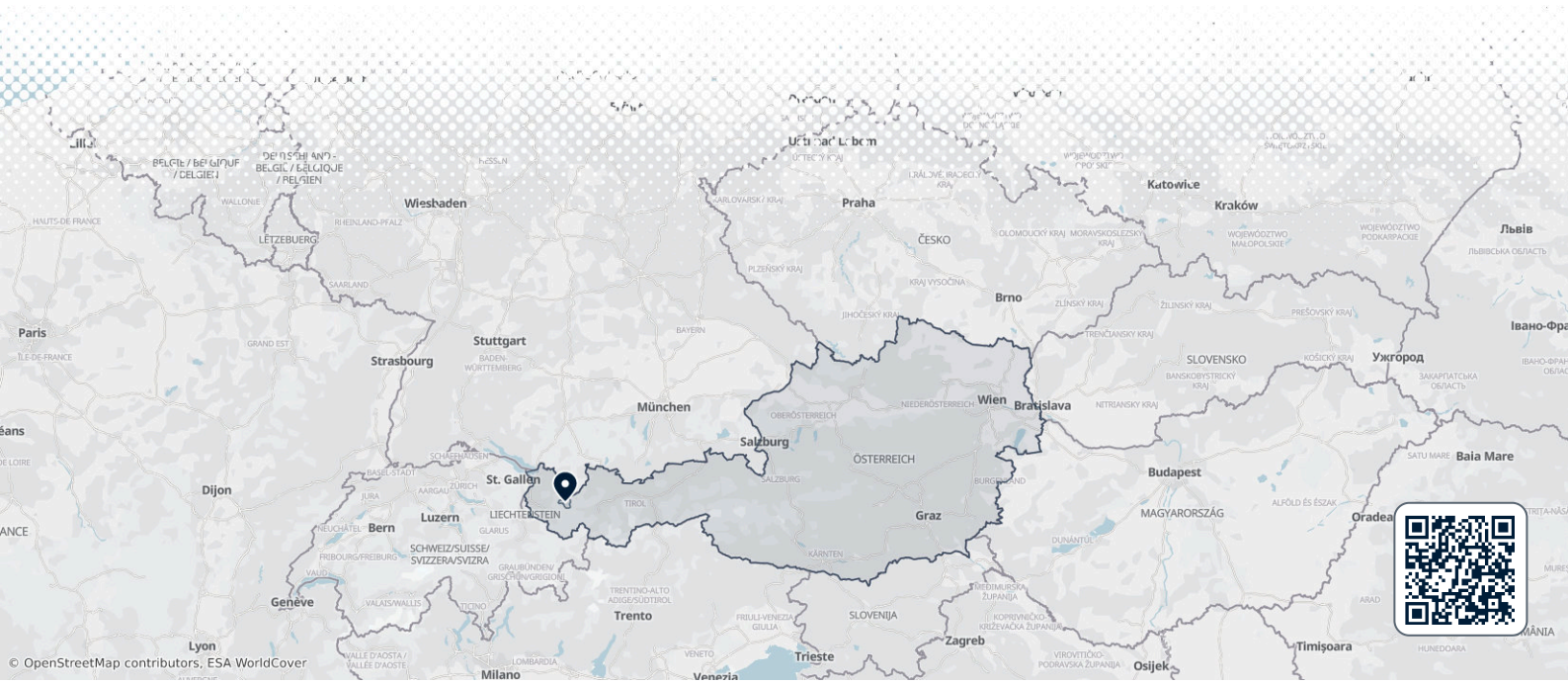

Overview

Lech is a small village on the Lech river in Vorarlberg, at the heart of the Arlberg. With neighbouring Zürs, Zug and Oberlech, it forms one of the most exclusive ski regions in the Alps. It is linked by lifts to St. Anton, which makes Ski Arlberg one of the largest ski areas in Austria.

The village keeps its old character. In summer it is a quiet base for hiking and walks around the Formarin and Zürs lakes.

When to visit

December to April is ski season. Snow is usually reliable, and the area is known for deep powder. June to September is best for hiking, though many lifts run only part of the season. May and October–November are quiet. Winters are cold and snowy.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	-1° / 4° Feels like -5°	-9° / -17°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	0° / 5° Feels like -4°	-9° / -19°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	3° / 8° Feels like -1°	-6° / -15°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Poor Poor for skiing	8° / 16° Feels like 5°	-1° / -10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	14° / 21°	4° / -1°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	18° / 25°	8° / 3°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 25°	10° / 4°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	10° / 5°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 22°	6° / 0°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 19°	2° / -5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Good Good for skiing	5° / 13° Feels like 1°	-3° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	1° / 6° Feels like -4°	-8° / -18°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Gotikkirche Hl. Nikolaus is the old parish church of the village, with a Gothic core.
- B Huber Hus is a historic wooden house of Lech's Walser settlers.
- C Valluga is the highest peak of the Arlberg lift system, with views and a cable car from the St. Anton side.
- D Zürser See is a lake above Zürs, with a short walk around it.
- E Flexenpass is a mountain pass between Lech and Warth, on the Flexen road.
- F Bergkirche Zürs is the mountain church of Zürs.
- G Roggalspitze is a peak on a summer hike.
- H Waldbad Lech is an outdoor pool in the village.



