gest and most beloved daytrip destinations. This exclusive club now has 44 members. They range from nature reserves and theme parks to monasteries and castles, from museums and exhibitions to alpine railroads and shipping lines.

One major goal is to present the growing number of daytrip tourists with tourist destinations of the bes

The Top Daytrip Destinations of Lower Austri constitute more than a tourist brand; they are also a mark of quality. To earn this mark, the member must meet more than 60 criteria. They include

among other things, a unique approach to tackling given subject matter, well stocked shops, appealing estaurants and cafés as well as attractive play areas

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Lower Austria is divided into four districts or the high-end Most Road distillers stage an open-house 'quarters". The southwestern one is known as the called "Most Road Spirits" and invite the public to sam-Mostviertel and is named after "most", the Aus- ple their wares distilled from pears and other regional trian designation for the fermented pear cider made fruits. Special set degustation menus and entertainin the region. It is one of the most seductive of the ment are featured four quarters. Culinary and other delights await you at every turn in seductively scenic landscapes. The Mostviertel is known for its fine calendar of cultural events and the amazing variety of its culinary deli About 300 different pear varieties flourish in the orchards of the Mostviertel; 20 of them are grown lelicious products at all Most Road hotels, inns and Most Autumn: The Most Barons traditionally ring in the Most Autumn along the Most Road when the

thousands of pears and apples are being picked or Lower Austrian Autumn Wine Festival



A-3100 St. Pölten, Austria Phone: +43 2742 9000 9000 www.lower-austria.info the grand festival for wine aficionados Sports, cultural and gourmet events all centered to ensure that visitors can enjoy wine and the culture suron wine. More than 800 events take place in over rounding it in a kaleidoscope of new variations. 100 Wine Road communities from the end of Au-

Niederösterreichring 2. Haus C

gust to the end of November. Wine is the focal point throughout the province. Lower Austria starts Weinherbst, its celebration of wine and autumn, when the scent of fruit fills the air and the leaves in the vineyards turn glorious gold: and reds. The festival season is the most labor-intensive time for winemakers, from grape harvesting to the work in the cellars. For people who enjoy the good life, this season is ideal for exploring the couryside in the autumnal light, sampling wine from

the barrels or joining in ancient customs in sociable The original festivities and customs naturally re

main such as swearing-in ceremonies for Hiata

wine and thanksgiving celebrations or the festivities on

and around November 15 honoring Saint Leopold, patron

saint of Lower Austria. Weinherbst also offers an array of

other wine-related events: presentations of the new wine,

estivals on idyllic country roads lined with wine cellars,

vine-culinary events combining the best in wine and

gourmet delights, vineyard hikes and cycling tours, wine seminars, readings, art exhibits and myriad other events cionados are sure to enjoy. The interplay of old evolved wine architecture and new wine architecture is especially interesting. A

Niederösterreich (Lower Austrian Wine Road) therefore include many wineries, atmospheric heurige, expertly run wine shops, special wine-themed facilities in modern architectural style and traditional wine taverns. Many of the wineries have rooms for guests, allowing a pleasant combination of wine tasting, cellar tours and walks with an overnight stay. Charming bed-and-break-At 830 kilometers in length, the Lower Austrian fast pensions and traditional wine inns allow you to stay Wine Road is one of the world's longest routes in close proximity to wine, as do comfortable four-star through wine country. It goes through all eight hotels and bon vivant rooms tastefully furnished with

Niederösterreichring 2, Haus C the restaurant owners themselves wait on their guests A-3100 St. Pölten, Austria in a Wirtshauskultur restaurant. A strict team of testers Phone: +43 2742 9000 9000 makes sure these guidelines are complied with and the Wirtshauskultur qualities are retained. A strong brand in Lower Austria, Land for Bon large green oval sign posted on the restaurant itself and Vivants! Wirtshauskultur Niederösterreich is an also posted on the outskirts of town. It indicates the association of more than 270 member restaurants presence of a traditional restaurant serving authentic in about 220 communities in Lower Austria. Their regional specialties rian restaurants and the cuisine served in them. News, events and business hours at This abundance of fine local restaurants is a main www.wirtshauskultur.at To become a Wirtshauskultur restaurant, an ishment must satisfy a number of quality criteria concerning cuisine, wine cellar, atmosphere, and service. Wirtshauskultur innkeepers serve typical egional dishes and prefer using specialty foods and lucts from regional farmers. Wirtshauskultu ns have traditional furnishings including a table Bon Vivant Lodgings in Lower Austria

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Phone: +421 2 16 186 www.ba-lesv.sk www.bratislava.lanovkv.sl www.lanoland.sk www.bkteam.sk/bob Bratislava Forest Park near the city center at the foo of the Small Carpathians features the popular re eational areas Železná studnička (Little Iron Well). artizánska lúka (Partisan Meadow) and Koliba. Kamzík Hill is dominated by a TV tower, which has meters) on a chair lift that runs year round. Another winter for skiing.

a revolving restaurant. You can go to the top (420) of varying degrees of difficulty. The slope is used in the option is to take your own bicycle. Going down, you **Dates:** Cable way: Th-Su and holidays: 10 a.m. to 6 can take Rohatka, a trail for extreme mountain bik-p.m.; bobsled run; summer Sa, Su, holidays; 10 a,m. to 6 ng. Families with kids are sure to find an outing to p.m.; Climbing Center: July-Aug.: Tu-Fr 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. he city forests worthwhile. They are a great place for Sa, Su, holidays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April-June, Sept.-Oct. walks, ball games, rowing and fishing and for taking Sa, Su, holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. n the educational nature trails. Thrill seekers will Highlights: Playgrounds and sports fields, grilling un love the bobsled run as well as the climbing center, der shade trees, natural Amphitheater plus ice-skating quipped with five rope climbing obstacle courses in the winter on ponds and in the amphitheater. 4 Devín Castle – Cross-border Panorama



Small Carpathians, a region dominated by

This quiet little wine town is in the

**Events of Delight in the Bratislava Region** www.stupava.sl www.pezinok.sk www.modra.sk www.svatyjur.sk www.slovensky-grob.sk www.cechhusacinarov.sk www.moska.sk www.visitbratislava.eu www.bratislavskvkrai.sk

Enjoy the Bratislava Region. Plan an outing and APRI get to know the tourist attractions in the capital Svätojurské hody (Svätý Jur village festival). city, along the Danube and in the Small Carpathian Cultural and social event connected with wine tasting. and Záhorie regions. Get a taste of the Bratislava ing culinary and wine festivities. Taste a Sloven out the fish specialties from Senec or the Danube and sweeten your life with crescent-shaped poppy-Carpathians. Choose from among the countless good wine, its traditions and uniqueness.

