

Under the roof of UNESCO

Karawanken Geopark

Incredible scenery and geological heritage in the border area between Austria and Slovenia.

Cross-border. Discover the secrets of the Geopark in the Karawanken Range, its geographical location straddling two countries and the mutually beneficial diversity of two cultures.

UNESCO Geopark designation. The area was designated a Geopark because of its geological importance, scenic beauty, biodiversity and cultural and natural resources.

One foot in Africa. In the Geopark (for example in Trögerner Klamm, a nearby gorge) you can walk along the geological boundaries between the Eurasian and African tectonic plates.

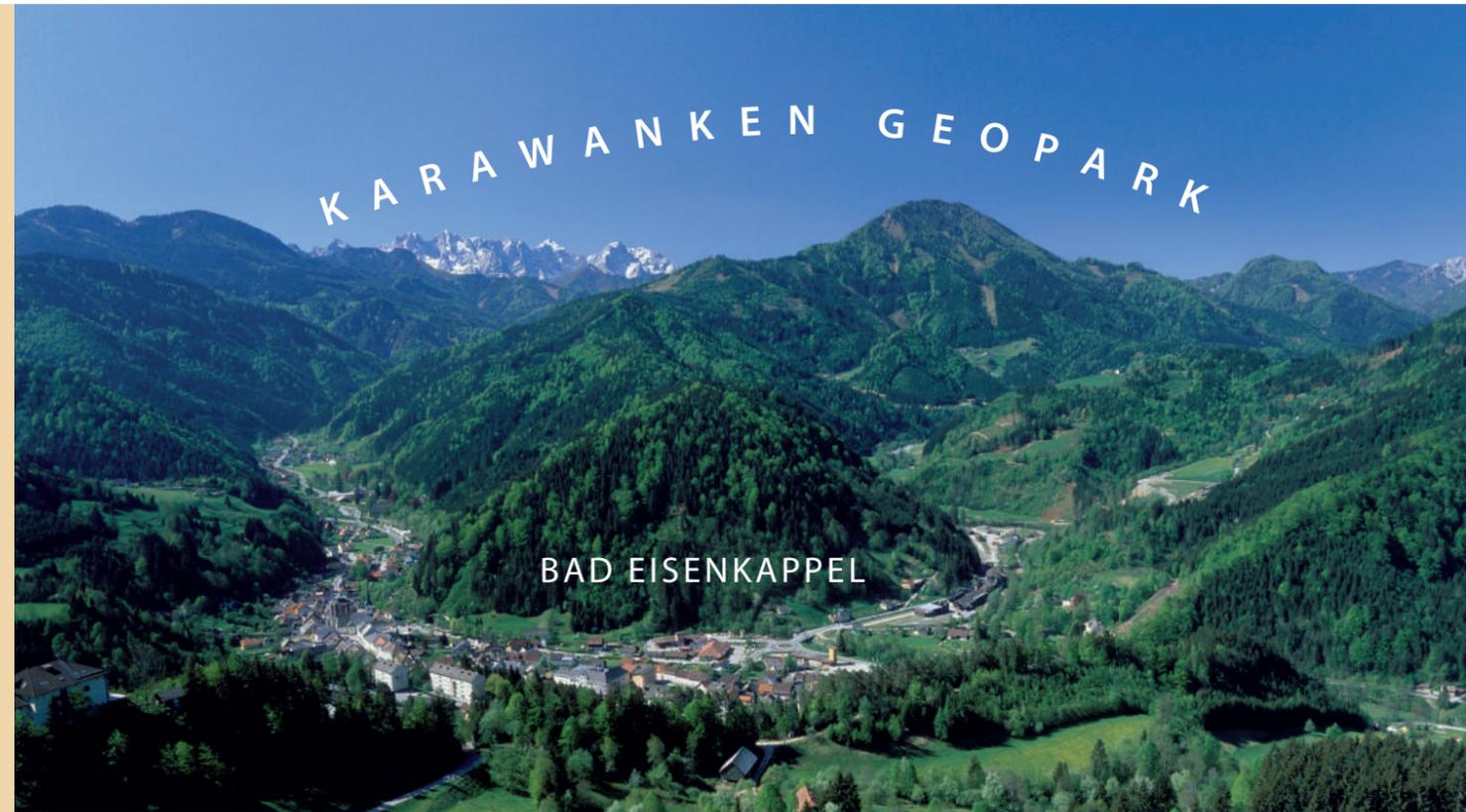
Don't miss out on a visit to the Geopark Information Centre in Bad Eisenkappel!

