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### GRAZ(IE) FOR CHOOSING US

In the land of the Habsburger empire with Elisabeth's voluminous hair, the von Trapp family and Mozart's Magic Flute, would you expect a laid-back, slightly Mediterranean atmosphere, gentle hilly landscape with nearby vineyards and a young, warm crowd? Well, then welcome to Graz, the heart of Austria, in a convenient distance to the Slovenian, Italian and Croatian border. Explore the Bridgerton-esque Schloss Eggenberg palace with baroque gardens and free-roaming peacocks. Enjoy nature, marvel at architecture, and indulge in city life, all at a leisurely pace. Graz is the epitome of Austrian Gemütlichkeit (cosiness). As the sun sets on top of the Schlossberg hill, Graz comes to life with a vibrant student nightlife scene, from relaxed bars in the park to underground clubs. Graz(ie) for choosing Graz for your next travel destination!

## ACT LIKE A LOCAL

Watch the sunset on Schlossberg hill and observe how the red rooftop landscape glows in the warm evening light. This is by far the best view over the UNESCO World Heritage site of the old city. Get comfortable on one of the many benches or on the old brick walls, bring a drink and a blanket. In case you've been wondering – yes, this is a good idea for a romantic date.

Riding a bicycle is a popular activity in Graz, as many people, especially students, own one and enjoy rides from A to B. One popular route is the Muradweg to Leibnitz/Gamlitz, which features moderate terrain with no need for four de France-level skills and leads to a Buschenschank house. Here, you can indulge in local delicacies like Sauvgorn Blanc or Muskateller wine, accompanied by a Brettljause platter of cold

Sports enthusiasts can try stand-up paddling, join the Kenu club, or go surfing on the river Mur. The Seifenfabrik with the harbour is also a popular destination (spot #3). Prefer watching sports instead of practising it? There's a huge city rivalry between the Sturm Graz and GAK football teams. You are either black or red, choose your side.

To experience a quintessential Graz nightlife and enjoy a nightclub, head to a Würststandl at Jakominiplatz, Herrenegasse, or Hauptplatz, and enjoy a hot dog with a can of beer or a Wine spritz. Discover the unique soundscape of Graz's music scene. Throughout the year, there's a number of local festivals to enjoy. The best part? Many of them are free! If you're visiting in May, don't miss the LENDWIREL. It whips through the streets of the

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**T17** Almost overlooked, I now recommend IL CAFÉ. To all the dear people I know, it is a café that serves excellent coffee, cocoa, and offers inviting vibes for lively conversations. Once found, a bit inconspicuous in the quite busy Murgasse, this lovely place cannot be forgotten and will surely remain as a pleasant feeling in your belly, mind, and heart.

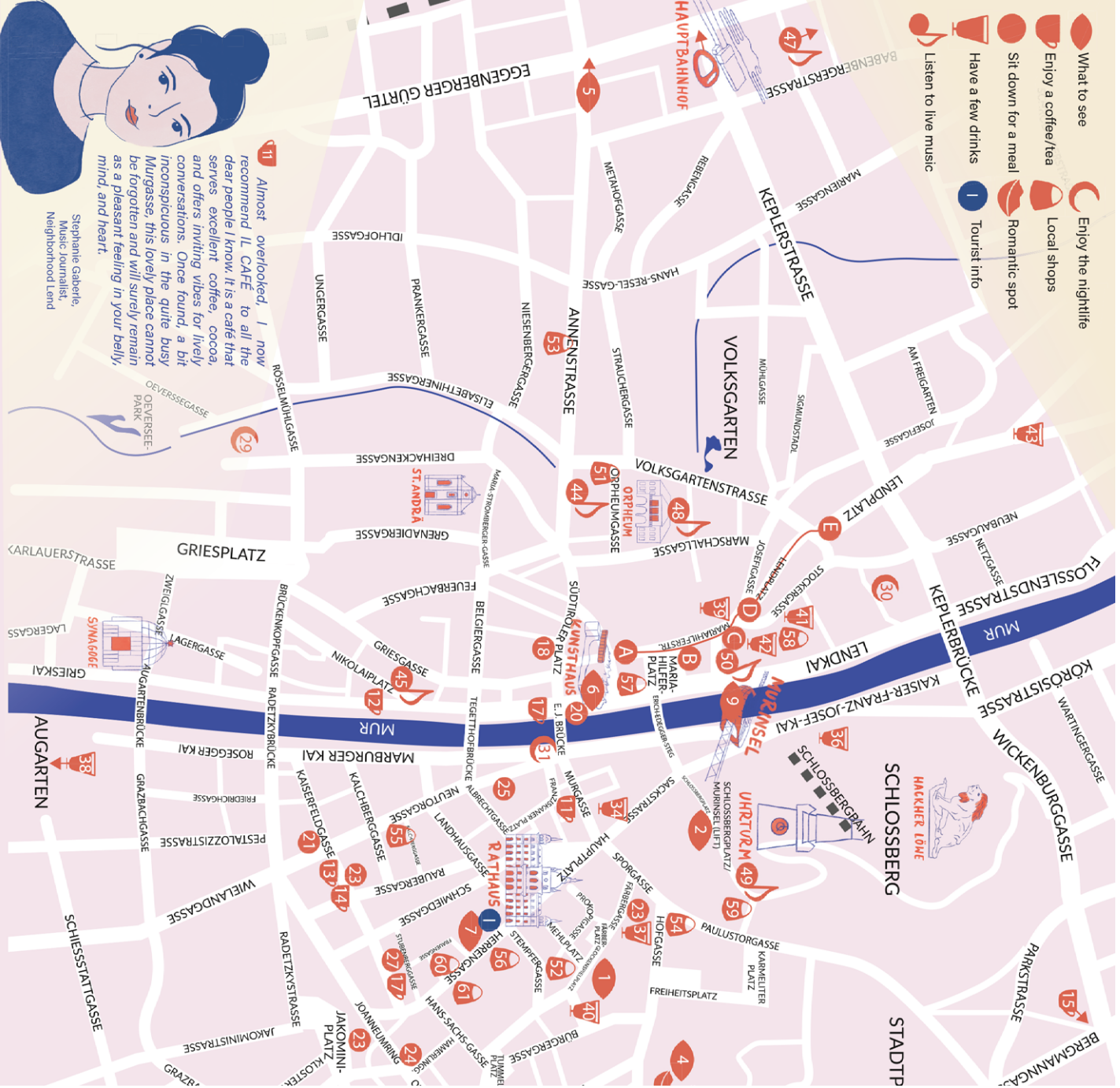
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### What to see

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On Saturdays, the farmers' markets at Kaiser-Josef-Platz, Lendplatz, and Getoldofplatz are bustling with locals shopping for fresh products, flowers, vegetables, and fruits until 1 pm. Many people gather at nearby bars and cafes for breakfast, brunch or drinks.

