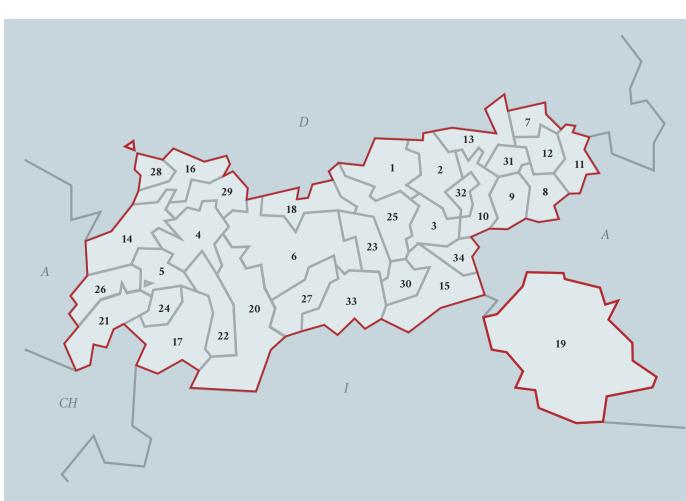
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1.1 Tourism Boards			Long-distance hiking 🔭 MTB 🔊 Climbing 🗧 Families 👬		
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1	Achensee Tourismus	Achenkirch, Maurach, Pertisau, Steinberg am Rofan	+43.5246.5300-0 info@achensee.com	www.achensee.com	★ 参 d iii
2	Alpbachtal	Alpbach, Brandenberg, Breitenbach am Inn, Brixlegg, Kramsach, Kundl, Münster, Radfeld, Rattenberg, Reith im Alpbachtal	+43.5337.21200 info@alpbachtal.at	www.alpbachtal.at	太参曲
3	Erste Ferienregion im Zillertal	Aschau, Bruck am Ziller, Fügen, Fügenberg, Gerlos, Hart, Hippach, Hochfügen, Kaltenbach, Ried im Zillertal, Schlitters, Strass, Stumm, Stummerberg, Uderns	+43.5288.62262 info@best-of-zillertal.at	www.best-of-zillertal.at	<b>.</b>
4	Ferienregion Imst	Imst, Imsterberg, Karres, Karrösten, Mils bei Imst, Nassereith, Roppen, Schönwies, Tarrenz	+43.5412.6910-0 info@imst.at	www.imst.at	
5	Ferienregion Tirol West	Fließ, Grins, Landeck, Stanz bei Landeck, Tobadill, Zams	+43.5442.65600 info@tirolwest.at	www.tirolwest.at	
6	Region Innsbruck	Aldrans, Ampass, Axams, Birgitz, Flaurling, Götzens, Gries im Sellrain, Grinzens, Hatting, Igls, Innsbruck, Inzing, Kematen in Tirol, Kühtai, Lans, Mieming, Mötz, Mutters, Natters, Oberhofen im Inntal, Oberperfuss, Obsteig, Patsch, Pettnau, Pfaffenhofen, Polling in Tirol, Ranggen, Rietz, Rinn, Rum, Sellrain, Silz, Sistrans, St. Sigmund im Sellrain, Stams, Telfs, Unterperfuss, Völs, Wildermieming, Zirl	+43.512.5356-0 info@innsbruck.info	www.innsbruck.info	☆ 🏂 🗟
7	Kaiserwinkl	Kössen, Rettenschöss, Schwendt, Walchsee	+43.501.100 info@kaiserwinkl.com	www.kaiserwinkl.com	
8	Kitzbühel Tourismus	Aurach bei Kitzbühel, Jochberg, Kitzbühel, Reith bei Kitzbühel	+43.5356.66660 info@kitzbuehel.com	www.kitzbuehel.com	太
9	Kitzbüheler Alpen – Brixental	Brixen im Thale, Kirchberg in Tirol, Westendorf	+43.57507.2000 info@kitzbuehel-alpen.com	www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com	
10	Kitzbüheler Alpen – Hohe Salve	Angath, Angerberg, Hopfgarten im Brixental, Itter, Kelchsau, Kirchbichl, Mariastein, Wörgl	+43.57507.7000 info@hohe-salve.com	www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com	★ 🏂
11	Kitzbüheler Alpen – PillerseeTal	Fieberbrunn, Hochfilzen, St. Jakob in Haus, St. Ulrich am Pillersee, Waidring	+43.5354.56304 info@pillerseetal.at	www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com	
12	Kitzbüheler Alpen – St. Johann in Tirol	Erpfendorf, Kirchdorf in Tirol, Oberndorf in Tirol, St. Johann in Tirol	+43.5352.63335-0 info@kitzalps.cc	www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com	🏃 🏂
13	Kufsteinerland	Bad Häring, Ebbs, Erl, Kufstein, Langkampfen, Niederndorf, Niederndorferberg, Schwoich, Thiersee	+43.5372.62207 info@kufstein.com	www.kufstein.com	大司曲
14	Lechtal Tourismus	Bach, Elbigenalp, Elmen, Forchach, Gramais, Häselgehr, Hinterhornbach, Holzgau, Kaisers, Pfafflar, Stanzach, Steeg, Vorderhornbach	+43.5634.5315 info@lechtal.at	www.lechtal.at	太
15	Mayrhofen-Hippach	Brandenberg, Ginzling, Hippach, Mayrhofen, Ramsau im Zillertal, Schwendau	+43.5285.6760 info@mayrhofen.at	www.mayrhofen.at	★ 参
