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## MARIAZELLERBAHN

Where unspoiled nature meets new technology.

Step on board the Mariazellerbahn and travel through the Pielach valley in the Mostviertel region, past the Ötscher mountain and into the Mariazell region.





## Himmelstreppe (lit. stairway to heaven)

The Himmelstreppe trains are modern means of transport for everyday life and leisure time. Travelling by train is comfortably and environmentally friendly. You can arrive to many tourist attractions, hiking routes or bikeways easygoing by train.

Access for passengers with reduced mobility, as well as wheelchair accommodation is already provided at major stations and by support of the train attendant on board of each train. Each Trainset is equipped with a wheelchair accessible toilet. Other conveniences include double width doorways, comfort seats and electric outlets at each seat, as well as a state of the art passenger information system.

The Mariazellerbahn connects the regional capital St. Pölten with the Pielach valley on an hourly schedule with additional trains during the morning rush. On the section to Mariazell, trains operate every two hours with additional trains during the summer season.







#### The panorama carriages

The first class panorama carriages are the highlight of the Mariazellerbahn. A breath-taking view through the panoramic windows combined with first class comfort and on board catering make the trip an unforgettable experience.

Discover the impressive scenery along the Mariazellerbahn line from a completely new perspective. Comfortable leather seats with lots of legroom, delicious breakfasts, foldaway wooden tables and reading lamps are just some of the featured comforts of the panorama carriages. Regional delicacies and drinks ensure that guests travel in style.

The panorama carriages operate on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays between May and October and during the Advent season. Information:

www.mariazellerbahn.at/en/the-panorama-carriages





### **On board catering**

In the panorama carriages our catering team will spoil you with delicious treats. Many of the products used are sourced from local suppliers along the route of the Mariazellerbahn. Savour a delicious breakfast in the morning as well as pastries and coffee or a hearty snack while you enjoy the passing landscape.

The offer is rounded off by seasonal specialities from the region, such as delicacies produced from the bright red "Dirndl" fruits (cornelian cherries) growing in the Pielachtal valley.

#### **OUR SUGGESTION**

Try our culinary trips and savour extraordinary culinary creations and delicacies.





## Adventure train Ötscherbär



Indeed the journey is an adventure! Climb on board and enjoy a trip in the Ötscherbär (Ötscher bear train), pulled by the historic electric locomotive. The Ötscherbär has been lovingly restored inside and out and runs on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from May to October and Saturdays during Advent season.

The Ötscherbär is ideal for anyone who enjoys a sociable gathering in an agreeable atmosphere. It's the perfect choice for a pleasant excursion, family celebrations or club trips. Regional delicacies and drinks are served in the dining carriage. Your bicycle is in good hands in the bicycle carriage. On our themed trips there is a varied program for everyone, especially for kids!

Information: **www.mariazellerbahn.at/en/oetscherbaer** Our suggestion: Enjoy a free trip in one direction with the Niederösterreich-CARD!







#### Steam train

Travel as in the old days – experience the romance of the steam at its best.

The proud steam engine Mh.6 went into service in 1908. Climb aboard and enjoy a trip on this centenarian steam engine – a really special nostalgic experience! Besides the comfortable nostalgic carriages there is also always a dining car and first class carriage in the consist.

Please note the specific fares for the steam train.

The steam train operates on special occasions between May and October and during the Advent season. Information: **www.mariazellerbahn.at/en/steam-train** 





#### Laubenbachmühle Operations centre



#### The heart of the Mariazellerbahn

At a site named Laubenbachmühle the Niederösterreich Bahnen has established an operations centre including a passenger station, workshop, sheds, dispatching center, management headquarters and bistro. This is the heart of the Mariazellerbahn. It is also from where other Niederösterreich Bahnen trains are serviced. For younger travellers there is a playground, the bistro offers not only drinks and snacks but also a range of souvenirs including books, key rings and caps. The "Ötscher Diorama", one of the largest landscape models in Austria, will give you a totally different perspective on the region.

Take a look behind the curtains of the Mariazellerbahn with a tour of the Laubenbachmühle operations centre. You will visit the station, workshop and management headquarters, learn interesting historical facts and details on the carriages of the Mariazellerbahn. Guided tours can be booked in advance. Duration: approx. 45 mins. Group bookings accepted. Suggestion: come on the Himmelstreppe!





#### Be an engine driver for the day

A journey in the drivers cab of the Himmelstreppe trainset allows you to explore the Mariazellerbahn from the engineers perspective. Your day begins with a guided tour of the Laubenbachmühle operations centre before taking a trip to Mariazell and back in the cab.

You will be accompanied throughout by an employee who will be delighted to answer all your questions.

#### We are looking forward to your inquiry!

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# Worth visiting along the Mariazellerbahn







### St. Pölten **The provincial capital**

**Discover the charming city of St. Pölten before you travel with the Mariazellerbahn** St. Pölten is one of the oldest cities of Austria and is also the youngest provincial capital within Austria. St. Pölten was appointed as a provincial capital in 1986 and is one of the biggest cities of Lower Austria.

### Pielachtal The Dirndl valley

The traditional bright red Dirndl fruits (also known as cornelian cherries) symbolise the incredible richness of the Pielachtal valley. From its beginnings just south of St. Pölten, the Pielachtal valley stretches across gently rolling hills, up into the Mostviertel Alps and onto the Naturpark Ötscher-Tormäuer. The picturesque Pielach is one of the most unspoiled river landscapes in the whole of Austria.

#### Mariazellerland Summer sun and winter wonders

Peppered with mountains, lakes and rivers, and home to one of Europe's most popular pilgrimage churches: the one-of-a-kind Mariazellerland.

In the midst of a magical region. An area that provides inspiration for all the senses in summer and in winter. Scale the dizzy heights and take in the spectacular natural scenery on a hike or from the saddle.



## Naturpark Ötscher-Tormäuer **Rugged beauty**

At 170 km<sup>2</sup> Ötscher-Tormäuer is the largest natural park in the whole of Lower Austria - and for many the most impressive too.

On the route to the peak of the Ötscher massif (alt: 1,893 m) pastures, gorges and waterfalls will delight you. The Vordere Tormäuer and Hintere Tormäuer gorges – carved out of the rock by the Erlauf river – are a sight to behold. It's also easy to see why the Ötschergräben is sometimes referred to as Austria's Grand Canyon.

**TIP: Combi-Tickets Mariazellerbahn & Ötscher-Tormäuer Nature Park** - travel with the Himmelstreppe or panorama carriage and discover the beautiful landscape.



#### Gemeindealpe Mitterbach **Upwards by lift, down at top speed.**

There are two chairlifts that will whisk you up in no time from 807 to 1626 metres above sea level to the top of the highest tourist mountain in the Mariazell region. From the peak of the Gemeindealpe, you'll be able to enjoy an exceptional panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. In summer it's great fun to hurtle down the mountainside on carts, while in winter the Gemeindealpe is THE ski area for all winter sports enthusiasts with a yearning for adventure. The valley station is just a few minutes on foot from Mitterbach train station.

**TIP: Combi-tickets** providing discounted fares for the rail trip and mountain cart rides.



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#### Information and arrival



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