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1. Geographical location

Innsbruck is located in western Austria and is capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck lies in the Inn Valley, 30 kilometers north of the Brenner Pass linking it to Wipp valley. To the north of Innsbruck are Karwendel Alps and in the south Patscherkofel and Serles.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Innsbruck Is Close To The Austrian Cities Salzburg (137 Km) And Vorarlberg (165 Km). The Major European Cities Close To Innsbruck Are Munich In Germany (98 Km), Zurich In Switzerland (216 Km), Venice In Italy (216 Km), Stuttgart In Germany (235 Km), Frankfurt In Germany (374 Km), Prague In Czech Republic (381 Km), Florence In Italy (386 Km) And Zagreb In Croatia (393 Km).



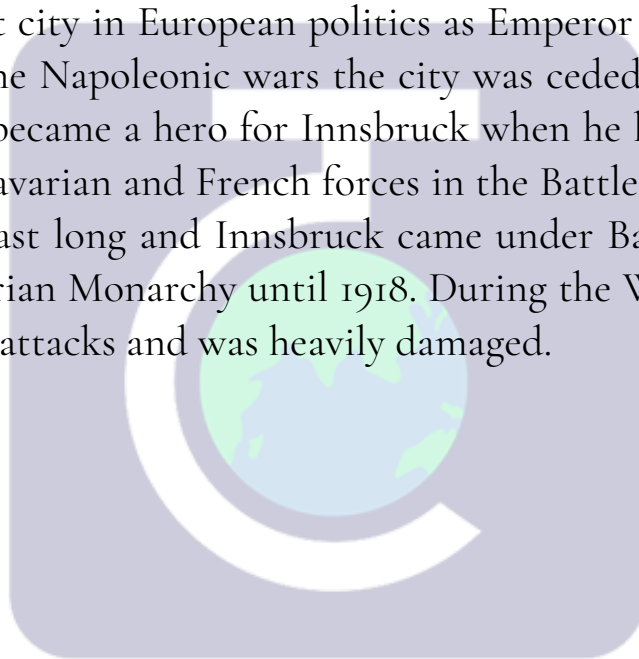
3. Significance

Innsbruck is an internationally renowned winter sports centre, and hosted the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics as well as the 1984 and 1988 Winter Paralympics. Innsbruck also hosted the first Winter Youth Olympics in 2012. The name translates as "Inn bridge".



4. History

According to archaeological evidence, Innsbruck has been continuously occupied since the Stone Age. In the 4th century the Romans established an army station in the region to protect their commercial interests. In the 12th century the city was occupied by the Andechs, in the 13th century the rulership changed to Counts of Tyrol. The city became the capital of Tyrol in the 15th century and became an important city in European politics as Emperor Maximilian I resided in the city. During the Napoleonic wars the city was ceded to Bavaria, a French ally. Andreas Hofer became a hero for Innsbruck when he led a peasant army to victory against the Bavarian and French forces in the Battle of Bergisel. However the victory did not last long and Innsbruck came under Bavarian rule. The city was part of the Austrian Monarchy until 1918. During the World War II the city suffered many bomb attacks and was heavily damaged.



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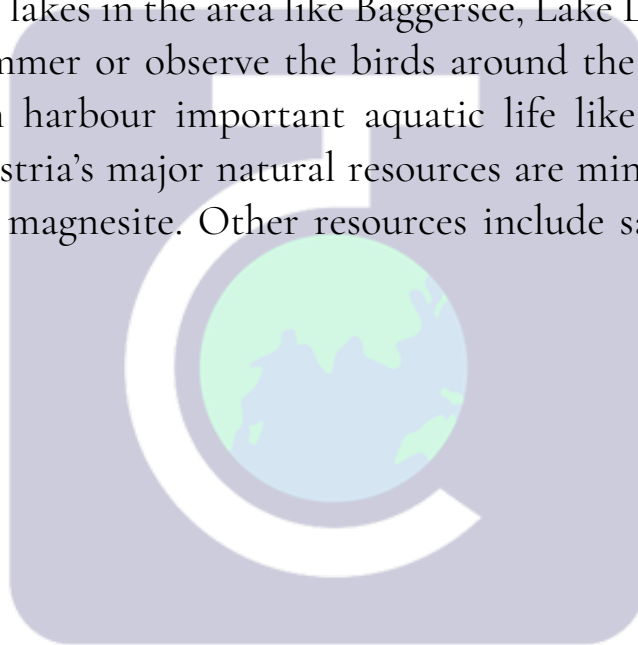
5. Cultural identity

Innsbruck is often seen just as a winter sport destination but it offers more than that. There are several cultural events that take place in the city and there are several museums and art galleries in the city highlighting its rich culture. Some of the popular museums are Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum(Tyrolean state museum), Tiroler Volkskundemuseum(Museum of Tyrolean Folk Art), Hofkirche, Volksliedarchiv, Kaiserliche Hofburg and Golden Dachl.



6. Natural resources

Located in the broad valley between high mountains, there are plenty of natural attractions in Innsbruck which are used for winter sports during the winter and hiking in summer. Some of the popular hiking spots are Glungezer, Lanser Moor, Große Arnspitze, Birkkarspitze, Gleirschbach and Patscherkofel. In addition to hiking the mountains also double up as ski resorts and winter sports venues. There are also several lakes in the area like Baggersee, Lake Lans where you can go swimming in the summer or observe the birds around the lakes. There are also smaller ponds which harbour important aquatic life like the Grand Pond or Water Lily Pond. Austria's major natural resources are mineral deposits, such as iron ore, lignite and magnesite. Other resources include salt, tungsten, timber, copper and zinc.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Hofkirche**

One of the top attractions of the city is the Hofkirche or the Court Church, which was completed in 1563 in late Gothic style. The most striking features of the church are its high altar, a choir screen, a monument dedicated to Andres Hofer and its black marble sarcophagus with a bronze figure of Maximilian surrounded by 24 marble reliefs depicting important events in Maximilian I's life. Also of note are the spectacular tombs, the museum of Emperor Maximilian I and 28 bronze figures of the emperor's ancestors and contemporaries.

