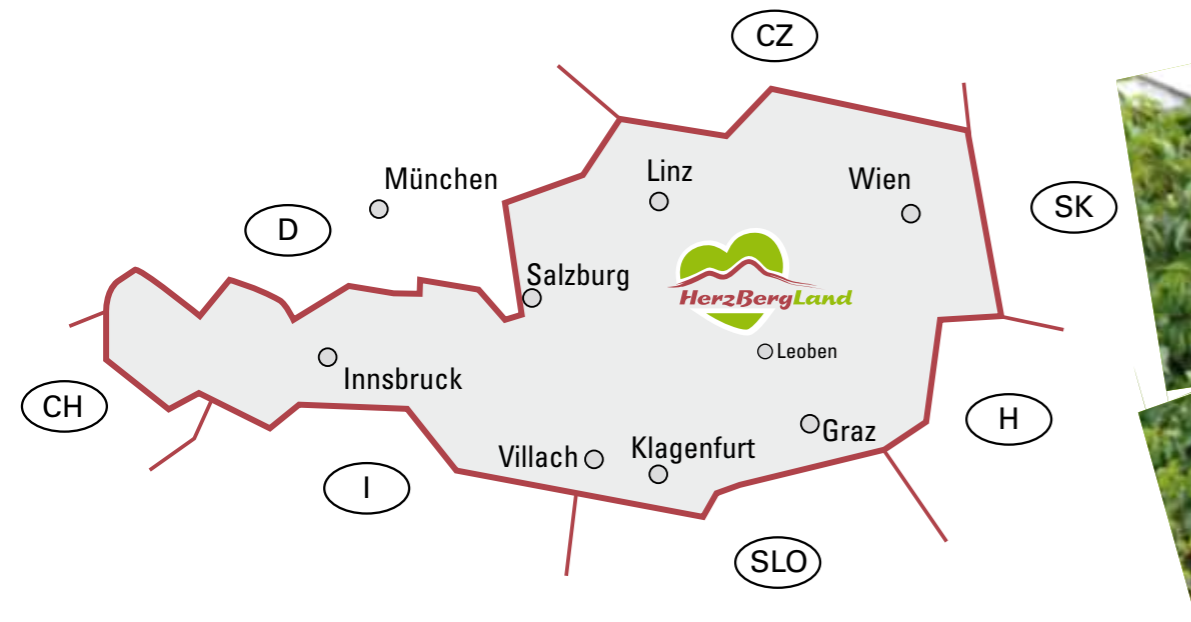


Go on holiday!

Friends are so close



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Holiday with Friends

Herz... (Heart ...)

...in our name symbolises heartiness. As a guest in HerzBergLand this is something that you will experience again and again. We welcome you heartily, because the people who live here still have their hearts in the right place. Just think: **FRIENDS ARE SO CLOSE!** The heart also means the centre, in our case the centre of Styria. HerzBergLand is a particularly precious region of Styria. After all, it offers every advantage of the "Green Patch" in concentrated form. An ideal place to spend a holiday that is tailored perfectly to your personal needs. And HerzBergLand is also well suited as a starting point for discovering the scenic and cultural beauties of Styria.

Berg (Mountain)

The mighty Reiting towers unmissably over HerzBergland. It is without doubt the most striking piece of nature that we have to offer. HerzBergLand lies at its foot, embedded in a highly diverse landscape; pure and often virtually untouched. Decide for yourself whether you want to simply enjoy nature, or be physically active and set off on a nature adventure. Everything is possible and in every form. Alone, with family, with friends and of course at all times of the year.

Land (Country)

In HerzBergLand we are proud that we live – as it is so beautifully put – "in the country". This special feeling of being alive, far removed from all hectic of the city, is something that we would like to impart to our guests. Don't worry: you won't have to forgo comfort! Whether in the dignified atmosphere of a 4-star hotel, or in the homely comfort of a room with a private landlord, you will feel at ease with us. Naturally in HerzBergLand our commitment to the region also includes culinary delicacies, prepared using high quality products from local farmers.

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WELCOME TO HERZBERGLAND.**



Trofaiach



Municipality of Gai with a view of Reiting



View of Hafning/Laintal



Castle Friedhofen in St. Peter/Freienstein



Traboch Lake



St. Michael i.O.