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17	Nauders – Tiroler Oberland – Kaunertal	Faggen, Fendels, Kaunerberg, Kaunertal, Kauns, Nauders, Pfunds, Prutz, Ried im Oberinntal, Spiss, Tösens	+43.50.225 100 office@nauders- tiroleroberland- kaunertal.com	www.nauders-tiroleroberland- kaunertal.com	太 参 褐 柚
18	Olympiaregion Seefeld	Leutasch, Mösern-Buchen, Reith bei Seefeld, Scharnitz, Seefeld in Tirol	+43.50.8800 info@seefeld.com	www.seefeld.com	
19	Osttirol	Abfaltersbach, Ainet, Amlach, Anras, Assling, Außervillgraten, Dölsach, Gaimberg, Heinfels, Hopfgarten in Defereggen, Innervillgraten, Iselsberg-Stronach, Kals am Großglockner, Kartitsch, Lavant, Leisach, Lienz, Matrei in Osttirol, Nikolsdorf, Nußdorf-Debant, Oberlienz, Obertilliach, Prägraten am Großvenediger, Schlaiten, Sillian, St. Jakob in Defereggen, St. Johann im Walde, St. Veit in Defereggen, Strassen, Thurn, Tristach, Untertilliach, Virgen	+43.50.212 212 info@osttirol.com	www.osttirol.com	大参 褐
20	Ötztal Tourismus	Haiming-Ochsengarten, Hochgurgl, Längenfeld, Obergurgl, Oetz, Sautens, Sölden, Umhausen, Vent	+43.572000 info@oetztal.com	www.oetztal.com	太 参 d dh
21	Paznaun – Ischgl	Galtür, Ischgl, Kappl, Pians, See im Paznaun	+43.50990 100 info@paznaun-ischgl.com	www.paznaun-ischgl.com	
22	Pitztal	Arzl im Pitztal, Jerzens im Pitztal, St. Leonhard im Pitztal, Wenns	+43.5414.86999 info@pitztal.com	www.pitztal.com	
23	Region Hall-Wattens	Absam, Baumkirchen, Fritzens, Gnadenwald, Hall in Tirol, Mils bei Hall, Thaur, Tulfes, Volders, Wattenberg, Wattens	+43.5223.45544-0 office@hall-wattens.at	www.hall-wattens.at	太
24	Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis	Fiss, Ladis, Serfaus	+43.5476.6239 info@serfaus-fiss-ladis.at	www.serfaus-fiss-ladis.at	<i>≸</i> ∞ dh
25	Silberregion Karwendel	Buch in Tirol, Gallzein, Jenbach, Kolsass, Kolsassberg, Pill, Schwaz, Stans, Terfens, Vomp, Weer, Weerberg	+43.5242.63240 info@silberregion- karwendel.com	www.silberregion- karwendel.com	大林
26	St. Anton am Arlberg	Flirsch, Pettneu am Arlberg, Schnann, St. Anton am Arlberg, St. Christoph am Arlberg, Strengen	+43.5446.22690 info@stanton amarlberg.com	www.stantonamarlberg.com	
27	Stubai Tirol	Fulpmes im Stubaital, Mieders, Neustift im Stubaital, Schönberg im Stubaital, Telfes im Stubaital	+43.501.881-0 info@stubai.at	www.stubai.at	大 dis
28	Tannheimer Tal	Grän, Jungholz, Nesselwängle, Schattwald, Tannheim, Zöblen	+43.5675.6220-0 info@tannheimertal.com	www.tannheimertal.com	iti.
29	Tiroler Zugspitz Arena	Berwang, Biberwier, Bichlbach, Ehrwald, Heiterwang, Lermoos, Namlos	+43.5673.20000 info@zugspitzarena.com	www.zugspitzarena.com	大
30	Tux-Finkenberg	Finkenberg, Tux	+43.5287.8506 info@tux.at	www.tux.at	<b>∳</b> o dti
31	Wilder Kaiser	Ellmau, Going am Wilden Kaiser, Scheffau am Wilden Kaiser, Söll	+43.50509 office@wilderkaiser.info	www.wilderkaiser.info	
32	Wildschönau Tourismus	Auffach, Niederau, Oberau, Thierbach	+43.5339.8255 info@wildschoenau.com	www.wildschoenau.com	ith
33	Wipptal	Gries am Brenner, Gschnitz, Matrei am Brenner, Mühlbachl, Navis, Obernberg am Brenner, Pfons, Schmirn, St. Jodok am Brenner, Steinach am Brenner, Trins, Vals	+43.5272.6270 tourismus@wipptal.at	www.wipptal.at	太
34	Zillertal Arena	Gerlos, Gerlosberg, Hainzenberg, Rohrberg, Zell am Ziller, Zellberg	+43.5282.7165-226 info@zillertalarena.com	www.zillertalarena.com	≸∞ dit



