

Mürzzuschlag

Styria · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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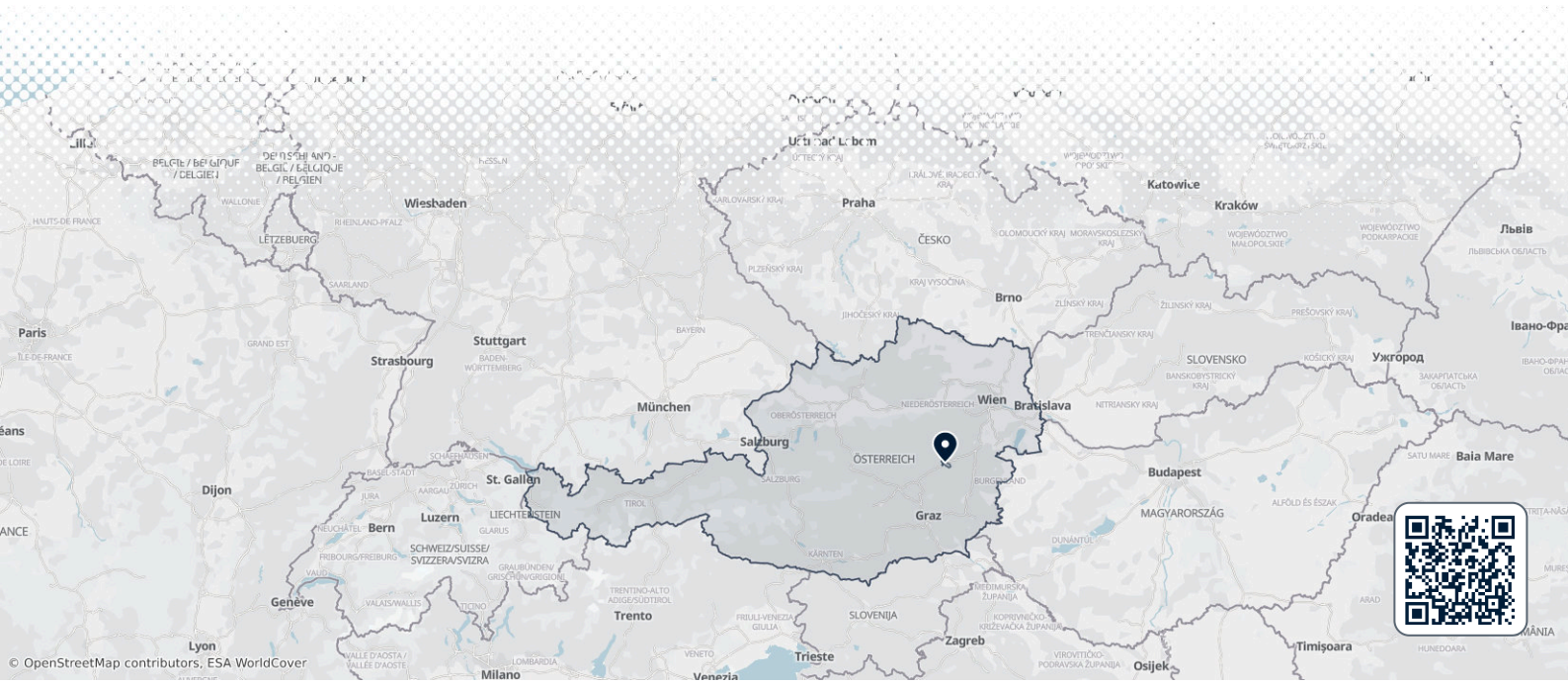


Overview

Mürzzuschlag is a small town in northern Styria, in the Mürz valley, at the foot of the Semmering pass. It is on the Semmering railway, the world's first true mountain railway and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it has a long history as a railway and winter sport town.

The town is modest and local, but it has good museums and easy access to the Rax and Schneeberg mountains. It suits railway fans, history lovers and walkers.