Region. You can do so in an elegant restaurant in Deň modranských pivníc (Day of Open Wine the center of this large city, at a traditional winery Cellars in Modra) out in the country or right on the street or road dur- Taste the best wines from Modra and environ ský Grob roast goose with Lokschen potato pan- Vínne trhv Pezinok (Pezinok wine markets)

cakes and some Stupava cabbage on the side. Try Traditional wine show connected with wine tasting. seed or nut filled rolls from Bratislava. For a fitting Wines at Červený Kameň Častá Castle close to the day, share your experiences with others sipping a glass of excellent wine from the Small - an incomparable setting. events celebrating the region's superb cuisine and Slovak Food Festival Bratislava. This is the biggest

picnic in town. Restaurants and eateries offer their ecialities for sale at Bratislava Castle. St. Urban's Day of Open Wine Cellars in the Small **Carpathian Region.** Wine lovers can taste wines from regional vintners in more than 100 cellars from Bratislava/Devín to Trnava.

the local goose roasters' association. A Day in the Small Carpathian Vineyards.

Traditional Wine Harvest Festival Modra Wine Harvest.

**WINE & CULINARY DELIGHTS** 

TOP DAYTRIP DESTINATIONS IN LOWER AUSTRIA

15 Slovenský Grob - Realm of Gourmets

meat. Slovenský Grob has a reputation far beyond borders of Slovakia for its centuries' old tradition of preparing roast goose and its preserved recipes or achieving a crispy roast, delicious goose liver and tasty potato pancakes. Dozens of restaurants spe cialize in this legendary local delicacy and in other fine dishes that are part of the Slovak cuisine. Cech husacinárov is a goose-roasting association formed tasting featuring Small Carpathian wines on site or set to maintain the quality and good reputation of goose off for Pezinok, a wine center, or for other venues along meat from Slovenský Grob. This association opens the Small Carpathian Wine Route.

the main goose season each year with an event that Dates: Main goose season from September to Decem-

not only offers you a wonderful dining experience ber but also a great a deal of fun. And you find out some Highlights: Open house at restaurants with goose of the secrets on making delicious potato pancakes. specialties and wine-tasting featuring local Small Car-You can combine the culinary delights with wine- pathian wines Small Carpathian Wine Route



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ing historical furniture and pictures. The synagogue around Malacky, the district seat, is truly a mushroom with its oriental decoration is also imposing. The hunters' paradise. Avid horse-back riders will find just town has a real rarity, too, namely a faithful repro- what they are looking for at the Indian Ranch outside duction of the Holy Stairs in Rome. Jerusalem is the the village and in Gajary. only other place with a copy of these stairs. Not far Dates: Tourist info: Mo-Fr 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sa 9 a.m. away in Veľké Leváre you can find out about a local to noon, visit to manor house and to Habánsky dvor by group of Anabaptists known as Habans, who were prior arrangement skilled craftspeople. Their separate culture is docu-Highlights: Malacky Apple Fest, Annual Haban Festival

mented at Habánsky dvor, a complex of preserved Market at Veľké Levár 14 Morava Floodplains - An Eco-Delight

Slovak-Austrian border area alon the Morava River www.tikdnv.sk www.abeland.sk

he lowland riparian forests along the Morava Riv

form part of the border between Austria and Slova

their original character thanks to the Iron Curtain An 80-kilometer-long educational trail with 39 sta- ferry to the Austrian village of Angern from Záhorska tions passes through this area full of riparian forests. Ves. the western-most municipality in Slovakia. Why not blind channels and floodplain meadows with pre- combine your eco-outing with agro-tourism? A variety of cious biotopes for water birds. Its route begins at the animals, creative workshops and delicious down-hom confluence of the Morava and the Danube near Devín cooking await you in Lozorno at the Abeland village for Castle and proceeds via Devínska Nová Ves, Vysoká arts and handicrafts. Join in on the seasonal work and try pri Morave, Záhorská Ves to the village of Moravský your hand at harvesting. Svätý Ján. The Morava Cycle Path is part of the "Iron **Dates:** Ferry: daily 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (depending on wa-Curtain Trail" (Cesta železnej opony), a Europe-wide ter level). Abeland: Fr from 5 p.m., Sa from 10 a.m. until

project. A boat ride on the river is great fun and also darkness falls. ideal for families with children. The river is naviga- Highlights: Bicycle Bridge from Devínska Nová Ves to ble from Moravský Sv. Ján to Devín. You can take a Schlosshof

southeast slopes offer ideal conditions for wine- Welschriesling, white Ruländer and Müller-Thurgau rowing. The towns and municipalities east of these being the dominant varieties. Reds are typical of th hills form one of the largest winegrowing regions southern and northern edge of the Small Carpathians in Slovakia, covering more than 5300 hectares with Blaufränkisch. St. Lorenz and Cabernet Sauvigno

(13,000 acres). With its millennia-old tradition of being the most widely spread. What makes this region vinegrowing and the superb quality its wines, the so attractive is its great diversity. On your search fo all Carpathian wine region has extraordinary good wine, you can enjoy the panoramic views of the potential with wine tourists. The Small Carpathian local vinevards or spend time in the peaceful outdoor Wine Route goes from the outskirts of Bratislava to clearing out your head and your lungs or improving Trnava and Smolenice passing through the former your fitness on a bike path. Explore the culture of the royal cities of Bratislava, Svätý Jur, Pezinok and region and try out the specialty dishes that make up the Modra, and the adjoining municipalities. The wine regional cuisine. If you are interested in the history once satisfied the palates of crowned heads from winegrowing, you won't want to miss the special exp Vienna and Bratislava. Today it can be enjoyed by sitions at the Small Carpathian Museum in Pezinok and regular travelers. In-town wine cellars hewn out of the Bratislava Municipal Museum in the Apponyi Palrectly in the vintner's home and also documented trail near Pezinok.