For opening hours, guided tours, ticket prices and the latest offers, please visit www.geopark-karawanken.at

A great adventure for all age groups. Embark on a journey of discovery for all the senses where everything is about rocks and stones, or try your hand at spectacular experiments such as the eruption of a volcano!

Take the lead. At the interactive geo pulse table, you will be given an overview of the Geopark's amazing variety. Use the geo-clock to navigate through the history of the earth by means of exciting animations and to take a peek at the future, then test your newly-found knowledge in the specially developed Geopark games.

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GEOPARKKARAWANKEN
In Stein geschriebene Geheimnisse



Bad Eisenkappel Health Resort and Climatic Spa



Here you will find spectacular mountains, two nature reserves – Trögerner Klamm and Vellacher Kotschna –, a fog-free climate and hospitality that comes from the heart.

Hiking. 200 km of marked hiking paths ranging from gentle, green alpine pastures to the gigantic massifs of the Karawanken Mountains and Steiner Alps.

Climbing. Fixed rope routes for all levels of ability, for beginners, children and experts, in compact rock with stunning panoramic views.

Being healthy. Natural mineral springs and a recognised health centre for the regeneration of the body and its vitality.

Breathe freely. Austria's only Health Resort and Climatic Spa has three climate zones, low-pollen, smoke and dust-free air that has made it a climate protection community.

Fly fishing. A lesson in patience in the wildly romantic Vellach river.

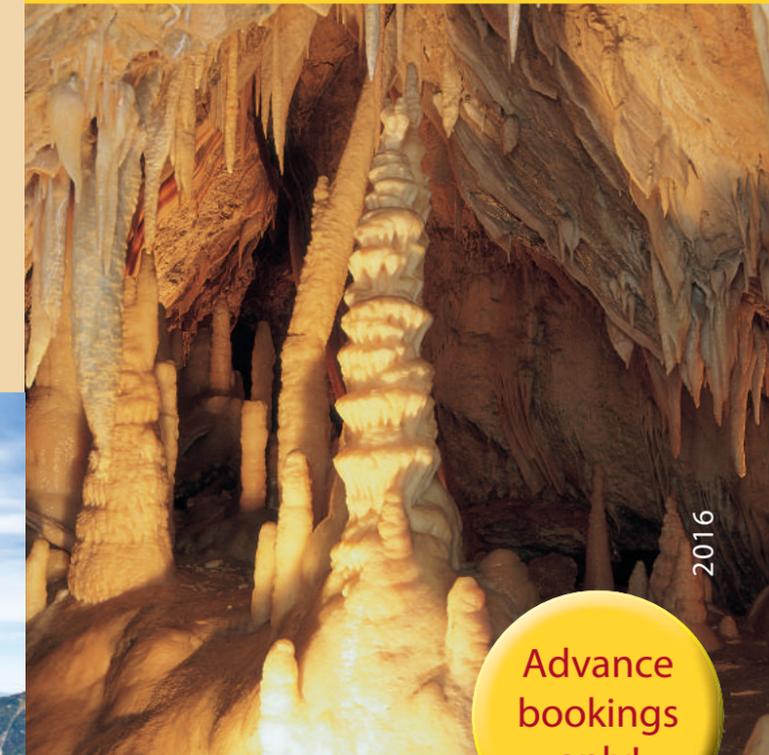
Experiencing. Leave some time for the farmers' tools and vintage car museum, Kupitzklamm (gorge), Trögern gorge, Luscha Alm, outdoor swimming pool, interesting exhibitions and local customs.

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OBIR DRIPSTONE CAVES

Austria's most fascinating natural wonder



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Advance bookings only!

Ticket reservations and information:
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Obir Dripstone Caves

Open

16 April until 16 October 2016

Please note that visits are only possible as part of a guided tour.

- There is a shuttle bus service from the ticket office on the main square in Bad Eisenkappel to the cave entrance on the mountain.
- On foot via Woschitz or Kunethgraben to the cave entrance on the mountain. Please book your visit to the caves in the cave ticket office.
- In your own coach for parties of 30 minimum. Information for coach parties and bus companies at www.hoehlen.at

Shuttle bus timetable

Departure from cave ticket office on main square:

July/August	09:30	10:00	11:00	11:30	12:30	13:00*
May/June/September	11:00	14:00				
16-30 April/1-16 Oct.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	14:00				
	Sunday, public holidays	11:00	14:00			

* Afternoon visits may be arranged upon request or on rainy days. For more information, please contact the Information Office.

