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One Lake.

365 Days.

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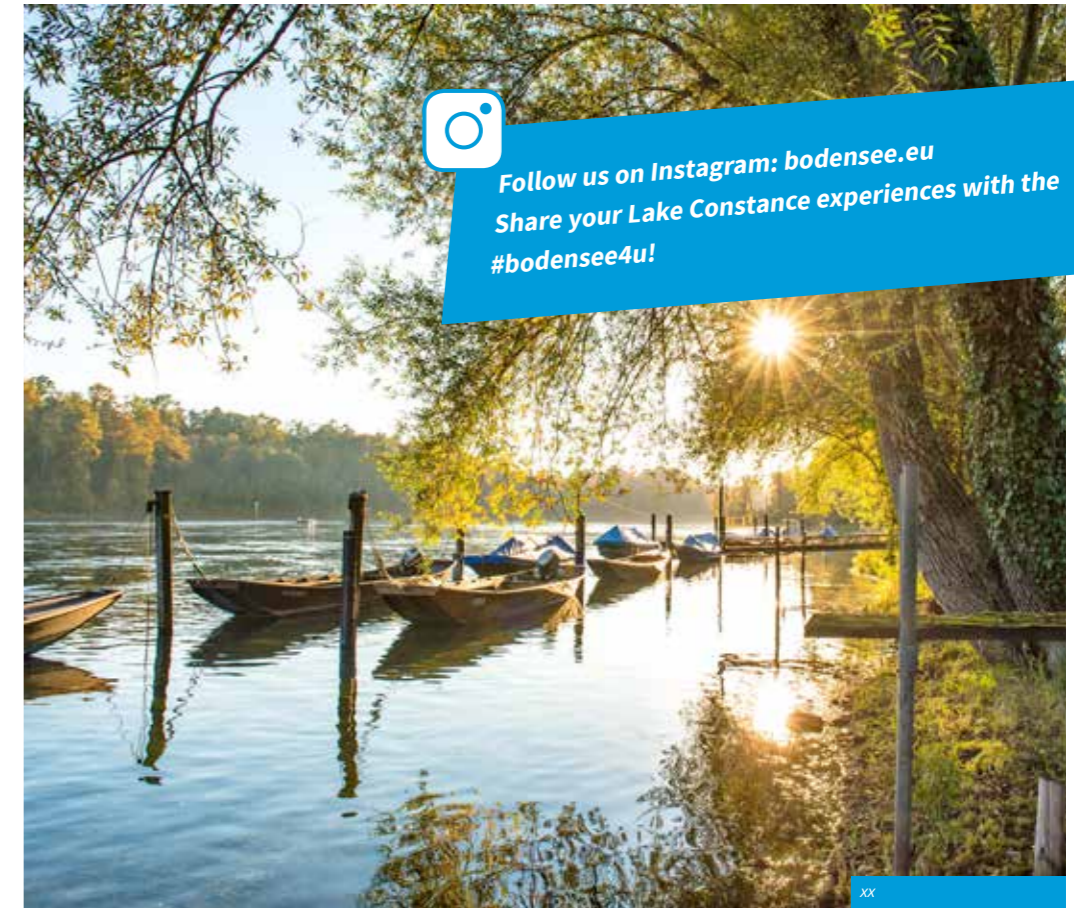
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# WELCOME TO BODENSEE!

Lake Constance Region and its Highlights

**Discover one of the classic European destinations at the crossroads of four magnificent countries**

Lake Constance, lovingly called “Bodensee” by local residents, within sight of the Alps and in the heart of Europe: a destination for people with dreams. Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein – the cultural gems of four different countries rub shoulders with each other here.

Visitors can enjoy the individual specialities of each part of the Lake Constance region. Romantic landscapes with the lake and the mountains form the magnificent backdrop for a holiday full of intriguing discoveries like historic towns and villages, castles and parks.

In just one day, you can stroll along the lakeside promenade in Germany, explore the hilly landscape of the Swiss shore by bike, enjoy a spectacular view from the “Pfänder” mountain in Austria and visit the Museum of Art in the Principality of Liechtenstein. And if you are interested in finding out more about the culture of one of the countries, you can take it a little easier.

The four-country region boasts some beautiful cities ranging from lakeside resorts and harbour towns such as Lindau, Bregenz, Konstanz, Romanshorn and Rorschach to inland gems such as St. Gallen, Vaduz and Schaffhausen a bit further up the river Rhine with Europe’s biggest waterfalls.



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Lake Constance – Refreshing.

# OPEN 365 PER YEAR

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Lake Constance enjoys a mild climate: the lake acts as a thermal power plant and even influences the surroundings. You rarely have to put up with oppressive heat as there is always a light breeze rippling the lake. In the hilly and sometimes mountainous areas, the average temperatures are always a little higher. For hikers and cyclists, spring and autumn are the most attractive holiday periods.

## Spring

When nature slowly awakes from its winter sleep, the fruit blossom transforms the landscape into a sea of pink and white. The mild weather makes spring the perfect season to explore the blossoming nature around Lake Constance either on foot along the innumerable hiking trails or by bike. The blossoming nature around Lake Constance can already be enjoyed as April draws to a close. It is not only the plant life which awakes from its slumber - the boats operating on Lake Constance also begin plying their trade once again.

## Summer

The numerous open-air pools and lidos as well as the natural bathing beaches on the lake shore offers visitors the chance to enjoy a refreshing dip in the lake. Anyone in search of sport will be drawn to the water – surfing, wake boarding, canoeing and sailing are just some of the activities available on the lake. In the warm summer weather, numerous events lure people into the open air. Numerous open-air concerts provide musical entertainment while a range of open-air theatres cater to the desires of culture fans. A boat trip across the lake with the “White Fleet” is another highlight not to be missed.



# DAYS



## DID YOU KNOW?

*Meteorologically, a transitional climate between the maritime climate of Western Europe and the continental climate of Eastern Europe predominates here, making the region one of the milder areas. The favourable climate makes it possible to grow grapes and many other varieties of fruits and vegetables. The average water temperature is 23°C (73°F) in summer, staying around 17°C (63°F) right up until October*

## Autumn

Red, orange and brown are now the predominant colours. Be it for an active programme, cultural highlights, culinary delights or a family holiday: for many people, the mild autumns and attractive landscapes make this the most appealing season on Lake Constance. With the autumn leaves blazing with colour, the entire region shines with a very special glow, this colourful display enticing visitors to make the most of the activities, festivals and events on offer. In particular, autumn is the season of wine, with the regional Müller-Thurgau and pinot noir grapes proving a delight for locals and holidaymakers alike at the rustic wine festivals. Autumn is also the beginning of harvest time for apples, pumpkins and all the rest, as the local culinary delights and festivals place regional cuisine centre stage.