Address : Universitätsstraße 2, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.26837249999999, 11.395503200000007

Contact : +43 512 584302

Website : <http://tiroler-landesmuseen.at/page.cfm?vpath=index>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstrasse Bus Station Innsbruck Congress/Hofburg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Regular: €7 Reduced: €5 Children and young people up to 19 years: Free admission Combined ticket: Regular: €11 Reduced: €8 Children and young people up to 19 years: Free admission Bergisel Combined ticket: Regular: €14 Children and young people up to 19 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 12:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15-30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Hofburg Innsbruck

Tagged as one of the 3 most important cultural buildings in Austria, the Hofburg (Imperial Residence) was built between the 15th and 16th centuries. Having been remodeled in the 18th century by Empress Maria Theresa, the striking feature of the castle is the Riesensaal, a 31-meter long hall also referred to as the Giant Hall. Other attractions are the luxurious apartments with their painted ceilings and

frescoes, and paintings of Maria Theresa and her 16 children.

Address : Rennweg 1, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.268887, 11.394571100000007

Contact : +43 512 587186

Website : <http://hofburg-innsbruck.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstrasse Bus Station Innsbruck Congress/Hofburg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €9 Special rates: 6.50 Children/ people up to 19 years: Free admission Sunday: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Golden Roof

The Golden Roof (Golden Dachl) situated on Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse is one of the most well-known landmarks of Innsbruck. It was built in 1496 to commemorate Maximilian I's marriage to Bianca Maria Sforza. This Oriel window roofed with 2,657 gold-plated copper tiles served as a box for Maximilian I where he could watch various festivities in the street below.

Address : Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 15, 6020 Innsbruck

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.26865960000001, 11.393277799999964

Contact : +43 512 53601441

Website : <https://www.innsbruck.gv.at/page.cfm?vpath=index>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstraße Bus Station Innsbruck Congress/Hofburg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €4 Children: €2

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Tyrolean State Museum

Presenting a vast record of the history of this region dating back to the Bronze Age, the Tyrolean State Museum comprises of a collection of several art and craftworks from Romanesque to Gothic to modern. The gallery includes work by artists such as Michael Pacher, Rembrandt van Rijn, Joseph Anton Koch, Angelica Kauffman, Albin Egger-Lienz and others. Also worth going through is its library with books related to the Tyrol region.

Address : Museumstraße 15, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2673149, 11.397711100000038

Contact : +43 512 59489410

Website : <http://tiroler-landesmuseen.at/page.cfm?vpath=index>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstraße Bus Station

Entry Fee : Combi ticket: Adults: €11 Reduced: €8 Single entry with Court

Church: Adults: €7 Reduced: €5 Single ticket Tyrol Panorama with Kaiser

Jagermuseum: Adults: €8 Reduced: €6 Bergisel Combi Ticket: Adults: €14

Children up to 19 years of age, holders of Innsbruck card: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Alpenzoo Innsbruck

Alpenzoo is well known as the abode of several mountain animals from the Alpine regions including mammals, birds, and reptiles. Housing over 2,000 animals from 150 different species, it is also home to the world's largest cold water aquarium containing several marine life species. A striking feature is the walkable ibex compound and if you are lucky enough, you will get to hear the wolves howl on the ringing of the Innsbruck Church bells.

Address : Weiherburggasse 37a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.28120999999999, 11.398102999999992

Contact : +43 512 292323

Website : <http://alpenzoo.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Mühbauer Brücke (Rennweg) Bus Station
(Not recommended)

Entry Fee : Single tickets: Adults: €10 Student/ retiree (ID card): €8.50 Children (6-15 years); pupils (with school card): €5 Small children (4-5 years): €2 Group tickets (from 10 people): Adults: €9 Student/ retiree (ID card): €7.65 Children (6-15 years); pupils (with school card): €4.50 Small children (4-5 years): €1.80

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs April to October: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Swarovski Kristallwelten

Swarovski Kristallwelten (Crystal Worlds) located in Wattens, around 15 kilometers from Innsbruck is Austria's most visited tourist attraction. It was inaugurated in 1995 to honor the 100 year anniversary of Austria's famous crystal company, Swarovski. There are some unique objects to view in the museum like the giant head designed by Andre Heller that greets you by spurting water out of its mouth as you enter. Several modern artists have contributed to the crystal attractions here.

Address : Kristallweltenstraße 1, 6112 Wattens, Austria

Zipcode : 6112

Location : 47.29380889999999, 11.600803799999994

Contact : +43 5224 51080

Website

<http://kristallwelten.swarovski.com/Content.Node/wattens/index.de.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Wattens Kristallwelten/B171 Bus Station Wattens Kristallwelten/Parkplatz Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €19 Group of 10 or more: €17 Children (6-14 years accompanied by an adult): €7.50 1 adult + 1/ 2 children (6-16 years): €24.50 Every further child: €7.50 2 adults + 1/ 2 children (6-16 years) - €41.50 Every further child - €7.50 Children (0-5 years accompanied with an adult) – Free admission Store ticket without visiting the exhibition or the garden – Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Stadtturm

Stadtturm, the city tower of Innsbruck, dates back to 1450 and rises beautifully above the medieval buildings in the city. More than 148 steps take you to the 31-meter-high viewing deck that overlooks the streets of Innsbruck and proffers breathtaking romantic views of Bergisel, Patscherkofel mountain, and the Nordkette mountain range.

