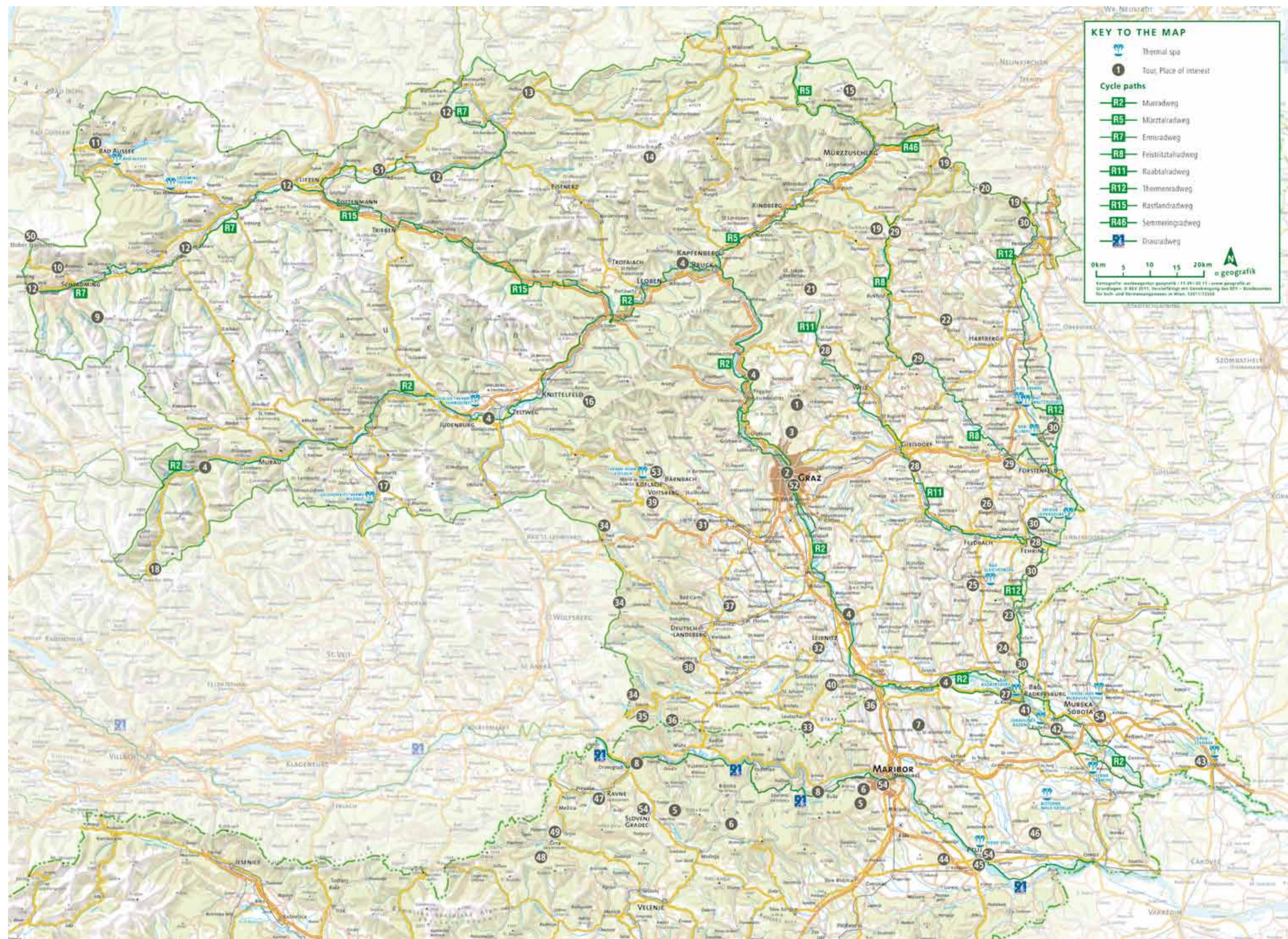




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No matter how many boundaries we see nature will always show us how to tolerate none. The beauty and grandeur of nature are endless, which also holds true for the remains of our long and, in the old days, common (cultural) history.