## Winter

As nature begins to hibernate for the winter, Lake Constance enchants visitors with its unique landscape and a very special atmosphere. Numerous Christmas markets and festive Lake Constance cruises get visitors and locals in a festive mood with fresh gingerbread and steaming mulled wine. With the mountains almost close enough to touch, the region around Lake Constance is naturally also the perfect destination for skiers, snowboarders and ski-tourers at this time of year, serving as an ideal starting point for the numerous well-prepared ski runs, cross-country skiing trails, fun parks and ski routes. Anyone who wants to enjoy a little peace and quiet after a winter hike or a day's skiing or who simply wants to get away from the Christmas rush need look no further than one of the numerous thermal baths to be able to unwind in the healing waters – a perfect way to relax, while away the days and enjoy the views over the lake.





For more Lake Constance highlights, visit: [www.bodensee.eu/highlights](http://www.bodensee.eu/highlights)

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## Top 10 Must-Dos “WHAT YOU SIMPLY MUST DO WHEN VISITING LAKE CONSTANCE”



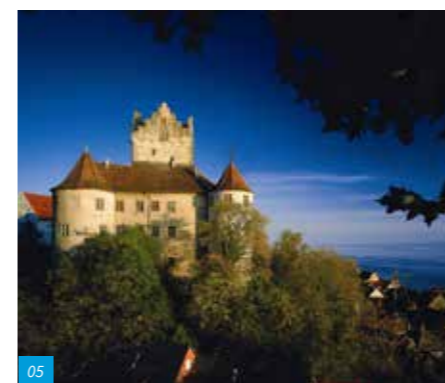
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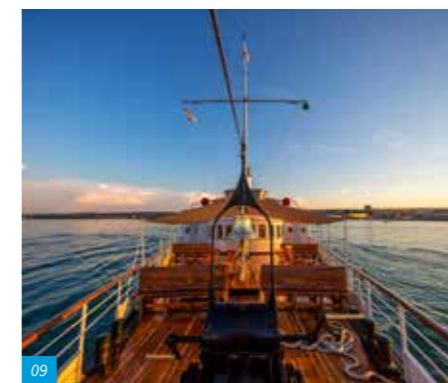
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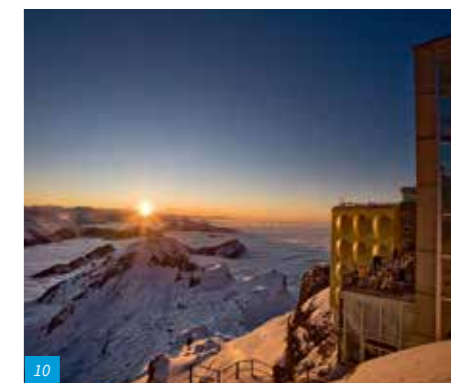
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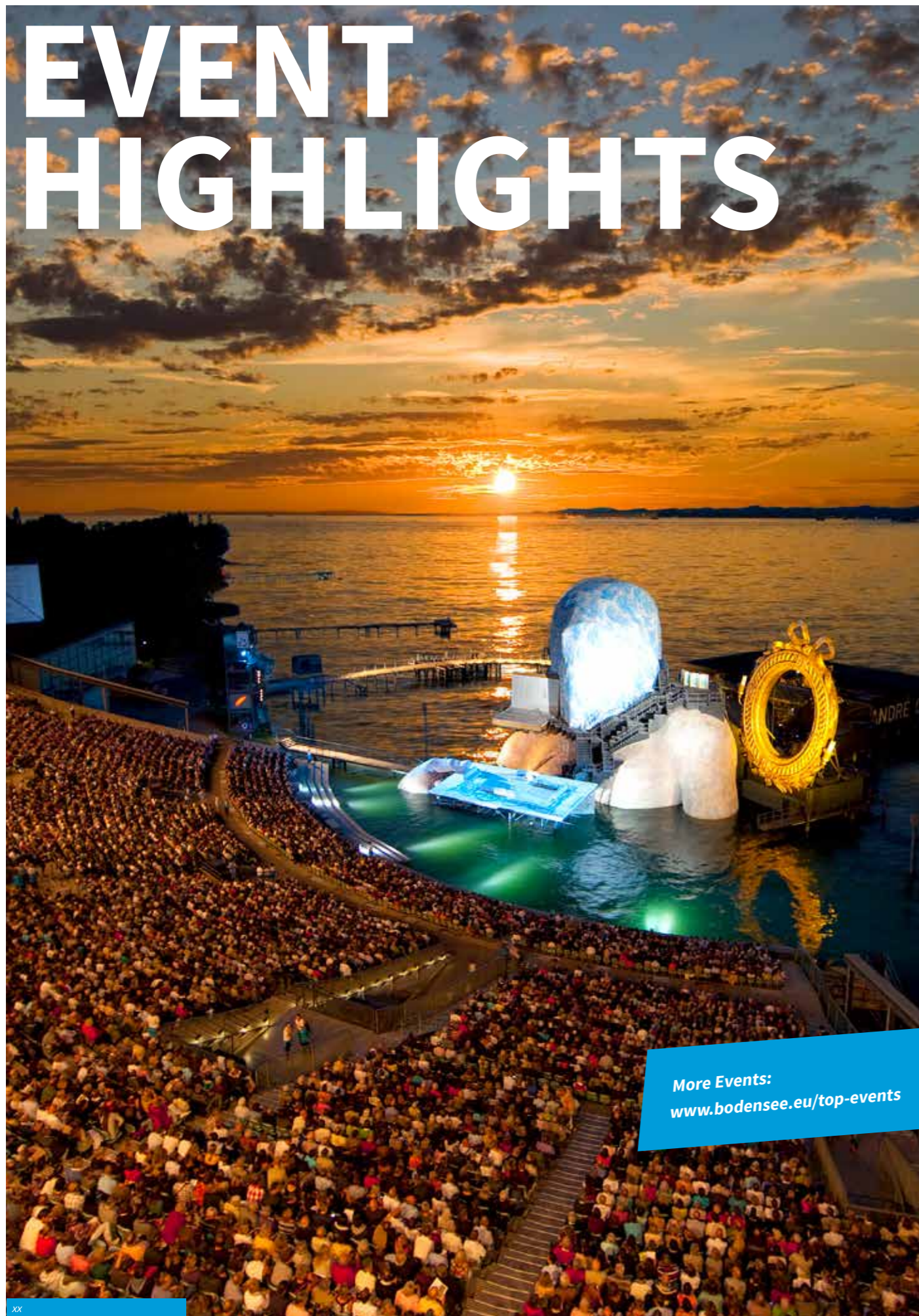