Relaxation in nature

Who doesn't want to escape now and then from the hectic of everyday life, leave the noise of the city behind! Driven by a longing for relaxation and nature.

HerzBergLand is a patch of earth that seems to have been made for this kind of break. Situated in the heart of Styria, it combines all of the merits of an ideal holiday region. Embedded in a diverse landscape you will find a large number of amenities that, actively or passively, really make a holiday enjoyable. Those who are looking for relaxation in HerzBergLand will certainly find it here, as varied

as the individual needs of our guests are. But it is not the impressive scenery alone that guarantees relaxation. The warmth of the people who live here creates a particularly pleasant and relaxed holiday atmosphere. As you know: **FRIENDS ARE SO CLOSE!**



Adventure of nature

You set yourself goals, we help you to reach them.

If you look closely: Nature here is full of challenges. These are waiting to be conquered. By you alone or together with family, with friends. Experience the adventure of nature in HerzBergLand according to your own perceptions and at your own pace; at all times of the year.

Those who set off on an adventure of nature will find a fantastic arena. They can choose between the elements earth, water and air: hover over summits in a glider or a sporting aeroplane, or scale them along hiking trails and via ferratas, conquer demanding mountain bike

routes and be rewarded with a majestic view, hike through intact landscapes, go Nordic walking, running, or find satisfaction in fishing. Naturally an impressive 18-hole golf course at the foot of Reiting also awaits guests, and spirited horses who want to be exercised indoors or in the open air! We are sure that you'll find something that suits you!





Stay with friends

A lot of things that are important to us in HerzBergLand today can be traced back to a long tradition.

The people here are proud of their history and they are entitled to be. This is also revealed in the lodgings, which all share a high degree of authenticity and comfort, far removed from the excesses of mass tourism. Every room of our private landlords, for example, is almost like one of a kind, lovingly and tastefully furnished. Naturally with all of the comfort that today's guest knows how to appreciate.

If you don't wish to forego the amenities of a 4* hotel when on holiday, you will find equally attractive offers in HerzBergLand. The desire to stay with friends on holiday quickly becomes reality in HerzBergLand, regardless of which holiday quarters you settle for.



Culinary delight

The culinary selection in many parts of HerzBergLand is as authentic as the landscape is natural.

It makes no difference whether you try the praiseworthy "Jause" (a selection of bread, meats and cheeses) at an alpine cabin, or enjoy a gourmet menu of several courses in elegant atmosphere. Apropos enjoyment! Regional producers and restaurateurs have launched an extremely ambitious culinary initiative with the name "genussreich" (delectable). The best products of HerzBergLand, prepared by innovative chefs,

cause any gourmet heart to beat faster. Admittedly, it is one thing to read or write about excellent food. And quite another to savour the regional delicacies for yourself. Best of all during a culinary voyage through HerzBergLand. And if you ever don't want to eat alone, you already know: **FRIENDS ARE SO CLOSE!**





The largest monastery library in the world as well as a museum rich in contrast under one roof!

7 cupolas, 60 windows and 70 000 books along a length of 70 meters – these dimensions indicate why after its completion in 1776 the library in the Styrian Admont Benedictine Monastery was labelled the eighth wonder of the world. Besides the largest monastery library in the world, Admont Monastery houses a museum rich in contrast that stretches from modern art via natural history and art history to manuscripts, multimedia and annually changing special exhibitions. Tradition & Innovation – a combination that most would not expect in a monastery!

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Opening times: April - October, daily 09:00 am – 05:00 pm
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Elfenberg Wildlife and Adventure Park

Magical – unique – adventuresome

An abundance of adventure awaits visitors in Elfenberg Mautern in Styria. At a height of 1100m above sea level you can visit 250 wild animals, an underground walk-in wolves' den, the largest and most beautiful bear enclosure in Austria and an idyllic children's farm with a petting zoo. The daily bird of prey shows, the leisure technology park, the summer toboggan run and the scooter track also guarantee a great deal of fun and action. A special experience for the whole family!

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Under, between, above all treetops ...