Address : Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 21, Innsbruck 6020, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2683192, 11.393598200000042

Contact : +43 512 59850

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstrasse Bus Station

Entry Fee : €3

Open & Close Timing : June to September: Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs October to May: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Glockenmuseum

Presenting facts about the history and production of bells, Glockenmuseum is an amalgamation of the bell foundry, bell museum, and sound room attracting visitors from far and wide. You can see the development from the ore to a chiming bell and unravel the secret of the ancient bell founders' association. There is a 'Klangraum' where visitors get a chance to perform their own sound experiments.

Address : Leopoldstrasse 53, Innsbruck 6020, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2561707, 11.398191399999973

Contact : +43 5125941637

Website : <http://www.grassmayr.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Basilika Wilten Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Children (6-14 years): €5 Groups (minimum 15 people): €5

Family ticket: €20

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday (open all year): 09:00hrs-17:00hrs
Saturdays (May through October): 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Sundays and holidays

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Old Town

Old Town Innsbruck offers a peek into the history of Innsbruck with its medieval houses and buildings made in Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo style. As you walk through the main street of Old Town, you will feel as if you have stepped a few centuries back in time. Some of Innsbruck's most famous attractions are in the Old Town like the Imperial Palace, Folk Art Museum, the Golden Eagle (Goldener Adler) and the Golden Roof.

Address : Old Town, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.26865960000001, 11.393277799999964

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstraße Bus Station Innsbruck Congress/Hofburg Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Ambras Castle

Ambras Castle, an old fortress used by the counts of Andechs, is now perched on the spot of a 10th-century castle above the city overlooking it. The main attraction of the castle is its armory which contains pieces of art from the time of Emperor Maximilian I to Emperor Leopold I. Another noteworthy aspect is its Spanish Hall above the armory which includes an intricately designed ceiling and walls ornamented with 27 tall portraits.

Address : Schloßstraße 20, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2565828, 11.433618900000056

Contact : +43 1 525244802

Website : <http://www.schlossambras-innsbruck.at/>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Schloss Ambras (Aldranser Straße)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Bergisel

The hill made famous by the Battle of Bergisel is now a world class winter-sport destination. The highlight of Bergisel is its ski jump (Bergiselschanze) and the new tower. The tower features a 50-meter high viewing platform from where you can see breathtaking views of the Nordkette range, Inntal, and Innsbruck. Below the ski jump is a memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives while fighting for freedom including the Andreas Hofer monument.

Address : Bergiselweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2490579, 11.399484499999971

Contact : +43 512 589259

Website : <http://bergisel.info/at/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Westbahn Railway Station (Not recommended)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. The Cathedral of St James

Formerly known as the Parish Church of St. James, the structure was raised to the status of a cathedral in 1964. Famed for its impressive twin-towered west front and high dome over the choir, the church was built in Baroque style in 1724. Most of the art and stucco work was done by the Asam brothers with certain exceptions like the Madonna above the high altar painted by German artist, Luka Cranach the Elder.

Address : 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2693555, 11.394156100000032

Contact : +43 512 583902

Website : <http://www.dibk.at/Media/Pfarren/Innsbruck-St.-Jakob-Dompfarre-Propstei>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Congress/Hofburg Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:15hrs-19:30hrs Sunday:

12:30hrs-19:15hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Helbling Haus

Located in the Old Town section of Innsbruck, Helbling Haus is an old building across the Golden Roof (Goldenes Dachl). Originally built in the 15th century as townhouse with a Baroque and Gothic facade, it changed over time and now serves as a tourist attraction. In the 18th century, the beautiful 'icing-like' stucco decorations adorned the building.

Address : Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 10, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.26840419999999, 11.392914399999995

Website : <http://www.innsbruck.info/>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbruck Museumstrasse Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Markthalle Innsbruck

For the best local produce, you can head to Markthalle, where you will find freshly baked bread, Tyrolean cheese, organic fruits, vegetables and all kinds of meat. This market has been operating the same way for centuries and attracts many visitors from far and wide. Fill your shopping bags as you stroll around at this place situated right in the heart of Innsbruck.

Address : Herzog-Siegmund-Ufer 1-3, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.267177, 11.389571199999978

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. DEZ Einkaufszentrum Innsbruck

DEZ Einkaufszentrum Innsbruck is the largest shopping center in Tyrol and proffers an extensive shopping experience to its customers. It offers a wide range

of facilities and brands ranging from home accessories, clothing, jewelry, perfume, watches, furniture, and much more.

Address : Amraser-See-Straße 56a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2623652, 11.430031500000041

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Kaufhaus Tyrol

Marvelous architecture combined with beautiful surroundings and a plethora of shops, Kaufhaus Tyrol is one of the most visited shopping malls in the city. The mall features shops and galleries over several floors and a food court in the basement which offers everything from sushi to pizza. Head here to make the most of your spare time.

