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CAVE WORLD

THE BEARS BREAK LOOSE



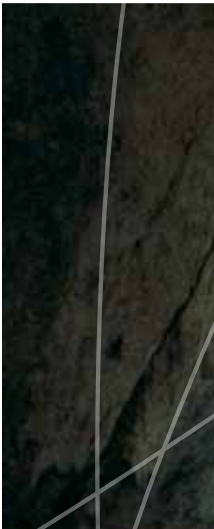
Dachstein Cave World and its three natural show caves rank among the most significant natural monuments of Austria and celebrate the centenary of their discovery in 2010. This cave world accommodates a unique ensemble of natural caves - featuring diverse stages of development and shapes - in a localised and easy accessible area.

The most important tourist highlight of Dachstein Cave World is **Giant Ice Cave** which attracts 150.000 visitors per year. Trained nature & landscape guides conduct the visitors through underground chambers where the ice depth partly attains up to 25m.

Mammut Cave is less icy yet not less interesting. It was the great total length of underground passages and chambers which gave this cave system its name. At present, 70 km of passageways of this intricate cave system are explored. Via guided tours on easily accessible paved walkways, visitors are introduced to formation and exploration of cave systems.

Koppenbrüller Cave, geologically the youngest of the three caves, is located in the valley close to the town of Obertraun. It is the only one amongst Dachstein caves which is still traversed by underground streams. Particularly during spring thaw and heavy rainfall periods this cave features an unrivalled natural spectacle.

On the occasion of the centenary of Giant Ice Cave discovery and exploration, the cave museum and the Simony Hotels at Schönbergalm have been redesigned in order to provide interesting and exciting details allowing the visitor to travel back in time.



Giant Ice Cave

May 1 - October 26, 2010

Early season (May 1 - June 5)

9.20 am - 4.00 pm

at regular intervals

Peak season (June 6 - Aug. 31)

9.20 am – 4.30 pm

at regular intervals

Late season (Sept. 1 – Oct. 26)

9.20 am – 4.00 pm

at regular intervals

Koppenbrüller Cave

May 1 – October 3, 2010

9.00 am – 4.00 pm;

at regular intervals

Guided tours go in at least hourly.

Valley-located Koppenbrüller Cave is accessible without cable car.

Mammut Cave

May 8 – October 26, 2010

Early season (May 8 – June 5)

10.15 am – 2.30 pm

at regular intervals

Peak season (June 6 – Aug. 31)

9.15 am – 3.00 pm

at regular intervals

Late season (Sept. 1 – Oct. 26)

10.15 am – 2.30 pm

at regular intervals

Conducted tours start at the cave entrance.



Big Ice Mountain in Parsifal Cathedral

Welcome to
Dachstein Cave World!

NEW! ANNIVERSARY-
TICKET 2010



Ice Sound concerts 2010 „Jahr100Musik“



...discover an
impressive ice world

Giant Ice Cave is located high above the Traun River valley and is within easy walking distance from Schönbergalm. Ice forms because of infiltrating surface water seeping through the surrounding bedrock into the cave and freezing due to the cold air stored in the cave. Magic grand ice formations are the result.

1 hour tours allow the public to dive into this nature wonder world and to experience the magic ice scenery. Experienced guides conduct the visitors across ice free passageways and a dripstone chamber down to **"King Arthur's Cathedral"** with its huge boulders. Stairways through the narrow "Keye" now facilitate the ascent to the upper level of the cave where fantastic ice formations form a dramaturgic highlight.



Past the **"Ice Palace"**, a passageway travels to **"Parsifal Cathedral"** with its dominating huge **"Ice Mountain"**, an ice cone more than 9m high. Higher up a giant ice bell, the **"Castle of the Grail"** features ice illumination, producing an array of bright colours ranging from white to dark blue.

A corridor travels onto the ground ice masses, 25m deep, of **"Tristan Cathedral"** from where a descent leads down to the **"Great Ice Chapel"**. This extraordinary ice formation located at the bottom of the cave ice, will leave a most compelling impression of underground beauty. Past the ice precipice the exit, showing gorgeous views of Krippenstein Mountain and Lake Hallstättersee, is close.

