**Excursion tips:**

Here are a few tips for excursions during your stay in the oasis of well-being. All destinations are reachable in max. 20-40 min by car!

You should definitely visit one or more of the themed roads, such as the famous South Styrian Wine Road (www.suedsteirischeweinstrasse.com/de).

The Styrian Apple Road (www.apfelstraße.at) or the Klöcher Wine Road in the southeast Styrian wine-growing region ([www.steiermark.com/de/steiermark/ausflugsziele/kloecher-weinstrasse\_p7909](http://www.steiermark.com/de/steiermark/ausflugsziele/kloecher-weinstrasse_p7909))

You can either hike directly from here - from 30min tours to more extensive tours of several hours through our beautiful hilly landscape. Unfortunately, there is still little signage, but we are happy to help you with maps and directions! Worth seeing hiking trails with a short journey are also the large or small Raabklamm (near Weiz -- www.raabklamm.at ), the Wine Trail of the Senses (in the wine-growing village of St. Anna/Aigen - www.urlaub-der-sinne.at/de), the Bärenschützklamm (www.almenland.at/wandern/baerenschuetzklamm/ ) or the smaller Kesselfallklamm ([www.almenland.at/wandern/kesselfallklamm/](http://www.almenland.at/wandern/kesselfallklamm/))- both a little north of Graz, or many hikes on the Teichalm/Sommeralm - the largest contiguous alpine pasture area in Europe (www.almenland.at)! Also a trip to the Schöckel, the local mountain of the city of Graz usually brings many beautiful experiences (www.holding-graz.at/de/freizeit/schoeckl/), cave lovers we recommend the Lurgrotte (www.lurgrotte.at) or the Grasslhöhle near Weiz (www.grasslhoehle.at) in the surrounding area.

Of course, you should not miss Graz - not for nothing are the old town of Graz and Eggenberg Castle Unesco World Heritage Site (www.graztourismus.at). Graz as the second largest city in Austria is also called the first city of the south because of its flair, also because a lot happens under the open air! In addition to visiting many monuments and museums, you should also enjoy the view from the Schlossberg with the landmark, the Graz clock tower and simply stroll through the streets and squares!

While we're on the subject of culture: the Styrian Castles Route (www.schloesserstrasse.com) connects castles and palaces mainly in southeastern Styria - the most impressive is certainly Riegersburg Castle on an extinct volcanic cone in the town of the same name (www.dieriegersburg.at). From the castle you not only have a gorgeous view, there is also a witch museum worth seeing, a bird of prey observatory, a restaurant on the castle and a climbing garden next to the castle (www.naturbursch.at). Nearby are the Kornberg Castle and Kapfenstein Castle, also worth a visit!

Catchword volcanic cone: right next to us begins the Styrian Volcanic Land, a formerly very active volcanic area. Therefore you will find great thermal baths such as Bad Loipersdorf, Bad Waltersdorf, H2O-Therme (children's thermal bath), Hundertwassertherme Bad Blumau, Bad Gleichenberg, Bad Radkersburg and some more (www.thermen-vulkanland.at/de/Urlaub/Regeneration-Wellness/Die-Thermen) . For swimming in summer we also recommend the beautiful Lilienbad only 5 min away in St. Marein (<https://goo.gl/maps/rQLhU6qhb5gb4dyj9>) , the Seerosenbad in Kirchberg an der Raab (<https://goo.gl/maps/jdX1s9L3cUMfc62D6>) , the Stubenbergsee (www.stubenbergsee.at), the Seebad Riegersburg (<https://goo.gl/maps/bJbtY5MSAXFytgMG8> ), the Schwarzl leisure center with water ski lift (www.schwarzlsee.at) and many more.

The Vulkanland is also well known for its culinary delights (www.thermen-vulkanland.at/de/Urlaub/Essen-Trinken). In the area there is not only a very high density of hood award-winning eateries (<https://www.thermen-vulkanland.at/de/Urlaub/Essen-Trinken/Gastronomie/Haubenlokale>), highly recommended is also a visit to a Styrian Buschenschank ([www.buschenschank.at](http://www.buschenschank.at)), which are wineries that usually serve delicious home-produced (cold) dishes and their wine at the farm! Of course you should also combine your visit to Styria with a wine tasting - Styrian wines are

Styrian wines are internationally appreciated for their fruitiness and drinkability (<https://steiermark.wine/>)! A hint: The Gesamtsteirische Vinothek in St. Anna am Aigen invites you to taste a wide variety of wines (www.gesamtsteirische-vinothek.at/) You will find special treats to take home or taste at the

Zotter chocolate factory ([www.zotter.at](http://www.zotter.at)), at Gölles - the manufactory for brandies and vinegar (www.goelles.at), in the Fromagerie ([cheese - www.thecheeseartist.at](http://www.thecheeseartist.at)) and the Vulcano ham manufactory ([www.vulcano.at](http://www.vulcano.at)) - all very close to Riegersburg.

Not only with children the visit of the zoo Herberstein is absolutely perfect ([www.tierwelt-herberstein.at](http://www.tierwelt-herberstein.at)) - also garden and art lovers (Gironcoli Museum) come here on your account. The Lipizzaner stud farm Piber ([www.srs.at/piber/](http://www.srs.at/piber/)), where the world-famous white horses for the Vienna Riding School are bred, is only 50 minutes away, and can be easily combined with a visit to the church in Bärnbach with its golden tower designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser (<https://goo.gl/maps/xoFspM6yQCbSKFjU6>). Further excursion tips with children are the worth seeing children's museum Frida & Fred ([www.fridaundfred.at](http://www.fridaundfred.at)) in Graz or a trip with steam engine on the Feistritztalbahn from Weiz ([www.feistritztalbahn.at](http://www.feistritztalbahn.at)), which can also be combined with the

summer toboggan run in Kogelhof (<http://www.sommerrodelbahn-koglhof.at/>). Fun for the whole family and also for adults in groups is offered close by by the Farmersgolf in St. Marein ([www.farmersgolf.at](http://www.farmersgolf.at)). In case of bad weather, we also recommend a visit to Styria Karting Kalsdorf (<http://www.styriakarting.at/indoor/>) or the indoor

trampoline park Jump25 ([www.jump25.at](http://www.jump25.at)).

For active people: 8 golf courses can be reached in max. 30 min ([www.steiermark-golf.at](http://www.steiermark-golf.at)), cycling tours in the surrounding area are a special experience (<https://www.thermen-vulkanland.at/de/Urlaub/Natur-Bewegung-Aktivitaeten/Radfahren>) - from sporty through the hilly country to leisurely along the Raabtalradweg, several climbing parks and climbing halls, ballooning in the balloon centers Stubenberg or Bad Waltersdorf ([www.apfelland.info/aktivitaeten/ballonfahren/](http://www.apfelland.info/aktivitaeten/ballonfahren/)), canoeing on the Raab ([www.urlaub-jennersdorf.at/wassererlebnisse/kanufahrt-auf-der-raab/](http://www.urlaub-jennersdorf.at/wassererlebnisse/kanufahrt-auf-der-raab/)) and much more!

Much fun,

Peter, Silvia and Kids