

## Welcome to Styria!

As many social events at FH JOANNEUM are postponed, cancelled or shifted to an online format, we've compiled many suggestions to help make your time during your stay in Graz, Bad Gleichenberg or Kapfenberg as interesting – and perhaps even as productive – as possible.

### Walking Tours:

#### Go on a city tour

and stroll around through one of the various districts this city has to offer. Your path could lead you through the narrow alleys of the historic centre, up on the castle hill (including a drive by Schlossbergbahn funicular), through the trendy and creative scene quarter Lend or the multicultural area Gries with its notorious streets, the red light district and showy graffiti.



#### Take a bus-tour

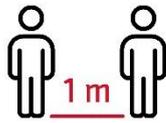
Why not changing your perspective and exploring the city by electro shuttle (audio guide and music included) or open-top bus?

Links: [Electro Shuttle Bus Tour](#)  
[Open-top Bus Tour](#)

#### Have a 'quirky' tour

How about checking out one of the following quirky walking tours:





**Ghostwalk\*** - Meet a "real" night watchman and let him guide you through Graz at night-time and listen to his gloomy tales. This tour starts every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Neutorgasse 5 - no advance reservation needed. (\*currently not available, check website for updates)

Link: [Ghostwalk](#)



**Culinary Beer-Tour** - Beer is probably one of the staple foods of every student – reason enough to get to know the Graz perspective on alcoholic beverages. Try your way through the different types of Austrian beer. Also, many breweries offer guided tours.

Link: [Guided Beer-Tours](#)

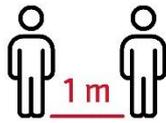
**Inner courtyard-Tour** - In the city center of Graz you can find many inner courtyards. While some of them, such as the Landhaushof, are mostly known very well, others are usually hidden.



**Sewer-Tour** - The sewer network of Graz is one of the less known parts of the city – after all, it's not easy to access those place. Fortunately, Holding Graz offers safe and appropriate guided tours where you can discover the Grazer "underground". (currently not available, check website for updates)

Link: [Holding Graz Tours](#)





**Don't want to spent money?**

Check out these [self-guided walking tours](#) to explore Graz

## Autumn Vibes:

**Explore the [Autumn fair](#) (28.9. – 2.10.2020)**

Experience the styrian fall ("steirischer Herbst") and its various traditions! Whether you are drinking some "Sturm", eating "Maroni" or enjoying a Junker Wine Tasting - the styrian Fall has many to offer!

Link: [Junker Wine Tasting](#)



**Graz Truffle Festival (28.10. – 8.11.2020)**

Did you know that there are seven different types and varieties of truffles that have been discovered in the city forests of Graz? The truffle festival's programme includes guided truffle walks, an international truffle market with specialities and high-quality truffle creations. Save the date!

Links: [Guided Truffle Walks](#)  
[International Truffle Market](#)

## Pumpkin Recipes

Try out as many pumpkin recipes as possible and fall in love with this traditional Recipe Cream of Pumpkin Soup.

Link: [Recipe Cream of Pumpkin Soup](#)





## Enjoy the "South Styria Wine Road"

The region's customs and traditions are lively and impress visitors. Typical features such as the owner-run Buschenschank wine taverns, the Klapotetz (noisy windmills designed to keep birds off crops), the Sturm & Kastanien (Sturm wine and Chestnut) festivals in autumn, Styrian pumpkin seed oil, the unique landscape and the friendly locals make this region very special!

Link: [The South Styria Wine Road](#)

## Advent Season:

### Christmas Markets

Enjoy the opening of the Christmas Markets (20.11.2020) as well as the Christmas tree lighting-up ceremony (28.11.2020).

Links: [Opening of the Christmas Markets](#); [Christmas Tree Lighting-up Ceremony](#)

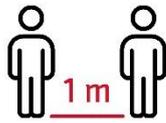


### Ice Nativity Scene

Dive into another world in the Landhaus courtyard, where well-known sculptor Kimmo Frosti and his international ice-sculpting team will create a magical Christmas nativity scene made out of 35 tons of crystal-clear ice.

Link: [Magical Christmas Nativity Scene](#)





### Traditional "Krampus and Perchten"

An event not to be missed! The traditional "Krampus and Perchten" procession taking place in Graz on Sunday, the 29th of November 2020 (between 4 pm and 6 pm) is a much loved traditional event where more than 500 "Perchten", evil demons and St Nicholasses will assemble once again in the Herrengasse for this annual event.