If you're meeting up with friends, the Weikhard clock located at Hauptplatz in front of a jewellery store has been a well-known meeting spot for nearly 100 years. Even in case of a dead phone battery, there will be no confusion as the spot is widely recognized, making it easy for everyone to meet up there.

Wanna get into the Graz vibe right now? Listen to the Graz playlist to discover local artists.



For a good coffee look out for the coffee cargo bike *Die Fahrbar*.

Illustration on the Cover: local fuu jazz band Quetschklaupia

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## What to see

### 1 THE AUSTRIAN MANNEKEN PIS

Two wooden painted figures, a *Dirndl*-girl and a hearty *Lederhosen*-boy, turn three times a day (11:00, 15:00 & 18:00) on the gable of the GLOCKENSPIELPLATZ, to the same melody since 1905! 24 bells ring out for 8 minutes. Five times a year, work is done so that new music can be heard again. These can be alpine melodies, yodels, or even Christmas songs or contemporary melodies.

### 2 TAKE A RIDE ON THE WILD SLIDE

The 280 steps of KRIEGSSTEIG connect the historic old town with the clock tower and the SCHLOSSBERG. During WWI, Austrian soldiers and Russian prisoners were forced to build this impressive stairway. In WWII, a 6 000-metre-long tunnel system was constructed within the hill, providing shelter for 40 000 people during the bombings. The latest attraction is the Schlossbergutsche, the tallest underground slide in the world, with an attached 4D cinema. The slide offers 40 seconds of sliding at an approximate speed of 25-30 km/h.

### 3 FOR ALL THE PLANT LOVERS

Daily 8:00-16:30, free admission

Close to the university campus, in between the Art Nouveau villas in Schubertstraße, an unusually structured building invites you to look closer. The BOTANICAL GARDEN has a parabolic figure and a transparent acrylic shell, which catches 98% of the sunlight. This makes the 10,000 plants very happy. It was designed in 1995 by Austrian architect Volker Giencke. Now the historic glasshouse has also been renovated and opened.

### 4 BUSSI, BABY!

The DOPELWENDELTRAPPE - a unique double spiral staircase does not last long but is very

spectacular. It consists of two opposing staircases that briefly merge on each floor, separate, and come together again. Among the locals, it is called *Busserlsteige* (Ask a local what *Busserl* means). The visit is free and takes about 5 minutes.

### 5 WHERE BAROQUE MEETS NATURE

You can literally hear the birds sing at the most important palace in Styria: SCHLOSS EGGENBERG. The Baroque building is a complex, symbolic representation of the universe. The 365 windows symbolise the days of one year and the 31 rooms in every floor represent the days of one month. Its staircases can be explored by guided tours (end of March to October). Surrounded by the palace you will find a beautiful park and picturesque gardens (entrance fee €2, open daily) with picnic areas and quiet vocal peacocks running around (take tram 1 directly from Jakominiplatz).

### 6 COME INTO OUR BUBBLE

Tue - Sun 10:00-18:00

The KUNSTHAUS Graz is not an average building- it's a biomorphic hybrid that people have compared to a baby hippo, sea slug, porcupine, whale, and a "Friendly Alien". It has quickly become an architectural icon of Graz. Outside it engages with the city through its facade, almost as if it's alive and communicating. Inside the building, visitors can see changing art exhibitions; afterwards browse through the shop with unique souvenirs.

### 7 WHEN THE WITCHEN MEETS LORD OF THE RINGS

Unleash your inner warrior as you explore 32,000 weapons, medieval swords, and knightly equipment for battles and parades on four floors at the LANDESZEUGHAUS, spanning the 15th to 18th centuries. Graz, renowned for its masterful craftsmanship, has curated this collection, the largest in Europe and perhaps the world. This is

the ultimate destination for time-travel enthusiasts. Prepare for a breathtaking view of the Renaissance Landhaus courtyard, where the Styrian government meets. Extra tip: don't miss the tourist information on the ground floor, renowned as one of the finest in Austria. Their friendly staff offers advice on accommodations, attractions, events and a variety of creative city souvenirs.

### 8 THE SECRET GARDEN

This hidden gem BURGGARTEN remains relatively undiscovered. Who could have imagined that such a romantic spot lies just beyond the seat of the Styrian regional government? Take a relaxed walk in the park and let the peaceful and elegant ambience surround you. You'll discover something truly special in the form of a beautifully restored orangery. It has been renovated with great care and now serves as a venue for weddings and other events.

### 9 ARTIFICIAL ISLAND

free admission

You can't overlook the swimming island on the river, the MURINSEL. The mussel-shaped platform was designed by American artist Vito Acconci in 2003, when Graz held the title of European Capital of Culture. It contains an amphitheatre and a coffee house with an attached local design shop. The toilet is also a must-see, although you might get a little dizzy because of the skewed mirrors... The island is beautiful at night when the colourful lights switch on.

## Enjoy a coffee/tea

### 10 A SWEET ESCAPE

The PHILIPP café is probably one of the most traditional confectioneries in Graz. In the summer, you simply have to come here for a giant ice cream sundae. Throughout the rest of the year, you can

enjoy a wide selection of cakes, delicious treats. If you choose to a slight ice cream parlour ché with leather seats and low ceiling fresh and young. Tip: grab a sk and explore the entire neighbourhood houses and the centre Herz-Jesu Church.

### 112 GO VINTAGE, DRINK TE

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### 113 THE GOVERNOR'S ROO

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### 114 EMPANADAS Y MUSICA

LA MESKLA is a colourful, Peru Kaiserfeldgasse 19 that offers a good - whether you're in the m or restaurant. Choosing from handmade, organic empanadas so why not sample them all an Pisco Sour? In the evening, La into a lively bar featuring great also dancing and live acts.



# TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

**A** Ready to discover the friendliest district in Graz, the colourful and modern Landviertel? Let's kick off our walk at the Kunsthhaus, the iconic 'friendly alien' of Graz. From there, stroll down Mariähilferstraße, a street that's filled with fun stores and inviting places to stay for a drink and some people-watching. The artsy vibe isn't just outside. Pop into KWI/RL, a quirky shop that's a treasure trove of unique finds, from neon furniture to retro figurines and handmade jewellery. While you're there, don't miss DIE HUMMEL. This cosy restaurant doesn't only offer the best pils and mezze, their garden is the perfect place to spend a summer evening.

