

AFTER THE IBBY CONGRESS 2024
SUGGESTIONS BY THE AUSTRIAN SECTION OF IBBY

Some tips to go in Styria, the “green heart” of Austria

Graz, the second biggest town in Austria: Thanks to the best-preserved city centre of Central Europe, Graz was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999. But there are also modern buildings, such as the friendly alien - the Kunsthaus by architects Peter Cook and Colin Fournier - or the Murinsel by Vito Acconci. Graz – <https://www.graztourismus.at/en>

In addition to art and cultural institutions in Graz, there are interesting initiatives in southern and south-eastern Styria - even away from the obligatory palaces and castles - such as the bilingual Pavel House (<http://www.pavelhaus.at/>) or the Greith House (<https://www.greith-haus.at/>).

The world's first 5-country biosphere park (Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia) is located in the **Bad Radkersburg region**. In June 2019, UNESCO officially declared the region "Unteres Murtal" a biosphere park. <https://www.steiermark.com/en/Thermen-Vulkanland/Region/Active-enjoyment-of-nature/Biosphere-reserve>

The gentle hills and the hot, dry climate of Styria's wine-growing regions are perfect breeding grounds for exquisite wines. In total, there are eight **Styrian Wine Roads** in three wine-growing regions. <https://www.steiermark.com/en/Styria/Experience-Styrias-cuisine/Wine/Styrian-Wine-Roads>

For the first time in the 39-year history of the European Capital of Culture, 23 municipalities in the rural inner Alpine region (**Salzkammergut, Ausseerland**) are joining forces to form a Capital of Culture and brings the diversity of historically rooted and contemporary art and culture before the curtain and raises it to an international level. <https://www.salzkammergut-2024.at/en/home/>

Information:

<https://www.graztourismus.at/en>

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