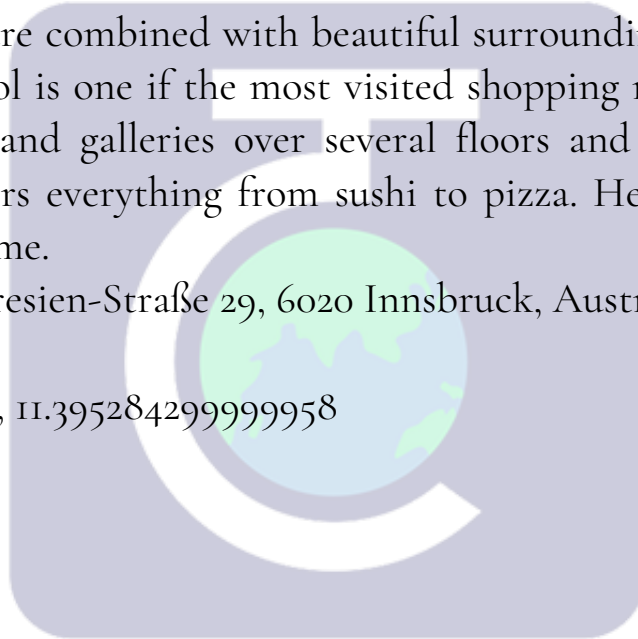
Address : Maria-Theresien-Straße 29, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Zipcode : 6020

Location : 47.2654393, 11.395284299999958

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Because of its location between mountains, Innsbruck is an ideal spot for winter sports and mountaineering in summer. There are several ski resorts around Innsbruck like Nordkette, Axamer Lizum, Muttereralp, Patscherkofel, Igls, Seefeld, Tulfes and Stubai Valley.

- **Nordkette Ski Resort -**

Address : Innsbrucker Nordkettenbahnen, Höhenstraße 145, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2861607,11.3990036

Contact No : +43 512 293344

Website : <http://www.nordpark.com/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Innsbrucker Nordkettenbahnen Cable Car Station

Entry Fees : Ski tickets: Day ticket: Adults - €33; Senior - €29.70; Youth/student - €26.40; Child - €19.30 From 12:00hrs and until 13:00hrs: Adults - €23; Senior - €20.70; Youth/student - €18.40; Child - €13.80 2 day ticket: Adults - €62.70; Senior - €56.40; Youth/student - €50.20; Child - €37.60 3 day ticket: Adults - €89.10; Senior - €80.20; Youth/student - €71.30; Child - €53.50 4 day ticket: Adults - €112.20; Senior - €101; Youth/student - €89.80; Child - €67.30 5 day ticket: Adults - €132; Senior - €118.80; Youth/student - €105.60; Child - €79.20 6 day ticket: Adults - €148.50; Senior - €133.70; Youth/student - €118.80; Child - €89.10 7 day ticket: Adults - €161.70; Senior - €145.50; Youth/student - €129.40; Child - €97 Ski Lift Tickets: Single ride: Adults - €4 to €19.80; Senior - €3.50 to €17.80; Youth/student - €3.20 to €15.80; Child - €2.40 to €11.90 Round trip: Adults - €6.60 to €33; Senior - €5.90 to €29.70; Youth/student - €5.30 to €26.40; Child - €4 to €19.80

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:15hrs-19:15hrs

Time Required : 12

- **Patscherkofel -**

Address : Bilgeristraße 24, 6080 Igls, Austria

Location : 47.2086962,11.4606986

Contact No : +43 512 377234

Website : <http://www.patscherkofelbahnen.at/#sommer>

Nearest Public Transport : Igls Patscherkofelbahn Bus Station

Entry Fees : Day ticket- €36 for adults €28.50 for youth €21.50 for children €33 for seniors However, the prices change depending on high season and low season. It is advisable to check the website before planning a trip.

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 12

- **Muttereralmpark -**

Address : Nockhofweg 40, 6162 Mutters, Austria

Location : 47.2226375,11.3659473

Contact No : +43 512 548330

Website : <http://www.muttereralmpark.at/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mutters Muttereralm Bergbahnen Bus Station

Entry Fees : One day ticket: Adults - 18.50 to €33.50 Child - €11 to €20 Youth - €15 to €26.50 Senior - €16.50 to €30 Cable car up: Adults - €10.80 Child - €6.70 Youth - €9.80 Senior - €10.30 Cable Car up and down: Adults - €14.40 Child - €8.80 Youth - €9.80 Senior - €12.90 Cable car down and Middle-up: Adults - €8.80 Child - €5.70 Youth - €7.20 Senior - €8.20

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 12

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Innsbruck has hosted the Winter Olympics twice, in 1964 and 1976. It has also hosted the 1984 and 1988 Winter Paralympics and 1st Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2012. Innsbruck is represented in Austrian Football Bundesliga by FC Wacker Innsbruck. Tivoli-Neu is the biggest stadium in Innsbruck.

- **Tivoli-Neu:**

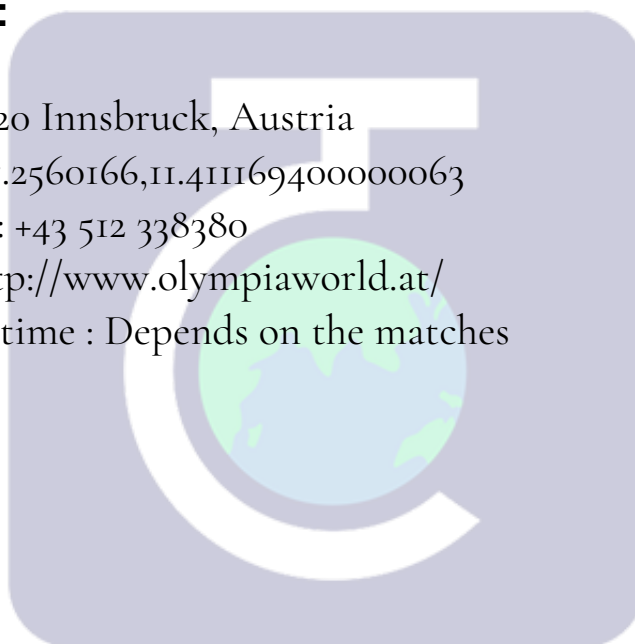
Address : 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2560166,11.411169400000063