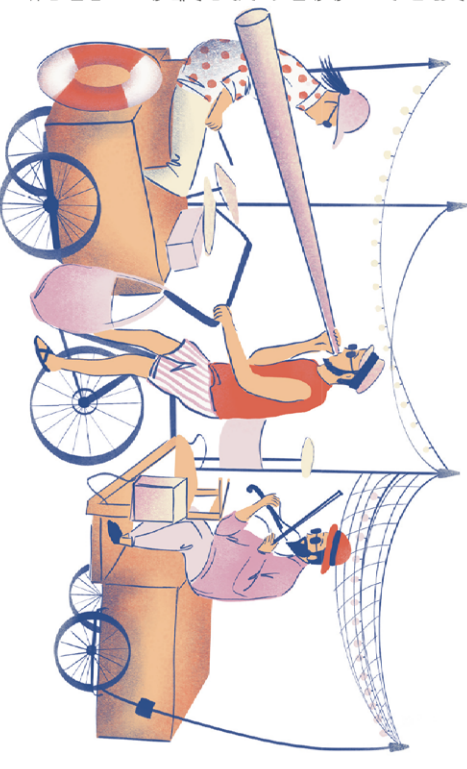
**B** Continue to Mariähilferplatz, relax on one of the chained up benches and enjoy the view of Schlossberg. Fancy a good book with that? Luckily DER BÜCHERSEGLER is right there, inviting you to browse their selection of books, notebooks and gifts.

**C** Follow the street until you see the yellow marks of the new area, where you can comfortably walk on the road because cars have to slow down here. If you had come here a decade ago, you would have found several brothels in this area. Well, Landviertel has been changing quite a lot in the last few years. Nowadays, you'll find some of the most fun and unique bars – like NOEL and GINGER (spot #42).

**D** Is all the walking getting you hungry? No problem, you don't need to go far for some of the best food in town. The HUNGRY HEART'S hot dogs and cheese fries are famous for good reason. Do you prefer Tacos? MI CASA serves all the tasty Mexican food you can imagine. On top of that, they have a cellar bar for underground dance parties and concerts. If that doesn't excite you, you might prefer the delicious Greek food and wine at BAKALIKO.

**E** Next, swing by Lendplatz Market, preferably on a Saturday morning when the market stands are filled with local delicacies. This lively spot is a sensory explosion of fresh produce, local goodies, and mouth-watering street food. It's a foodie's dream come true, right in the heart of the Landviertel.

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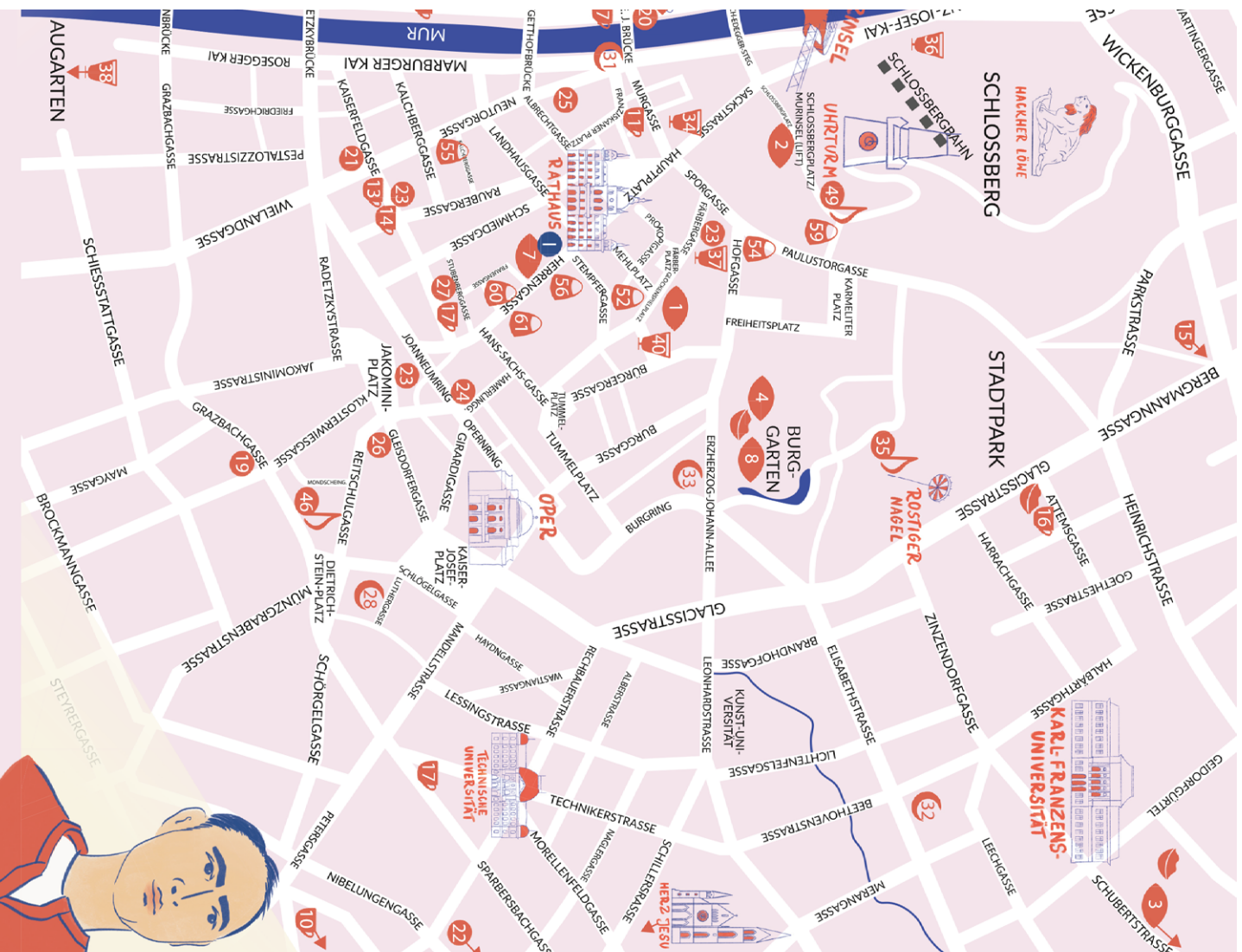


Every Saturday morning, I make my way to the harmonious Lendplatz Farmers' Market to start the weekend on a high note. This local hotspot is where I find the freshest produce and some of the friendliest faces in Graz. As you wander through the colourful stalls, you'll discover a wide variety of fruits, veggies, cheeses, and Kurbiskernöl (a styrian specialty!) that showcase the best of our region's culinary offerings, all in perfect rhythm with the seasons. Don't forget to grab a bite at one of the charming cafés surrounding the market – they're the ideal spot for an upbeat conversation and sipping on a warm cup of coffee, all the while tapping your foot to the ambient sounds of the city. Trust me, there's no better way to experience the true essence of Graz's tribal spirit than by spending a leisurely Saturday morning at Lendplatz Farmers' Market.