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1. Visit **Mainau Island**, the flower island in Lake Constance
2. Enjoy a journey through the history of airships at the **Zeppelin Museum Friedrichshafen**
3. **Salem Monastery and Palace** – The legacy of the Cistercians
4. A sunken world heritage site is made visible at the **Lake Dwelling Museum Unteruhldingen**
5. Marvel the oldest inhabited castle in Germany: **Meersburg old castle**
6. Climb the **Pfänder** – the mountain overlooking the lake
7. Cross the tiny Principality of **Liechtenstein** with its capital Vaduz from your bucket list
8. Discover Europe's largest water falls: **the Rhine Falls**
9. Go on a boat trip with the Lake Constance **passenger ships**
10. Take the **Säntis cableway** to view over six countries



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



More Events:  
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## March-June

Bregenz Spring Festival (Bregenzer Frühling)

## End of April

Internationale Flottensternfahrt der Vereinigten Schifffahrtsunternehmen

## April-August

Reichenau Island - Religious Holidays

25th April: Festival of St. Marc

Mon following Trinity Sun: Festival of the holy blood

15th August: Festival of the saints of the minster

## May-June

Match Race Germany in Langenargen

Bodenseefestival

## May

Internationale Bodenseewoche

## End of May

Horseback Procession of the Precious Blood (Blutritt)



## SPRING

## SUMMER



## 3rd Sunday in June

Castle Theme Day in Upper Swabia (Schlosserlebnistag Oberschwaben)

## 3rd Sunday in July

Folk Fest in Radolfzell (Hausherrenfest)

## End of June

St.Gallen Festival

## 31st July

Fire on the rocks (Rheinfall Feuerwerk)

## July-August

Bregenz Festival (Bregenzer Festspiele)

## July-October

Wine and fall festivals around Lake Constance

## 2nd Saturday in August

Seenachtsfest Kreuzlingen und Konstanz

## 15th August

National holiday Liechtenstein (Staatsfeiertag Liechtenstein)

## August

Stars in Town

Cultural Waterside Friedrichshafen (Kulturufer Friedrichshafen)

Baroqueweek Upper Swabia

## August-September

Sand sculptures at the Rorschach Festival (Sandskulpturen Festival Rorschach)



## AUTUMN

## September-October

Apple weeks (Apfelwochen am Bodensee)

## October

Autumn food festival

by Lake Constance

(Genussherbst am Bodensee)

Olma Messe St.Gallen

Fish weeks

(Fischwochen am Bodensee)



## WINTER

## December

Christmas Markets around Lake Constance

## January-March

Carnival celebrations around Lake Constance (Fasnacht am Bodensee)



# FOUR COUNTRIES – CLOSE TOGETHER

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## Austria

Exciting. Inspiring. Lake Constance-Vorarlberg! Vibrantly provincial in charming natural surroundings. With the cities of Bregenz, Dornbirn, Hohenems and Feldkirch, the Lake Constance-Vorarlberg region is renowned for its cultural festivals. There is so much to admire: numerous surprisingly modern buildings, attractive museums and exhibitions and fascinating views from the easily-accessible peaks. Bon vivants enjoy the much-appreciated and distinctly regional cuisine.

## Switzerland

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## Liechtenstein

A princely experience! Sitting at the heart of Europe between Switzerland and Austria, the Principality of Liechtenstein is only half an hour from Lake Constance by car; The principality is an appealing destination with a wide variety of activities in a small space. Visit the hereditary monarchy and let this little country grow on you. You will be surprised.

## DID YOU KNOW?



*Join in and win with the Bodensee Passport!  
With the Lake Constance Passport, travel to all four countries and get it stamped. It's fun and easy to win prizes.  
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„HOI!“

# „SERVUS!“

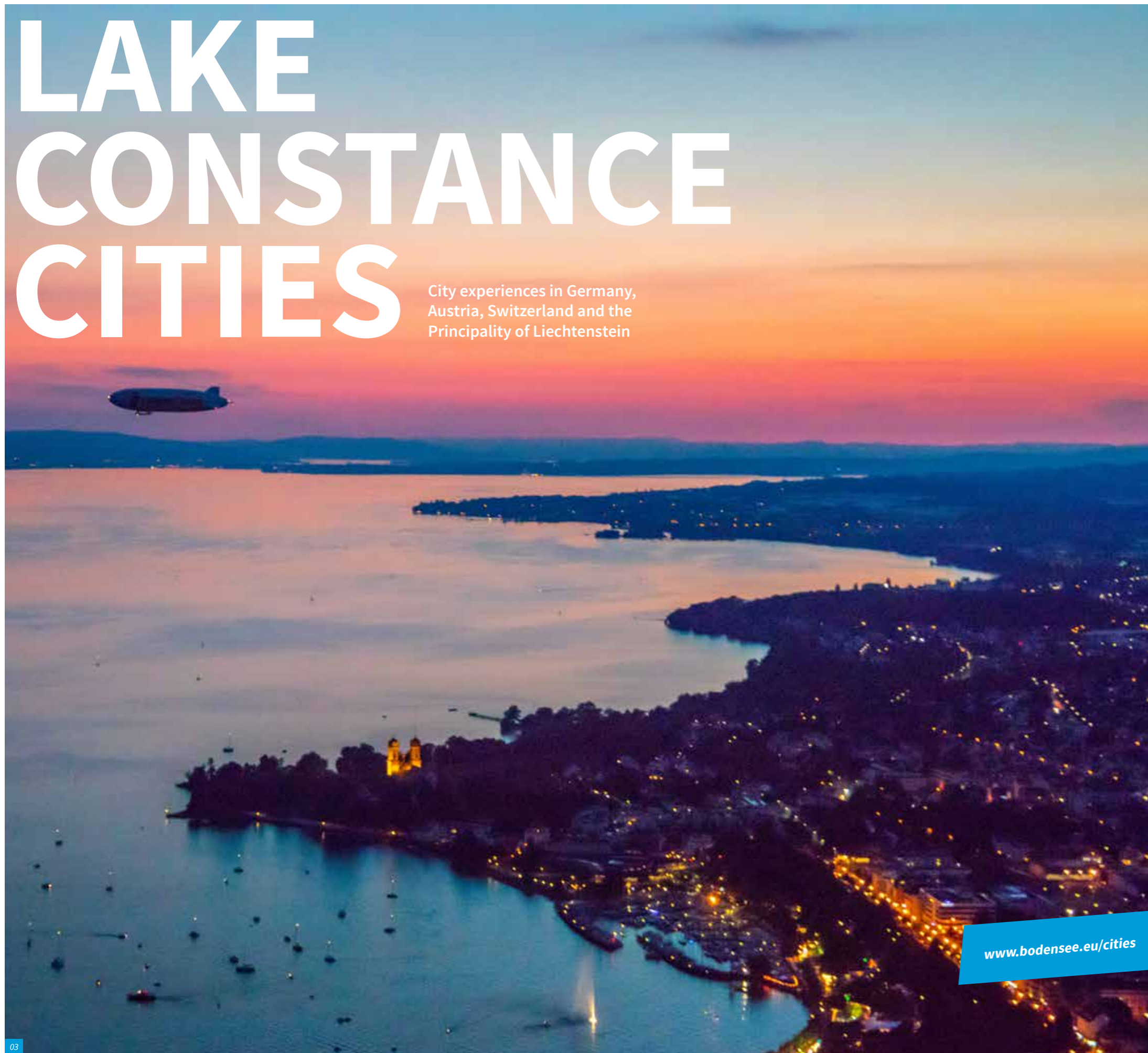
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# LAKE CONSTANCE CITIES