Contact No : +43 512 338380

Website : <http://www.olympiaworld.at/>

Open/Close time : Depends on the matches



10. Spas and relaxation

Austria has a lot of Spa and Wellness centers located away from the cities in the Alps to provide the visitors spa treatments in soothing surroundings. Innsbruck is no exception with several Spa and Wellness centers located around the city, there are also some Spa centers operating inside the city.

- **Hotel Innsbruck:**

Address : Innrain 3, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.26781099999999,11.3912880000000031

Contact No : +43 512 598680

Website : <http://www.hotelinnsbruck.com/>

- **aDLERS Hotel Innsbruck:**

Address : Brunecker Str. 1, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.266148,11.4014909999999965

Contact No : +43 512 563100

Website : <http://www.adlers-innsbruck.com/en/hotel/spa.html>

- **Austria Trend Hotel Congress Innsbruck:**

Address : Rennweg 12a, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2745556,11.3974928999999975

Contact No : +43 512 2115

Website : <http://www.austria-trend.at/en/hotels/congress-innsbruck/wellness>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Year's Concert

A gala concert is held at the Congress Innsbruck with performances by Tyrolean Symphonic Orchestra. It is full of romantic waltzes, songs and an extravaganza of talent. Enjoy "A Journey to the Stars"- the best way to celebrate the first day of new year.

Fasnacht

This is a traditional event held every four years depicting the fight between good and evil. You get to experience colourful and exuberant performances with beautiful, hand-carved masks and elaborate dresses worn by people.

Air and Style Snowboard Contest

Every year in February snowboarders from all over Europe compete in this event. The competition is followed by a concert.

Tirol Speed Marathon

In this event runners from all over Europe take to the streets of Innsbruck to compete in this event showcasing speed and endurance.

Tanzsommer Dance Festival

One of the most important Dance Festivals in Austria, many international dancing ensembles perform here in mid-June.

Frühschoppenkonzert

This is a series of free outdoor concerts held from July to September at Igls. The event features musically diverse and entertaining concerts conducted every Sunday morning with spectacular scenery acting as a grand backdrop.

Festwochen der Alten Musik

Innsbruck Festival of Early Music is the largest festival in Innsbruck. Some of the best artists from Austria perform compositions from the 14th to 18th century at this event.

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Christkindlmarkt

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Innsbruck Mountain New Year's Eve

Innsbruck celebrates New Year with parties and colorful

programmes set up at Old Town's main square. The celebrations are accompanied by live music, great food and a fireworks display at midnight.



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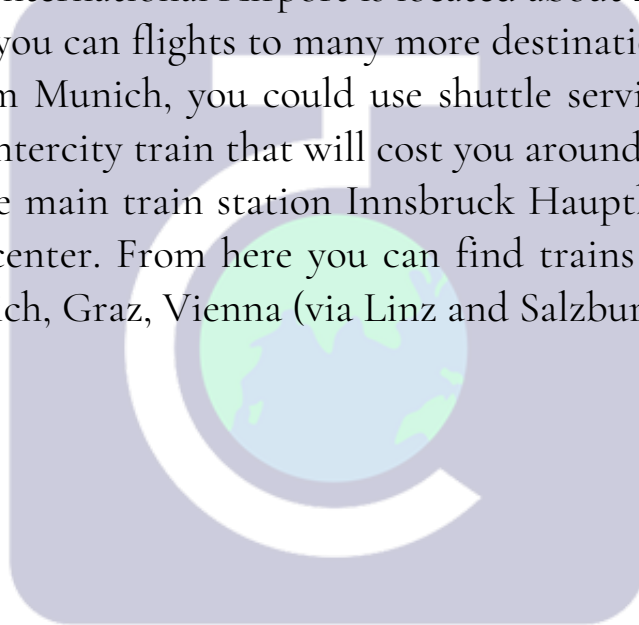
12. Key local guides and tours

Innsbruck has a lot of attractions both in the city and spread around it. To experience Innsbruck better in a short amount of time, you may enlist the help of a local guide. Make sure that your guide is certified. In Austria tour guiding is a regulated trade and guides need to pass a competency test. Two of the famous tours in Innsbruck are Classic walking tour that lets you discover the rich history of the city and Imperial tour that takes you through the exhibition rooms and imperial apartments of the palace.



13. Transportation hubs

Airport Innsbruck Kranebitten Airport is the Airport closest to the city, located at a distance of 5 kilometers from the city center. You can find flights from Vienna, London, Manchester, Frankfurt, Berlin and Amsterdam here. Also during the ski season many more flights to several destinations operate out of this airport. The bus line F runs from the Airport to the city center and takes about 20 minutes. Munich International Airport is located about 2 and half hours away from Innsbruck and you can flights to many more destinations from Munich. To reach Innsbruck from Munich, you could use shuttle services that cost around €300 or more or an intercity train that will cost you around €50 from Munich to Innsbruck. Train The main train station Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof is located in the east of the city center. From here you can find trains with destinations to Venice, Zurich, Munich, Graz, Vienna (via Linz and Salzburg) and several others.