Vajnorské dožinky Bratislava-Vajnory Thanksgiving celebration with allegorical parade, tasting of new wine and wines from Vainory. contest on who has the longest Thanksgiving

Fvzulnačka Pezinok. Bean soup cooking

Opening of Autumn Season in the Bratislava Region Invitation to the autumnal dining and

vintner events in the region Hubertove slávnosti pri burčiaku Svätý Iur (St. Hubertus and new wine celebration).

Goulash cooking contest connected with wine-

fall roast goose season in Slovenský Grob begins with a festive opening ceremony conducted in everal restaurants in town by Cech husacinárov

Christmas atmosphere

Handicraft market, cultural program and tasting of tra-Fragrances) This event is devoted to women Bratislava-Rača Wine Harvest engaged in winemaking and also to those who ditional Haban cuisine "merely" enjoy drinking wine. Well-known Sološnícky krumpolový deň Sološnica. An women from the world of wine will be on hand for event focusing on potato-based specialty dishes.

Bon vivant rooms are available throughout Lower Austria, from the fruity Mostviertel and the highlands of

the Waldviertel to the Weinviertel with its many cellar-

lined roads and the Vienna Woods, so rich in cultural

sights, the scenic Viennese Alps and of course, the Dan-

www.muzeum.bratislava.sk www.devin.sk www.mvc.sk The Devín castle ruins are in Devín, a district of Bra tislava at the confluence of the rivers Morava and the Danube. They can be reached from the city center b boat. The extensive castle grounds afford fantastic views of the scenic countryside along the Slovak Austrian border. The castle is a national heritage e. An educational path goes from Devín throug e Devínska Kobyla Nature Reserve, Bicyclists car

10 Svätý Jur – Historical Winemaking Town

Svätý Iur. Pezinské vínne pivnice (Pezinok wine cellars) Taste the best wines from Pezinok and

Deň svätojurských pivníc (Day of Open Wine JUNE Cellars in Svätý Jur). Taste the best wines from Gurmán Fest Bratislava (gourmet fest). Open-

village fest market).

air event and farmers' markets presented by local restaurants and eateries. Devínsky strapec Bratislava-Devín. A competition

and punch, meat specialties and wine tasting with

ake off from there on biking trails heading toward burgher and vintner houses in the center as well as Ahorie region and along Morava river. Devín has an Wine Route during the Day of Open Wine-Cellars (Deň the walls making up the city fortifications and sa- eties of wine. The Wine Info Center presents a 700-year Habánsky hodový jarmok Veľké Leváre (Haban age-old tradition of winemaking. The local currant otvorených pivníc) cred monuments. The surrounding area has interlegacy of winemaking and the tireless work of regional wine is especially famous. Devínsky strapec (Devin **Dates**: Devín Castle: April-Oct. Tu-Su 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. esting destinations for outings, too. For instance, vintners. Víno, ženy a vône (Wine, Women and Pezinok Wine Harvest ape) is a winemaker competition for wines made May-Sept.: Tu-Fr: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sa, Su 10 a.m. to you could hike to the Biely Kameň castle ruins or Dates: Tourist info: Mo-Su 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vinocen in the Šúr Nature Reserve. The Vinocentrum now trum: Mo-Fr 5 to 9 p.m., Sa 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Su 2 to currant, fruit and honey and seeks to help pre- 7 p.m. Nov.-March: Tu-Su: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather serve the making of wine from black and red curpermitting. adds to what winemakers have to offer. It was built 9 p.m.

# Lower Austrian Wine Road

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Lower Austrian wine regions to more than 150 wine loving attention to detail. ommunities and about 1500 venues wine that afi-

number of winemakers with a fine sense for con temporary ways to explore fine wines have created harming presentation spaces in modern arch tectural styles. In addition, two types of authentic rustic venues of wine enjoyment invite passersto linger for a pleasant hour or two: cellar-lined rural roads, where you see one wine-press house aft

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ube, crossing Lower Austria as a vital artery, from the Part of the Good Life - Bon Vivant Lodgings i Lower Austria In Lower Austria, people take pleasure not only in of the many bon vivant rooms in Lower Austria. eating and drinking but also in resting and relaxation. Just under 100 select hotels, farms and renter of rooms in private homes have set up special "bon rivant rooms" especially for this purpose. Furnished in typical regional style with loving attention to detail, these spacious rooms have an atmosphere of nviting coziness and sophisticated individuality our hosts for bon vivant lodgings also like to sur-

se their guests in charming ways: flower petals thwater, a small goodnight gift, a glass of sparkling vine at breakfast. These thoughtful acts make holilays all the more relaxing. Guests in bon vivant lodg-

romantic Wachau to the depths of the National Park Phone: +421 2 65730105 Donau-Auen. Rest as pleasurably as you travel--in one

www.ainova.sk

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tion zone. You can admire the architecture of the

Wonderful Lower Austria has an institution envied Five good reasons to visit a Top Heuriger: The word "heuriger" refers to the wine from the last • Seasonal specialty dishes from the region harvest, which can be called "heuriger" until No- • Diverse range of dishes from traditional to vegetar vember 11 of the following year and to a wine locale. ian and creatively light id you know that the heuriger first appeared in the • Expert individual service from the family owning Middle Ages? Emperor Josef II issued a circular decree in 1784 that laid the groundwork for the heuriger as we know it today. This decree empowered every producer of food and beverages to sell them at You can find all qualifying heurige at

times and prices they set themselves.

uality in every instance!

Lower Austrian heurige are as diverse as the prov ince itself. Stop by a traditional one and enjoy the iversity of cold delicacies served there. Or do you eel like a hot meal? Then select a heuriger with a ense that can treat you to hot food as well. Enjoy osts and fine quality brandies at a most heurige Whatever you decide on, "Top Heuriger" is a seal of quality that guarantees you excellent and verified

by many. It is known in local dialect as the "heu- • Excellent and verified quality with more than 50 ' or "buschenschank". Heuriger culture is a quality criteria and annual Mystery Checks pecial aspect of the Lower Austrian way of life. • Award-winning wines and ciders produced on site

> www.top-heuriger.at and on your mobile phone at www.mobil.top-heuriger.at

shared goal is to help preserve typical Lower Ausreason Lower Austria is called the "Land for Bon /ivants". A visit to Lower Austria is enjoyable be cause of the region's array of fine quality wines nany beer breweries, countless delicacies from loal farmers and top gourmet restaurants, but most of all because of the dedicated people running tra