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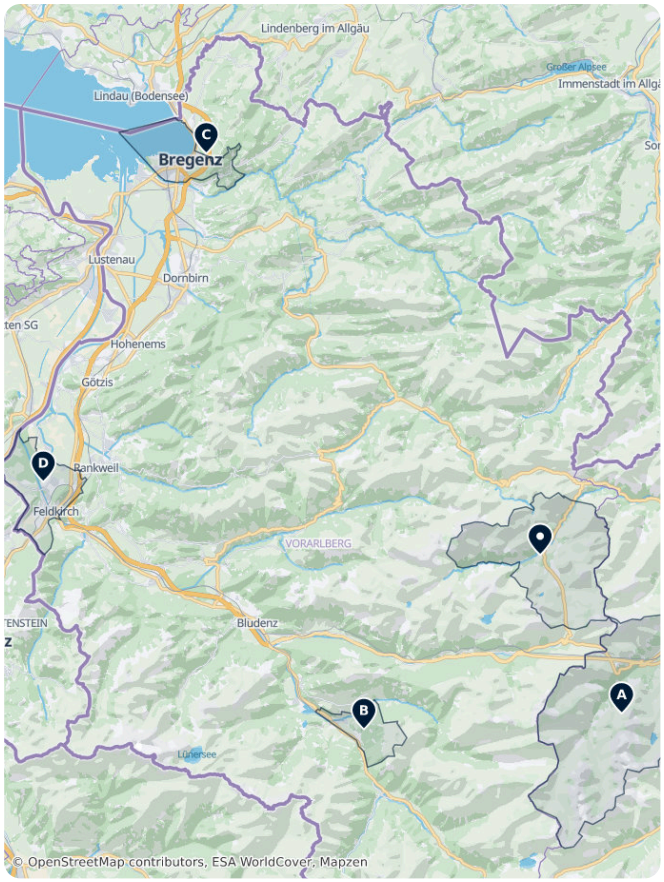
What to experience

- Ski the White Ring circuit around the Arlberg.
- Ride the Rüfikopf cable car.
- Walk to the Zürs lake.
- Hike a summer trail to a hut.
- Join a guided off-piste day.

Day trips

- A St. Anton is a major ski village, about 25 minutes by bus or by lift in winter.
- B Schruns is a Montafon village, about 1 hour by car.
- C Bregenz is a lake town on Lake Constance, about 1 hour 30 minutes by car.
- D Feldkirch is a medieval town, about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.
- The Bregenzerwald, a green valley with farms and cheese dairies, is nearby.



Where to explore

- St. Anton is the closest preferred village, and is linked by lift.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck, Zurich and Friedrichshafen are the nearest airports, 1.5 to 2.5 hours away.
- By train: The closest station is Langen am Arlberg or St. Anton. A bus runs on to Lech. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The Flexen road links Lech to the Arlberg road. It can close in heavy snow.

Getting around

The village is small, with a free ski bus in winter. Lifts connect Lech, Zürs, Zug and Oberlech. Buses connect the villages in summer.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is compact, but streets are on a slope and winter conditions can be icy.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley trails are easy, while mountain routes are steep.

Driving

A car is not needed in winter. The Flexen road and the Arlberg pass can close in heavy snow. Winter tyres or chains are required. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Vorarlberg food mixes Alpine and Alemannic traditions. Try *Käsknöpfle*, small cheese dumplings, and *Riebel*, a corn dish. Dairy farms sell alpine cheese. The village has many fine restaurants.

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

Lech is very safe. Avalanche risk is real off-piste, so check bulletins and use a guide. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Lech was settled in the 14th century by Walser farmers from Valais. It stayed a poor mountain village until skiing arrived in the 1920s. The Arlberg lifts opened in the 1930s and the village grew into a luxury resort.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