City experiences in Germany,  
Austria, Switzerland and the  
Principality of Liechtenstein



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## 1

### Arbon

Die Hafenstadt Arbon liegt idyllisch eingebettet zwischen Bodensee und Säntis. Als Ausflugsziel und Ferienregion bietet sie Fahrrad-Reisenden, Genuss-Wanderern und Wassersport-Begeisterten einiges an Möglichkeiten. Mit ihren stilgerecht renovierten Häuser lädt die historische Altstadt zum Schlendern und Verweilen ein.

## 2

### Bregenz

Bregenz, capital of the Vorarlberg, combines art enjoyment, hospitality, zest for life and a unique symbiosis between the lake and the mountains like no other city. The city is characterised by its natural beauty, the rich and varied artistic attractions, the charming atmosphere and the extensive range of experiences on offer. Nowhere else on Lake Constance do history and modernity come together quite so harmoniously as in Bregenz. Architecture, pleasure and the art of living are all familiar features of the region.

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### Friedrichshafen

In the Zeppelin city of Friedrichshafen, impressive landscapes and a vibrant life blend seamlessly with Swabian homeliness. Enjoy the view from the attractive lake shore over the unique lake and Alpine panorama or float over towns and cultural landscapes alongside the Alps in a Zeppelin airship. In the Zeppelin Museum, you can discover the history of airship travel while the Dornier Museum brings 100 exciting years of air and space travel to life. Idyllically set against Lake Constance, the city's emblematic baroque Schlosskirche is well worth a visit.



**4 Konstanz**  
Konstanz is cult. Its unique location on Lake Constance, an extensive old town with winding streets and a magnificent minster, international flair and – last but not least – the island of Mainau which also belongs to Konstanz make this city an attractive holiday destination. From 2014 to 2018, Konstanz is celebrating the “600th anniversary of the Konstanz Council” under the banner “Europe is our guest”.

**5 Ravensburg**  
Sitting at the heart of the Lake Constance and Allgäu holiday region and with a population of 50,000, the former free imperial city of Ravensburg is the economic hub of the area. Already a trading centre in the past, it has now become the shopping city of Upper Swabia. At the centre of town, the Marienplatz is the ideal starting point to explore the “City of Towers and Gates”.

**6 Überlingen**  
Whether for a walk in the wonderful nature around Lake Constance, over a glass of local wine on the lively landing stage or in the warm water of Lake Constance thermal bath, Überlingen invites visitors to relax and enjoy on the sunny northern shore of Lake Constance all year round. Having already won numerous awards as a family-friendly holiday destination, this town on Lake Constance offers younger guests a wide range of entertainment.

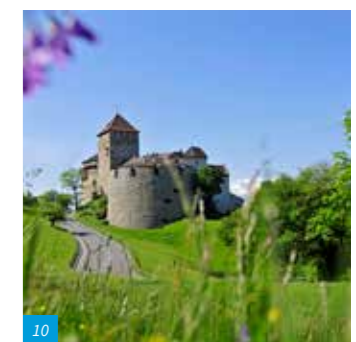
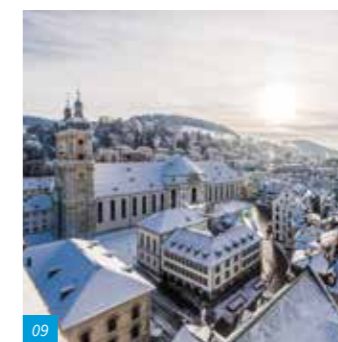
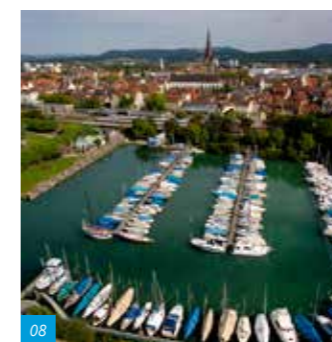
**7 Lindau**  
The location is unique: an historic island with a distinctive charm surrounded by a crystal clear lake and a lush environment. And in the background, the snow-covered scenery rises upwards - Lindau offers a holiday atmosphere on the shores of Lake Constance.

**8 Radolfzell**  
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**9 St. Gallen**  
The city of St.Gallen is a World Heritage site, the lively centre of eastern Switzerland and an all-round cultural classic. Included on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1983, the St.Gallen abbey district with its baroque cathedral and the famous abbey library is the centrepiece of the city. Numerous museums inspire visitors hungry for knowledge and a vibrant cultural life with a first-rate three-segment theatre, numerous cabaret shows and regular festivals maintain the city's excellent reputation as a centre of eastern Swiss life.

**10 Vaduz**  
Whether you want to go shopping, take a stroll, taste the culinary delights or enjoy the culture: the little city at the centre of Vaduz is the beating heart of Liechtenstein. The pedestrian zone stretching from the government district to the city hall is closed to cars. History, modern art, historical collections, outdoor and indoor restaurants and specialist shops: everything is at the heart of Vaduz.

**11 Stein am Rhein**  
Stein am Rhein is a unique gem on Lake Constance and the Rhine. There where the lake becomes the Rhine once more, it is nestled in an awe-inspiring landscape. The charm of this little medieval town immediately casts its spell on the visitor.





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# CULINARY DELIGHTS AND SPECIALITIES

from four countries

Lake Constance stands for genuine quality of life. Simply looking at the mountains across the lake is five-star enjoyment — never mind whether from a luxury apartment or from a campsite. "Farm-to-Table" truly defines the culinary traditions of Lake Constance. Specialties from farm, orchard and lake find their way onto plates around the four country region. Freshly caught whitefish and perch taste especially good. The island of Reichenau supplies vegetables for aromatic side dishes full of vitamins. Just as timeless and delicious: A glass of local Lake Constance wine in the warm evening sun, an apple directly from the farm or a savoury cheese fondue.



## DEFINITELY NOT TO BE MISSED: KÄSKNÖPFLE OR KÄSSPÄTZLE

The national dish of Liechtenstein is "Käsknöpfle" with apple sauce. Fine egg pasta with cheese and fried onions – the traditional Kässpätzle or Käsknöpfle are also a true delight in Vorarlberg. The Swabians, on the other hand, believe it was them who invented Käsespätzle. Whatever the case, this delicious pasta dish is one of the absolute favourite dishes in the whole region.