## 1.2 Travelling to Tirol

**ARRIVING BY TRAIN** International Intercity trains run by the ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railways) are a comfortable way to get to Tirol. The central train station in Innsbruck serves as an important hub and so do the stations at the entrances to the valleys. Several regions, like Kitzbühel, Seefeld, St. Anton, Zillertal and the Kitzbühel Alps including St. Johann

in Tirol, Kirchberg and Westendorf, have direct train connections. For the final leg of your journey we recommend using the "Bahnhofshuttle Tirol". This shuttle service, which can be booked 72 hours before departure, is operated by the company Four Seasons Travel. It picks you up from the railway station and takes you to your accommodation. Luggage (two suitcases per passenger) and one bicycle are included in the price.

ARRIVING BY CAR The A12 Inntalautobahn is the most important motorway in North Tirol and gives access to many towns and villages in the region. Travellers coming from **Germany** can access the Inntalautobahn via the A93 at Kiefersfelden, those coming from **Italy** via the Brenner Pass and those

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coming from Switzerland via St. Anton am Arlberg. Drivers using Austrian

motorways must pay a toll charge. Toll stickers (Vignetten) can be bought from Austrian automobile associations as well as at petrol stations and border crossings. For short stays a ten-day toll sticker is sufficient. There are also two-month and one-year toll stickers for visitors who plan to stay in Tirol for longer. ARRIVING BY AIR Innsbruck-Kranebitten airport is served daily

connected with the most important European air transport hubs of Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London, Manchester, Berlin and Vienna. Both large airlines such as British Airways, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines as well as low-cost airlines such as easyJet, jet2.com and Transavia fly to Innsbruck-Kranebitten. Alternatively, visitors can fly to Munich, Memmingen Zurich or Salzburg. Exclusive or shared transfers operated by "Taxi Tirol", as well as car hire companies, are available to make the final journey to your desti-

by a number of interna-

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A large region, but only sparsely populated