Alik Eschel, Singer and Songwriter from KIPPOD

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## 15 THE ENCHANTED PAVILION

Do you need a break from the city? Take a stroll through the Leechwald until you reach CAFÉ ROSENHAIN. Situated on a hill, this pastel-coloured pavilion offers a stunning city view and invites you to sit back and enjoy a refreshing drink. Settle down to enjoy the sunshine and some refreshments. The café's spacious outdoor seating area is the true highlight. Its charming atmosphere makes it a popular choice for receptions. Don't miss out on starting your day with breakfast at Café Rosenhain, and on weekends, treat yourself to their delightful brunch.

## 16 SMELL THE ROSES

CAFÉ FOTTER, also known as Hoteaal F., is one of Graz's oldest cafés. It has enchanted visitors with its nostalgic charm and cosy vibe for over 80 years. Located near Karl-Franzens University, the café seamlessly blends modern elements with cherished memories of the past. Although the vintage interior creates an inviting and homely atmosphere, you should not miss the rose garden that has already been the stage for many budding romances.

## 17 GRAZ/ CAFFEINE HEAVEN - TRINK BESSEREN KAFFEE!

Next to Graz's architectural icon, the Kunsthaus, lies the icon for coffee lovers in Graz. Students, scholars, and creative individuals of all kinds adore this American-inspired coffee shop called TRIBECKA (with only partial connection to the New York neighbourhood). Whether it's writing a research paper alone on a laptop, studying with classmates, working on a project, or simply chatting with friends, people gather at Tribeka. Culinary delights such as Matcha Latte, pecan pies, and vegan bagels satisfy one's gastronomic desires. More branches at Kaiserfeldgasse, Technikstraße and Leonhardstraße.

# Sit down for a meal

## 18 DELICIOUS SUSHI

You might easily stroll past this unassuming restaurant. TOSHI looks tiny from the outside, but once you step in, you'll walk past rows of beautifully designed nooks with tables and benches. Toshi serves up what some locals say is the best sushi in town, along with creative and tasty starters. If you're looking to treat your taste buds, don't miss out on Toshi. Just make sure to reserve a table, because this place tends to fill up fast.

## 19 THE VEGAN BUFFET

No lengthy wait for your food at GINKO. Load your plate with a big variety of delicious, vegan dishes. From Indian flavours to classic Austrian dishes – mix everything together, as you like, you pay by weight at the cashier. Don't skip the desserts, the cakes in this place are mouthwatering.

## 20 WHERE ART MEETS FOOD

Located inside the museum of art, KUNSTHAUS-CAFÉ boasts a unique and creative style that makes it a popular destination for everyone. The mouth-watering breakfast menu offers a wide variety of choices, including vegan-friendly options. The café's versatility, combined with its beautiful large windows and prime spots for observing the streets, makes Kunsthauscafé an always delightful choice for a memorable experience.

## 21 THE AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCE

What better place is there to try Austrian food and beer than a brewery? At GÖSSER BRAU, you will find all the must-try classics of Austrian cuisine at reasonable prices. Sit outside in the beer garden shaded by old chestnut trees. If you're into beer, don't miss the chance to try their specialty "Bier

von Oben." This unique beer is tapped more slowly, resulting in a creamier texture and less carbonation, making it a true experience for beer enthusiasts.

## 22 TASTE THE WORLD

Travel across the globe with your taste buds at DIE LOGE. The ever-changing menu is full of delicious surprises and makes dining at this bistro a mouth-watering experience. Enjoy the inviting atmosphere of the outdoor dining area, surrounded by the picturesque streets and charming architecture of Graz's Herz-Jesu-Kirche neighbourhood.

## 23 THE ICE CREAM SENSATION

On a sunny day, the queue in Kaiserfeldgasse is hard to miss. It can take up to half an hour of waiting before you get to choose from the large selection of vegan ice cream at EISPERLE. This is easily the most popular ice cream parlour in Graz. Could it be the ever-changing variety of flavours or the vegan recipes? Go find out for yourself – it's well worth it.

## 24 BRUNCH WITH A LAP DOG

Elegant and stylish – those two words perfectly sum up OPENNCAFE, located close to the opera and the Next Liberty theatre. From elderly ladies carrying their poodles to your handbag-sized lap dogs, to young couples – you'll find a whole kaleidoscope of guests here. Sink into velvety sofas or cosy lounge chairs, and indulge in the tempting desserts, their cakes are made by the traditional confectionery Philipp (spot #10). For those seeking a leisurely brunch, Operncafé's delightful breakfast delights are served all afternoon.

## 25 AUTHENTIC POLISH FLAVOURS

Located at Neudorfasse 28, a small restaurant quietly offers some of the best pierogi around, made by two Polish ladies – Adrianna and Marzena. With a vast selection of savoury and sweet fillings to

choose from, PIEROGI provides something to suit everyone's taste. After enjoying a satisfying plate, don't forget to finish your meal with a homemade digestif.

## 26 CUSTOMISE YOUR MEAL

On the rooftop of Steiermarkhof, AREA 5 offers a bird's-eye view of Jakominiplatz, making it the perfect spot to enjoy a meal with a view. As part of the Bausatzlokal family, this restaurant lets you personalise your dishes just the way you like them. Choose your favourite ingredients to build your ideal pizza or burger. Plus, all Bausatzlokal offer budget-friendly prices.

## 27 THE SANDWICH CLUB

You don't have to head to Berlin to find hip spots like no other. FEINKOST MILD has a rich history, with the famous Rosie Mild known for reciting poetry to guests and being a gracious and amazing host. Nowadays, Feinkost Mild is the perfect place to grab a beer and sandwich with your friends.