The evident proof of this is provided by the Austrian Styria and Northeast Slovenia. Regardless of whether we prefer to hike or cycle, we are always in nature, which here offers us so much to see, experience, feel and, most of all, taste: wines, apples, pumpkins and other culinary delights.

Let the nature take you to its kingdom, the high mountains of the Dachstein Mountain Range, the deep gorges, the clear lakes, the orchards offering juicy apples in the east, the pastures and meadows, or the romantic vineyards.

Despite the distance between them, the cities of Graz and Maribor surprise with their common characteristics: they are both located by rivers, have a rich history, culture and numerous sights worth seeing.

The Austrian Styria and Northeast Slovenia have many faces, as they combine adrenaline adventures, grace and the ease of life. Moreover, these regions also welcome families with children with open arms throughout all the seasons of the year.

The most beautiful trails and some great advice on how to spend your holiday are available at the following website:

www.hiking-biking.com/en



More information on the most beautiful hiking and cycling trails and mountain bike trips in the area of Austrian Styria and Northeast Slovenia is available at:

www.hiking-biking.com/en



GRAZ AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

Graz is a unique city with many faces: a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city is renowned for its noticeable red roofs and the clock tower. The Austrian capital of pleasure combines futurism and history, the wealth of mountain ranges, such as the mighty Schöckl, with cycling adventures, such as those offered by the cycling trail along the River Mur.

- 1. Trail over Schöckl
The mountain range in front of the city door offers various opportunities: a 12.3 km long trail, which connects the settlements of St. Radekund and Semriach, is only one of those. If the hike is too long, it can be shortened by taking a cable car ride.
- 2. City sightseeing by bicycle in the company of a tourist guide
Get on the bicycle and explore the most beautiful sights of the Austrian capital of pleasure: breathtaking villas, yards, the cultural gallery nicknamed „Friendly Alien“, and the Eggenberg Castle.
- 3. bikeCULTURE Region Graz
Since the World Cup in Mountain Biking in 2009 (UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships), Graz and its surroundings have been offering excellent hiking and cycling trails to the Schöckl mountain range, cyclist-friendly rest stops (CULTure Points) and much more.

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GRAZ, AUSTRIA'S CAPITAL OF CULINARY DELIGHTS
Visit the city in summer months when the city centre holds an event entitled „Long Table of Culinary Delight“ and you will see that Graz is truly a legitimate holder of this flattering title. www.genusshauptstadt.at