## Region & people

### 2.1 Tirol's Mountains

Tirol is a land of mountains, home to more than 500 summits over 3,000 metres. The northern part of Tirol is dominated by the **Northern Limestone Alps**, which include the Wetterstein and Kaiser Mountains, the Brandenberg and Lechtal Alps, the Karwendel Mountains and the Mieming Mountains. The **Sou**thern Limestone Alps run along the borders with Carinthia and Italy. They comprise the Carnic and Gailtal Alps as well as the Lienz Dolomites. The Limestone Alps were formed long ago by sediments of an ancient ocean. As the Earth's tectonic plates began to shift and push up against each other around 100 million years ago, they formed these mountains – a little like a snowplough pushing together snow into a pile. This is why the summits of the Northern Limestone Alps are so rutted and the rock faces so craggy. Between the two sets of Limestone Alps there are the Central Eastern Alps, also known in Tirol simply as the Central Alps. Mostly made of gneiss and slate, they include the Zillertal, Kitzbühel and Stubai Alps as well as the Hohe Tauern, Silvretta and Samnaun and Verwall Mountains. Tirol's highest mountain, the Großglockner (3,798m), is also Austria's highest mountain. It straddles the border between East Tirol and the neighbouring province of Carinthia. The second-highest mountain in Austria is the highest mountain in North Tirol: the Wildspitze (3,768m).

## 2.2 Geography

Almost 740,000 people live in Tirol. With a total area of more than 12,000 square kilometres, Tirol is the third-largest province in Austria – and relatively sparsely populated. Just 12% of the area is taken up by permanent settlements, while two thirds are covered by mountains and forests. The regional capital **Innsbruck** is home to around 133,000 people and is first mentioned in documents from the year 1187. The secondlargest town is **Kufstein** with a population of around 19,500. It is believed that the area around Kufstein was home to the earliest settlement in Tirol, dating back around 30,000 years.

> The third-largest town is Telfs with 16,000 residents. Tirol borders the German region of Bavaria to the north and the Swiss canton of Graubünden as well as the Italian provinces of Bolzano and Belluno to the south. Neighbouring provinces within Austria are Vorarlberg to the west and Carinthia and Salzburg to the east. The province of Salzburg divides Tirol into two parts: North Tirol (the main region around

> > the Inn Valley) and Osttirol

(of which the largest town

is Lienz).

### 2.3 Food & Drink



dishes in mountain huts to haute cuisine in elegant restaurants, the region has something for all tastes literally! More than 120 restaurants and guesthouses in the region have received the **Tiroler Wirtshaus** seal of approval in recognition of their excellent food and welcoming atmosphere. Wherever you choose to eat, you are likely to come across a number of local specialties served either in traditional style or with a modern twist. Dumplings are a popular dish which exist in many varieties such as bacon dumplings, spinach dumplings and cheese dumplings. Schlutz **krapfen**, also known as **Schlipfkrapfen**, are small pockets of dough filled with finely mashed potato and served with chives and melted butter. Kiachl are circles of yeast dough filled with either sauerkraut or