In addition to nature-made highlights, installations created by the Linz University of Arts provide elements of surprise

Ice Sound Concert Series "Jahr100Musik"

July 30, 2010 and each Friday in August

Meeting point base station Obertraun 4.30pm;

All-In-Price: Adult: € 50,00 All-In Child: € 35,00

Services: cable car (two way ticket), Ice Sound-welcome drink, guided cave tour through Giant Ice Cave, concert and final Ice Sound-menu in a gorgeous evening setting

Korah and the cave bear

This feature in Giant Ice Cave, high above Lake Hallstättersee is a brand-new adventure tour for young and old. It is a journey back in a time 10.000 years ago and is designed for families. While wandering through Giant Ice Cave and its captivating ambiance of dripstones and ice giants, the tour companions learn about Korah, offspring of a prehistoric human clan, and a little cave bear whose destinies cross paths

This and more is what Giant Ice Cave offers to those who wish to follow Korah on the search for his furry friend, to hear the call of the cave bear and to know what happens to them... .

The nature adventure park Schönbergalm invites families to experience Dachstein nature with all senses. Experiences range from crawling through Mutmamcave – a copied cave corridor made of larch wood providing a first insight into subterranean labyrinths – over an alpine pasture football kick – a true challenge for all hobby footballers – to climbing routes designed by Heli Putz in order to provide some adrenaline rush.

An adventure rock climbing route completes such nature experience comprising the so-called beastly-weather-station - where a cave flight film provides the spectator with a bat's eye view- and the possibility to rest in a nearby tree house and to enjoy a relaxing view of Hallstatt and the Inner Salzkammergut.



Korah and the cave bear

July 1 – August 31, 2010

Daily at 11.30 am (Bear Matinée) and at 3.00 pm

Meeting point Giant Ice Cave entrance!

Rates

See Cave Ticket I

Bear Matinée: particularly convenient family rates

Own children pay € 1,- only!



Nature Adventure Park



Search for the
mystical cave bear





Cave trekking in Mammut Cave



...explore the vast
Mammut Cave!

The current 70km of explored passages surveyed rank **Mammut Cave** among the longest karst caves of Austria. During the 1 hour tour visitors learn about formation of the Dachstein caves and workday routine of speleologists. On the 1 km circular walkway visitors are introduced to how once tremendous water streams rushed through the mountain and how multi-day excursions into the everlasting darkness are conducted. Furthermore, a range of cave trekking tours offers a very particular insight into this underground world to individualists.

Big Mammut Cave Trekking Tour

On this day-long trekking tour adventurous minds supported by trained guides may overcome belly-crawls and steep climbing passages to venture into the remotest portions of this extensive cave system.

Tumbledown Castle

This tour runs off the beaten paths and makes ambitious hobby-adventurers follow their exploratory urge in speleologists' tracks. Wide corridors, tight squeezes and easy climbing passages are features to make swell the heart of adventurous minds.

“Heaven and Hell“

This nature & landscape tour to support group dynamics takes place at and in the mountain and there are varying levels of difficulty offered. Participants will encounter fauna, flora and Mammut Cave before spending the remains of the day with a tasty “explorer’s snack”.

Big Mammut Cave Trekking Tour

Adult
(4 persons minimum) € 110,00
(Prices per person, incl. cable car)
Duration: 1 day

Tumbledown Castle

Adult
(10 persons minimum) € 60,00
School groups
(15 persons minimum) € 40,00
(Prices per person, incl. cable car)
Duration: 3 hours

Heaven and Hell

Duration: app. 5 hours
Adult
(12 persons minimum) € 120,00
(Prices per person, incl. cable car)

Helmets, headlamps, gloves and
oversuits are provided.

Participants are required to bring:
hiking boots, warm sportswear,
snack

Koppenbrüller Cave – geologically the youngest of the three Dachstein Caves – is a dripstone & water cave deriving its name from the roaring of its powerful cave torrent.

