2015 Events and News from Austria

Air and Style Innsbruck
16-17 January 2015

The Bergiselschanze is the venue for the premier snowboarding event of the year. The Innsbruck venue has welcomed the best snowboarding talent since 1994. Stefan Gimpl, the most accomplished big air competitor enjoyed considerable success at the event.

www.air-style.com/en/events/air-style-innsbruck

75th Hahnenkammrennen
23-25 January 2015

The most distinguished and celebrated winter sport competition in the world celebrates 75 years. Precision, courage and talent are necessary to claim victory in Kitzbühel. Anton Sailer, Karl Schranz, Franz Klammer, Hermann Maier and Marcel Hirscher enjoyed considerable success on the Hahnenkamm.

www.hahnenkamm.com

652nd anniversary of Tyrol became part of Austria
26 January 2015

Margarete von Tirol transferred the duchy of Tyrol to the Austrian empire on 26 January 1363. Tyrol is an intellectual, economic, cultural and social haven within Austria and throughout the world. The University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck Medical University, Tiroler Landestheater, Tiroler Landesmuseum, Golden Roof, Swarovski Kristallwelten, Tyrolean Festival in Erl and the Jahrmarkt music festival in Kitzbühel reflect Tyrol’s rich heritage and pursuit of excellence.

www.tirol.gv.at

650th anniversary of Universität Wien
12 March 2015

The oldest Austrian university celebrates 650 years of excellent scholarship and research. The university instigates innovation, ingenuity and advancement. Erwin Schrödinger, Julius Wagner-Jauregg, Ludwig Boltzmann, Alfred Kohler, Moriz Hoernes and Carl Auer von Welsbach are a few of the eminent graduates and scholars from the university.

www.univie.ac.at
**Wiener Opernball**  
12 February 2015

The Wiener Opernball is the crescendo of the Viennese Ball season. The Wiener Staatsoper is the venue for the extravagant social event. It celebrates debutants and Viennese culture. The ball attracts national and international guests from culture, politics, society and business.

[www.wiener-staatsoper.at](http://www.wiener-staatsoper.at)

**Loisiarte**  
19 – 22 March 2015

The event allows connoisseurs to savour a combination of chamber music, contemporary compositions and fine literature. The magnificent Loisium luxury hotel in Langenlois, Lower Austria provides the ideal stage to experience a wonderful cultural event.

[www.loisium-weinwelt.at](http://www.loisium-weinwelt.at)

**Bregenzer Frühling**  
20 March – 22 May 2015

The renowned international dance festival invites esteemed choreographers to demonstrate innovative contemporary dance performance. Since 1987, the Bodensee provides the stage to experience the finest exponents of dance.

[www.bregenzerfruehling.at](http://www.bregenzerfruehling.at)

**Johann Grander’s 85th Birthday**  
24 April 2015

We celebrate the 85th birthday of Johann Grander (1930 – 2012) on 24 April 2015. He was a brilliant naturalist and engineer. He is recognised for pioneering revitalised water. He also created a reluctance engine to advance the magnetic motor.

[www.grander.com](http://www.grander.com)

See also “BRILLIANT MINDS - Unparalleled understanding of nature and engineering”, Essay written by Peter Rieder
150th Anniversary of Wiener Ringstraße
1 May 2015

Kaiser Franz Josef unveiled the Ringstraße on 1 May 1865. The Austrian Kaiser wanted to connect Vienna’s imperial centre with the suburbs. The Wiener Staatsoper, Neue Burg, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wiener Rathaus, Musikverein, Parlamentsgebäude and Naturhistorisches Museum are some of the exquisite buildings located on the Ringstraße. Several Viennese palaces are located on the Ringstraße. Palais Lieben-Auspitz is a prominent palace.

www.wien.info

67th Österreich Rundfahrt
4 – 12 July 2015

Österreich Rundfahrt is the most important cycling event in Austria. It will commence in the town of Mörbisch am See located in the province of Burgenland and conclude in Bregenz, the capital city of the province of Vorarlberg. Leading professional cycling teams and competitors will contest the event travelling from eastern to western Austria.