### WANT TO MAKE THEM ON YOUR OWN? HERE IS HOW:

#### Ingredients for 8 servings:

- 600g flour
- 8 eggs
- 10cl fresh water
- A pinch of pepper
- A pinch of nutmeg
- A pinch of salt



#### Preparation:

Place the ingredients in a bowl and mix them into a dough. Leave for 10-20 minutes. Then pass the dough through the special grater ('Knöpflehobel') into boiling, salted water (2 heaped tablespoons of salt). Leave the small pieces of dough in the boiling water for a couple of minutes, then place them in a bowl, add grated Appenzeller cheese and grated sour cheese, and mix together. Fry onion rings in butter until they are golden, then place these on top of the dish and serve.

#### TIPP:

If the 'Käsknöpfle' are too dry, add a little hot water before mixing in the cheese.



# WINE

Enjoy life with all senses – welcome to the land of plenty: Lake Constance as a wine region resembles paradise for wine enthusiasts and foodies. Good food and wine is easily part of any tour of discovery, regardless whether guests indulge in several courses at an elegant hotel or simply enjoy a savoury snack at a winemaker's – it's tasty everywhere. Fresh produce, regional variety and quality play a key role all around Lake Constance.

## Müller-Thurgau Story

In einer Nacht im April 1925 werden 400 Pflanzreben heimlich von zwei jungen Männern aus der Schweiz geschmuggelt. Albert Röhrenbach und Gottfried Ainsler machen sich mit einem sechs Meter langen Ruderboot auf den Weg, bei dem sie gleich zweimal die Zoll- und Landesgrenze hinter Konstanz passieren müssen. Ihre Väter, Johann Baptist Röhrenbach aus Immenstaad und sein Freund Joseph Ainsler, ein Fischer aus Hagnau warten zu Hause gespannt auf ihre Rückkehr.

Johann Baptiste Röhrenbach will unbedingt Müller-Thurgau anpflanzen, um dem Weinbau am deutschen Seeufer zu helfen, denn er ist überzeugt, dass der früh reifende Müller-Thurgau ideal für den Anbau am Bodensee geeignet ist. Gezüchtet wurde die Rebe 1882 vom einem Schweizer aus Tägerwilten, im Kanton Thurgau. Am Schloss Arenenberg wiederum verkostet Röhrenbach den Wein, ist begeistert und beschließt die Rebsorte zu schmuggeln und den Müller-Thurgau heimlich anzubauen.

Nach der erfolgreichen Schmuggeltour beginnt Johann Baptiste Röhrenbach den Wein anzubauen, darf ihn aber nur in kleinen Mengen im Immenstaad kelteren, wo der neue Wein unter Weinkennern bald zum Gesprächsthema wird. Im Frühling 1926 wiederholt Röhrenbach die Schmuggeltour und verteilt heimlich Reben an interessierte Winzer.



# BEER

Some parts of Lake Constance are famous for its 'Green Gold' hops, which are used in a number of European pale lagers and wheat beers. Visitors to the region can gain first-hand experience of the hops harvest and elaborate drying process and more importantly, beer tastings. There are also a number of regional breweries where specialty beers can be enjoyed and you'll never forget the smell of hops filling the air where they've been growing since the 12th century.

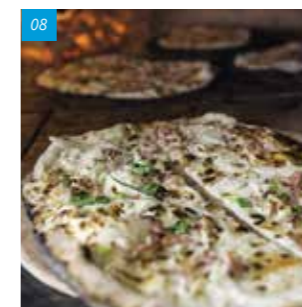
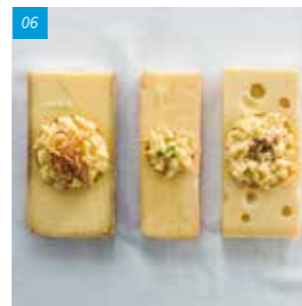
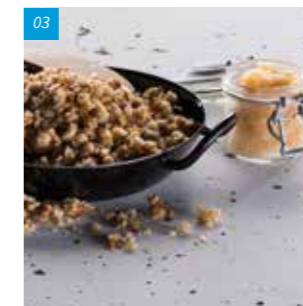
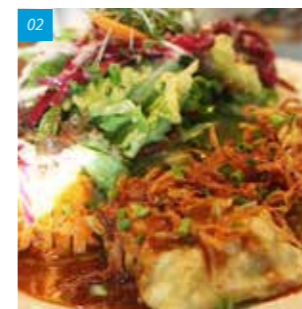
## DID YOU KNOW?



**Hopfengut N° 20 – The world of hops**  
Hopfengut N° 20 combines hop production, a brewery, a museum, a shop and a restaurant on 2,000 m2. Here, the fourth generation of the Locher family produces the finest aroma hops for breweries around the world and transforms them into high-quality beer specialities.

# TIPP: Try typical regional specialities!

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### 1. St. Gallen bratwurst

You should definitely try a St. Gallen bratwurst - but please don't add any mustard! A tender yet crispy skin, top-quality veal and a mouth-watering mixture of special spices.

### 2. Swabian Maultaschen

Maultaschen are made from pasta dough filled with sausage meat, onions and soaked bread rolls. To prevent a valuable piece of meat going to waste during Lent, 17th-century monks hid it in the ravioli.

### 3. Riebel

Riebel is a simple corn dish from the Vorarlberg and St. Gallen Rhine valley, the region where the borders of Liechtenstein, Austria and Switzerland meet. For typical Riebel, corn and wheat semolina is boiled up in milk with a little salt until a sticky mash is formed.

### 4. Reichenau vegetables

Approximately 12,000 tonnes of vegetables are grown in the 90 enterprises on Reichenau Island. Particularly famous are Reichenau cucumbers, lettuce, lamb's lettuce and tomatoes.

### 5. Seele

Seele is a speciality from Upper Swabia. Similar to a baguette, this pastry is generally made from spelt flour and can be found in every bakery in Upper Swabia. It is particularly tasty as a snack with a little butter or grilled in the oven with any number of delicious toppings.

### 6. Cheese

The Lake Constance area boasts an impressive range of traditional cheeses. The alpine dairies in farms and villages are deeply rooted in a long-standing tradition of cheese production using the very best hay milk from local animals.

### 7. Höri Bülle

Connoisseurs see the "Höri-Bülle" variety of onion as a true delicacy. It is traditionally grown on the Höri Peninsula by Lake Constance. Not only is it mild and extremely tasty, its red skin gives it an attractive appearance.

### 8. Dünnele/Dinnele/Dinnete

An absolute "must eat" is "Dünnele" in every form: traditional with cream and ham, refined with smoked salmon, sweet and flambéed with plums.