When to visit

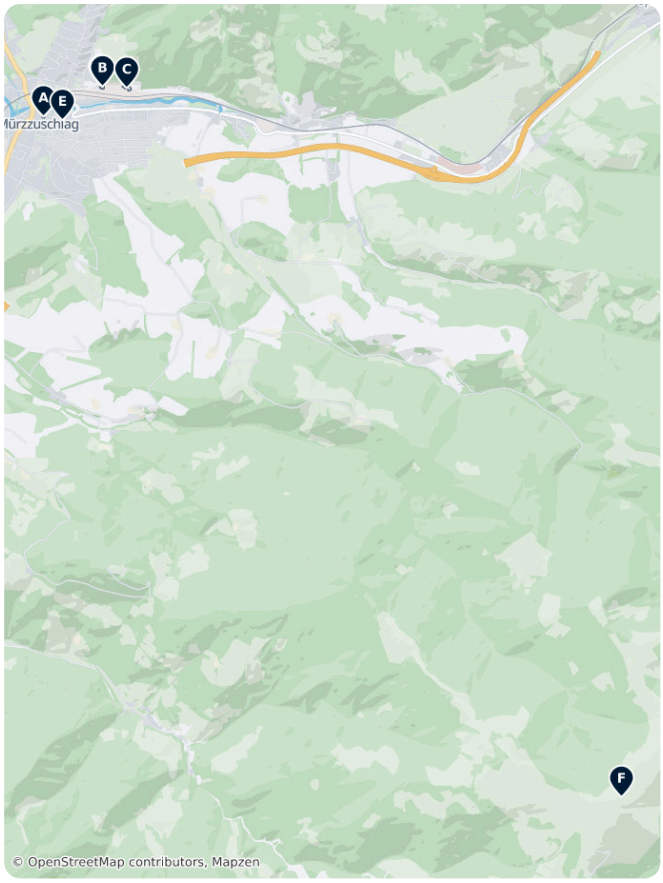
May to October is best for hiking, and for rail journeys on the Semmering line. Winter has cross-country skiing and small slopes. The museums are open most of the year.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 9° Feels like -3°	-5° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	3° / 12° Feels like -1°	-4° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 16° Feels like 4°	-1° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	13° / 21°	3° / -3°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 24°	7° / 2°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 30°	13° / 8°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	13° / 8°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 25°	9° / 4°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	14° / 22°	5° / -2°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 15° Feels like 4°	1° / -6°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-4° / -12°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Wintersportmuseum shows the history of winter sports in a town that was an early centre of skiing in Austria.
- B Südbahnmuseum Mürzzuschlag presents the history of the Southern Railway, which linked Vienna with Trieste.
- C Südbahnmuseum Rundlokschuppen is a historic engine shed with old locomotives.
- D Infobox Semmering-Basistunnel explains the new Semmering base tunnel.
- E kunsthaus muerz is a contemporary art venue.
- F Peter Bergner Warte is a lookout tower on a hill.
- The Brahms Museum is in a house where Johannes Brahms stayed in 1884 and 1885 while composing his Fourth Symphony.
- The Semmering railway line runs from the town, with viaducts and tunnels.