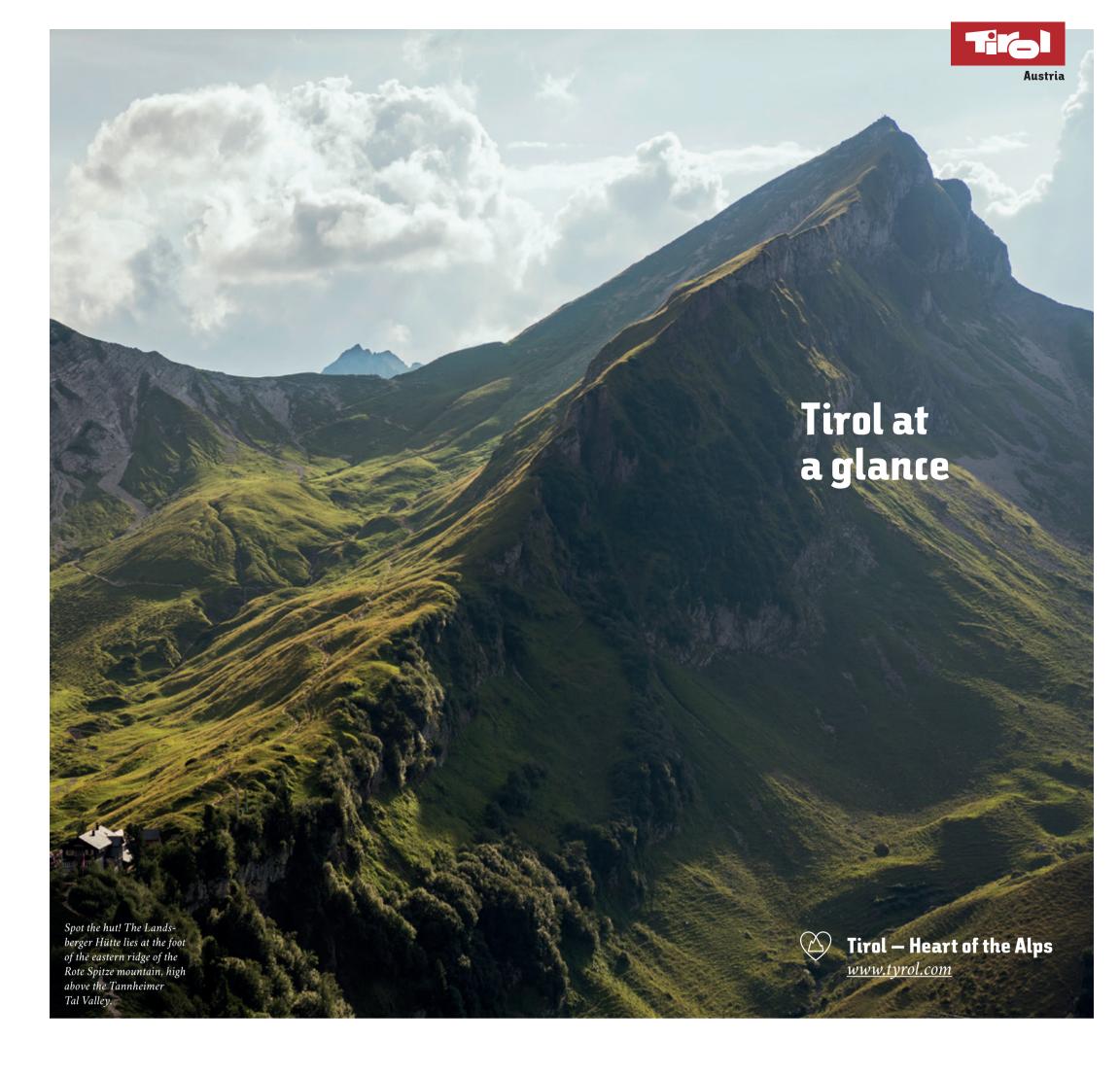
cranberry jam and icing

Tirol is a great place for

foodies. From traditional

sugar. Distilling schnapps is another tradition which dates back hundreds of years, with more than 4000 places in Tirol owning a distilling license.

Schnapps made in Tirol regularly receives prizes at national and international competitions. Beer is traditionally bottom-fermented like in Bavaria. Tirol has a number of local breweries such as Huberbräu in St. Johann, the Brauerei Schloss Starkenberg in Tarrenz and Zillertal Bier in Zell am Ziller. Beer is traditionally served in half-litre glasses known as "Krügeln". There is also the option of a "Pfiff", which is just 0.2 litres. Even more natural, but no less delicious for it, is **Tirol's** mountain spring water, which can be enjoyed from the tap or, even better, fresh from the source



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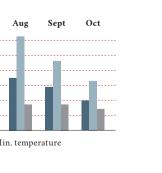
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1.3 Climate in Summer

Hours of sunshine per month

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## 2.4 History



Stone Age, around 30,000 Ötzi is around 5300 years old. In the year 15 BC the Romans captured Tirol and transformed the paths leading over the mountain passes into roads. The region later came under the influence of the Bavarians. The **Counts of Tirol**, who gave the region its name, used its position of geopolitical importance to make Tirol a centre of power at

the heart of Europe.

of Napoleon's rule – Tirol was returned to Austria. After the First World War, the section of Tirol south of the Brenner Pass was given to Italy. Welschtirol, as the region was known, became Trentino, while North and East Tirol became the Austrian province known today as Tirol.