Tip: If you have a little time to kill before your bus departs, we recommend a visit to the Geopark Info Centre opposite the Information Office.

Important

A visit to the Obir Dripstone Caves is an experience for all the senses – please make sure you have enough time to enjoy your visit (we recommend 3 hours approx.). The guided tour through this natural marvel alone will take 1.5 hours. On top of that, you should take into account the time spent on travel, organisation and equipment provision for the group and possible waiting times. The temperature in the caves is +8°C. We recommend warm clothing and sturdy footwear. For safety reasons children under four are not allowed into the caves.

Obir Caves Express:

For all those who prefer travelling to Bad Eisenkappel on public transport – and free of charge!

This free shuttle services takes you directly to the Ticket Office on the main square of Bad Eisenkappel and back again. It leaves from the Villach bus depot and stops at nine destinations along the way. Villach/bus depot 10:00, Drobollach/Information Office 10:15, Egg/Camping Arneitz 10:20, Rosegg/Bushaltestraße 10:30, Selpritsch/Alt-Wiener Hof 10:35, Velden/Karawankenplatz 10:40, Pörtschach/post office 10:50, Krumpendorf/Lannerweg 11:00, Minimundus/bus stop 11:10, St. Kanzian/Info 11:50. Arrival in Bad Eisenkappel at approx. 12:15pm. Return journey directly from the cave at approx. 3pm.

Please note that you must book your seat on the Obir Dripstone Cave Express Service in advance! T +43 (0) 4238 8239

Timetable: June: every Thursday; July/August: every Tuesday and Thursday; September: Thursday, 1st and 8th

Tickets:	Shuttle bus	Hiking
Adults	€ 24.00	€ 17.00
Groups of 20 or more, seniors, students	€ 20.00	€ 17.00
Family ticket 2 adults and 3 kids max. under 15	€ 56.50	€ 39.50
Children (4-15)	€ 13.00	€ 10.00
School parties of 20 or more	€ 11.00	€ 10.00



Audio guides:
English, Dutch, Italian, Slovenian, Hungarian (fee applies)

NEW: Special guided tours (children's tours, photo tours...)
Further details upon request or on www.hoehlen.at

More than just visiting caves

Experience. Bus trip up to the caves

The Obir Dripstone Caves lie at an altitude of 1,000 m in one of the most scenically beautiful regions in Carinthia. Travelling up the mountain is exciting and only possible by bus (cave shuttle or private coach). The observation platform at the entrance to the caves affords spectacular views.

Hiking. On foot up to the caves

Why not combine a visit to the Obir dripstone caves with a walking tour (duration: 90 – 120 minutes). The difference in altitude is 500m. For more information on walking routes and parking facilities, please ask at the cave office or visit www.hoehlen.at. Take the shuttle bus back to Bad Eisenkappel after your tour. **Advance bookings only!**

Food. Obir specialities

The Obir Dripstone Caves provide perfect conditions for storing and curing various delicious local products. Ideal as souvenirs, they include cave beer, cave salami, cave ham, cave chocolate, cave schnapps, cave liqueur, etc. The products are available at the ticket office and the cave entrance building on the mountain.

History. Ore mining and natural caves

The caves were discovered in 1870 when miners were looking for lead and zinc. At that time they were only interested in the natural underground passageways. As a result, they could get inside the mountain more quickly and use the caves for storage purposes. Traces of their work can still be seen today.

Secrets. Karawanken Geopark

The Obir Dripstone Caves with their unique, still living stalactites and stalagmites are a natural attraction in the Karawanken Geopark. Hidden in the stone for millions of years, many secrets of special geological processes come to light here.

Austria's most fascinating natural wonder

What makes the Obir Dripstone Caves fascinating is the incomparable mix of man and nature, the symbiosis of millions of years of history and modern technology. These living dripstones are a rarity throughout Europe! The underground adventure park is 800 m long. At various points along the way, multimedia effects enhance the natural wonder.

Each of these cards entitles you to **FREE** entry and a **FREE** guided tour to Austria's most fascinating natural wonder. Please note that the bus transfer from Bad Eisenkappel to the cave and back is not included. Bus transfer: € 3.50 per person (adults and children)



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