# Enjoy the nightlife

## 28 DIVE INTO THE UNDERGROUND

Welcome to CLUB Q, the oldest rock and metal club in town - iconic and truly unique. Locally known as "The Q," this venue has seen it all, including a live performance by Kurt Cobain before Nirvana became famous. Catering to an alternative crowd from various subcultures, the club primarily hosts metal and goth music. If you're looking for a late-night experience that lasts until 6 AM, this is the place to be. After dancing the night away, you can head to nearby Jakominiplatz for an early breakfast.

## 29 A CLASSIC NIGHT OF CLUBBING

Pogár, as the locals love to call POSTGARAGE, is one of the most popular going-out spots in Graz. This gorgeous, old brickstone building in the heart



of the Gries district is not just home to one of the most popular clubs in town, but also a great place to catch some live tunes. Treat yourself to some audio therapy, ride the soundwaves back to the 80s, or get fancy at a Swing Café. Make sure to check out the events on their website – postgraduate.

### 30 HOME OF POP MUSIC

PPC, short for Project Pop Club, is a vibrant venue brought to you by the local radio station Soundportal. It features an awesome blend of party classics such as "I Love the 90s," live concerts, and festivals like "Styrian Sounds." If you're in the mood to dance the night away, then this is definitely the spot for you.

### 31 SUMMER IN THE CITY

A hot summer night is best spent outside, right next to the refreshing Mur river. CITYPEACH is a pop-up bar that opens during the warm months right underneath the Erzhartog-Johann-Bridge. Dance to the DJ's tunes or relax in one of the cosy beach chairs – your choice.

### 32 THE STUDENT'S PARTY MILE

If you're looking to spend the night bar-hopping and exploring a variety of fun clubs, Elisabethstraße is the place to be. Located at the heart of the university district's party scene, this street offers an array of options to suit any taste. From KOTTULINSKY to the SCHILLEGILLE and the new bar MORIDAL, you're sure to find a spot that suits your fancy. With plenty of opportunities to dance and enjoy drinks at student-friendly prices, Elisabethstraße is an exciting destination for a lively night out.

### 33 HIDDEN GEMS OF STADTPARK

Discover KOMBEUSE, a tiny bar on the border of Stadtpark. While it may not hold a big crowd, the vibe is undeniably awesome. With a lineup of DJs heating things up, the entire place transforms into one groovy dance floor. In case a cosy atmosphere with a few drinks is more your style, CAFE PROMENADE or SALETTL might just be the perfect place for you. Venture further into the park and stumble upon PARKHOFER, another lively hangout spot. Enjoy drinks, dancing, and watch ducks swim in the nearby pond. If you're lucky, you might even see the badger that has made the park its home.

## Have a few drinks

### 34 THE LEGENDARY BAR

For over 30 years, the ENNST-FUCHS-BAR has been the go-to spot in the heart of Graz, attracting artists, free spirits, and cocktail enthusiasts. Many say it's got a magical vibe, thanks to the awesome

atmosphere and the top-notch mixology skills on display. The bar is named after the famous Austrian painter and architect, Ernst Fuchs, a master of magical realism, who not only inspired the cocktail menu but also personally designed the interior of the bar. It's the perfect place for creative minds to come together and hang out, surrounded by the charm and legacy of a true artistic master.

### 36 THE MEDIEVAL TAVERN

DER GULDENE BAR, a cosy, small tavern nestled within the old city, is the perfect spot to spend an evening tasting delicious mead and get a bit tipsy. Decorated with elements of Viking and Germanic styles, this unique spot serves as a meeting place for live-action roleplaying enthusiasts. Hosting all kinds of meetups for the roleplaying community, you have the chance to connect with others who share the hobby. Immerse yourself in the medieval atmosphere and raise your mugs to a night of delightful mead – Prost!

### 37 APERITIF & PEOPLE WATCHING

Cosy up against the big window with a drink in your hand, watching passers-by in Färbegasse. Good conversations seem to flow naturally in the comfortable atmosphere of DIE FÄRBEREI, whether you choose an aperitif, a glass of wine, or one of their crafted drinks. During the summer months, you can sit outside and enjoy Färbepplatz with its old chestnut trees – it almost feels a bit like a holiday in Italy.

### 38 HANG OUT AT THE RIVERSIDE

Do you need a break? Kick back in a comfy lounge chair, enjoying the stunning view with a refreshing drink in your hand. STADSTRAND (Maria-Casas-Park 8, 8041 Graz) is a cosy spot, right next to the river Mur. It's ideal for those seeking a leisurely stroll away from the busy city centre and some quality downtime. Plus, there are plenty of exciting water activities on offer, such as stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, and water biking.

### 39 BREAD AND GAMES

Burgers, billiards, and a vast array of beers from around the globe – that's what BROTT UND SPIELE is all about. This popular pub stays true to its name "Bread and Games" offering a wide range of gaming options, from darts to chess. If you're in the mood for a round of billiards, it's a good idea to book a table in advance.

### 40 STYRIA MEETS HIGHLANDS

Where Styrian charm mingles with Scottish Whisky – welcome at the STIERENPUB. Enjoy your drinks as Austro Pop and Scottish melodies create the perfect atmosphere. Fancy yourself a singer? Swing by on Wednesdays for the weekly karaoke night.

Every autumn until the beginning of spring, two amazing guys from Graz organise concert evenings every Monday, called "Plato Montag." They take place at the Scheibenkeller (spot #41), and you can attend every concert, knowing that the performance will be amazing, and the music will be beautiful. Their selection and taste in music are really good, so you can go there without knowing the artists beforehand and be pleasantly surprised. If someone more well-known in Austria is playing there, I highly recommend reserving a spot. Also, these guys are very strict about creating a comfortable space for the artists, so talking during the performance isn't welcome. Just listen and enjoy, you won't regret it.

Fraedlen Astid Music Artist,  
currently based in Vienna

### 41 THE CHARMING ALLROUNDER

DIE SCHERBE offers more than just a good coffee experience. Swing by in the morning to explore one of the best breakfast menus in Graz, featuring versatile options from hummus and veggies to British roast. Don't miss the opportunity to sit outside in the lovely garden area. As evening falls, the Scherbe cellar comes alive with live music performances. A popular place amongst locals, it is always a good choice for a taste of local Graz life.

### 42 GIN & ART

A few things set GINGER apart from the rest. First off, it boasts an epic menu featuring the city's finest Gins. Then there's the not-so-secret history – the spot once housed a brothel. A nod to its past, a pole still stands at the heart of the bar between the comfortable sofas and armchairs. Plus, the Ginger crew is super friendly and always ready to help you pick the perfect Gin for your taste.