The highest situated treetop hiking trail in Europe lies in the middle of Almfrische Rachau. With a clear view of Gleinalm, Niedere Tauern, hills, meadows, woods and church towers all around. The exciting circular track stretches across 2.7 kilometres and through untouched nature. The promising central point is the treetop hiking trail – a huge larch wood construction, 20 metres above the forest floor, with steps, 28 towers, walkways and four platforms ...

... and certainly a good deal closer to the sky.

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Relaxation Paradise Asia Spa Leoben

Asia Spa Leoben, a unique mixture of adventure pools and exclusive spa oasis offers pure enjoyment for every age group. The stylish Five Element World with its varied selection of saunas, the relaxation area, and the exciting water world are all unique to Leoben and the local area. Whether in the outdoor area of more than 10 000m² in the summer months or in the extensive indoor areas in the cooler season: Asia Spa Leoben forms the perfect combination of adventure world for children and relaxation paradise for adults. Come along and enjoy the interplay of Far Eastern and European lifestyles that lets you forget your daily routine.

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On a voyage of discovery



The Erzberg Adventure

Visit the underground labyrinth of the Erzberg. Get to know the working environment of the miners of old and today: from the journey into the exhibition mine with the tunnel railway "Katl", past mining machinery and shafts, to the audio-visually demonstrated explosion of 60 tons of rock. Experience the "merman legend" just like hundreds of years ago.

All aboard and off we go. The 860 HP excursion giant, a modified heavy duty vehicle, awaits you. The colossus is called "Hauler" and offers places inside for 64 people to go on a tour over the levels of the Styrian pyramid. A unique experience for big and small.

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Opening times: 1st May – 31st October daily from 10:00 am – 03:00 pm, advance booking required (duration: approx. 2.5 hours)

There is hardly a more ideal starting point than HerzBergLand for discovering the beauties of Upper Styria, even the whole of Styria. Situated in the heart of Styria, the highlights of nature and culture, including the regional capital Graz, European Capital of Culture in 2003, can be reached from here conveniently and quickly along well developed roads. But even in the area around HerzBergLand there is much to discover, and in addition to Leoben

with its internationally recognised cultural-historical exhibitions and its MuseumsCenter, there are also a large number of sights to visit that are related to the history of mining. Throughout the year the region offers an abundance of events where one not only learns many things worth knowing, but also directly experiences the comfortable atmosphere and warmth.

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Winter Delights

It can happen that winter is already upon us in November. But in the pre-Christmas period at the latest HerzBergLand is transformed into a white winter wonderland.

That's when the winter fun really begins: A unique experience for young and old is for example a hike through a winter forest covered in deep snow. Those who prefer to glide across the countryside can choose one of many cross-country ski trails. Varied, sometimes challenging, well marked and, in the case of Hafning/Trofaiach, also with flood lights.

The large number of possible routes makes HerzBergLand a paradise for those who enjoy alpine touring. And in several minutes the guest can reach the skiing arena Präbichl where snow is absolutely guaranteed. There you will find modern chair lifts and tow lifts as well as a large selection of ski-runs for all levels of experience. Those who have ever mastered the extremely steep Polster gorge can rightfully consider themselves excellent skiers. Then there's curling, a more leisurely winter sport

that is steeped in tradition. Quite often locals and holiday guests gauge their marksmanship in so-called "Knödeleisschießen". According to the motto "FRIENDS ARE SO CLOSE", it ultimately doesn't matter who wins. And in HerzBergLand you can even pirouette on natural ice.



Up the Präbichl!

Delightful family ski-runs, training slopes for beginners and swift descents on the Polster for sporty skiers offer everything from gliding to pleasant wading through deep snow – including the legendary Polster gorge. Wide carving pistes, wild mogul slopes, off-piste skiing, skiing tours – a winter paradise for everyone stretching up to almost 2000m above sea level. And fans of new fun sports can find their feet with paragliding just as well as the "conservative" guests with tobogganing.

The „Purzelwiese“ offers little skiers and those who would like to be one an ideal arena, with a practice lift as well as an adventure ski-run through the "Schlumperwald"! Top ski and snowboard instructors are of course at hand. And you can build up your strength in the cosiest of huts.

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