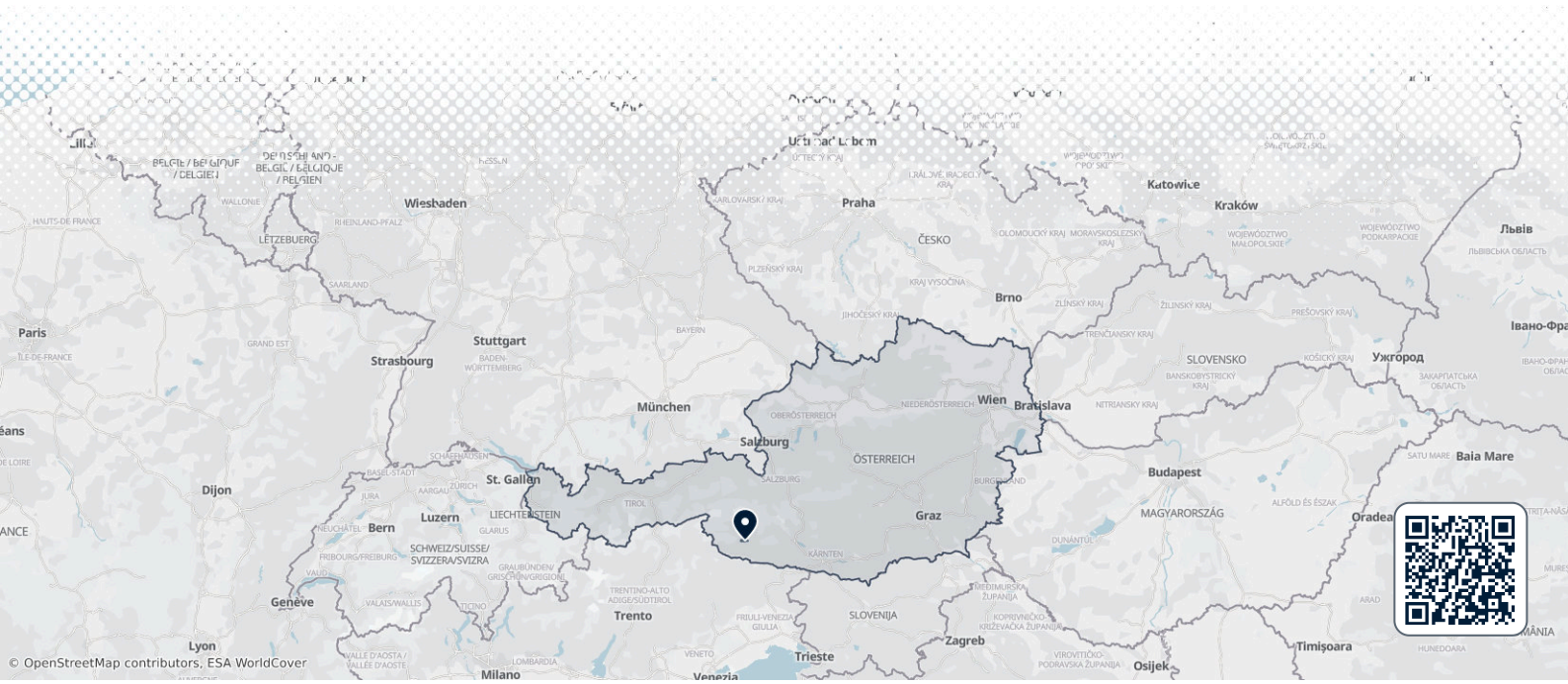


Lienz

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Lienz is the main town of East Tyrol, set in a sunny valley where the Isel and Drau rivers meet. The Dolomites rise just to the south, and the Hohe Tauern mountains lie to the north.

The town is relaxed and friendly, with a pedestrian centre and a castle on its edge. It suits walkers, cyclists and skiers who like quieter places.