## 2.5 Language and Culture

Tirol's geographical situation with its many remote valleys means that a large number of different dialects have developed in the region. Until the Middle Ages the inhabitants of the Stubaital Valley spoke **Romansh**, while those living in neighbouring valleys spoke dialects strongly influenced by the dialects used in Bavaria. Even today, many people in the Ötztal Valley speak a dialect which sounds half-Romansh and half-Bavarian. In the Außerfern area of Tirol the dialect has a definite Alemannic touch, similar to the dialects spoken over the border in the German regions of Swabia and Bavaria. This is a result of the proximity of Außerfern to the Allgäu region in Bavaria. However, when it comes to the number of speakers **Standard Tirolean** is the most spoken dialect in Tirol.

*Mix of Dialects:* Bavarian, Alemannic, Romansh

This is commonly found in Innsbruck and has adopted some elements from Standard High German. As with many other alpine populations, the Tiroleans have a strong bond to their native region. In Tirol there are 279 municipalities -

with 15,000 members. Many towns and villages hold Easter markets or palm processions. One of the annual highlights is the "Herz-Jesu-Feuer", when fires in the shape of crosses and other religious symbols are lit on the 3rd Sunday after Whitsun. At the end of summer many villages organise traditional cattle drives where cows, sheep and goats decorated with flowers are brought down from the high mountain pastures



## Sports & activities

## 3.1 Hiking

What's the best way to get to know a region and its people? The answer to this question has been the same for thousands of years: on foot. With a network of trails spanning almost 24,000km, Tirol is the perfect place to explore at walking pace. For a little perspective, the distance from Innsbruck to New York is "only" 6,500km. Among the most attractive trails in Tirol is the Eagle Walk, which takes its name from the fact that all the stages of the hike together form the shape of an eagle, the symbol of Tirol. In North Tirol the Eagle Walk comprises 24 stages from St. Johann in the east to St. Christoph am Arlberg, while the section in East Tirol has 9 stages between Ströden and Kals am Großglockner. The Eagle Walk is one of Tirol's six "Great Walks". Selected by a panel of experts, these long-distance hikes from hut to hut represent the very best of hiking in the region and have been chosen for their spectacular scenery,

excellent infrastructure

and well-maintained huts.

As well as these multi-day

hikes there are, of course,

plenty of shorter walks in

Tirol which take half a day

or a day to complete. Dotted

across Tirol are around 170

huts run by the Alpine

numerous other huts and

restaurants in the moun-

tains. Many cable cars also

operate in summer. Twenty

of them have received the

"Beste Österreichische

Sommer-Bergbahnen"

award in recognition of

tions and activities.

their excellent service and numerous nearby attrac-

**Association** as well as



The best way to explore a region? On foot!

adventures. The **Bike Trail Tirol** is the longest circular trail more being built each year. Hotspots include Sölden, Nauders.

3.2 Mountainbiking

Where there are mountains

for many sports based in, on and around water. The wild **Imster Schlucht** canyon is one of the most well-known rafting places in Europe. The same goes for the Ötztaler Ache river between Oetz and Haiming, which hosts the "Sickline" Extreme Kayak World Championship once a year. All in

High-speed descents can be found in Tirol all year round – from ski pistes in winter to mountainbike trails in summer. With about 6000km of official routes, Tirol is a haven for two-wheeled in the Alps and comprises 32 individual stages, while the **Tirol Mountain Bike Safari** is shorter but no less thrilling with its 16 stages and 780km. Cable cars are used for around half the climbs on the Tirol Mountain Bike Safari. **Singletrack** enthusiasts will find about 300km of adrenaline-pumping downhill trails, with Kirchberg, the area around the Zugspitze mountain, Innsbruck and surroundings as well as Zell-Gerlos. With so many options to choose from, riders will have a hard time deciding where to start! That's why we asked a panel of trailriding experts to choose five "Great Trails" – these are the most popular singletrack trails in Tirol and represent the very best of trailriding in the region.