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**Churches & Abbeys**

Castles, palaces, monasteries and churches: steeped in history, all of them can be found in the Lake Constance region. The former Cistercian abbey of Salem Monastery and Castle and the Hohentwiel fortress ruins are some of the most impressive. Abbeys and churches have characterised the landscape around Lake Constance since the early Middle Ages. This has not only created a unique cultural landscape but has been the impetus for numerous innovations.

**Castles & palaces - A journey into the past**

The region's castles and palaces are all worth a visit and have a lot to tell about the history of the region around Lake Constance. Selected classics include the majestic baroque palace of the Counts of Montfort in Tettnang, the abbey and palace in Salem, the old castle in Meersburg, the ruined stronghold in Hohentwiel in the volcanic Hegau area, Schloss Arenenberg in Salenstein, Schloss Kisslegg, Festung Munot, Schloss Vaduz in Liechtenstein and many more.

**Museums & Exhibitions**

Since the times of the Celts and Romans, the region has been home to a number of cultures and the crossroads of important travel and trade routes. The museums around Lake Constance offer a suitable journey through time: in the footsteps of the past, visitors encounter pioneers, poets, Alemanni, Romans and even the occasional dinosaur.

**Baroque Heaven**

With its routes connecting the region between the Danube and Lake Constance, the Upper Swabian Baroque Route is something special. Influenced by Italian architects, the baroque construction style continued to spread northwards in the mid-16th century, reaching the Allgäu-Upper Swabia-Lake Constance region and breaking with the predominating clear.

More cultural highlights:  
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# A LIVELY CULTURAL SCENE

UNESCO World Heritage Sites, castles and churches

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Bodenseegärten**  
 For centuries, hard-working gardeners have been sowing, planting and weeding at Lake Constance. From the castle grounds to the cottage garden, today there is row upon row of charming green oases spread across Lake Constance - like the Castle & Park Arenenberg on the Swiss lake shore.



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**Museums & Exhibitions**

Since the times of the Celts and Romans, the region has been home to a number of cultures and the crossroads of important travel and trade routes. The museums around Lake Constance offer a suitable journey through time: in the footsteps of the past, visitors encounter pioneers, poets, Alemanni, Romans and even the occasional dinosaur.

**Baroque Heaven**

With its routes connecting the region between the Danube and Lake Constance, the Upper Swabian Baroque Route is something special. Influenced by Italian architects, the baroque construction style continued to spread northwards in the mid-16th century, reaching the Allgäu-Upper Swabia-Lake Constance region and breaking with the predominating clear.

# A LIVELY CULTURAL SCENE

UNESCO World Heritage Sites, castles and churches

More cultural highlights:  
[www.bodensee.eu/culture](http://www.bodensee.eu/culture)

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## DID YOU KNOW?



**Bodenseegärten**

For centuries, hard-working gardeners have been sowing, planting and weeding at Lake Constance. From the castle grounds to the cottage garden, today there is row upon row of charming green oases spread across Lake Constance – like the Castle & Park Arenenberg on the Swiss lake shore.



Treasures of the past:

# THREE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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### 1. Abbey Cathedral of St Gall

The Abbey Cathedral of St Gall, the abbey library and the surrounding monastery buildings - in short the St. Gallen Abbey District - was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. This magnificent baroque complex, known far beyond the borders of Switzerland, rose from a small hermitage founded in 612 by the monk Gallus in "the green wilderness between Lake Constance and Säntis".

### 2. Monastic Island of Reichenau

The Monastic Island of Reichenau has held a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2000. The religious and cultural importance of its great medieval Benedictine abbey, its three Romanesque churches and the meticulously restored murals were the deciding factors for UNESCO's inscription and still shape the image of the island today.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than 1,200 years ago, monks on Reichenau Island drew up the perfect plan for a monastery. In addition to a large church, the plan also included craftsmen's houses, stables and gardens to ensure the monastery was self-sufficient. After centuries gathering dust in the archives of the abbey library in St. Gallen, this plan is now being put into practice. It will be several decades until all the buildings shown on the plan for the monastery are finished. In the meantime, visitors have the opportunity to watch the craftsmen at work at the "Campus Galli".

More UNESCO:  
[www.bodensee.eu/unesco](http://www.bodensee.eu/unesco)

# OUT & ABOUT

Lake Constance is for active nature lovers



Lake Constance is no place for couch potatoes. Much better than twiddling your thumbs: riding along the cycle paths around Lake Constance, paddling along the shore in a canoe or walking along well-maintained paths through the vineyards. For people who like to 'collect' mountain-tops, there is no shortage of them around Lake Constance.

Also, in winter you are never far from pistes with guaranteed snow and spectacular views into the valleys either while skiing or walking on snowshoes.

More outdoor adventures:  
[www.bodensee.eu/active](http://www.bodensee.eu/active)





**Cyclists love Lake Constance**

Cyclists love the international Lake Constance region for its breathtaking lake views, Alps as well as orchards, farms and gently rolling hills. The region offers more than 300 additional bike rides from leisurely day trips to challenging stage tours.

To see it all, circumnavigate Lake Constance on the beloved and easy cycling route through Germany, Austria and Switzerland – the Lake Constance Bike Route. Breathtaking views of Lake Constance and the Alps make it one of Europe’s most popular cycling routes. For the complete 270 km circuit, we recommend dividing the journey into 4–7 stages. This bike tour is especially recommended in spring and fall.

Danube-Lake Constance Route: This route leads from the world’s highest church spire to the banks of Lake Constance, linking two well-known and popular routes: the Danube and the Lake Constance cycle trails.

All routes are located in the official Lake Constance Tour Portal: [www.bodenseetouren.eu/en/](http://www.bodenseetouren.eu/en/).



**DID YOU KNOW?** 

*The German Hiking Institute has awarded several hiking trails in the Lake Constance area the coveted Premium hiking trail seal of approval. All Premium hiking trails are excellently signposted and always offer stunning views.*