Link: [Krampus and Perchten Event](#)



### Sports Activities:



### Move in the park

is a diverse exercise program for everyone – free of charge! Do some Yoga, try out Lacrosse or find your inner strength through Qigong or Aikido, have fun with your friends while playing Footvolley or Frisbee or explore your inner child while climbing trees and doing parkour or learning handstand. Check out the course catalog (only in German) with its endless possibilities.

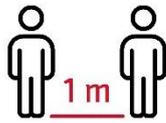
Link: [Course Catalog "Bewegt im Park"](#)

### Go Hiking:

Outdoor enthusiasts can choose out of 588 hiking routes all around Graz and surroundings. Here's an overview of some of the best hiking routes around Graz and surroundings. Don't forget to bring sturdy shoes and be ready for changing weather conditions! Also, send a picture when arriving at the summit of "Schöckl" – the landmark mountain of Graz!

Link: [Hiking Routes around Graz](#)





### Go Cycling:

You are not a real "Grazer" if you are not a cyclist! Cycling in Graz is one of the most enjoyable ways to explore more of this part of Styria. Find your perfect Graz bike ride out of the top 20 cycling routes of the region:

Link: [Top 20 Cycling Routes in the Region](#)

### Go on an adventure

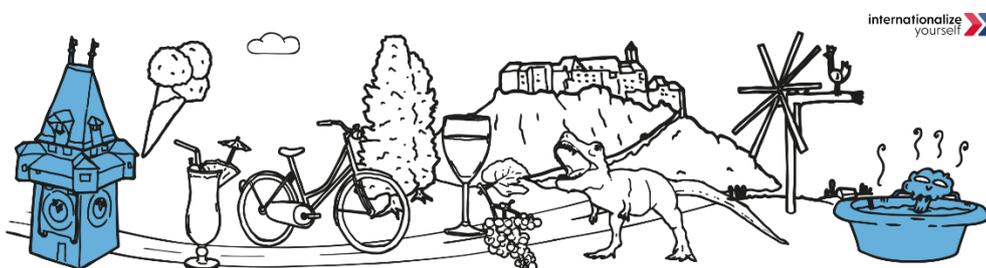
Why head for the hills if there are adventures to be had nearby? Just on the outskirts of Graz there's an exciting park, offering all manner of adventures and opportunities to explore your limits.

Link: [Adventure Park Graz](#)



### You are located in Kapfenberg or Bad Gleichenberg?

Check out the next page and get some inspiration on what to do in Kapfenberg and Bad Gleichenberg!



## Bad Gleichenberg

### Go back to the dark age:

The Riegersburg towers proudly and mightily on the 482-meter-high volcanic rock, from which it overlooks the Eastern Styrian hill country. In all the centuries of its existence, the Riegersburg could never be conquered. Nowadays the ascent to the castle is much easier, but always an experience.

Link: [Riegersburg](#)



### Go for a swim:

Architecture inspired by nature: generous use of glass, wood and stone creates an exclusive atmosphere of peace, quiet and comfort at the Bad Gleichenberg spa. Swimming amid the Kurpark, no entertainment program for kids here, no water slides – this is perfect peace. The ideal atmosphere to do something for your health.

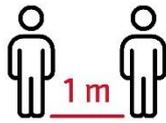
Link: [Spa Bad Gleichenberg](#)

### Taste some Chocolate:

Zotter counts among the best chocolate producers in the world and is one of the most sustainable businesses in Austria. More than 500 different flavours of chocolate, hand-scooped chocolates with seductive fillings, pure single origin Labooko chocolates, beautiful decorations and couverture for baking, handmade bonbons, individual chocolates and much more. Discover the chocolate variety!

Link: [Zotter Chocolate](#)





## Volcano Market

This market is packed with traditional food to try, taste, and enjoy. In a relaxing and traditional atmosphere, visitors can enjoy and buy delicious food and beverages from the volcano region. Located at the main square in Bad Gleichenberg, the market is a wish-fulfilment for all who love good food and drink. Open every Friday from March to December from 4pm to 7pm).

Link: [Volcano Market](#)

## Kapfenberg:

### Travel into the past

The Oberkapfenberg castle dates back to the 13th century. Enjoy the view over Kapfenberg and the valleys of the region, an impressive bird of prey show at 11 and at 15 o'clock, one of the exhibitions or let yourself be spoilt with culinary delights in the castle courtyard.

Link: [Oberkapfenberg castle and bird of prey shows](#)