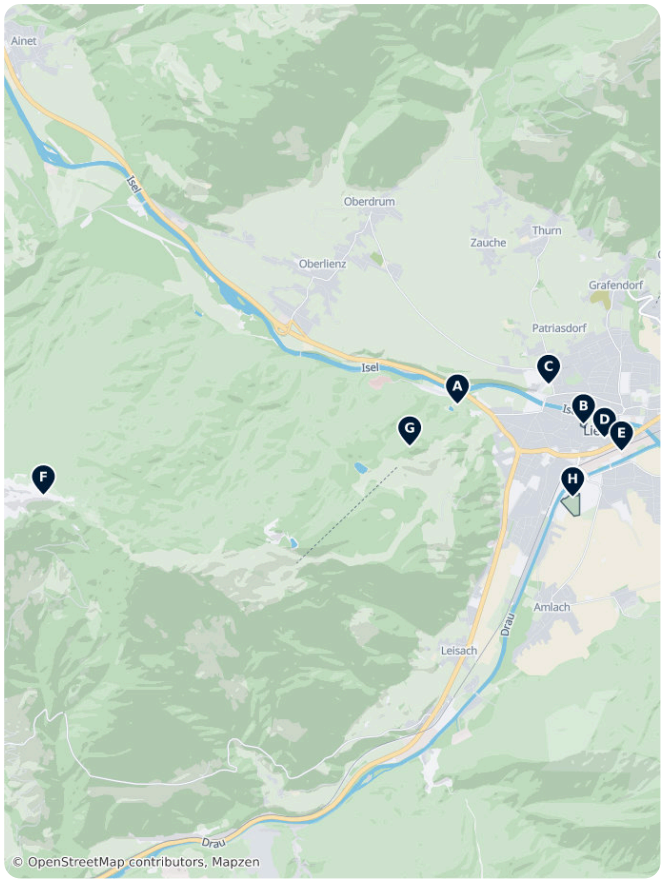
When to visit

June to September is best for hiking and cycling. Winter brings ski days and a calm Christmas market. Lienz is known for more sunshine than much of the Alps. Spring can be wet, and some mountain huts stay closed until June.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	4° / 9° Feels like 0°	-5° / -13°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	5° / 10° Feels like 1°	-4° / -14°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 16°	0° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	4° / -3°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for sightseeing	24° / 30°	13° / 7°	23 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for sightseeing	25° / 30°	15° / 9°	23 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for sightseeing	25° / 30°	15° / 10°	21 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 27°	11° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 23°	7° / 1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17°	2° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-3° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights



- A Schloss Bruck is a medieval castle above the town with a museum of local art and history.
- B Franziskanerkloster St. Marien is a monastery in the town centre.
- Herz-Jesu-Kirche is a church in the town with modern murals.
- C St. Andrä is the old parish church.
- D Rathaus Lienz is the town hall on the main square.
- E Eisenbahnmuseum Südbahn-Heizhaus is a railway museum in an old locomotive shed.
- F Hochstein is a local mountain with a cable car and walking trails.
- G Venedigerwarte is a lookout tower over the valley.
- H Dolomitenbad Lienz is the town's swimming pool and spa.
- The Lienz Dolomites, to the south, have jagged peaks and long hikes.
- Tristach lake, a small bathing lake, is a short drive away.

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What to experience

- Walk or cycle part of the Drau Cycle Route.
- Visit the castle and see the museum.
- Hike in the Lienz Dolomites.
- Ski at Zettersfeld or Hochstein in winter.
- Drive the Grossglockner High Alpine Road from Heiligenblut.

Day trips

- Heiligenblut, a village under the Grossglockner, is about 1 hour by car.
- The Lienz Dolomites and Lienz Dolomites cable car are about 15 minutes away.
- Tristach lake is about 10 minutes away.
- Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- Carinthia's Lake Millstatt is about 1 hour 15 minutes away.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck, Salzburg and Klagenfurt are all about 2 hours or more away.
- By train: Lienz is on the Drau Valley line. Trains from Innsbruck run via Italy or via Salzburg and take about 3 to 4 hours. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The B100 road follows the valley. The Felbertauern tunnel links Lienz with Mittersill and Salzburg. It is a toll road.

Getting around

The centre is small and best on foot. Local buses link nearby villages and the Dolomites cable car. Cycling is easy on the flat valley paths. A car helps for the high roads.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The centre is small and flat, and a river path runs through the town.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The Drau Cycle Route passes through town and the valley is mostly flat.

Driving

A car is useful for the high alpine roads and the Felbertauern tunnel. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. The Grossglockner road is a toll road and is closed in winter.

Food & drink

East Tyrol cooking is simple and hearty. Try *Schlipfkrapfen*, pasta pockets filled with potato and herbs, and *Tiroler Gröstl*, a pan of potatoes and meat. Mountain huts serve warm dishes and cakes. The region is also known for dairy products.

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

Lienz is very safe. Mountain trails need care: check the weather, carry water and stay on marked paths. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Lienz began as a Roman settlement, Aguntum, close by. The medieval town was ruled by the Counts of Görz, whose castle is now the main museum. It passed to the Habsburgs in 1500. After World War I, East Tyrol was cut off from North Tyrol, and it is still linked to it only through Italy and by the Felbertauern road.