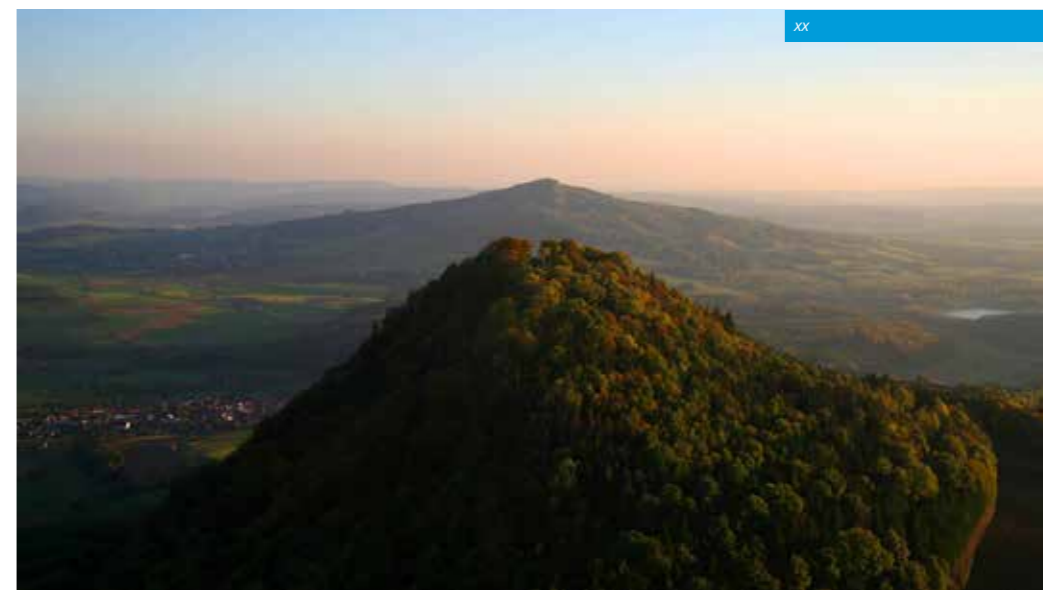


**Hiking pleasures in four countries**

The Lake Constance region is predestined for hiking and boasts an outstanding network of hiking trails. Pleasant walking trails and more challenging hiking trails all lead to the same destination by Lake Constance: the heart of nature. Visitors can reach breathtaking view points or peaceful and relaxing sites on foot. The lake is never far away, tempting visitors to take a dip in the cool water on hot summer’s days.

**Themes trails**

The numerous themed trails in the countryside around Lake Constance offer the chance to enjoy smaller walks. Walks on the theme of pleasure such as the **Tettngang hops path** (8km), the **Weinfelden wine path** (9km) or the **Altnau apple path** (2-4km) provide hikers with information on fruit, wine and hop growing.





# LEBENSELIXIER WASSER

More on boat trips:  
[www.bodensee.eu/boat-trips](http://www.bodensee.eu/boat-trips)

Auf seine chemische Formel reduziert ist Wasser schlicht die Summe vieler Verbindungen aus Wasserstoff und Sauerstoff. Für die Region bedeutet das Bodenseewasser jedoch viel mehr als das: es ist das Lebenselixier.

Gespeist wird der Bodensee mit Schmelzwasser über den Rhein. Auch das Wasser aus der größten Quelle Deutschlands, der Aachquelle, findet den Weg in den Bodensee. Rund um den See gibt es viele weitere Wasseroasen wie beispielsweise Naturseen und Schutzgebiete.

#### Schifffahrt

Noch heute wird der Bodensee als Transportmedium von Fährbetrieben, Touristendampfern oder Yachtclubs genutzt. Ganzjährige schwimmende Verbindungen über den See gibt es von Konstanz nach Friedrichshafen, von Konstanz nach Meersburg und von Friedrichshafen nach Romanshorn.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Der Bodensee gilt als größter Trinkwasserspeicher Europas und versorgt jährlich bis zu vier Millionen Haushalte. Aus etwa 60 Metern Tiefe werden rund 125 Millionen Kubikmeter Trinkwasser pro Jahr gewonnen



# WATER AND ITS AGGREGATES



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## ICE ICE MAYBE

According to statistics, Lake Constance freezes completely every 70 years. This is what we call "Seegrörne". The first Sea frost is specified for the year 875. Since then, Lake Constance has frozen over 33 times, the last time in winter 1962/63.

## INSPIRING FOG

In late autumn and winter it could be possible that the lake is hidden under a thick layer of fog. Instead the turquoise blue lake and the alpine panorama in the background you dive into an almost surreal world of gray whits its own very special charm.



## SNOW SUMMITS

In Liechtenstein and Vorarlberg there are small, fine ski areas, in which tobogganists, cross-country skiers and winter hikers feel good.





More than a summer flirt:

# A DESTINATION WITH MANY FACES!

Lake Constance used to be a famous destination for summer holidays – yet those in the know appreciate the winter season even more to enjoy the region’s variety!



### Warming, soothing and relaxing

At Lake Constance it is not only the bathing season in summer, in modern thermal baths you can relax in the water all year round. Three thermal baths are located directly on the shore of Lake Constance, on the Swabian bathing street you can dive somewhere else every weekday.

### Skiing

A “principal” skiing region in proximity of the shores of Lake Constance: guaranteed to have snow; familial and rustic Malbun in the Principality of Liechtenstein. The fine skiing areas of the Vorarlberg region are close-by, too: Laterns, the “Bödele” and the Pfänder mountain in proximity of Bregenz.

### Magical Christmas Markets in the very Heart of Europe

If there’s one destination for a European Christmas Market experience to outshine all others, look no further than the region of Lake Constance. The markets can be found scattered throughout historic city centres, baroque castles and along the shores of Lake Constance itself.

### As far as wings can fly

Lake Constance is the migratory centre for thousands of birds, with over 300 species making their homes around the lake which covers 207 square miles.





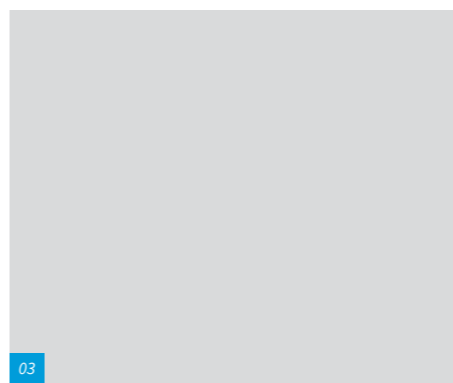
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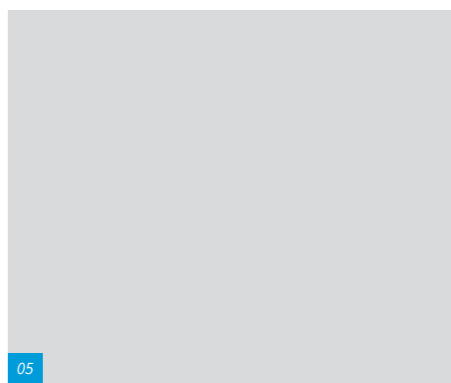
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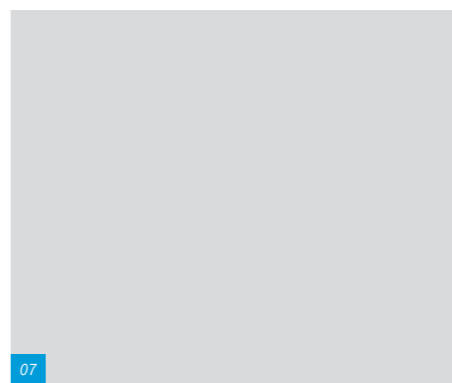
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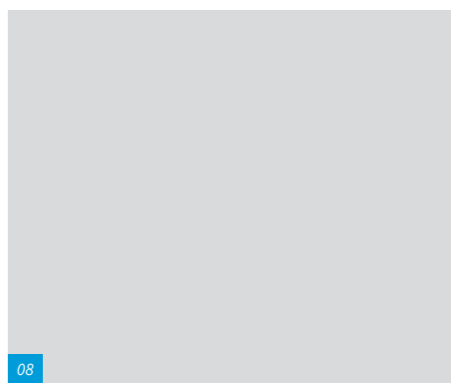
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1. Thurgauer Bubble Hotels, z.B. am Schloss und Napoleonmuseum Arenenberg (Thurgau, Switzerland)
2. MoMö – Schweizerisches Mosterei- und Brennereimuseum (Arbon, Switzerland)
3. Rappenlochschlucht (Dornbirn, Austria)
4. Naturschutzgebiete am Bodensee, Paradies für Birdwatcher
5. Schlafen im Fass (Schaffhauserland, Switzerland)
6. Drei Weiern (St. Gallen, Switzerland)
7. Wackelwald am Federsee (Oberschwaben, Germany)
8. Höri-Künstler wie Dix, Hesse, Ackermann, Dietrich (Western Lake Constance, Germany)
9. Lama- und Alpakatrekking in Triesenberg (Liechtenstein)
10. Liebesinsel am westlichen Bodensee (Germany)
11. Ravensburger Spielplatz (Ravensburg, Germany)
12. Maestrani's Chocolarium (Flawil, Switzerland)