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You can recognize a Wirtshauskultur restaurant by a

for regulars (stammtisch) and a bar. Last but not least,

immer, the right-hand bank of the Danube across from the historical center becomes a sand beach offering a variety of sports activities. The Danube bank is also a showcase for various presentations o not miss the unique view of the city from the UFO restaurant on the bridge's pylon. Take a sight- We-Su. Sept.: Sa+Su Bratislava – Devín: May-Aug.: daily eing cruise on the Danube. The city tour on a boat except Mo. Sept.: Sa+Su. More information at www.lod. oes between the bridges or you can take a boat on sk, www.twincityliner.com

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You will find an oasis for relaxation in the cen

of Bratislava along the banks of the Danube. The

and is an ideal place for meeting friends for a good

or bars or for having a simple picnic outdoors. In th

promenade affords romantic views of both ban

meal or drink at one of the many restaurants, ca

n outing to Devín Castle. There is also regular boat Highlights: "Hudba na Dunaji" concert cruises (Music ervice between our two capital cities Bratislava and on the Danube), "Eurovea živé promenády" (Eurovea Lively Promenades Festival), reenactment of historical **Dates:** Ship service: Bratislava city tour: May-Aug.: battle of Napoleon's troops on the Danube. 3 Bratislava Forest Park - Nature in the City 9 Modra – Wine and Ceramics

> Phone: +421 33 6474134 www.modra.sk, www.visitmodra.sl www.snm.sk, www.majolika.sk ww.zoyamuseum.sk, www.mvc.sk This former royal city on the south slopes of the Small Carpathians became famous for its high quali-

> > these fine wines from a handmade Modra ceramic nation for an outing. tankard, known for its unique shape and colors. Dates: Ceramics Museum and Gallery: Tu-Fr 8:30 a.m. to Learn about the history of ceramics at the over 4 p.m. April-Oct.: also Sa 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Gallery of Ignác Bizmayer, a master in creating branie ("String Contest"), Modra Picnic, Deň modran ceramic figures, in the circular bastion of the city ských pivníc (Day of Open Wine Cellars of Modra)

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terraced vineyards. The former royal city of Svätý Jur has a compact and well-preserved historical center which has been designated as historic preserva

ngs enjoy several further advantages. For instance nother strung together and heurige towns where ey will enjoy the breakfasts, which are ample and eature top quality food from organic farms. They can u see one bundle of conifer twigs ("busche lso get advice from bon vivant hosts. As experts o fter another hung up. This "buschen" mear winemaker is serving his own wine on his pre he best winemakers and culinary delicacies in the ants from Devinska Kobyla. You can taste the su- **Highlights:** Festival of historical fencing, music, dance to support regional winegrowing and offers regular Highlights: Village Fest, Hubertus festivities at chris nd typical regional delicacies. egion and on their country's culture and history special-theme wine-tasting featuring different varitening of the new wine, Day of Open Wine Cellars he regularly audited members o erb wines of vintners along the Small Carpathian and handicrafts in the castle osts can give great tips for enjoyable holidays. the wine-tasting sessions.

### Exhibition of Lower Austria 2013 WINE-POYSDORF-Poured The best and most popular sights have a special for children. The aspiration is to provide guests with the brand name: Top Daytrip Destinations in Lower best possible service, an objective underscored by ad-Bread & Wine What better place could there be to present the millennia Austria, Lower Austria has over 700 daytrip des- mission criteria such as prompt response to inquiries. Schlossgasse 1, A-2151 Asparn an der Zaya, old story of wine in all its facets than Poysdorf, a major tinations, giving it the highest density of sights of constant updating of the homepage or bilingual cashcenter of winemaking. A village-like ensemble and impresiers at the ticket counters. Compliance with the criteria Brünner Strasse 28, A-2170 Poysdorf, Austria sive exhibition architecture serve as the unique backdrop The Top Daytrip Destinations in Lower Austria have is monitored regularly even after a sight is admitted to Phone: +43 2552 3515 30 name is a framework for cooperation among the big- INFO For full information on business hours, The Exhibition of Lower Austria will be in Asparn in the imperial court in Vienna with their confusing array an der Zaya and Poysdorf Station from 27 April of special wine glasses. The exhibition also illuminates admission prices and special events, please visit www.top-ausflug.at to 3 November 2013. Millennia of cultural his- the technological change in winemaking, leading right tory will come alive against the unique backdrop of up to present-day practices. the Weinviertel in this show entitled "Bread & Besides the exhibition, you can ramble through the cel-

Autumn-a time for harvest & celebration. There are

festivals and degustations all along the Most Road from

arly September well into early winter. At some point,

he young most starts "chattering" in the barrels, indi-

ating that the sugar is being noisily converted into al-

cohol and that it wants to be tasted. The first new most

is presented from early November on. In that month,

BREAD-ASPARN AN DER ZAYA-Sliced People holding a piece of bread in their hands are hind this most basic of all foods. Knowledge about rain cultivation, harvesting and processing spread rom the Middle East some 8000 years ago, triggering a revolution in human nutrition. The Lower strian Museum of Prehistory in Asparn an der

Zaya takes you on an exciting trip through time, KIPPIS

ition makes clear, food still addresses our instincts

s former hunters and gatherers even in its present

from the prehistoric era to the present. As the exhi-

**Top Heurige Taverns in Lower Austria** 

**Exhibition of Lower Austria 2013** 

for historical perspectives, anecdotes and exciting exhibits Grandly staged for all the senses, the exhibition traces an arc from the wine barrels of Antiquity to banquet tables lar-lined roads and end the day in a nice way, with a glass of great local wine.

