

Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark

The Geopark Karawanken is a cross-border region packed with natural and cultural highlights and an extraordinary geological heritage. On an area of 1,067 km², 5 Slovene and 9 Austrian communities have joined forces.

In the outdoor area of the cave office in Bad Eisenkappel, visitors can find out more about the many things on offer at the Geopark on an interactive basis. This is also where you will find the Geo clock, taking you from the past to the future. Immerse yourself in this breathtaking experience of nature and discover a region with an fascinating natural history.



There are lots of things to explore and to marvel at for all age groups.

Cross-border. Discover the secrets of the Karawanken Geopark, its cross-border geographic location and the diversity of two cultures which are mutually beneficial.

Africa or Europe?

Various hiking paths enable you to experience continent-hopping – one minute you're in Europe, and one step later you're in old Africa! You can experience this on the Eisenkappel circular hiking trail, in the Trögerner Klamm gorge, in the Hainschgraben rift valley and in many other places.

Enjoy the Geopark Karawanken with its unique cross-border experiences!

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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.

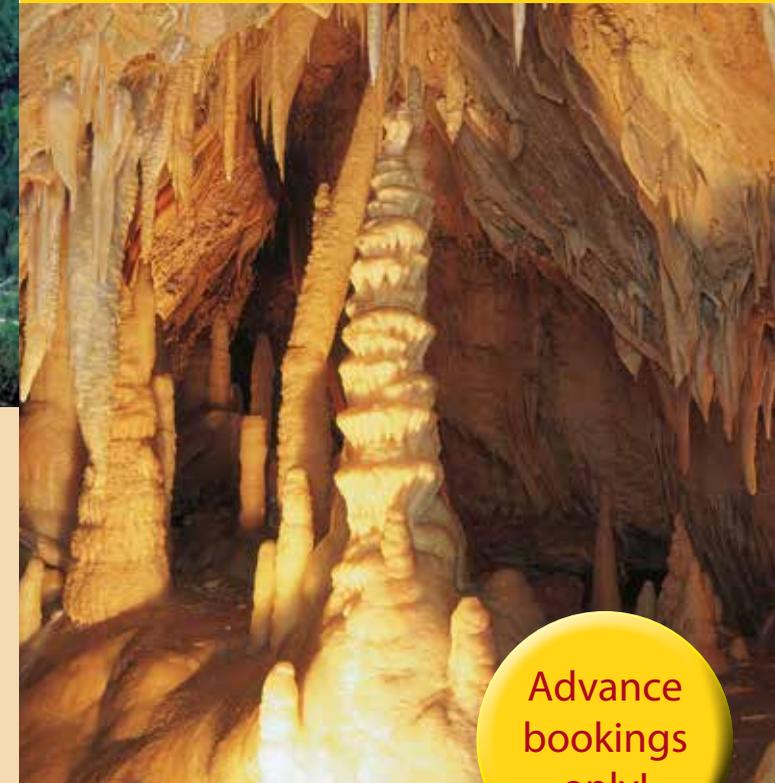
Fly fishing. A lesson in patience in the wildly romantic Vellach river.

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.

Info: tourismus@bad-eisenkappel.info, www.bad-eisenkappel.info



Austria's most fascinating natural wonder



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Ticket reservations and information:
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BAD EISENKAPPEL



Obir Dripstone Caves



Opening hours
Mid-April until mid-October

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

How to get there

- ➔ 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 20 minimum. Information for coach parties and bus companies at www.hoehlen.at

Tip: If you have a little time before your bus leaves, we recommend a walk through Bad Eisenkappel, for instance along the beautiful Promenadenweg route.

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.
A certain level of fitness is required for the visit.

Opening hours, timetable and entrance fee at www.hoehlen.at/en/visitorinfo or at T +43(0)4238 8239.

Online bookings:
www.hoehlen.at/en/booking



Bus transfers to the cave for parties of 20 and more are available upon request. Special guided tours (children's tours, photo tours...) are also available. More information upon request or at www.hoehlen.at

For safety reasons children under four are not allowed into the caves. Dogs are not permitted.

For kids: Cave explorer game

as part of a regular guided tour with an extra charge per child.

Set off on a tour of discovery with a torch and a treasure map. You will get a small surprise as a reward.

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 500 m. 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!

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.

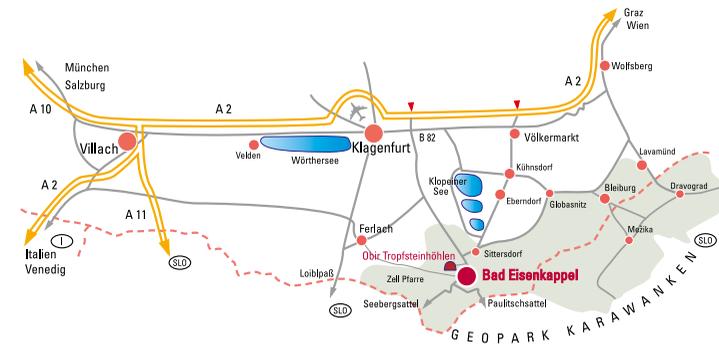
Refreshments. Shop and café's

Take the opportunity to refuel in one of our cafés - one of them is located directly outside the ticket office in Bad Eisenkappel, the other on the mountain near the entrance to the cave. They also sell exquisite „Höhlschmankerl“ products for you to take home!

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.

The Kärnten Card 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: € 4.50 per person (adults and children).



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