Located in the neighbourhood of **“Koppenwinkl”** – a spot of magnificent natural scenery – and accessible from Bad Aussee via a convenient trail, this cave is a perfect “venue” to encounter unexpected underground Dachstein water flows.

During the tours visitors are provided with an insight into the formation of this cave, they experience how water works its way through the rock and legends reveal the mystic side of this spot. Moreover, special cave trekking tours meet the adventurous mind of children.

On the **“Little Adventure Trekking Tour”** children, aged 8 and older, and their parents follow underground tracks carved out by water on its intricate way through the rock.

The trekking tour **“Primeval Watercourses”** is a true short & hard tour and makes swell adventurous minds.

“Feel the Forest – Feel the Cave” promises enjoyable hiking through Koppenwinkl nature reserve before venturing – equipped with helmet, headlamp and speleologist-oversuit – into the everlasting darkness of this youngest Dachstein cave.



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**Little Adventure
Trekking Tour**

(Prices per person)

Adult

(4 persons min.) € 25,00

Child € 20,00

School group € 15,00

May 1 – Oct. 3, 2010,

Reservation required

July 10 – August 31, 2010

Daily at 3 pm

Duration: approximately

2 hours

Primeval Watercourses
(Prices per person)

Adult

(4 persons min.) € 40,00

Children and
school groups € 20,00

Duration: approximately
2 hours

**Feel the Forest-Feel
the Cave**

Duration: approximately

5 hours

Adults

€ 35,00

School groups € 20,00

Helmets, headlamps and
oversuits are provided

Required gear: Sports
or hiking boots, warm
sportswear

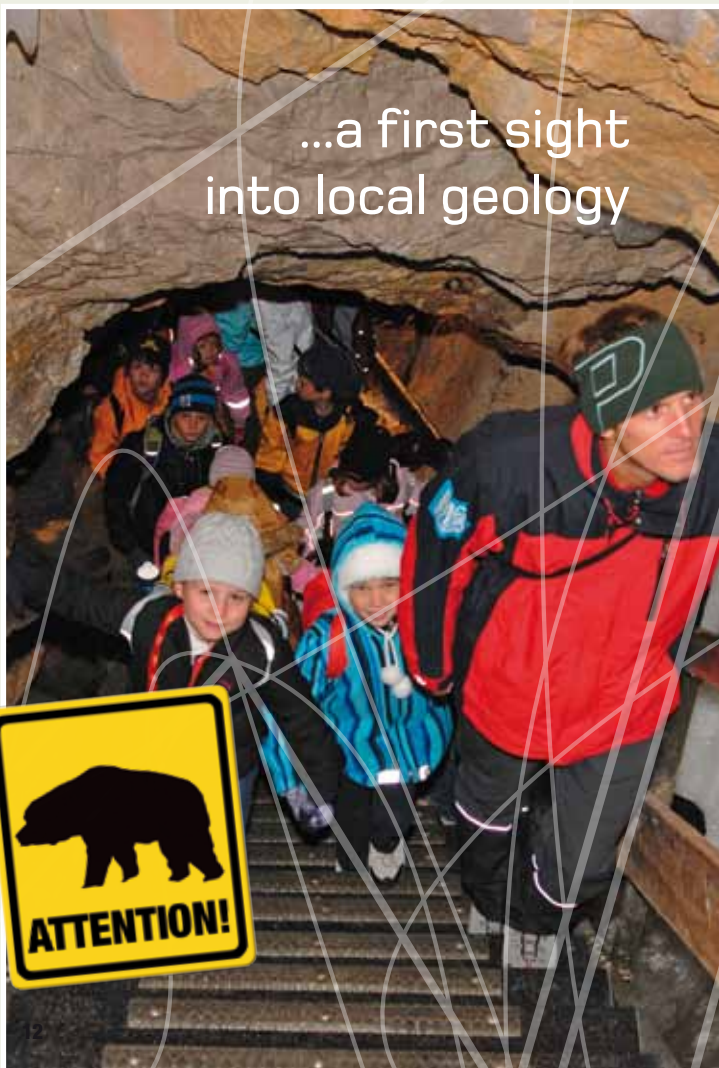
...experience the roaring
of Koppenbrüller Cave





Alpine pasture classroom

...a first sight
into local geology



A new offer for schools makes pupils learn a lot of things worth knowing without even being aware of learning. The new nature adventure park turns school outings into an educational experience and constitutes a playful and varied approach to geology, climate, fauna, flora and World Heritage.