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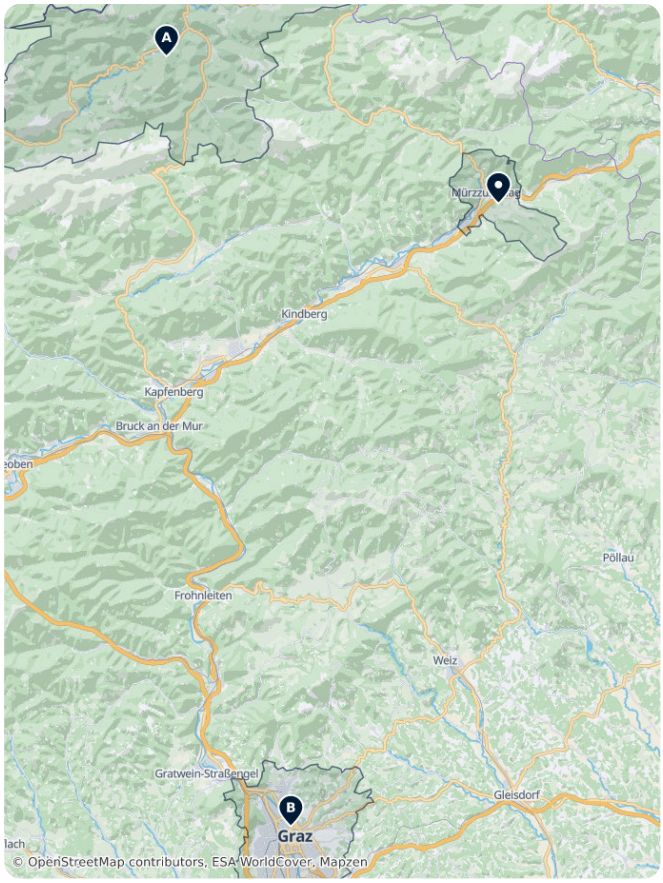
What to experience

- Visit the winter sports museum.
- Ride the Semmering railway.
- Walk on the Rax.
- See the railway museums.
- Hike on the local hills.

Day trips

- Semmering is about 10 minutes away by car or train.
- A Mariazell is about 50 minutes away by car.
- B Graz is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- Vienna is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car or train.
- Rax cable car, near Reichenau, is about 40 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Mariazell and Graz are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Vienna Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- By train: Mürzzuschlag is on the Southern Railway, with trains from Vienna in about 1 hour 15 minutes and from Graz in about 1 hour 15 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The S6 Semmering expressway passes the town.

Getting around

The centre is walkable, and the station is a few minutes from the museums. Local buses cover the surrounding villages.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town centre is compact, and the station and museums are close together.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The Mürz valley has a cycle path, and hills rise steeply around the town.

Driving

The S6 expressway passes the town, and the Semmering tunnel is on the route. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Styrian food includes *Backhendl*, fried chicken, and *Kürbiskernöl*, pumpkin seed oil. Local inns serve game and dumplings. Cakes and coffee house culture show Viennese influence.

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

Mürzzuschlag is very safe. Mountain routes need care in changing weather. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Mürzzuschlag grew with the Semmering railway, which opened in 1854 and was completed under engineer Carl von Ghega. The town became a railway centre and a summer resort for Viennese guests. It was also an early home of skiing, and a ski club was founded here in the 1890s.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

