

Discover *Carinthia*

A Warm Welcome to Austria's Lake District

Nestled between the Alps and the Adriatic, Carinthia is Austria's southernmost province — home to the country's warmest lakes, dramatic mountain scenery, and a relaxed, almost Mediterranean way of life. We are delighted to welcome you here for your Erasmus+ training week, and warmly invite you to explore what makes this region so special.



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Overview

This booklet gives you a short overview of Carinthia's most valuable tourism highlights, good reasons for a trip to the south of Austria, and a preview of our sightseeing tour through Klagenfurt.



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Why the South of Austria?

Austria's Lake District

Carinthia is home to over 200 lakes — many warm enough for swimming from June to September. The Wörthersee is famously nicknamed the “Adria of Austria” for its turquoise water.

Where Three Cultures Meet

Bordering Italy and Slovenia, Carinthia blends Alpine, Mediterranean and Slavic influences in its food, language and everyday life.

Mountains & Panoramas

Home to the Großglockner High Alpine Road and Austria's highest peak (3,798 m), with countless hiking trails for every level.

Living History

Medieval towns like Friesach, hilltop castles such as Hochosterwitz, and Klagenfurt — a Renaissance capital on the lake.

A Relaxed Pace of Life

Locals describe it as “dolce vita”: long lakeside evenings, café culture, and genuine Carinthian hospitality.

Top Tourism Highlights



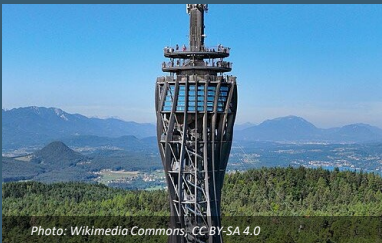
Wörthersee

Carinthia's iconic turquoise lake, ringed by elegant lakeside towns and promenades.



Klopeiner See

Widely known as Europe's warmest lake, with water up to 28–29°C — a favourite for swimming in southern Carinthia.



Pyramidenkogel

The world's tallest wooden observation tower — panoramic views over lake and Alps.



Burg Hochosterwitz

A fairytale medieval castle perched on a 170 m dolomite cliff near St. Veit.

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

Carinthia's capital is located directly on the Wörthersee and blends a Renaissance old town with lakeside charm. According to legend, the city was founded where its citizens once slayed a fearsome dragon — the Lindwurm, still Klagenfurt's proud symbol today, guards the main square.



Lindwurmbrunnen & Neuer Platz

The city's dragon fountain and main square — Klagenfurt's most photographed spot.



Alter Platz

The historic heart of the city, lined with Italian-style arcades, shops and cafés.



Minimundus

A miniature world of famous landmarks from around the globe, at 1:25 scale.



Kreuzbergl

Klagenfurt's local hill, with lovely viewpoints over the lake and the Alps.

How to Reach Carinthia – Tainach

The Educational Center Sodalitas is located in Tainach, southern Carinthia. Here are the best ways to get there:

Fly to Klagenfurt Airport (KLU)

The closest airport — only a short transfer to Tainach.

Fly to Graz Airport (GRZ)

Then take the train to Klagenfurt Hauptbahnhof.

Fly to Vienna Airport (VIE)

Then take the train to Klagenfurt Hauptbahnhof (approx. 4–4.5 hours).

Fly to Ljubljana Airport (LJU), Slovenia

A taxi service is available from Ljubljana to Tainach.

Pickup in Klagenfurt: Once you arrive at Klagenfurt Hauptbahnhof (main station), there is the possibility that we pick you up and bring you to Tainach.