www.oesterreich-rundfahrt.at

29th Festwochen Gmunden
4 July – 16 August 2015


www.festwochen-gmunden.at

Seefestspiele Mörbisch
9 July – 22 August 2015

Johann Strauß’s A Night in Venice will be performed at one of Burgenland’s most esteemed operatic festivals. The festival began in 1957. 1200 people enjoyed the premiere of The Gypsy Baron on the Seebühne. The festival expanded since the late 1950s. 220,000 people attend the annual festival on Neusiedler See.
Strudelfest der Seefelder Wirte
11 July 2015

Strudelfest der Seefelder Wirte is an annual summer culinary event. Seefeld’s farmers provide the finest ingredients enabling local culinary masters to create exquisite strudels ranging from piquant to sweet. The event celebrates excellent cuisine and local produce from the luxury resort.

www.seefeld.com

52nd Ambraser Schloßkonzerte
14 July – 4 August 2015

Schloß Ambras is the ideal stage to celebrate renaissance and baroque music. The renaissance palace was important in the governance of Tyrol and an imperial residence. Otto Ulf, an Innsbruck musical professor established the first concert in 1963 to celebrate the 600th anniversary of Tyrol becoming an Austrian province. Four concerts will be performed in the Spanish Hall in the summer of 2015.

www.altemusik.at

96th Salzburger Festspiele
18 July – 30 August 2015

Salzburg is the venue for the most distinguished operatic festival in the world. Baroque architecture, exquisite palaces and opera entice connoisseurs every year. Inequality is the theme of the 2015 festival. The relationship between master and servant, liberty and constraint and wealth and poverty are explored through Mozart’s Le nozze di Figaro, Fidelio by Beethoven and Die Eroberung von Mexico by Wolfgang Rihm.

www.salzburgerfestspiele.at

Formula One Großer Preis von Österreich
31 July – 02 August 2015

The Red Bull Ring near the Styrian town of Spielberg will host the Austrian formula one grand prix. Green pastures and majestic Styrian Mountains provide a contrast to engineering expertise, computer software and noise from the elite category of motorsport. The circuit welcomes the finest competitors to contest a grand prix surrounded by unparalleled beauty.

www.projekt-spielberg.com
91st Jahrmarkt der Stadt Musik Kitzbühel
1 August 2015
Jahrmarkt is the most important cultural event in Kitzbühel’s summer calendar. The festival celebrates Tyrolean music and culture. The festival occurs on the first Saturday every August. The elegant streets of Kitzbühel are transformed into a stage for the evening. Musicians, traditional clubs and stalls create a wonderful ambience. The event begins at 16:00 and concludes at 23:45.

www.stadtmusikkitzbuehel.at

Kitzbüheler Tennis Meisterschaft
2 – 8 August 2015

Kitzbühel attracts the elite of men’s professional tennis. Thomas Muster, Boris Becker, Pete Sampras, Ivan Lendl, Roger Federer, Guillermo Vilas, Rod Laver and Manuel Orantes are some of the most successful tennis players to compete at the distinguished Kitzbühel Tennis Club. The Generali Open is Austria’s oldest tennis tournament. Young Austrian Dominic Thiem will endeavour to claim victory in 2015 after losing the 2014 final in dramatic circumstances. Compatriots Andreas Haider-Maurer and Jürgen Melzer will attempt to prevent Thiem becoming the first Austrian victor since 1993.

www.generaliopen.com

39th Innsbrucker Festwochen der Alten Musik
8 – 28 August 2015

Innsbruck celebrates its rich renaissance and baroque musical heritage every August. Stylus Phantasticus is the theme for the 2015 festival. It examines the art of improvisation and the development of free melodic and rhythmic composition. The festival commences in Stift Stams with Introitus performed by the Arnold Schönberg Choir.

www.altemusik.at

71st Europäisches Forum Alpbach
19 August – 4 September 2015

The Europäisches Forum in the Tyrolean village of Alpbach attracts distinguished national and international academics, political leaders, scientists, innovators, decision makers and students to discuss new ideas to resolve European and international problems. The 2015 event will examine the issue of inequality.