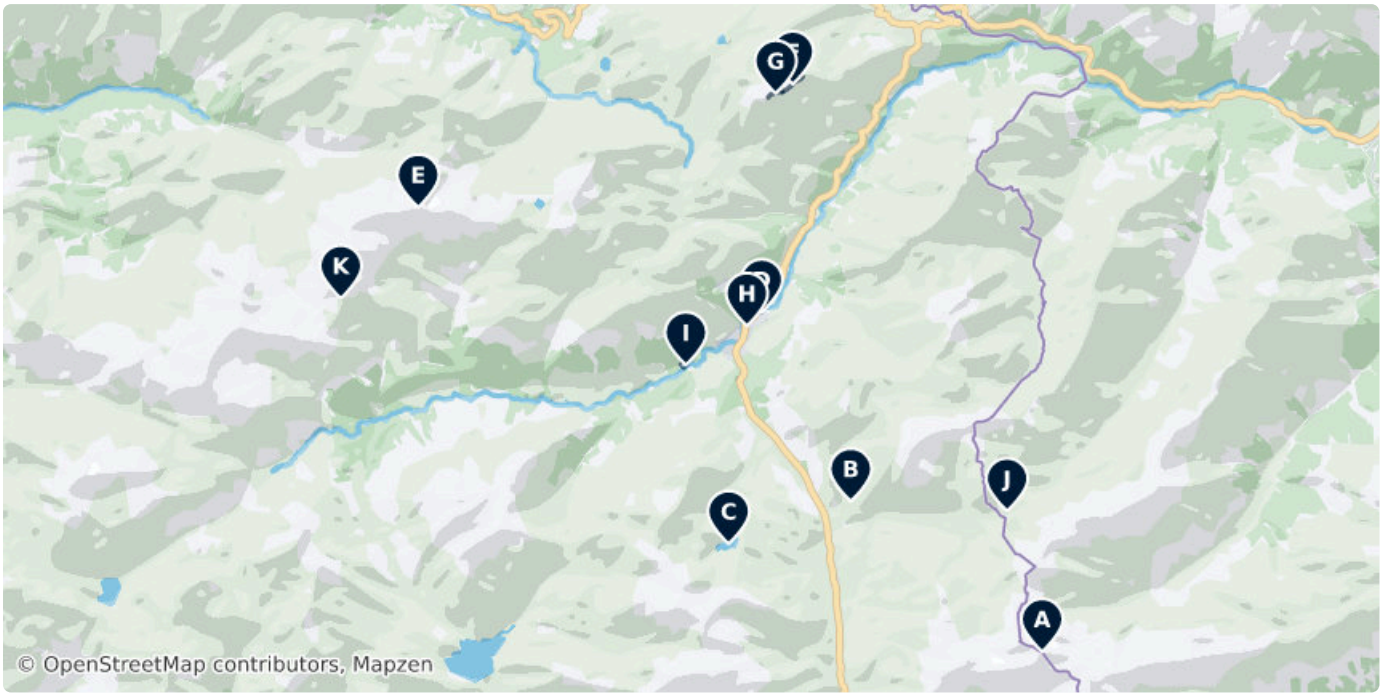
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Lech Best Of

Alpine peaks, via ferratas, mountain huts and village sights around Lech am Arlberg, one of Austria's most famous ski resorts.





A Valluga

This 2,811-meter-high mountain peak in the Lechtal Alps sits directly on the border between Tyrol and Vorarlberg, serving as a scenic alpine viewpoint.

6655, Austria (47.15757, 10.21309)



B Ski Arlberg

Spread across the Arlberg massif in Vorarlberg and Tyrol, this expansive winter sports area offers access to slopes throughout the region.

6763, Austria (47.18193, 10.16749)

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C Zürser See

A natural high-mountain lake situated above the village district of Zürs in the municipality of Lech.

6763, Austria (47.17505, 10.13837)



D Huber Hus

Built in the late 16th century, this historic house in the village of Lech now operates as a local museum.

557 Dorf, Lech 6764, Austria (47.21254, 10.14626)

Tu–Su 15:00–18:00

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E Braunarlspitze

The highest mountain peak in the northern half of the Lechquellen Mountains, prominent when viewed from the Bregenzerwald.

6731, Austria (47.22950, 10.06433)

F Karhornklettersteig (Ostgrat)

A via ferrata route along the eastern ridge featuring moderate difficulty (2+) reached via an alpine hiking approach.

(47.24943, 10.15367)

G Panorama Klettersteig (Westgrat)

A very difficult via ferrata along the western ridge graded 4-, reached by an alpine hiking approach.

(47.24793, 10.14957)

H Gotikkirche Hl. Nikolaus

A Catholic parish church and place of worship located in the center of Lech am Arlberg.

419 Dorf, Lech 6764, Austria (47.21031, 10.14272)

I Waldbad Lech

(47.20400, 10.12817)

J Stuttgarter Hütte

An alpine mountain refuge hut in the Lechtal Alps operated by the German Alpine Club's Schwaben section.

6655, Austria (47.18034, 10.20472)

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K Göppinger Hütte

A category I alpine refuge hut in Lech am Arlberg operated by the German Alpine Club's Hohenstaufen-Göppingen section.

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