Nature experience finishes with features such as the adventure track, the beastly-weather-station and the opportunity to rest in a nearby tree house from where a relaxing view of Hallstatt and the Inner Salzkammergut may be enjoyed.

Tour “Ice Age and Climate Change“

On the adventure track up to Giant Ice Cave, trained nature & landscape guides give a first insight into local geology, Ice Ages, formation of caves and consequences of climate change. After this adventure track experience, the way is free for a trip into Giant Ice Cave before finally spending the remains of the day in the nature adventure park – possibly with alpine pasture football kicking. (Duration: 1,5 hours)

All-In Price for pupils € 16,00; Reservation required, use of alpine pasture classroom' is included)

Mammut Games 2010 – schools competition

In the anniversary year 2010 all school forms are invited to participate in the MAMMUT GAMES. This competition attracts with nice prizes, comprises 4 events and addresses knowledge as well as creativity and skills.

Grand prize: 1 week in the region Dachstein Salzkammergut including accommodation, food and programme for the winning class!!!

Information and registration
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Dachstein World Heritage Cableways

(three-stage cableway)

Operating Hours 2010

Stage 1: May 1 – Oct. 26

Stage 2: May 8 – Oct. 26

Stage 3: June 12 – Oct. 26

Stage 1

Early season

(May 1 – June 5)

8.40 am – 5.10* pm

15 minute intervals

Peak season

(June 6 – Aug. 31)

8.40 am – 5.40* pm

15 minute intervals

Late season

(September 1 – 26 Oct.)

8.40 am – 5.10* pm

15 minute intervals

Stage 2

ES 5.00* pm, PS 5.30* pm

LS 5.00* pm

Stage 3

PS 5.20*pm, LS 4.50* pm

*) last ride down!

OPENING HOURS / PRICES

ANNIVERSARY-TICKET

Unlimited travel on all three cableway sections
Giant Ice Cave and Mammut Cave:

1 guided tour each, 1 souvenir photo

Adult € 33,00 Group € 30,00

Child € 20,00 School group € 17,00

Family € 70,00 Single + Child(ren) € 50,00

PEAK TICKET

Obertraun base station – Krippenstein (2.100 m)

Two-way ticket per person:

Adult € 23,00 Group € 21,00

Child € 14,00 School group € 12,00

HIKING TICKET

Obertraun base station via Krippenstein
to Gjaidalm

Two-way ticket per person:

Adult € 25,00 Group € 23,00

Child € 15,00 School group € 13,00

4 PEAKS – 1 TICKET!



The reduced price ticket is valid all summer long for the most beautiful peaks and views in the Salzammergut. The **Feuerkogel** in Ebensee, the **Grünberg** in Gmunden, the **Zwieselalm** in Gosau and the Krippenstein in Obertraun can all be reached by cable car, easily and without a great deal of effort – **with one, single ticket!**

The new ticket is now available from mountain railway cash desks.



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CAVE TICKET I

Comprising Giant Ice Cave or Mammut Cave tour and two way ticket for the first cable-way section, per person

Adult	€ 27,00	Group	€ 25,00
Child	€ 15,00	School group	€ 13,00

CAVE COMBI TICKET

Comprising Giant Ice Cave and Mammut Cave tour and two way ticket for the first cableway section, per person

Adult	€ 32,00	Group	€ 29,00
Child	€ 19,00	School group	€ 16,00

CAVE TICKET III

Koppenrbüller Cave Tour

Adult	€ 10,00	Group	€ 9,00
Child	€ 6,00	School group	€ 6,00

Group rate: 20 people constitutes a group, 1 free for every 21 persons

Child rate: available for children aged 6 to 14 yrs.