Inveiling of new wine in Römerland Carnuntum-Marchfeld Loisiarte Festival in Langenlois

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iterature & Wine at Göttweig Abbe

Wine Spring in the Traisen, Krems and

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Weinviertel Wine Tour

Festivals, celebrations, customs are great opport nities for good times together. From Wine Spring to JUNE Wine Autumn, numerous events are devoted to su- Wine & More in Tattendors perb wines and sociable gatherings in pleasant and Blossoming Vineyards in Krems Valley spitable settings. Here is a selection of appealing Poysdorf Wine Parade dates for culinary experiences with wine and more: Retz Wine Week

Wirtshauskultur Niederösterreich

**Gourmet Events in Lower Austria** 

Dining in the Weinviertel - Opportunity for Enjoying a Full Range of Vineyard Delights

Spring Awakening on Wagram

and Perchtoldsdorf

Tour de Vin - Wine Tasting at Traditional Vintners of

Vienna Woods Thermenregion Wine Festival in Baden

Krems, Kamp and Traisen Valleys

Wachau Wine Spring

Winemakers' Festival in Röschitz Hof Palace Baroque Festival Delicacies of Ancient Rome at Carnuntum Archeological Park öfefest Klosterneuburg - Musical Festival ermenregion Mile of Delight - Longest Bar in the World

Glatt & Verkehrt Festival in Krems, Celebration

of Music and Wine in Diversity

Carnuntum Experience, Big Wine Festival

Weinviertel Culinary Fest on Cellar-lined Roads

Poysdorf Jazz & Wine Summer

Apricot Kirtag in Spitz

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Bratislava is the dynamic capital city of Slovakia With its proud history as a coronation city for Hu

garian monarchs, it combines the legacy of gen erations past with the challenges of modern tim

he compact historical center with its many sights

in be explored on a leisurely walk, preferably in

nbination with a stop at a cozy café, an inviting

wine cellar or an elegant restaurant. The "must-see"

tems are Bratislava Castle, St. Martin's Cathedral

Old Town Hall, Primatial Palace, and Michael's Gate

Huge Heuriger in Pfaffstätten

ıza-Blunzn-Dodamauna in Herrnbaumgarte Culinary Festival in the Weinviertel enbrunn Wine Festival ntner's Festival in Poysdorf Cellar-lined Road Festival in Pillichsdorf Wine, Art and Culture Fest on the cellar-lined

plus a host of other magnificent palaces, churches, history of winemaking in the region, visit the viticulture

rain with multi-lingual guide takes you through the Dates: Tourist info: daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sights

like. The city has many special events every season Highlights: Summer of Culture Festival and castle fes-

of the year. The cultural experience is made all the tivals, coronation festivities, Bratislava Jazz Days, Bra-

richer by delicacies from the Bratislava and regional tislava Music Festival, Christmas market, Gurmán Fest

sistorical center regardless of what the weather is museums and galleries are closed on Mondays.

iseums, galleries and fountains. The red city tour exhibition at Apponyi Palace

isine, such as the excellent regional wines. For a Wine Harvest Fest in Rača

Vineyard Watchmen Parade in Perchtoldsdorf On leaving Bratislava, the Danube flows through Kamp Valley Night of Wine

Retz Wine Harvest Festival

Weinviertel Wine Tradition

New Wines from Traisen Valley

St. Leopold's Fest in Klosterneuburg

Open-House at Gumpoldskirchen Wine Cellars

Wetzmannsthaler Sturm Festival, Traisen Valley

Leopoldigang in Göttlesbrunn - Vintners' Trail

Hüatagang in Jetzelsdorf

Retz Pumpkin Festival

protected lowland riparian forests. The internat nal Danube Cycle Path goes along both banks. The od protection dam is also used by inline skaters. Thrill seekers can visit Čunovo in the tri-country way from Bratislava to Čunovo, stop off at Rusovce, a rea for a genuine rafting adventure in a man-made part of southern Bratislava. There you will find Geruwhite water channel. The water surface in this res-lata, an open-air museum with remains of architecture fascinates visitors. Take a boat ride and enjoy fish manor house

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5 Devínska Nová Ves – Devínska Kobyla

eeper when you explore the natural and historical follows the route of the historical bridge built in the

highlights of this nature reserve on the educational days of Empress Maria Theresa. When cycling over this

rail to Devín. Dendropark at the foot of Devínska bridge, you overcome a height difference of seven me-

Kobyla is a fine place to admire the trees and bushes ters. The bridge reconnects Slovak and Lower Austria

endemic to the region. The most fascinating stop cycling routes again so you can pedal all the faster to

along the way is Sandberg, a world-famous pale- your daytrip destinations in the border region along the

pecies. Hikers and cyclists can use the new bicycle **Dates:** Tourist info: Tu-We+Fr 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Th,

6 Cunovo Water Sports Center & Danubiana Museum

Nová Ves and the Austrian town of Schlosshof. It **Highlights**: Apple Festival in Devínska Nová Ves

bridge between the Bratislava district of Devínska Sa 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Ves and Dúbravka. This rounded hilltop reserve

is a great place to get outdoor exercise and offers

breathtaking views of the Morava River floodplains

and Devín Castle. These impressions become all the

ntological site with numerous fossils of marine Morava River.

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ervoir seems to have an endless horizon, a trait that from Antiquity and the wonderful park of an historical specialties right on the water as part of a fish picnic Dates: Areal Divoká Voda (White Water Area): daily 8 ckage. Danubiana, the museum of modern art, a.m. to 8 p.m. Danubiana: May-Sept. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. tands on a peninsula in the middle of the mighty Oct.-April: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Mo. Danube in a perfect symbiosis with nature. You Highlights: Gerulata Ancient Roman Games in Rusovce an visit exhibitions of world famous artists there weekend boat service in the summer between Bratislava s well as a park with unique sculptures. On the and Čunovo

13 Malacky - Legacy of the Pálffy Family 1 Bratislava, Historical Center - Pleasure of Culture 7 Slnečné jazerá Senec - Water Thrills Tourist Information Office Bernolákova 1/A SK-901 01 Malacky, Slovakia Phone: +421 34 7722055

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Malacky is a town in the heart of the Záhorie

lands and boasts several gems of art and archite ture. The grand manor house is the most significant

Slnečné jazerá (literally "Sunny Lakes") near Senec is guaranteed to be a worthwhile outing, as is the unfor is a refreshing destination on a hot summer day. gettable encounter with Siberian tigers awaiting you in This resort is ideal for recreation and sports offering the village of Kostolná pri Dunaji. For a change of pace more than 100 hectares of water and more than 2200 from water recreation, visit the Farm in Hrubá Borša, hours of sunshine a year. The hot springs Aquapark where you can ride horses, ride around a bit on a wagon s open year round and is a great place for adults and and see various types of animals. kids. Enjoy the culinary specialties along the water Dates: Tourist info: June-15 Sept. Mo-Fr 8 to 11:30 a.m.

or on a pirate ship. A good way to get to know Senec noon to 6 p.m. Sa 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Winter: Mo-Fr 8 to better is on a Senecký Tour Train Express or on a 11:30 a.m., noon to 4 p.m. visit to the municipal museum on the main square. Highlights: Senecké leto (Senec Summer), Veľký letný The unique open-air beekeeping exhibition at Areal karneval (Big Summer Carnival), ice-swimming on 2 Bratislava, Banks of the Danube - Pleasure of Relaxation 8 Pezinok - The Capital of Wine