14. Transportation cost

If you plan to visit a lot of places in Innsbruck during a short time, you can purchase the Innsbruck card. With the card you get free public transportation, 1 return ride on cable cars, free bike rental for 3 hours and also you get free admission to most attractions in the city. With the Innsbruck card you can avail discounts at several places including Casino Innsbruck. The card is available for 24, 48 and 72 hours and cost €33, €41 and €47 respectively. Tram and Bus The public transport includes buses, trams and trains. Tickets are the same for all three travel modes. Single tickets cost €2.70 when purchased in the bus/tram and €2 when purchased at the ticket machines. The ticket needs to be validated when you enter a tram or bus. A single ticket will let you travel anywhere inside the city. There is a special line “TS” that goes through majour attractions in the city but it has a different fares system. There are several trams that connect you to the surrounding villages. Bike Cycling is very common in Innsbruck and you will find bike lanes in most of the city. You can rent a bicycle from the sharing system Stadtrad. Registering for the system costs €1 and is credited to your account. Rides less than 30 minutes cost €1, less than 1 hour €3 and €3 for every subsequent hour. You can find bike stations all over the city, especially in the city center. Taxi If you are travelling with a lot of luggage or public transport is not available, you can opt for a taxi. Taxis cost €6.2 for the first 1.3 km and €1.8 for every subsequent kilometer.

15. Baggage allowance

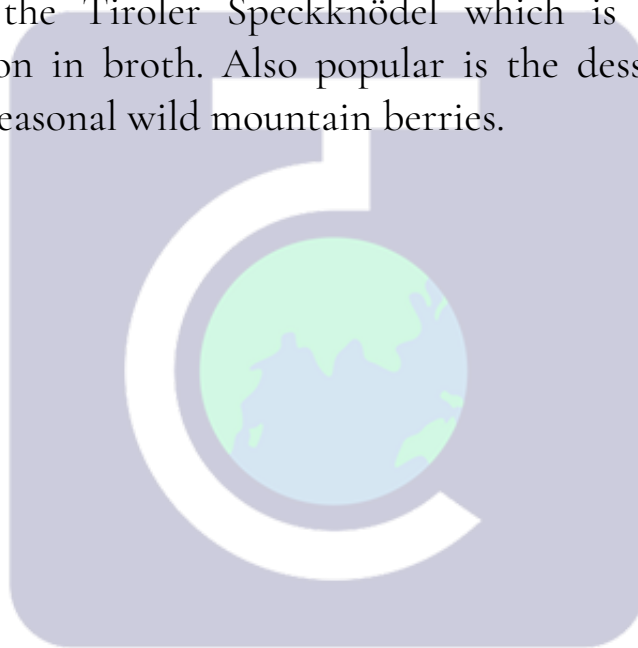
There is no set limit on the amount of luggage allowed when using public transport. However it might be difficult carrying a lot of luggage during peak hours.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Innsbruck, the capital of Tirol has no shortage of amazing Tyrolean food. The food isn't just restricted to Austrian cuisine, and with the international nature of the city, you will find several restaurants serving international cuisines. Some of the delicacies of the region are Tiroler Gröstl which is bacon, onion and potato fry-up, not only is it delicious but very filling for the cold Alpine climate. Another special is the Tiroler Speckknödel which is round boiled bread dumplings with bacon in broth. Also popular is the dessert Moosbeernocken made from the very seasonal wild mountain berries.



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Innsbruck is much more than a ski hub, with futuristic architecture, imperial history, cosy cafes and surprisingly banging nightlife. There's no excuse for eating poorly on a vacation when in Innsbruck. Trying food at restaurants is a perfect way to end a great day in Innsbruck. Innsbruck has a very active nightlife with a combination of bars, live music venues and nightclubs. Now with the opening of a Casino, Innsbruck can definitely provide entertainment for everyone.

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- **Stiftskeller:**

Address : Stiftgasse 1, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2683542,11.39475310000000

Contact No : +43 512 570706

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Restaurant Goldenes Dachl:**

Address : Hofgasse 1, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2687474,11.393618100000026

Contact No : +43 512 589370

Website : <http://innsbruckplus.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Die Wilderin:**

Address : Seilergasse 5, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.267947,11.39272800000000

Contact No : +43 512 562728

Website : <http://www.diewilderin.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Ottoburg:**

Address : Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.268521,11.39198999999999

Contact No : +43 512 584338

Website : <http://ottoburg.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:30hrs and 18:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Ludwig [Das Burger Restaurant]:**

Address : Museumstrasse 3, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2673859,11.39540179999999

Contact No : +43 512 319222

Website : <http://ludwig-burger.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Chez Nico:**

Address : Maria-Theresien-Straße 49, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.263867,11.39522969999999

Contact No : +43 650 4510624

Website : <http://www.chez-nico.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 18:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Himal:**

Address : Universitätsstraße 13, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.269027,11.3977777000000

Contact No : +43 512 588588

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:30hrs and 18:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Machete - Burrito Kartell:**

Address : Anichstrasse 29, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.26407,11.3896210000000

Contact No : +43 0681 84891256

Website : <http://www.machete-burritos.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-01:00hrs

- **Restaurant Rosengarten:**

Address : Claudiasstrasse 8, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2739542,11.4052474000000

Contact No : +43 512 583362

Website : <http://ristorante-rosengarten.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:30hrs and 17:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **KAI:**

Address : Blasius-Hueber-Strasse 15a, 6020 Innsbruck

Location : 47.2655141999999,11.3837671999999

Contact No : +43 512 294565

Website : <http://www.restaurant-kai.at/Home.html>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-14:30hrs

