

Austria Hotel Collection: Alpine Luxury and Gourmet Hideaways

Those who travel to Austria take away more than just holiday memories. They return home with new inspiration, insights and ideas that leave a lasting impression.

Nowhere is the Austrian “Lebensgefühl” more apparent than in the mountains, and this year’s [Austria Hotel Collection](#) invites you to discover some of the most exclusive alpine hotels and gourmet hideaways that Austria has to offer. Think breathtaking locations with an abundance of activities, exceptional cuisine, elegant design and personalised service – 365 days a year.

The [LaPosch](#) chalet village resort in Tirol unites time-honoured Austrian tradition with luxury modern amenities. 16 individual units built from local wood and natural stone provide 5-star comfort within your own private space that includes a range of lovingly selected services, from the complimentary bubbles upon arrival to the hiking backpack and 20 minute taster massage (for bookings of 3 nights or more). Whether you choose to cook up a storm in the chalet kitchen, make use of the resort’s delivery service or stroll across to restaurant Das Walters for traditional Austrian cuisine, a large portion of love and a pinch of regionality make everything taste even better here.

Insider tip: Celebrating a special anniversary or want to surprise the one you love? A LaPosch luxury chalet promises the perfect romantic getaway with private hot tubs, access to a swimming pool or pond and indulgent experiences such as the chocolate fondue for two.

Also in Tirol, [Schlosshotel Kitzbühel](#) is a suitably sophisticated establishment from which to lap up the world-famous resort. Perched just above town, a 10 minute walk takes you into the heart of it all, meaning the next summit, golf course or glass of Champagne are never far away. That’s if you can tear yourself away from the hotel and its exclusive spa area, complete with indoor and outdoor pools, several saunas and a gym, or the armchair you have sunk into at the bar, listening to the piano being played.

Insider tip: The Schlosshotel caters for every taste with not just one, but three restaurants. Keep it casual with the deliciously fresh breakfast and dinner buffets at Restaurant Streif, end a round of golf on the terrace overlooking the 9th hole at DAS Kaps clubhouse and grill restaurant or savour Japanese cuisine accompanied by daily live entertainment at Rōzu sushi lounge.

[Falkensteiner Schlosshotel Velden](#) sits on the shores of Lake Wörthersee in Carinthia and has been known as a celebrity hotspot since the 1600s, as well as more recently a filming location. Since 2012, it has been operated by the Falkensteiner Group and is now part of the

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"Leading Hotels of the World." Schlosshotel Velden scores with its luxurious rooms, breakfast in the ballroom, gourmet cuisine and prime location, of course. We're talking waking up watching the sunset over the lake here! A highlight right by the hotel's doorstep is the Aquapura Lake SPA with three indoor and outdoor pools, saunas, steam baths and treatment options.

Insider tip: Rolls Royce limousine service, exclusive boat tour or guided hike? The hotel's Experience Concierges are on hand to tailor your stay to your personal preferences.

[Hotel Arlberg Lech](#) is a coffee house turned luxury hotel that has been hosting guests since 1956, long before Lech became the glittery resort it is today. Since then, the family-run hotel has become a favourite among royalty and celebrities. Hotel Arlberg Lech sits in the heart of the action. It has 50 luxurious rooms and suites, a generous spa and several on-site foodie hotspots. The highlight of their main restaurant is the six-course Chef's Choice Dinner, a mix of traditional family recipes with Asian and Mediterranean touches. For Italian specialties, head to the more casual La Fenice, which has been awarded two Gault-Millau toques, before nipping a cocktail at the hotel bar.

Insider tip: This is a hotel not just for humans, but also their furry friends. Dogs are welcome and the hotel will provide beds, bowls, towels and blankets. Only the restaurant and spa are dog-free zones.

[Walch's Rote Wand Gourmet Hotel](#) in Lech am Arlberg is a haven for guests who cherish all that the Lech mountains have to offer – and food! The family-run hotel offers culinary experiences in four on-site locations: Chef's Table, in a former dairy, is run by 2 MICHELIN star-awarded Julian Stieger and scores with creative dishes prepared in front of the guests. Stuben, which holds a Green MICHELIN star, offers Austrian classics for lunch and fondue for dinner, and the Hotelrestaurant & Bar serves everything from breakfast to lunch and multi-course dinners. The latest addition Friends and Fools is a reservation-only affair with dinner masterclasses, wine and dine evenings and many more food lovers' events.

Insider tip: "I used to be a dirndl!" The hotel sells bags, backpacks and placemats made from recycled dirndl dresses – a great (and sustainable) souvenir to take home.

Also in Lech am Arlberg, the 4-star [Hotel Gotthard](#) combines luxury with authenticity and cosiness with modernity. Steeped in history and run in the third generation of the Walch family, every guest is treated like a member of the extended family. The hotel opened its doors in 1931 and has since become a top-notch home away from home for active travellers. 350 km of hiking trails, Austria's highest golf course and scenic bike routes lie on the doorstep. The hotel itself offers everything from a spacious spa to an in-house restaurant with Austrian delights and even home-brewed beers.

Insider tip: Host Clemens has fulfilled his dream with the OMES 2257 brewery, named after local mountain the Omeshorn. The beers are brewed using only the best regional ingredients, making them pure with plenty of character.

[Burg Hotel Lech](#) in the same region is a great choice for food-loving solo travellers, couples and families. And after a long day out and about, the hotel's award-winning restaurants await. The Burg Restaurant serves five- to six-course menus with Mediterranean and Austrian delights while The Lechtaler Stube additionally offers French haute cuisine. Burg Hotel Lech also houses one of the largest wine cellars in Western Austria with some 60,000 bottles from Austria and all over the world. The hotel was originally a small milk bar selling refreshments to skiers and is today run by three generations of the Lucian family side by side.

Insider tip: In the summer months you can join a cheese spaetzle cooking course at the renowned Kriegeralpe mountain hut. Learn how to prepare the famous dish following Grandma Helga Lucian's family recipe.

Perched at 1,100 m above sea level on the Bartholomäberg in Montafon, [Hotel Fernblick](#) (meaning far-reaching views) lives up to its name. The panoramic Sky Pool, supported by 20 m stilts, takes wellness to new heights with front-row views of the surrounding mountains, while chef Florian Ganahl takes traditional Vorarlberg cuisine to new heights in the hotel kitchen. And with the establishment's all-inclusive services you can sample it all, starting with a rich breakfast buffet brimming with produce from local farmers, moving on to a mouthwatering spread of salads, soups and homemade cakes in the afternoon and ending with a 5-course evening menu that includes vegetarian and light alternatives.

Insider tip: Known as the sunny balcony of the Montafon, the Bartholomäberg offers almost unlimited holiday activities all year round – from hiking and biking in spring, summer and autumn to skiing and snowshoeing in winter.

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