### 43 BIG CITY VIBES

Graz might not be a big city, but you can still feel cosmopolitan when you're sitting on the rooftop of LENDHOTEL. The artsy and modern hotel offers the perfect spot to overlook the surrounding neighbourhood of Lend.

## Listen to live music

### 44 TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

In 1931 CAFE WOLF opened its doors as an Espresso bar. Today, everything there still feels original – even the furniture is reminiscent of the last century charm. Get cosy at one of the tables and relax in this cave that's right on the busy Annenstraße. Café Wolf often hosts international musicians, far from the mainstream.

### 45 MUSICIAN'S PLAYGROUND

Imagine a club where you only pay entry once a year. WAKUM is that club, designed for music enthusiasts. Become a member for a modest fee of 10 Euros, and you can enjoy as many indie bands as your heart desires. With live shows from Thursday to Saturday, this is the perfect spot to discover up-and-coming bands and solo musicians, far from the mainstream. If you're eager to showcase your own musical talent, Wakum also hosts monthly open mic nights and jam sessions.

### 46 DISCOVER THE MUSIC SCENE

MUSIC HOUSE is a favourite of music lovers in Graz. This lively cellar bar boasts regular live performances and has recently introduced an open mic night every Monday. As a result, Music House is the perfect spot to chill, discover your next favourite musicians, and mingle with folks from the Graz music scene.

### 47 GRAFFITIES AND LIVE BEATS

Just a stone's throw from the main train station, you'll find the youth centre, EXPLOSIV. This hotspot is dedicated to empowering the local band scene. Prepare for a fun night of live music, featuring everything from punk and garage to hip-hop and metal. Check their website for events and concerts.

### 48 THE OLD VARIETE

Once the site of the former Grazer Varieté, which was destroyed during the WW II, the ORPHEUM stands as one of the oldest event places in Graz. Today, this beautiful venue primarily hosts concerts and theatre pieces, carrying on the legacy of its vibrant past. As the birthplace of the famous Circus Roncalli, the Orpheum has a rich history worth exploring. Visit spielsaettheatruen-graz.at to check out the program and experience a show in this beautiful, historic building.

### 49 THIS HILL IS ALIVE WITH MUSIC

When you first get to Graz, you can't help but notice the Schlossberg mountain rising in the city centre. Inside this mountain, you'll discover the epic DOM IM BERG club. Feel the beat like never before, with music bouncing off the surrounding stone walls. Check out a concert or party here for a one-of-a-kind experience – because there's just something different about grooving inside a mountain.

### 50 EXPLORE THE JAZZ SCENE

Head down the stairs into the comfortable atmosphere of MILES JAZZ BAR. Treat yourself to an evening of smooth jazz, blues and soul. Did you know that Graz is one of the centres of jazz in Europe? Talented students of the local music university perform here regularly and often stay for exciting jam sessions.

## Local shops for souvenirs

### 51 ENTER THE FASHION TIME MACHINE

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER is a vintage boutique that offers a hand-selected collection of high quality clothes that's even more fashionable now than it was back in the day. Here, you'll find vintage sports brands, designer clothes, and fair lingerie – it's truly a treasure trove of everything you could desire from the 80s, 90s, and 00s.

### 52 BOOK LOVER'S HEAVEN

Right in the old city centre, between Färbplatz and Glockenspielplatz, BUCHERSTUBE is waiting to be discovered. As you approach, the vibrant blue and red doorframe hints at the hidden treasures that lie beneath those inviting stairs. Upon entering, you'll feel like you've stumbled into a cosy book cavern, overflowing from floor to ceiling with books. So go ahead, take your time and explore the remarkable collection of literature handpicked by Angelika, the passionate owner of this charming, one-of-a-kind bookshop.

### 53 ROLL INITIATIVE

Embrace your inner geek at SPIELEWERK, a one-of-a-kind gaming haven. Here, you'll discover an array of tabletop game figurines, dice, and guidebooks to enhance your roleplaying adventures, along with a fantastic selection of board games to entertain you. As you approach, the storefront entices you with eye-catching merch from the most popular TV shows and manga series. Dive in and let the fun begin!

### 54 DRESS IN STYRIAN FASHION

Walk up the beautiful historic Sporgasse to stumble across APPELUTZ, a store that stands for fair fashion from Styria. The materials are not only organic and high-quality, but all Applutz shirts are also made from organic cotton. What makes this store truly unique are its eye-catching designs that capture attention without compromising on sustainability.

### 55 GROW YOUR VINYL COLLECTION

Step into IN AND OUT RECORDS in Neutorgasse 47 and explore the vast collection of 15,000 to 20,000 vinyl records spanning all genres. As a haven for vinyl enthusiasts since 1986, this store is celebrating

the timeless charm of vinyl. ) hits alongside second hand g atmosphere that's perfect to additions to your vinyl collector

### 56 THE LOCAL TREASURE

Picture a shop that displays / handmade crafts and culinary c to S.FACHL GRAZ. As the charming shop offers dedicat artists, designers, and manufa their products. Here, you'll keepakes and great gifts. Ate unwind in the seating area in th next to the store.

### 57 OLD IS THE NEW NEW

When you enter FRITZ AM K why some things simply are delightful vintage shop, run by t Kathi, showcases a carefully c timeless furniture pieces and from the 50s to the 90s. With a l beauty, the trio invites you to e stunning design gems that add to your home.

### 58 THE WHIMSICAL KIOSK

The MAANGENIE is a color beautiful and fun – old and n the owner Maria. You'll see the t decorated window from far display has already become i Land district. Besides that, you have a drink and enjoy the sun to have a friendly chat.

### 59 SATISFY YOUR CRAVING

When you're on the way to of the city's mountain, you! SCHLOSSBERG. If you're up for be sure to pause and browse from local farmers. The best pa sample the treats on offer – have coffee and taste the sweets that for.

### 60 SUPPORTING SMALL SECOND-HAND LOVE

Sometimes pedestrians stop in sewing shop, read its name, ar Because of its name DAS 79 Michlen is the diminutive Michael. And guess what? T Michaëla. And she sews. And s she sew! You can get a cust as a scrunchie, phone case or 500 reused fabrics. Want a l made from Grandma's floral-pat problem for Mich!