Country facts

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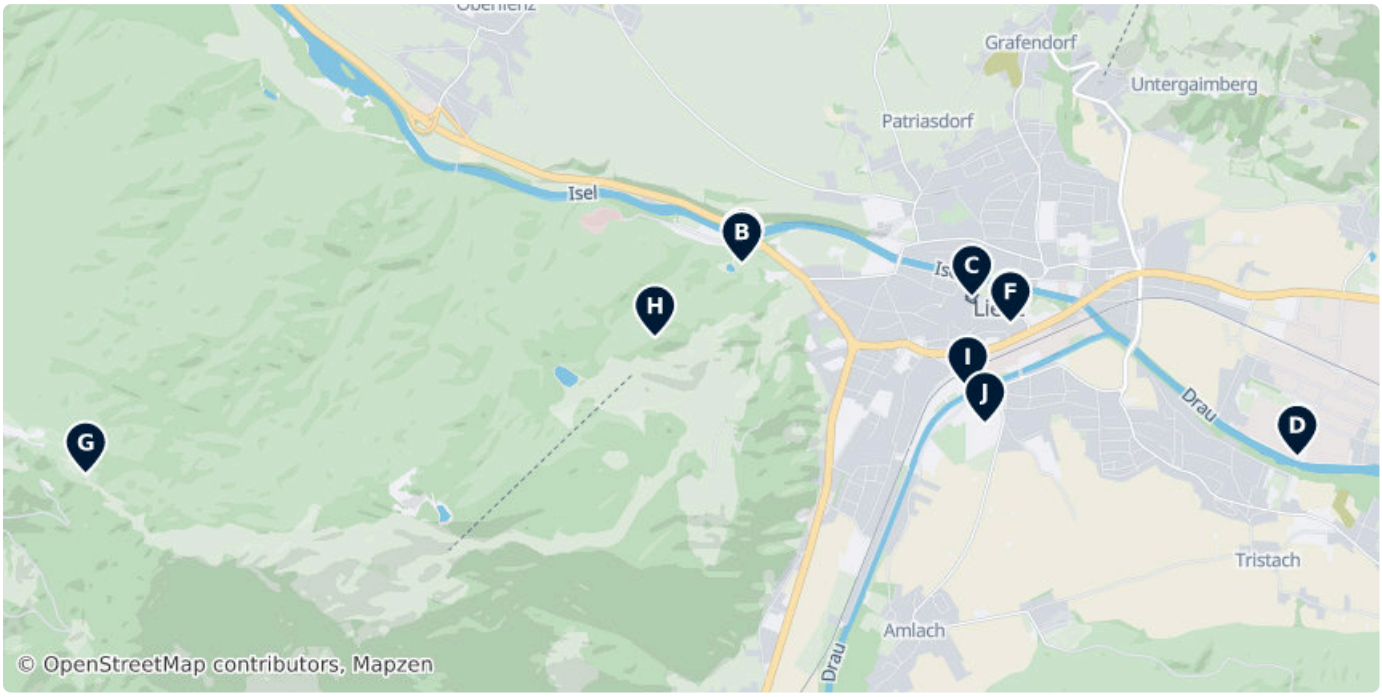
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Lienz Unmissables

Lienz serves as the cultural and alpine hub of East Tyrol, centered around the 13th-century Schloss Bruck and the historic Liebburg palace. The town's architecture spans from the medieval Franciscan Friary to the 17th-century towers on the main square. Outdoor landmarks like the Hochsteinhütte at 2,023 meters and the Venedigerwarte offer extensive views of the Lienz Dolomites, while sites such as the Kosakenfriedhof provide significant historical context regarding the region's 20th-century past.





A Burg Bruck

Burg Bruck is a medieval castle in Lienz in Tyrol, Austria. Burg Bruck is 711 metres above sea level.

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C Lienz Friary

Lienz Friary is a Franciscan friary in the centre of the town of Lienz in East Tyrol, Austria, formerly a Carmelite friary.

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D Kosakenfriedhof

A memorial cemetery in the Peggetz district dedicated to the Cossacks and their families who died in Lienz during the events of 1945.

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de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lienzer_Kosakentrag%C3%B6die



E Lienz

The administrative center of the town, housed within a historic palace building on the main square.

7 Hauptplatz, Lienz 9900, Austria (46.82922, 12.76896)

Mo	07:30–12:00, 13:30–17:00
Th–Fr	07:30–12:00

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F Liebburg

A 17th-century former residential palace of the Barons of Wolkenstein-Rodenegg, notable for its two onion-domed towers.

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G Hochsteinhütte

An alpine hut at 2,023 meters elevation offering regional cuisine and views of the surrounding peaks. It is managed by the Lienz section of the Austrian Alpine Club.

(Unnamed Road), 9911, Austria (46.82147, 12.70018)

H Venedigerwarte

A vantage point and observation tower providing clear views toward the Grossvenediger and the surrounding mountain ranges.

12 Schloßberg, 9900, Austria (46.82842, 12.74253)



I Martin-Luther-Kirche

The primary Protestant parish church for the Lienz community, belonging to the Evangelical Superintendentur A.B. Salzburg and Tyrol.

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J Dolomitenstadion

A multi-purpose sports facility and football stadium set against the backdrop of the Lienz Dolomites.

9900, Austria (46.82403, 12.76709)

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