## 3.3 Rafting, Kajak, Canyoning

there are also canyons. It is little surprise, then, that Tirol is considered a hotspot

of rafting and kayaking in Tirol. Another sport which has become more and more popular in recent years is canyoning. Secured with a rope, participants follow the flow of the water through a narrow canyon by slipping, sliding, climbing and jumping. One of the most popular canyoning destinations in Tirol is the Auerklamm gorge near Taxegg in the Ötztal Valley.

all there are around 120km



afterwards.

### 3.5 Climbing 3.4 Cycling

Fancy an adventure? Sixteen

regions in Tirol have joined

forces to form Climbers

Paradise Tirol, a shared

at Oberried in Längenfeld.

The huge popularity of rock

climbing these days could be

witnessed at the 2018 IFSC

Climbing World Champi-

**onships** in Innsbruck.

For those who like to take

things easy on two wheels,

Tirol offers more than

1000km of cycle paths

connecting the region's platform with a huge towns and villages. The Inn selection of rock climb-**Cycle Path**, for example, ing options. The crème de la crème of rock climbing measures 230km in length and leads in five stages routes have made it into our through Tirol from east to "Great Lines" selection, west. Riders pass stunwhich brings together the five best rock climbing spots ning alpine landscapes, in the region. Among those pretty towns and villages as well as mighty fortresses you find legendary locations and churches. Many parts such as the Wilder Kaiser of Tirol offer visitors the Mountains, one of the bestchance to hire an electricknown and most traditional **powered bike**. Indeed, in climbing spots in the alps. the Silvretta mountains of These rocks are home to the Paznauntal Valley riders much climbing, including can hire and re-charge these sport climbs, multi-pitch state-of-the-art machines at routes and fixed-rope via up to 2,200 metres above sea ferrata climbing trails. "Open Air" and "Weiße level. Roadbike riders can look forward to exploring Rose" at the **Schleierwas**-3,800 kilometres of roads, serfall waterfall are both including the famously rated 9a+, making them two of the most difficult climbs steep Kitzbüheler Horn which measures 10km in in the world. The climbing length and has a maximum areas in Achleiten, Mulgradient of more than 22%. terkarwand and Wilderer That is by no means the Kanzel offer pitches rated only superlative among the between 3 and 8c+. The Ro-"Great Rides". This selecfan Mountains overlooking tion of ten roadbike rides Lake Achensee also have throughout Tirol has been many climbing routes and put together by a panel of via ferratas for a range of cycling experts. As diverse ages and abilities, including families. Boulderers will enas they are, the rides all have three things in common: joy Mandlers Boden in the lots of climbing, fabulous Pitztal Valley as well as the views and high-speed Silvapark area at the foot of the Ballunspitze mountain descents. Proof, if any were in Galtür. There, the high needed, that Tirol is a haven for cyclists can be found altitude ensures cool temin the fact that the region peratures in summer, while climbers of all abilities hosted the UCI Road World including families - will Championships in 2018 find a wide range of boulder and was awarded with the title UCI Bike Region problems. Families will also enjoy the rock climbing area

The first settlers arrived in In 1363 control passed to the Tirol in early times. Spear-Habsburgs. In 1805 Austria heads carved from the bones lost the war against France of cave-dwelling bears indiand was forced by Napoleon cate that the region's earliest to return Tirol to the Bavarsettlements date back to the ians. However, rises in taxes and the introduction of a BC. The famous ice mummy mandatory military service for young men from Tirol caused an uprising in 1809. Led by Andreas Hofer, local troops tried to drive the Bavarians out of Tirol. They were initially unsuccessful, but in 1814 – after the end

and 300 local brass bands

into the valley ready for winter.

Want to see the towns and villages on the map? 

Please turn over!