### 61 SPARKLY AND GLITTEI WINDOW

As you walk through the fan Graz's central street, for shop! inevitably come across this sho during Christmas time, it brings and adults alike. It glitters and step inside, you can purchase chocolate bonbons, decorat jewellery, leather bags, and scar

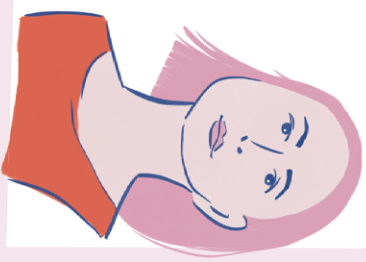
### 35 FORUM STADTPARK

This is actually a place not only for music but where contemporary art in all its colours has a place. On weekends, they usually host various music events in their basement. These range from concerts to jam sessions and clubbing. Their events are well-curated and also feature local musicians and DJs. You can find their events on their website. Definitely a place to check out!



The monthly Open Jam Night at Club Wakum (spot #45) is a staple of the scene. You never know if you're gonna be playing some Space-Pop-Bluegrass or your classic Metal-Plano-Fusion on top of some Yemante Two-Step. Everybody's welcome and everybody's welcoming, and many a bond is made over a little improv with kindred spirits. It's so much fun and the atmosphere at Club Wakum is best described as cosy cool. Whether you want to jam or just hang out and have a fun night out, Club Wakum won't let you down.

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# 5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

Think history is boring? Let's change your mind with a lesson the city of Graz learned the hard way. When the city's archives were moved to a damp cellar in 1807, they were forgotten and the historic documents left to rot. When the archives were rediscovered in 1820, the mouldy papers were thrown into the River Mur. Thankfully, we have since learned from this mistake: it takes more than destroying papers to get rid of the past!

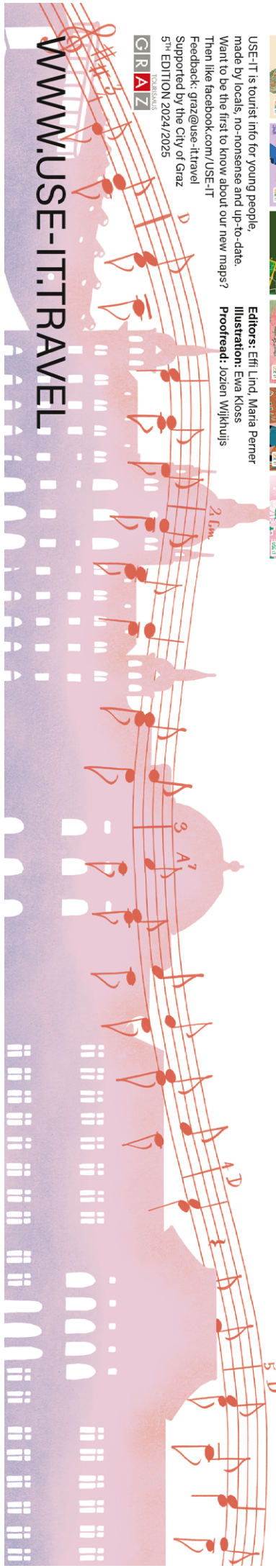
- 1000** The Slavs settle in the area and build the small fortress on a hill, today known as Schlossberg. The city of Graz owes its name to this fortress and the Slavic word for it - *grade*.
- 1379** The Habsburg dynasty chooses Graz as their residence. Several architectural monuments date from this time.
- 1440** Emperor Friedrich III moves into the new city castle, the Burg Schlossberg. He is afraid of enemies and extends the fortress and fortifications on Schlossberg.
- 1480** King Matthias of Hungary is trying to kidnap Friedrich's daughter, Kunigunde, from Schlossberg. He fails because a dog barks. The dog was honoured with a statue that is still guarding the Uhrturn today.
- 1532** The Ottomans burn down the area around Graz but fail to enter the city.
- 1540** Italian master builders bring the fortress and fortifications on Schlossberg.
- 1809** Napoleon tries to capture the Vienna and threatens to demolish the fortress. Only standing because the citizens.
- 1926** A local politician thinks the : panther not only splits the fire out of its bottom ...

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**EATING**  
Daily menu usually Mon-Fri 11:00-14:30, dinner: from 18:00 - 21:00

**Late night food** (after 23:00)  
e.g. Area 5, Brot und Spiel, The Hungry Heart or eat at the Würstlstande at Hauptplatz / Eisernes Tor.

**Opening hours**  
Supermarkets, shops and some cafés/restaurants are closed on Sundays. The Exception: Grocery supermarket SPAR at central station which is open daily from 06:00-22:00 (Easter and Christmas holidays may differ).

6 cafés we like for brunch on Sundays or Saturdays: Parks, Kunsthaus-Café, Café Rosenhain, Die Schenke, Omas Teehane (only Saturday), Lendhotel (Saturday)  
Selected restaurants we'd recommend to eat on a Sunday evening: Der Steirer (Styrian), Toshi (Sushi), Café Erde (Vegan), Gösser Bräu (Styrian), Contra Punto (Pizzeria)

**PUBLIC WIFI**  
freeGrazWiFi is available in many locations. Also, many cafés have WiFi, so just ask the waiter/waitress for the password.

**WHAT'S ON TONIGHT?**  
Kulturserver on [www.kulturgraz.at](http://www.kulturgraz.at)

**TOURIST INFORMATION**  
spot #7 or go online to [www.graztourismus.at](http://www.graztourismus.at)

**MEET LOCALS**  
Couchsurfing Meet and Greet: [Facebook: Couchsurfing Graz](https://www.facebook.com/CouchsurfingGraz/)

**MUSEUM**  
Most museums are usually closed on Mondays. Joanneum 24-hour-ticket: gives admission to all Universalmuseum Joanneum exhibitions over the 24-hour period. Adults: €18, students <27 only €8 (19 museums!) Some listed on the map: Kunsthaus Graz, Schloss Eggenberg, Landeszeughaus, Joanneumsviertel; See: [www.museum-joanneum.at](http://www.museum-joanneum.at)