> ter Bratislava). The national heritage of winemaking worth a visit, as is the ceramic workshop in Grinava is preserved in the wine cellars of Pezinok Castle. You can explore the local educational trails covering which houses the National Wine Salon featuring a themes such as forestry, winegrowing and mining. on of the best wines from throughout Slova- When winter comes kia. You can find out about the history of winegrow-Pezinská Baba.

ing and winemaking at the Small Carpathian Mu- Dates: Museum: Tu-Fr 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., Sa seum (Malokarpatské múzeum), which boasts one 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April-Sept-.: also Su 2 to 5 p.m. Wine of the largest collections of wine presses anywhere Salon: Tu-Su 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Central Europe. The admission price includes a Highlights: Grape Harvest Fest, Apple Fest, Ceramics glass of wine and you are welcome to take part in Fest, Day of Open Wine-Cellars, Pezinské vínne pivnice wine-tasting sessions, too. The unique Gallery of (wine cellars), Bean Soup Cooking Competition, wine Naïve Art in the preserved Schaubmar mill is well markets

ty wines. Homes of burghers and vintners dominate fortifications. The Zoya Museum in the Elesko Wine in the historic preservation zone of Modra. Their Complex holds a unique collection of original works of best features are their extensive cellars with barrels art by Andy Warhol, the King of Pop Art. The look-out of sun-drenched Modra wines. You can also enjoy tower on top Veľká Homoľa is another interesting desti 100-year-old manufactory for Slovak folk majo- Highlights: Day of Open Wine-Cellars, Wine Harves lika, the Museum of Slovak Ceramic Sculpture or Fest, Slávnosť hliny (Clay Fest), Apple Fest, Struno-

for fruit wines, tasting of currant wine from Devín.

**BON VIVANT LODGINGS IN LOWER AUSTRIA** www.snm.sk www.falconry.sk WIRTSHAUSKULTUR NIEDERÖSTERREICH trified past and modern bicycle bridge: Devínsl Červený Kameň Castle (literally: red stone **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS** Kobyla is a national nature reserve located in Bratiis a favorite destination for an outing. You will f ourself in a bygone fairytale world su slava between the districts of Devín. Devínska No

est of its kind in Central Europe. Below the castle Dates: Oct.-April: Tu-Su 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May-

thrill to flight demonstrations featuring birds of Highlights: Antiques Exchange, Historical Castle Fes-

prey. There is also a history trail. An array of diverse tival, Princesses' Dress Ball, Stone Mystery, Women in

events attract large numbers of visitors to the cas- the Pálffy Dynasty, Festival of Medieval Life, Christmas

of town also belongs. However, visitors associate example. If the weather cooperates you can even see the

Stupava with cabbage in particular. This healthy veg- Austrian Alps from the limestone ledge on which they sit.

etable is celebrated at an annual Cabbage Festival. The If it is spiritual peace and a place of miracles you are after,

main idea of the festival is to preserve the tradition visit the pilgrimage site of Marianka with its international

of cabbage cultivation and the processing of regional pilgrimage day. The Bio Farm near Stupava is a big hit with

varieties of cabbage. The festival combines a varied kids and anyone who appreciates good food. A variety of

lineup of cultural activities with the sampling of cab- animals and a mountain hut await you, plus fresh ewe's

teresting destinations for outings in the surrounding Highlights: Apple Fest, Župné Vianoce (a Christmas

area. The Pajštún Castle ruins near Borinka are one event), Mariánska púť Marianka (Marian pilgrimage)

ssing, exhibitions of harvested fruits and vegeta- **Dates**: Bio Farm: Daily, summer 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., win-

bage delicacies, practical demonstrations on cabbage cheese and homemade bread just out of the oven.

bles and of spooky pumpkin heads. There are also inter 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

11 Červený Kameň Častá Castle

system of extensive underground vaults, the larg- for regional wines.

tle even late in the evening, namely for night tours. at the Castle

12 Stupava – Cabbage Town

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e lowlands. It is famous for the traditional n

tankards and figural ceramics made here and for

legacy of the master potter Ferdiš Kostka. The town i

surrounded by forests, to which the park in the center

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are a wine shop and a falconry yard, where you can Sept.: daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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by the magical scenery of the Small Carpathian A visit to this castle boasting the largest collection of historical furniture in Slovakia gives you an impression of how the nobility lived. You can also THE GREAT OUTDOORS admire the collection of historical weapons, the picture gallery, the richly decorated Sala terrena or the preserved fortifications. The castle has a unique The castle is a frequent venue for wine-tasting events

**CULTURE** 

SMALL CARPATHIAN WINE ROUTE

Phone: +421 33 6478210 vww.slovensky-grob.sk vww.cechhusacinarov.sk www.mvc.sk isitors to this not so very big municipality near zinok arrive with virtually one goal in mind: to enjoy a dinner featuring the legendary local roast goos





these fine wines, which have already gained numerou The Bratislava Region is dominated by the hills prestigious international awards. The Small Carpathian known as the Small Carpathians. Their sunny region produces mainly whites with Grüner Veltliner

rock are typical of this area. The wine is made diace. You could also go to the winegrowing educational  $there. \ The \ vintners' \ houses \ with \ their \ large \ cellar \quad Enjoy \ the \ taste \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \ Annex \ Annex \ and \ colors \ of \ the \ Small \ Carpathian \ Wineselve \ Annex \$ rooms, heuriger-type taverns, wine taverns and Route. Select your own routes, letting yourself be guided wine shops offer a broad range of places to enjoy by the calendar of winegrowing and vintner events.

festival with presentations on cabbage cultivation and

Ves). A celebration of the apple harvest connected with

a presentation of different apple recipes in modern and

Hasprunský dubák Studienka. Cultural and culinary festivities in the mushroom hunters' paradise of Záhorie. **Dni zelá Stupava (Cabbage Days).** A three-day

processing, exhibition of newly harvested fruits and vegetables. Apple Fest with New Wine in the Bratislava Region (Pezinok, Modra, Stupava, Malacky, Sene Ounajská Lužná, Jablonové and Devínska Nová

tasting featuring wines from Svätý Jur and a game St. Martin's Days and Young Wine Fest in Bratislava Festivities and christening of the young Open House at Restaurants Serving Goose Specialties in Slovenský Grob. The traditional