# FACTS AND FIGURES:

You probably know Lake Constance is nestled at the heart of Europe where Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein meet. But did you also know these interesting things about the region?

**Territory:** With three nations bordering on Lake Constance, the waters are divided up as follows (approx. figures): Germany: 55 %, Switzerland: 34 %, Austria: 11 %.

**Expanse of water:** Lake Constance is the third largest lake in Central Europe. With the water at medium level, it covers a total area of 572 km<sup>2</sup>.

**Dimensions:** The lake has a maximum length of 63 km as well as a maximum width of 14.8 km. Its maximum depth amounts to 254 m in the Upper Lake and 147.4 m in the Lake Überlingen.

**Mobile home from home:** some of Germany's best-known motor-home manufacturers are located in Upper Swabia. Carthago, Dethleffs and Hymer are all based here.

**Ape Mountain:** Affenberg Salem is home to 200 free-roaming Barbary macaques – so you can make a prime date with a primate...

**World's biggest puzzle:** you'll know the Ravensburger brand based in Ravensburg – but did you know the company and the city's residents broke the world jigsaw record there in 2008? Over 10,000 people laid out 1,141,800 pieces over 600sq m in under five.





# GETTING HERE AND AROUND – ALL ROADS LEAD TO LAKE CONSTANCE

## Access and local transport



### By airplane:

Bodensee Airport Friedrichshafen  
Zürich Airport  
Memmingen Airport  
Airport St. Gallen-Altenrhein



### By train:

Via Karlsruhe, München and Stuttgart in Germany  
Via Zürich in Switzerland and Innsbruck in Austria



### By coach:

Many coach lines have direct connections to Constance, Friedrichshafen, Lindau, Bregenz and St.Gallen from many European cities.



### By car:

A81 and A96 in Germany  
A1, A4 and A7 in Switzerland  
A14 in Austria

## NICE TO KNOW



### Currency

€/Euro in Germany and Austria  
CHF/Swiss Franc in Switzerland and Liechtenstein  
Credit cards are generally accepted, but small shops and tickets for public transportation can only be paid in cash.

### Pass Control

When travelling around Lake Constance region you might cross the border several times. On the Swiss border there are routine pass controls, so guests should always carry their ID card with them.

### Roaming

Since Switzerland is not part of the EU, high roaming costs might appear.

More interesting facts and useful information can easily be found here:  
[www.bodensee.eu/en/service/plan-your-trip](http://www.bodensee.eu/en/service/plan-your-trip)

## THE PERFECT SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUR STAY AT LAKE CONSTANCE: BODENSEE CARD PLUS

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The best thing: The Bodensee Card PLUS is valid for three or seven separate days of your choice. The moment your card is scanned at your destination's ticket office you will have started one of these days. Thus, you may choose to use the card on separate days during the season.

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# TRAVEL TIMES AND DISTANCES AROUND LAKE CONSTANCE

	Friedrichshafen	Ravensburg	Bregenz	Vaduz	St. Gallen	Schaffhausen	Lindau	Singen
<b>Konstanz</b>	24 km / 15 mi 1:15h*	40 km / 25 mi 1:15h*	68 km / 42 mi 1:20h	97 km / 60 mi 1:15h	47 km / 29 mi 0:45h	93 km / 33 mi 1:20h	49 km / 30 mi 1:30h*	32 km / 20 mi 1:05h
<b>Friedrichshafen</b>		20 km / 12 mi 0:25h	40 km / 25 mi 0:35h	88 km / 55 mi 1:00h	40 km / 25 mi 1:25h*	82 km / 51 mi 1:10h	21 km / 13 mi 0:20h	66 km / 41 mi 1:00h
<b>Ravensburg</b>			52 km / 32 mi 0:40h	100 km / 62 mi 1:10h	96 km / 60 mi 1:10h	94 km / 58 mi 1:20h	30 km / 19 mi 0:30h	78 km / 48 mi 1:10h
<b>Bregenz</b>				54 km / 34 mi 0:40h	41 km / 25 mi 0:40h	120 km / 75 mi 1:20h	20 km / 12 mi 0:20h	105 km / 65 mi 1:35h
<b>Vaduz</b>					70 km / 43 mi 0:45h	150 km / 93 mi 1:30h	68 km / 42 mi 0:45h	125 km / 78 mi 1:45h
<b>St. Gallen</b>						83 km / 52 mi 0:50h	58 km / 36 mi 0:50h	100 km / 63 mi 1:15h
<b>Schaffhausen</b>							101 km / 63 mi 1:30h	21 km / 13 mi 0:25h
<b>Lindau</b>								83 km / 52 mi 1:15h

\*including ferry

Could you do without traffic and the eternal search for a parking space?

## THEN LEAVE YOUR CAR BEHIND!



The Bodensee Ticket – Train | Bus | Ferry is the perfect accompaniment to your Bodensee Card PLUS.

The ticket rate includes unlimited travel around Lake Constance by train, bus and ferry: it will keep you mobile and ensure that you reach the popular Bodensee Card PLUS destinations in Germany, Austria and Switzerland utterly relaxed. You will not only save money and a few valuable holiday hours; you will also do your bit for the environment!

### The Bodensee Ticket at a glance:

- » A day ticket or three-day pass for travel by train, bus and ferry
- » Free travel in the specified zones in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- » Available from DB, ÖBB and SBB ticket vending machines and at railway stations
- » New: Zone "South" for the Appenzell region

Karte





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