## TRANSPORTATION

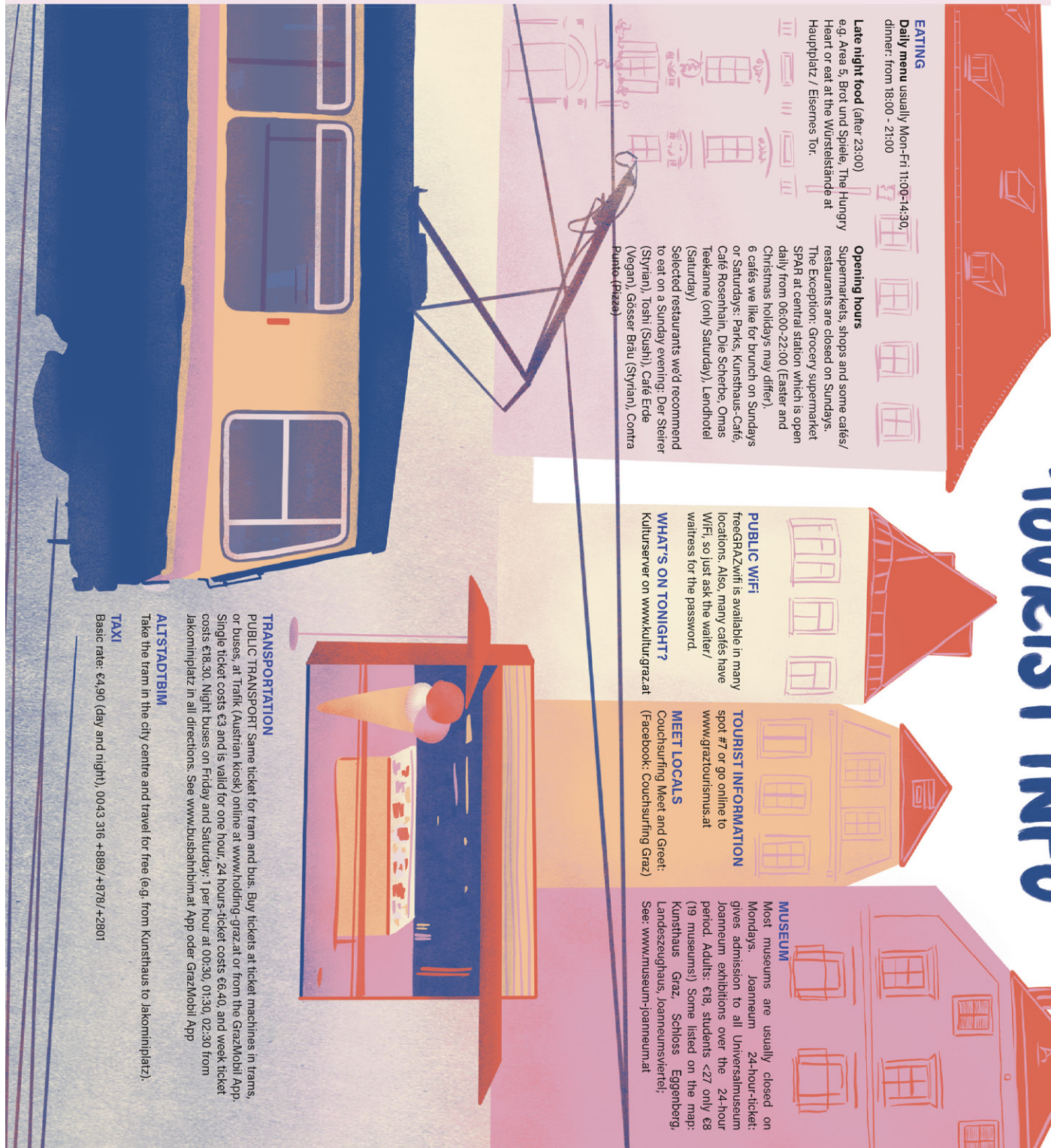
**PUBLIC TRANSPORT** Same ticket for tram and bus. Buy tickets at ticket machines in trams, or buses, at Trafik (Austrian kiosk) online at [www.holding-graz.at](http://www.holding-graz.at) or from the GrazMobil App. Single ticket costs €3 and is valid for one hour. 24 hours-ticket costs €6.40, and week ticket costs €18.30. Night buses on Friday and Saturday: 1 per hour at 00:30, 01:30, 02:30 from Jakominiplatz in all directions. See [www.busbahnbm.at](http://www.busbahnbm.at) App oder GrazMobil App

## ALTTADTBIM

Take the tram in the city centre and travel for free (e.g. from Kunsthaus to Jakominiplatz).

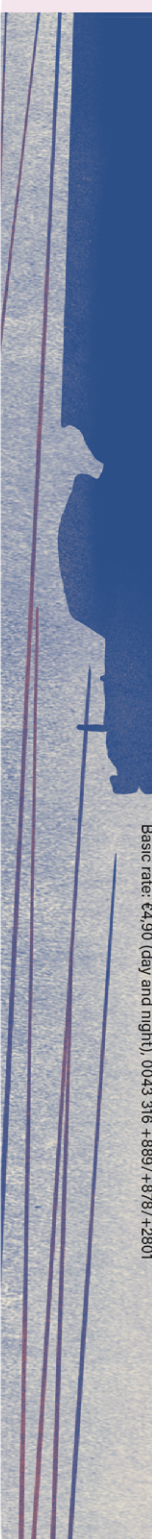
## TAXI

Basic rate: €4.90 (day and night), 0043 316 +889/+878/+2801





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and adds alike. It glitters and sparkles. When you  
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## 1540

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## 1809

Napoleon tries to capture the fortress and fails. Instead, he takes  
Vienna and threatens to destroy it if Graz doesn't surrender. He  
demolishes the fortress. Only the Glockenturm and Urturm are still  
standing because the citizens of Graz paid a ransom to save them.

## 1926

A local politician thinks the Styrian coat of arms is a bit nasty. The  
panther not only splits fire out of its mouth, the flames also come out  
of its bottom ...

## 1938

marks a dark chapter in the city's history. Adolf Hitler visits  
Graz on 3rd and 4th of April. He is received by cheering crowds  
and awards Graz the title of "City of the People's Uprising."

## 1945

Graz is finally free from the nazi regime but the city lies in  
rubble after Allied bombing during World War II. Around 190  
duds are still hidden in the ground today.

## 1985

The Old Town of Graz is inscribed on the UNESCO World  
Heritage List, recognising its unique blend of architectural  
styles from the Middle Ages to the present day.

## 2003

Graz has been named European Capital of Culture and  
is becoming a popular tourist destination. Finally! In this  
context, the popular attraction – Murrinsel – was opened.

## 2006

Graz almost loses its 1999 UNESCO World Heritage  
designation when an ambitious roof design for a  
department store is unveiled. To avoid a scandal, the  
architects were asked to change the appearance of the  
building, but this was never put into practice.

## 2011

Another addition to the growing collection of titles: "City  
of Design". Take a seat on new outdoor furniture, spelling:  
GRAZ IST EIN HOTSPOT.

## 2021

Graz votes communist. The KPÖ wins the city council  
elections and Elke Kahr becomes not only Austria's  
first Communist mayor, but also the first woman to  
head the Styrian capital.