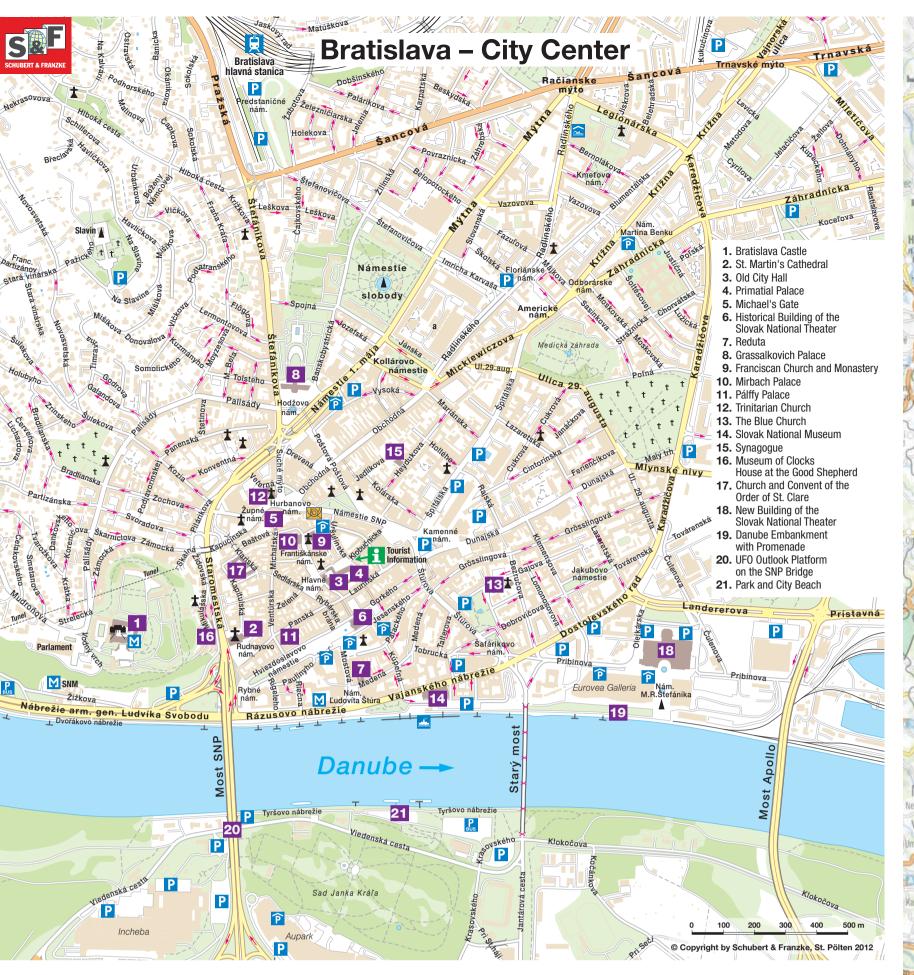
This is an event for people who not only want to enjoy high-quality wine but also take a look at

sample superb wines and meet the winemakers. More than 130 wine cellars and wineries are open in 28 towns and municipalities along the Small Carpathian Wine Road from Devín to Smolenice. Bratislava Christmas Market. A Christmas marke with an incomparable atmosphere full of aromas and

raditional cuisine

Day of Open Wine Cellars in the Small Carpathian Region. Wine lovers with wine pass comb the regio armed with a glass for tasting. In the process they

Regional Christmas Fest in Stupava. Presentation of traditional cuisine, cooking sauerkraut soup, wine



BRATISLAVA REGION

# Harmony of Traditions and Life's Delights

The Bratislava Region combines contrasts harmoniously. Although not that large in area, the region has a unique and multi-faceted diversity. It achieves such an appealing symbiosis of contrasting elements: the lowland riparian forests in the Danube Plain and the mountain ridge of Small Carpathians, a lively capital city and the tranquility of the vineyards, adrenalin rushes and art, witnesses to a glorious history and global brands, modern architecture and folksy tradition. There are so many facets to this region, expressed in the delicious and hearty dishes, the fine quality wines and the merry festivals. The cuisine in the Bratislava Region is a blend of traditional local specialities, supplemented with culinary influences from neighboring countries. The regional delicacies include the famous roast goose with lokschen potato pancakes from Slovenský Grob, fish specialty dishes in the Danube Plain, desserts of all kinds plus a host of other dishes.

The secret to the refreshing taste of excellent wines from the Small Carpathians lies not only in the favorable climatic conditions but mostly in the tireless work and enthusiasm of local winemakers. The Small Carpathian Wine Route offers different variations on wining and dining, regional traditions and special events. Events are staged in the Bratislava region throughout the year. Several have gained international significance. Culinary delights and wine are celebrated here. Why even cabbage and apples have their own festival.

We invite you to experience and "taste" the Bratislava Region for yourself.

### LOWER AUSTRIA

## Lower Austria – Feel Alive

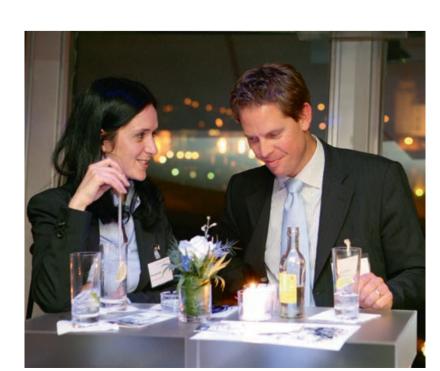
Lower Austria is as diverse as life itself. It has so many different landscapes and sensual pleasures and is such a charming blend of contrasts, such a rich source of culinary delights. It is a region with a grand wine culture, with art and cultural

Lower Austria is a land of great wines and vast orchards, of colorful poppy fields and idyllic fish ponds. Its culinary specialties are numerous, ranging from Marchfeld asparagus and Wachau apricots to Waldviertel carps and Weinviertel pumpkins. The locals are expert at transforming these delicacies into luscious regional dishes. With its cozy heurige wine taverns, elegant gourmet restaurants and superb country inns (Wirtshauskultur Association). Lower Austria is a never-ending source of life's great little pleasures. Down-home or creative, simple or refined, regional or international, the local fare has something for

There are many festivals to celebrate the regional specialties of Lower Austria. The new wine and "most" (local name for fermented pear cider) are celebrated in the spring and the apricot at the summer village festivals in Krems and Spitz. Poppy-seeds, onions, cornel, potatoes and pumpkins are all occasions and subjects of culinary festivities in Lower Austria.