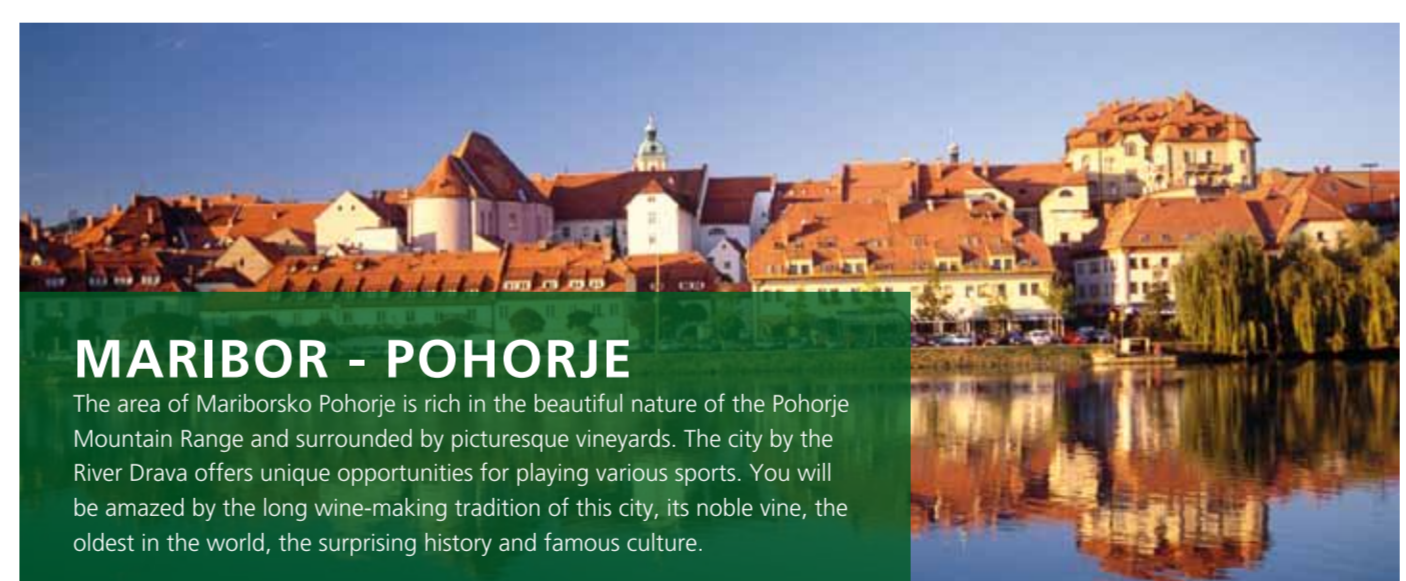


RIVER MUR CYCLING TRAIL

Together with the trail extension across Slovenia, the cycling trail along the River Mur is 425 km long and is acknowledged among the experts as one of the most beautiful river-side trails in the Alpine world.

Cycling on this trail is comfortable due to its slight downhill incline and offers extreme pleasures, for there are many rest stops on the way offering various culinary delights. The trail begins in the Hohe Tauern National Park and continues along the River Mur all the way to the land of vineyards and hot springs. In the North we can admire the mountains and Alpine dairy farms, and the South provides a view of the fields of pumpkins, marshland and vineyards. In between lies Graz the Austrian capital of pleasure, with its attractive atmosphere which complements splendidly the impressions of the surrounding nature.

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MARIBOR - POHORJE

The area of Mariborsko Pohorje is rich in the beautiful nature of the Pohorje Mountain Range and surrounded by picturesque vineyards. The city by the River Drava offers unique opportunities for playing various sports. You will be amazed by the long wine-making tradition of this city, its noble vine, the oldest in the world, the surprising history and famous culture.

- 5. Pohorje cycling transversal
Take the 75 km long transversal across Pohorje with the start point at the Church of St. Bolfenk. The trails will take you to the top and the foothills of the Kremzarjev vrh (Kremzar's Peak) in Carinthia.
- 6. Hiking trail to Carinthia
The hiking trail is 54 km long and represents a section of the Slovenian mountain trail across the oldest and most diverse Slovenian transversal.
- 7. „Old Vine“ cycling trail
Take the 37 km long trail and reach the heart of the vineyards. Taste their delicious offerings and colour your day with varied shades.

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BIKE PARK POHORJE

The specialised Bike Park Pohorje is intended exclusively for cyclists who are eager to experience adrenaline adventures. You can select from among five different programmes (Flow Trail, Speed King, Free-ride Sector, WC DHI Trail, 4X Track) and test the 12 km long MTB track.

www.bikegreen.si



RIVER DRAVA CYCLING TRAIL

Due to its natural beauty and cultural diversity the Drava cycling trail, with its R1 international designation, is one of the most beautiful European cycling programmes.

The trail starts in Italy, crosses Carinthia and winds across Slovenia, through Dravograd, Maribor, Ptuj, all the way to the Slovenian-Croatian border near Ormož. Because it offers various riding terrains and some demanding ascents, the Slovenian side is suitable mainly for athletes with top-quality equipment. In addition, rafting on the River Drava presents a unique opportunity to experience a true adventure. Rafting is offered at three locations by the river, from which the rafters take you on a safe ride down the River Drava.

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HOW TO FIND US?

By car: there are many roads leading to the Austrian Styria and Northeast Slovenia: www.map24.com
We recommend you take the train, which provides a stress-free ride with no inconvenient delays: www.oebb.at and www.slo-zeleznice.si
By plane: numerous airlines land at Graz Airport: www.flughafen-graz.at.

WEATHER

Information on the weather is available at www.wetter.info (weather in Europe) and at www.zang.ac.at (weather conditions in Austria).

GUIDES & MAPS

Bookshops and well-stocked stores offer numerous maps and guides of the Kompass Publishing House and the mountain-oriented Rother Publishing House. These items can also be ordered over the Internet at www.kompass.at or www.rother.de.

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