

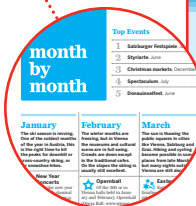
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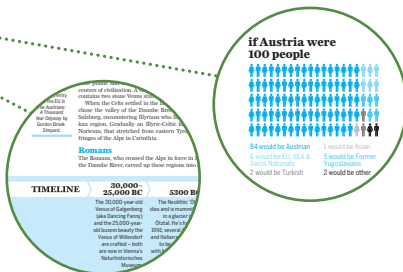
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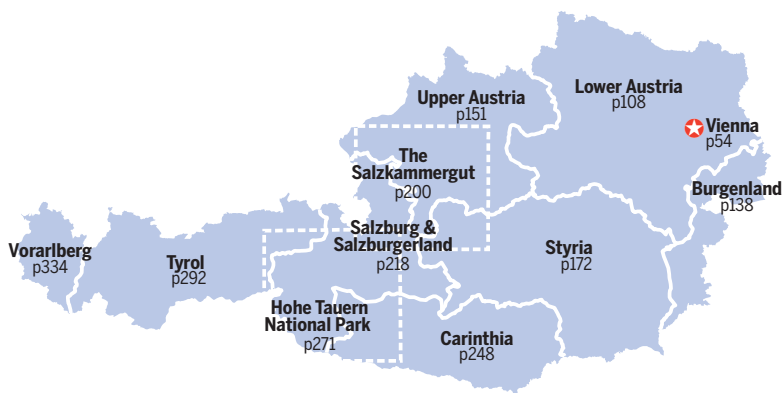
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# itineraries

*Whether you've got six days or 60, these itineraries provide a starting point for the trip of a lifetime. Want more inspiration? Head online to [lonelyplanet.com/thorntree](http://lonelyplanet.com/thorntree) to chat with other travellers.*



Two Weeks

## Classic Austria

Spending three days visiting top sights in **Vienna** before taking a train over the Semmering Pass to the spa town of **Semmering** (day four). During the ski season (from about mid-December to early March in this region), you might want to hit the snow here or relax in a hotel wellness area. In summer, take in the picturesque surroundings and fresh air on a walk before setting off for **Graz** late on day five or early on day six. In winter in Styria take advantage of the cultural scene, catching a performance or visiting a museum or two, and enjoying the local cuisine and nightlife. In summer, don't miss Schloss Eggenberg. After exploring Graz, the **wine roads** in the south or one of the surrounding sights, board the train by day nine for Schladming, breaking the journey for a few hours in **Leoben** to visit the MuseumsCenter Leoben. In **Schladming**, visit the skywalk and glacier, staying overnight (longer in winter for snow sports) before finishing the classic trip in **Salzburg** and (in summer) the nearby **Wolfgangsee**.



## Two Weeks

**Vienna to Innsbruck**

Begin a trip with three days of exploring the top sights in **Vienna**, making sure you take in either Schloss Belvedere or Schloss Schönbrunn, before heading west along the Danube Valley to **Krems an der Donau**, where you can enjoy good food, visit a couple of museums and tour the **Waldviertel** or the Wachau. Don't miss the abbey in **Melk**, also a good place for easy hiking in summer. On day seven (a day or two earlier in winter), continue the trip to **Linz** for an overnight stay in this industrial city with exciting museums such as the Lentos Kunstmuseum. The trail to **Hallstatt** and the lakes of the Salzkammergut will restore the feel for the picturesque landscape after Linz, and you can briefly break the journey in **Gmunden** or **Traunkirchen** on the Traunsee as a foretaste of the more spectacular landscapes to come. From Hallstatt you have a choice of travelling to **Salzburg** for the many cultural sights and crossing through Germany to Innsbruck, or bypassing Salzburg and stopping over in **Zell am See** before continuing to **Innsbruck**, where you can choose between culture or hiking trails.

## 10 Days

**Salzburgerland**

Begin the trip in **Salzburg** and spend three days exploring the city, taking in big draws like the Festung Hohensalzburg and lesser-known areas where the crowds don't go. Make an excursion to the Italianate Schloss Hellbrunn and another to Salzwelten Salzburg in **Hallein** for a taste of the historic salt works that gave the region its name. From Salzburg the road goes south to the most popular and gently picturesque of the lakes in the Salzkammergut, the **Wolfgangsee**, where the summertime swimming, walking and cycling are splendid. Explore the lesser-known towns on hikes or rides over the next three to four days. From **St Wolfgang** or **St Gilgen** it's a short bus hop to **Bad Ischl**, an excellent base for exploring other lakes in the Salzkammergut. The most spectacular of these is the **Hallstätter See**, with **Hallstatt** or the quieter (but less historic) **Obertraun** perfect for overnighting if you are not based in Bad Ischl for the next three days. Near Obertraun, take in the **ice caves** on a cable-car ride and make sure you do one of the hikes in the area. Around Hallstatt you can visit another of the excellent salt works before returning to Salzburg.



10 Days

## Styria & Carinthia

Begin the trip in **Graz**, or in Klagenfurt if you're doing this itinerary in the other direction. Plan three or four days in Graz to get to know the city, its sights, culinary delights and the friendly Grazer. Explore the lively eating and drinking scenes or the formal cultural scene. On the third day take an excursion along the south Styrian **wine roads**, a Tuscan-like landscape hugging the Slovenian border with vineyards at every bend. A day trip to **Maribor** in Slovenia is possible, or you might like to spend a fifth day at one of the other places easily accessible from Graz. A train takes you to **Klagenfurt** via **Leoben** where you can break the journey for a few hours and check out its MuseumsCentre Leoben. The remaining five days can be divided between Klagenfurt and **Wörthersee**, **Villach** or **Spittal an der Drau**, all towns with a sprinkling of sights and good opportunities for activities nearby. Towns such as **Hermagor** in the **Gail Valley** have great cycling, hiking and (in winter) skiing possibilities at **Nassfeld**. For a food, wine and culture focus, plan more time around Graz in Styria. For swimming and other activities, plan more time for Carinthia.

Two Weeks

## Tyrol

Kick off with a few days laid-back **Innsbruck**. Stroll the lanes of the historic *Altstadt* (old town), taking in its galleries, Habsburg treasures and upbeat nightlife. On the third day, you might opt to take the futuristic funicular to the Nordkette for some hiking or skiing, or head out to Olympic ski jump, Bergisel. From Innsbruck, go south for scenic glacier skiing in the **Stubaital** or west to **Stams'** exquisite baroque abbey. Day five leads you further west to the spectacularly rugged **Ötztal**, where you can dip into prehistory at Ötzi Dorf and thermal waters at Aqua Dome spa. Spend the next couple of days rafting near **Landeck**, exploring the Rosengartenschlucht gorge at **Imst**, or hiking and skiing in **St Anton am Arlberg**. In week two, retrace your steps to Innsbruck and swing east. Factor in a day to tour the pristine medieval town of **Hall in Tirol** and Swarovski Kristallwelten, the heart of the Swarovski crystal empire in **Wattens**. The alpine scenery of the **Zillertal** will keep you occupied with outdoor activities, nature reserve and thigh-slapping folk music over the next few days. Finish your adventure in fortress-topped **Kufstein** and the legendary mountains of **Kitzbühel**.





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A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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