- **Zappa:**

Address : Rechengasse 5, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2618601,11.38300409999999

Contact No : +43 512 581057

Website : <http://zappa.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Elferhaus:**

Address : Herzog-Friedrich-Straße 11, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2685721000000,11.39284099999999

Contact No : +43 512 582875

Website : <http://innsbruckplus.at/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Hofgarten Cafe & Restaurant:**

Address : Rennweg 6a, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2707007,11.39833369999999

Contact No : +43 512 588871

Website : <http://tagnacht.at/hofgarten/events/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
19:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Sphinx:**

Address : Anichstraße 10, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.26515810000001,11.392444999999952

Contact No : +43 512 561281

Website : <http://sphinx-innsbruck.at/>

Open / Close Time : 15:00hrs-01:00hrs Monday-Thursday
15:00hrs-04:00hrs Friday-Saturday Sunday closed

- **Blue Chip:**

Address : Wilhelm-Greil-Straße 17, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2641496,11.397063000000003

Contact No : +43 512 565050

Website : <http://chip-ibk.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 15:00hrs-01:00hrs Friday and
Saturday 15:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Prometheus:**

Address : Hofgasse 2, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

Location : 47.2684982,11.393499700000000

Contact No : +43 512 5148132

Website : <http://prometheuskeller.blogspot.in/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 19:00hrs-02:00hrs

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Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant - 10.00 € Meal for 2 People, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course - 40.00 € McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal) - 7.00 € Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught) - 3.45 € Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle) - 3.20 € Cappuccino (regular) - 2.66 € Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle) - 2.66 € Water (0.33 liter bottle) - 2.20€



19. Shopping

One of the best places to shop in Innsbruck is the city center. Here you will find small shops selling souvenirs, momentos and delicious local delicacies. You can find all kinds of souvenirs from traditional Tyrolean hats to fridge magnets. The famous Swarovski shop at Erzherzog-Friedrich-Strasse offers crystals and jewellery. There are also many clothing stores offering all kinds of traditional and modern clothing. There are also several shopping centres in Innsbruck like DEZ Einkaufszentrum which was the first shopping centre in Austria, Kaufhaus Tirol which is a huge shopping centre spread over 6 floors and several others.



20. Tourist benefits

The VAT rate in Austria is 20%. You can get a refund on the Value Added Tax if you are not a resident of EU. Whenever you make a purchase of €75 or higher, ask the salesperson to provide you with a tax refund form. When you are departing, get the tax refund form stamped by the departure customs stamp. You can then proceed to get the refund at either the airport or one of the 700 refund points worldwide.



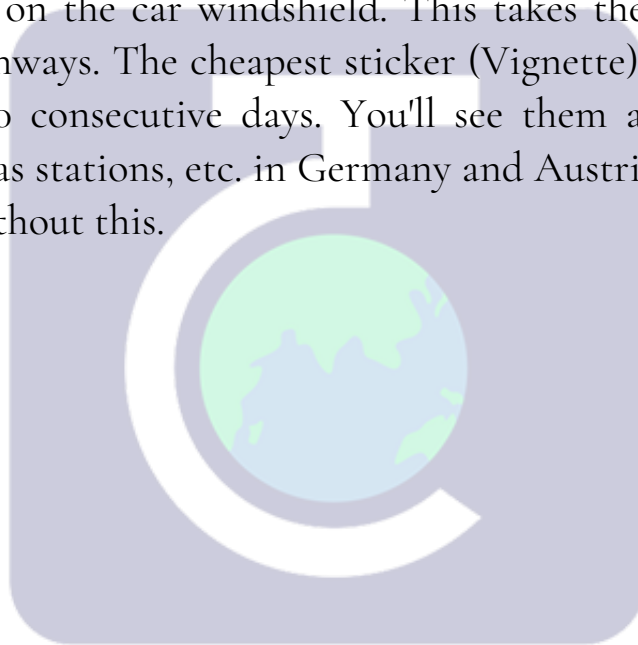
21. Essential local apps

Apps make travelling hassle free. Austria has come up with a number of apps to help the tourists. Some of them are Taxi53II- Innsbruck Taxi, Innsbruck Airport Information and Innsbruck Amenities Map.



22. Driving

Driving in Innsbruck is uncomplicated and offers the greatest flexibility and freedom: you explore at your own pace. Roads are well maintained whether you select the superhighway or a meandering byway. An international driver's license is required and can easily be obtained from your local auto club. If you plan on driving on a highway in Austria, you'll need to buy a "Vignette", which is a toll sticker that you put on the car windshield. This takes the place of having toll booths along the highways. The cheapest sticker (Vignette) costs 7.90 Euro for a Vignette good for 10 consecutive days. You'll see them advertised for sale at highway rest stops, gas stations, etc. in Germany and Austria. Do not drive on an Austrian highway without this.



23. Travel essentials

Electric sockets in Austria are either the “Type F” Schuko or “Type C” Europlug although the former is more common. If essential, carry travel adapters for both type of sockets. Also the Voltage supplied in Austria is 220 - 240V. Some devices only work at 110-120V, if that's the case you may purchase a step down transformer. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Innsbruck, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication.



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25. Local currency

Currency in Austria is Euro, 1 USD = €0.89.



26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

The 2.5% commission rate is an estimate on the buying currency (US Dollar) from a bureau de change office when you are selling the Euro (in cash or possibly traveller's cheques). ATMs are common in Innsbruck. Check with your bank if they charge an overseas transaction fee before withdrawing cash.