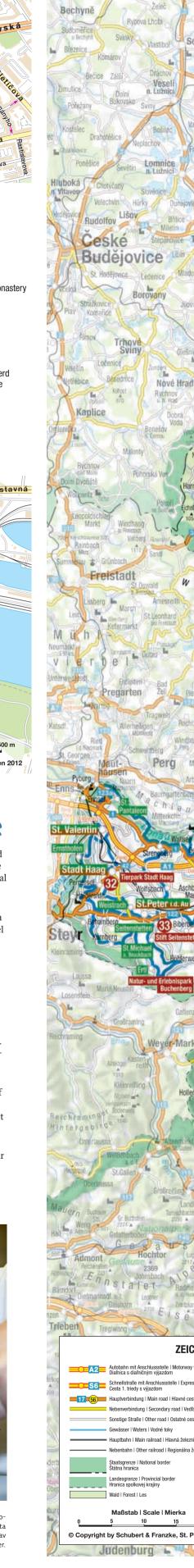
Being the country's biggest wine producer, Lower Austria naturally also pays homage to wine, particularly during Weinherbst, Lower Austria's celebration of autumn and wine. During this magical season, 800 wine festivals are staged at venues along the Lower Austrian Wine Road. This plenitude makes Weinherbst Niederösterreich the largest initiative for wine tourism in Europe.

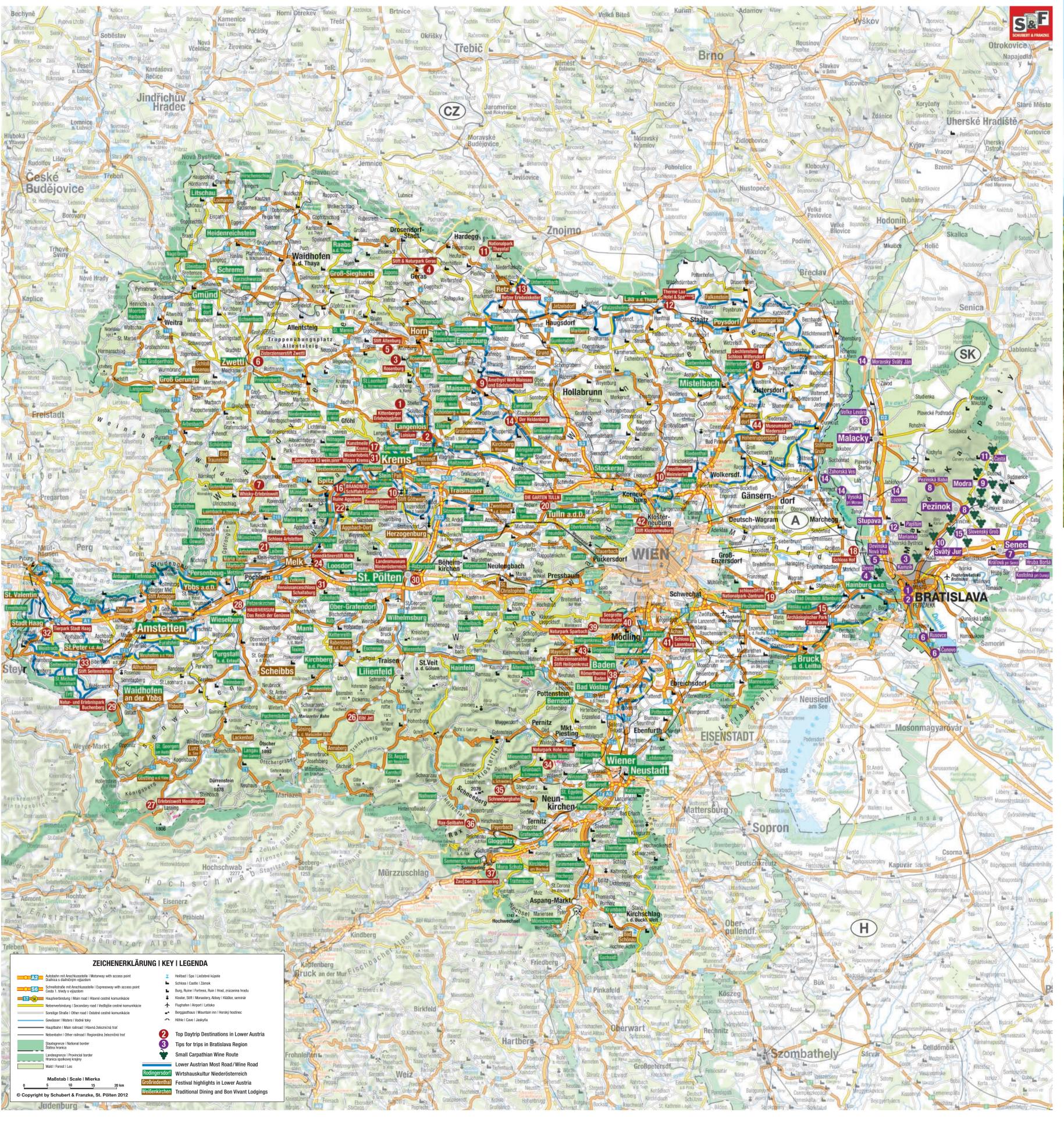
Lower Austria also has a venerable culture of traditional country restaurants. Regional specialties and typical Lower Austrian hospitality await guests on their journeys of discovery through this land of art and culture.





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# Map of Regional Delights

Tips for your excursions in Lower Austria and in the Bratislava Region Map scale: 1:375,000







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### The Big Map of Regional Delights for Lower Austria and the Bratislava Region

Living the Good Life with No Borders - Lower Austria and the Bratislava egion invite you to explore and enjoy. These two regions have both been shaped by human hands since time immemorial. Scenic wine country plus impressive sights and superb cuisine now link them to the spirit of our

Take off on a pleasurable treasure hunt and experience a cultural heritage built up over millennia and a lively arts scene. There is so much to explore, from natural wonders to the best in culinary delights. Discover the lively city of Bratislava and the soothingly tranquil riparian forests along the

This Map of Regional Delights has valuable information for you. The hosts of the region look forward to your visit!



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