

A landscape that creates friendships.

# Bleiburg.

## Southern Carinthia



### ***Grias Gott" and warm local greetings***

When you're on your way to our city, you will already gather impressions that are anything but common – even for us locals. So make sure you keep your eyes open. Go on a short excursion with us and discover our Bleiburg and



### ***Bleiburg. A city in the countryside.***

The first documented mention in 1006 makes Bleiburg one of the oldest cities of Carinthia. The city was badly affected by a number of fires, Turkish invasions and the severe plague epidemic in 1715. The city centre has remained intact though, and is still worth a visit.



### ***Small, interesting details in passing.***

Many details that are taken for granted by the citizens of Bleiburg are waiting to be discovered by our guests. Beautiful old burghers' houses, wayside shrines, the History Museum in Loibach, and also the people themselves are all worth a look. You will see.



### ***Welcome to the Ice Age.***

When we were young, we Bleiburg citizens loved spending our holidays at the open-air swimming pool. After being refurbished, this architectural gem has now become an attraction for all ages. Next to it there is a tennis complex. Or you can also take part in your favourite sport away from that area. There are plenty of possibilities awaiting you.



### ***Art along the cycling trail.***

Bleiburg and its environs offer beauty in abundance, which visitors are welcome to discover along the many cycling and hiking trails – including the Art Cycling Trail ([www.kunst-radweg.at](http://www.kunst-radweg.at)).



### ***Through woods and fields.***

The most stunning feature of our region is untouched nature in all its splendour. Extended walks through woods and meadows are a wonderful experience. You can round off your day with a leisurely visit to a wine tavern, drinking must and eating a hearty afternoon snack.



### ***We are at the Meadow Market ... ... on the market meadow.***

We citizens of Bleiburg look forward to the first weekend of September for the whole year. That's the date of the Bleiburg Meadow Market. The oldest and biggest local festival in Lower Carinthia. It has been celebrated for over 600 years. Since 1393 to be exact.



### ***Will we meet you there too?***

Once in Bleiburg, the Werner Berg Museum is always worth a visit. An artist will always find motifs in the nearby surroundings. This was also the case with Werner Berg, who dedicated his work to this region.



### ***Investigating traces of history.***

Whether the Renaissance castle, the frescoes of St. Florian Church in Rinkenbergl, whether major works or minor details – the love of art can be seen everywhere. On the main town square, for example, on the Freyung Fountain, which has been created by the Bleiburg artist Kiki Kogelnik. Or in the exhibitions staged in the Sudhaus (brewhouse).



### ***Old values, renewed splendour.***

On Sundays and public holidays, the places of peace and contemplation awake to new life. In this bilingual region, after mass on the church square or in the inn, people talk about everything and anything. In Slovenian and German, or in the Slovenian dialect. For love of tradition.



### ***Petzenkirchtag***

The “highest” celebration for the citizens of Bleiburg is the annually held fair called Petzenkirchtag. Traditionally locals walk up or take the gondola lift to the mountain station, where we relish the unique view as well as culinary and musical delights.



***10 minutes uphill, 8 km downhill,***

says the typical Bleiburg inhabitant when looking forward to skiing. This is because the town's landmark mountain Petzen is renowned for its reliable snow conditions. No crowded ski slopes, the state-of-the-art monocable ropeway, five ski tows – fantastic for beginners and experts. A perfect skiing area for families.



***Famous from Bleiburg***

Bleiburg is the birthplace and home of many important artists and sportspeople who have established Bleiburg's reputation as a city of sports & culture well beyond the borders of Carinthia and Austria. Rainer Schönfelder, Johann Kresnik, Karlheinz Miklin, Kiki Kogelnik, Milka Hartmann, and many others.



***Bleiburg has a future ...***

Thanks to Jörg Haider Bridge, which was opened in 2005, Bleiburg is ideally connected with the Carinthian central region. Not least for this reason, major companies have now set up business here, such as the energy adventure centre Campus Futura with its youth guesthouse and the subsidiary of the company Kohlbach Holding GmbH.



***Bleiburg has culture.***

Thanks not least to the Europe Exhibition, Bleiburg has gained prominence as a city of culture. A wealth of concerts and cultural events of local clubs help make culture in Bleiburg increasingly important and thus strengthen relationships between the German and Slovenian population, which has lived here for many centuries.