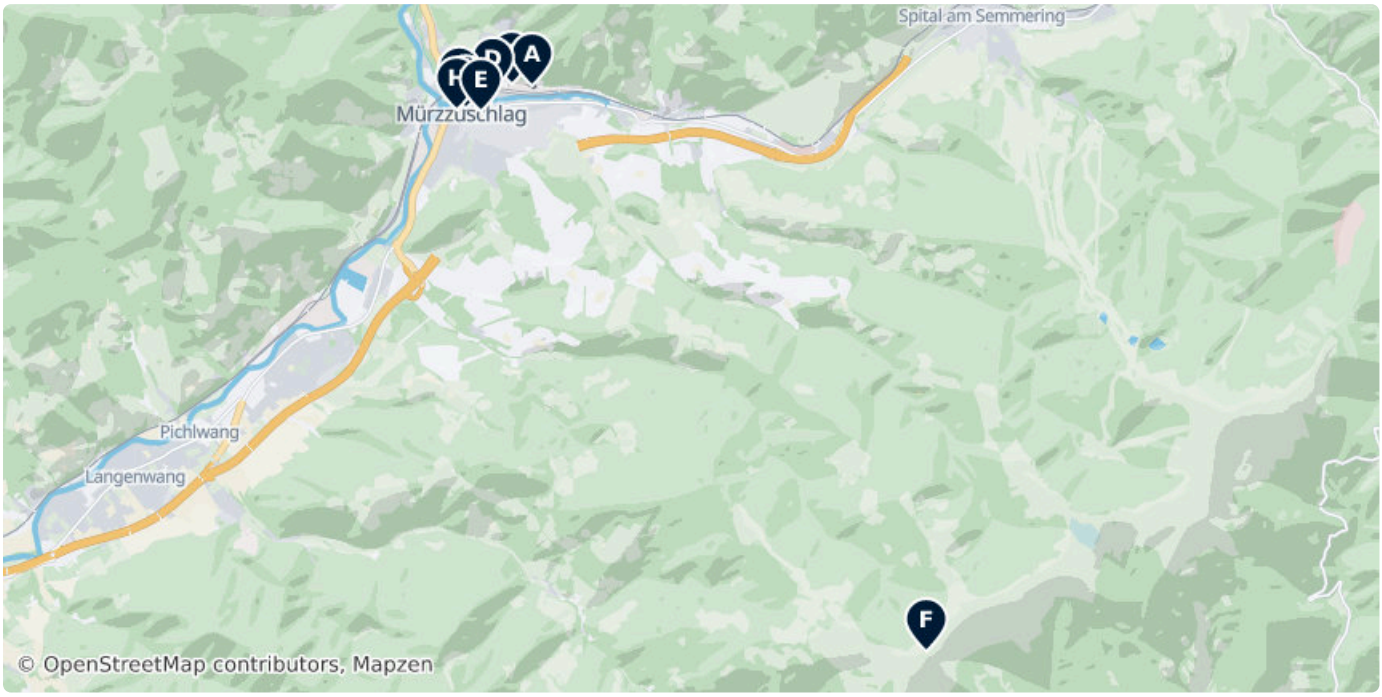
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Mürzzuschlag Essentials

Mürzzuschlag serves as a vital cultural hub at the foot of the Semmering Pass, defined by its dual legacy as the cradle of Central European skiing and a key node on the UNESCO-listed Semmering Railway. This collection highlights the town's specialized museums, including one of the world's largest winter sports collections and a historic locomotive roundhouse. Visitors can also explore the engineering of the Semmering Base Tunnel, historic ecclesiastical architecture, and alpine panoramas from local observation points.



A Südbahnmuseum Rundlokschuppen

A railway museum housed in a historic locomotive roundhouse, focusing on the history of the Southern Railway and the engineering of the UNESCO-listed Semmering mountain track.

Heizhausgasse 6, 8680 Mürzzuschlag, AT
(47.60838, 15.68328)

suedbahnmuseum.at/at/



B Wintersportmuseum

One of the world's most extensive collections of winter sports equipment and memorabilia, documenting Mürzzuschlag's history as the birthplace of skiing in Central Europe.

Wiener Straße 13, 8680 Mürzzuschlag, AT
(47.60602, 15.67309)



C Stadtpfarrkirche

A Roman Catholic parish church in the center of town, representing the regional architectural and spiritual heritage of the Mürz Valley.

(47.60693, 15.67207)

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D Mürzzuschlag

A significant railway station on the Southern Railway, serving as the southern terminus of the historic Semmering Railway line.

5 Kaplanplatz, Mürzzuschlag 8680, Austria
(47.60791, 15.67725)

E kunsthaus muerz

A contemporary art center and cultural venue that hosts exhibitions, concerts, and literary events within a repurposed historical space.

Wiener Straße 56, 8680 Mürzzuschlag, AT
(47.60572, 15.67541)

F Peter Bergner Warte

A mountain observation tower providing panoramic views of the town, the Mürz Valley, and the surrounding Styrian-Lower Austrian limestone Alps.

8680, Austria (47.54975, 15.74387)

G Infobox Semmering-Basistunnel

An information center dedicated to the Semmering Base Tunnel project, offering technical insights into the construction of one of Europe's major infrastructure works.

(47.60855, 15.68019)



H Johann-Nepomuk-Kapelle

A small Roman Catholic chapel dedicated to Saint John of Nepomuk, located in the heart of Mürzzuschlag.

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