27. Staying connected

There are several public Wi-Fi spots in Innsbruck. Also most hostels and hotels provide free Wi-Fi. The three major mobile networks in Vienna are: • A1 • T-Mobile • 3(Drei) The mobile coverage is excellent in nearly whole of the country. You can purchase a new SIM card for around €10 with the same amount credited to you as talktime. Make sure you get a 'Wertkarte' which means pre-paid sim. If you need internet access, check the website for your SIM provider, most providers charge around €7 for about 1 GB of data.



28. Time Zone

Austria follows Central European Time (CET), UTC +1.



29. Languages

Almost everybody in Austria speaks German. Most people speak an Austro-Bavarian dialect of German but it is not too different from standard German. Most people especially shopkeepers and hotel staff can speak English and unless you are going away from the usual tourist places, you shouldn't have a problem with using English.



30. Political Scenario

Innsbruck is the capital of the Tyrol state. It is also a statutory state which means it works both as a municipal government and a branch of the executive arm of the national government. The last elections in Innsbruck were dominated by the conservative parties.



31. Economic Scenario

Innsbruck is a cultural and economic centre for Austria. Tourism is among the major industries in Innsbruck with a million overnight stays in a year. Manufacturing is also a major industry in the area. The headquarters of many organized in fields of energy production, financial services, insurance etc. are located in Innsbruck. The average per capita income of Innsbruck is higher by 60% from EU average.



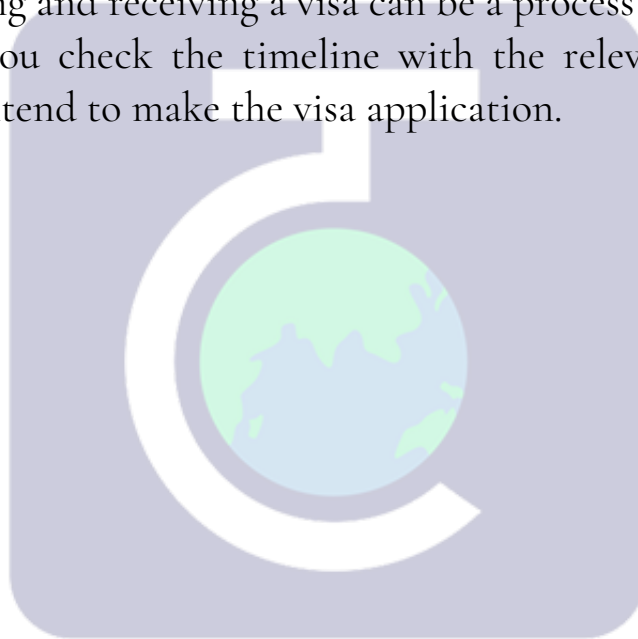
Index**32. Religious belief**

Christianity has most followers in the region with around 55% practicing Catholicism and 8% following other forms of Christianity. Islam is the next most popular religion with about 7% of population while 20% of the population does not identify with any particular religion.



33. Visa requirements

Nationals of EU members, US, Canada, Australia and members of Schengen do not require a Visa for entry to Austria. You can find nationals of which countries require a Visa here: <http://www.austria.org/do-you-need-a-visa/>. For other countries, you need a Visa to enter Austria. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



34. Essential vaccination

In general, no special immunizations or medications are necessary for travel to Austria. Tick precautions are advised for rural and forested areas, as below. Vaccinations: Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): Two doses recommended for all travelers born after 1956, if not previously given Tetanus-diphtheria: Revaccination recommended every 10 years Influenza: Recommended for all travelers from November through April



35. Theft and Safety

Austria is a safe country and Innsbruck is not an exception. There is very little crime but you should be careful about petty theft especially in crowded areas.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Several countries have their consulates in Innsbruck. To check if your country has representation in Innsbruck you can refer to:
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/austria>



37. Accessibility

Most of the tourist attractions in Innsbruck are wheelchair accessible and facilities are constantly improving. The public transport (buses, trams) are low-floored and can be used easily with wheelchairs. Most of the hotels also provide facilities for the disabled.



38. Emergencies

Citizens of EU with compulsory health insurance are covered for medical expenses which are reimbursed to you if you present a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to the medical practitioner. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Innsbruck. Universitätsklinik für Dermatologie u. Venerologie is a major hospital in the city. Emergency numbers: Euro emergency number: 112 Fire Department: 122 Police Department: 133 Ambulance: 144



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Avoid tourist traps, if you only see tourists at some place, it may be a tourist trap. • Do carry your ID card at all times. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts • Don't order tap water, it might be considered rude or it might be priced very high. • Do not move in large groups, especially during summer months the city is very crowded and moving in large groups reduces mobility.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

Most restaurants and bars add a service charge to your bill, so tipping is not necessary. You may round up the payable amount. It is common to tip taxi drivers 10% over the fare.



Index**41.Pet info**

Lot of Austrians have pets, especially dogs and you should not have problems with finding accommodation that suits your pets or other facilities which may be required when travelling with pets. Austria has similar regulations on pets as other EU nations like vaccination for pets with microchip tagging that has to be done at least 21 days before entry into Austria. For pets coming from countries with high incidence of rabies, the pets must pass the titer test.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Some people regard Innsbruck as just a ski resort, but it is much more. There are tons of Museums giving insight into the culture of the area. The city also has some nice restaurants where you can enjoy Tyrolean cuisine. In the summers, the mountains are great for hiking and observing wildlife and you can take a dip in the lakes. Of course in the winters, Innsbruck serves as one of the top winter-sports destinations in the world.



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