School group rate: 15 people constitutes a group, up to 18 yrs; available only during periods of school operation, 1 free for every 11 persons.

All tours in German and English. On request for groups in Italian, Spanish, French and Czech.

No age restrictions for children!

Muzzled dogs are allowed on the cable car and in the caves.

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Info spot on Krippenstein Mountain

...view as far as
the eye can reach.



Dachstein Hiking World, stretching from the Koppentraun River valley up to the Dachstein massif, accommodates plenty of enjoyable hiking facilities as well as demanding mountain and climbing routes. Starting at the top station (World Heritage cableways) the **“worldNATURALheritage”** viewpoint is within easy walking distance. Moreover, the most spectacular view platform of the Alps – the **“5fingers”** – is accessible via a 15 minute walk. The 5 distinct platform stages horizontally protrude – just like a hand – above where the mountain cliff drops into a 400m abyss, this way providing dramatic “insights and outlooks”. The “5fingers” are illuminated until midnight to then be noticed even from distant places.

The **World Heritage-Spiral viewpoint** is another new feature situated close to the summit of Krippenstein on 2.100 m. This view platform affords a sensational view of both King Dachstein and the surrounding area. It is furthermore equipped with a recently installed photo point providing the opportunity to capture one's impressions.

Well-groomed signposted nature trails are the perfect option for those preferring a gentle unhurried approach to the Dachstein plateau. The Heilbronner circular trail is particularly suitable for families and runs from the top station to Gjaidalm alpine pasture. Free-rent baby buggies provided by Kettler assure unlimited access even for the youngest. Several signposted spots reveal speciose Dachstein vegetation and local geological features.

On the Nature Trail running via Gjaidalm and Wiesberghaus (refuge) to Simony Hut users may refresh their knowledge about the formation of karst features.



Ihr Erinnerungsfoto erhalten Sie in der Talstation

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Since 2008, Dachstein World Heritage cableways provide barrier-free access from the base to the top station. Henceforth, disabled, wheelchair users, elderly and families with buggies may enjoy a barrier-free ride into Dachstein nature adventure.

The handicapped-accessible car park, ramps and short-distance passages without significant slopes make access to the cable cars a cinch. Moreover, the cable cars have been designed pursuant to the requirement of affording the enjoyment of a splendid outlook also to wheelchair users.

At the mountain various options are available. On the mountain top a lift has been installed leading directly to the Dachstein Hiking World-starting point from where the WorldNATURALHeritage viewpoint is easily accessible. This viewpoint features terrific views of both the Dachstein plateau and the surrounding mountain peaks including High Dachstein and the ice fields.

For those who do not “aim high” the Schönbergalm area provides dining and variety. Here the visitors may experience a close-to-nature karst family park which offers a playful approach to particular local features. This almost barrier-free family park is an appropriate alternative to the caves which - as a result of natural conditions - cannot be adapted according to barrier-free requirements.





Museum at Schönbergalm

Barrier-free Access to the Top of Nature



“worldNATURALheritage” viewpoint



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Looking for an extraordinary location to host your corporate outing, conference, incentive or seminar? Dachstein is the perfect venue for you! Whether cave adventure, enjoyable hiking or a visit of “5 fingers” – a trip to Dachstein welds participants together and provides a major topic of conversation for a long time.

Services and amenities range from state-of-the arts seminar rooms, car park, catering and great infrastructure to cultural events as the Ice Sound concerts. Cave trekking tours – such as “Heaven and Hell” – constitute a perfect supporting programme and can be adapted according to group size, profile and requirements.

The scenic landscape of the Dachstein plateau invites to leave workday routine behind.

Excellent accommodation and dining and variety down in the valley as well as up on the mountain meet the expectations of both gourmets and widely travelled, too.

Tours to support group dynamics such as the “**5 fingers tour**” or the “**Dachstein plateau tour**” are among the new specials. Conducted by certified nature & landscape guides, the Dachstein plateau tour for example leads through the bizarre landscape of this largest karst plateau of the Alps. The tour is a live demonstration of the particular geological features of this plateau including its unique but mostly arcane fauna and flora.





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