



Erlebnisswelt
Linzer

Pöstlingberg

a magical journey



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GROTTEBAHN
A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE





Welcome

to the realm of dwarves and dragons, of fairy tales and magical figures – welcome to the Grottenbahn in Linz!

A FORTRESS TURNED INTO a Fairy Tale World



Further information on the history of the Grottenbahn is presented in the entrance area.

Tip!

At the beginning of the 19th century, Archduke Maximilian constructed a fortification system around Linz made up of 32 towers and a fort on Pöstlingberg mountain. As early as 1897, LINZ AG's predecessor, the city's electricity and tramway operator TEG, later ESG, bought the fort on Pöstlingberg mountain. It consisted of a total of six towers, connected through a fortification complex which had never actually been used as such. One of the towers was turned into the mountain station of the Pöstlingberg mountain railway, another one became home to the Grottenbahn, which opened in 1906 with its electric dragon train and the first figures of animals and dwarves. Ever since, the Grottenbahn has been a much-loved destination for children and adults alike.

In 1936, several fairy tale scenes and a replica of the Hauptplatz (main square) of Linz were added. In 1945, at the end of World War II, the Grottenbahn was destroyed by a bomb. The sculptor Friederike Stolz was entrusted with its reconstruction. Together with her team, she created the world of dwarves and fairy tales that we know today. Even now, the artist continues to play a role in the Grottenbahn - her self portrait can be seen looking down from one of the windows of the main square replica. This historic heritage has been preserved through regular restoration work and the Grottenbahn has continued to delight and enchant children since its re-opening in 1948.



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1 Tower Maria – mountain station of the Pöstlingberg railway
2 Friederike Stolz' pottery workshop
3 Dragon train Lenzibald before 1945

One Tower – TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS



THE REALM OF THE DWARVES & THE FAIRY TALE WORLD

A visit of the Grottenbahn always starts with a magical ride on Lenzibald – the electric dragon train who gently circles the outer bailey of the historic fortress. Atmospheric lighting allows glimpses into the mysterious life of the dwarves. After the ride, the visitors walk down a staircase, past the crystal mine of the dwarves and enter the fairy tale world. At its centre is a replica of the main square of Linz as it was around 1900 with period buildings and shops. In the small alleys leading off from here, beautifully created fairy tale scenes are waiting to be discovered. These date back to 1948 and bring well loved fairy tales, mainly by the Brothers Grimm, to life.

The Fairy Tale World enchants its visitors with sound and light installations that transform the stroll through the little streets into an experience for all the senses. Discover the surprises awaiting you around the corners and behind some of the doors and be amazed by the special effects of the magic mirror.



A day in the fabulous world of the Grottenbahn is something to remember! Especially with a little souvenir from the gift shop located at the exit, offering carefully selected products from the realm of dragons, fairy tales and dwarves – perfect keepsakes for little dragon riders or mindful gifts for those back home.

Tip!



- 1 Mother Hulda and the Golden Girl
- 2 Entrance area
- 3 Dragon train Lenzibald
- 4 The dwarves' kitchen
- 5 Sausage man on main square





Celebrations AND EVENTS



CELEBRATE AT OUR UNIQUE LOCATION

Whether it is a birthday party, a corporate event or a company Christmas party – the Grottenbahn is an exceptional location. **Throughout the entire season, the Grottenbahn and Fairy Tale World can be hired outside the regular opening hours for private events.** Our event agency will be happy to assist you in planning and organising your event.

For more information please contact:
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A DREAM COME TRUE FOR YOUR CHILD

Have a fantastic party in the Grottenbahn with all their friends and Sebastian as special guest? **No problem! The Grottenbahn can be hired for children's parties of any kind!** Sebastian will welcome the gang to his parlour in the tower. The programme includes a ride on the dragon train as well as a special tour of the Fairy Tale World. And of course, there will be food and drinks! After juice and cake, the birthday child will be seated on the throne to receive the presents. And Sebastian has thought up a very special surprise for his guests as well.

GET-TOGETHERS WITH THE DWARVES – AT ALL SEASONS

Every year, on March 1st, the Fairy Tale World comes back to life after its winter sleep. Throughout the entire season, numerous events ensure a unique atmosphere and excellent entertainment – for children and adults alike: from the spring celebration in March to the fairy tale Advent at Christmas time. For further information, visit our website www.grottenbahn.at regularly, where all important dates and further details are published in good time.



Hire the Pöstlingberg
mountain railway
for an exclusive ride
to your event.

Tip!

Pictures above
1, 2 Spring Celebration
3, 4 Children's party

Pictures on the left
1, 2, 3 Evening event at the Grottenbahn
4 Pöstlingberg mountain railway, mountain station





A magical world AT A GLANCE



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Opening hours

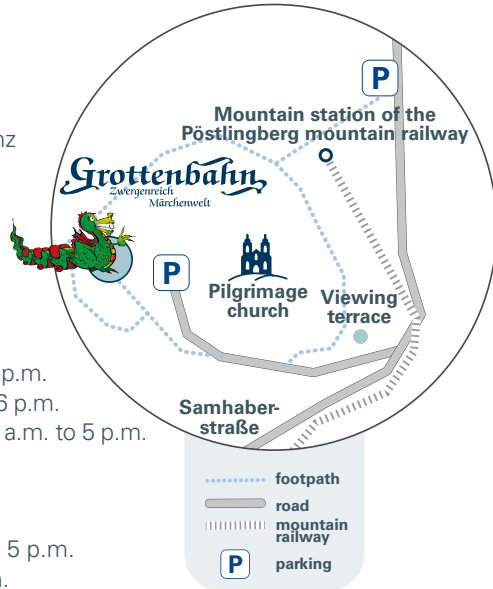
1 March to 31 May - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
1 June to 31 August - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
1 September to 1 November - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas time

on the four Sundays of Advent
and on 8 December - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
24 December - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

From 25 December until the end of February, the Grottenbahn remains closed for maintenance work.

Please keep in mind that the last dragon train departs 30 minutes before closing.



Access

Public Transport

Tram, bus or trolleybus to Hauptplatz
On Hauptplatz, transfer to the Pöstlingberg mountain railway – one of the steepest adhesion railways in Europe.

By car or coach

From Salzburg or Vienna on highway A1 > A7 > exit Linz/Urfahr
from Prague and Freistadt on A7 > exit Linz/Urfahr
from Regensburg and Passau on A8 > A1 > A7 > exit Linz/Urfahr

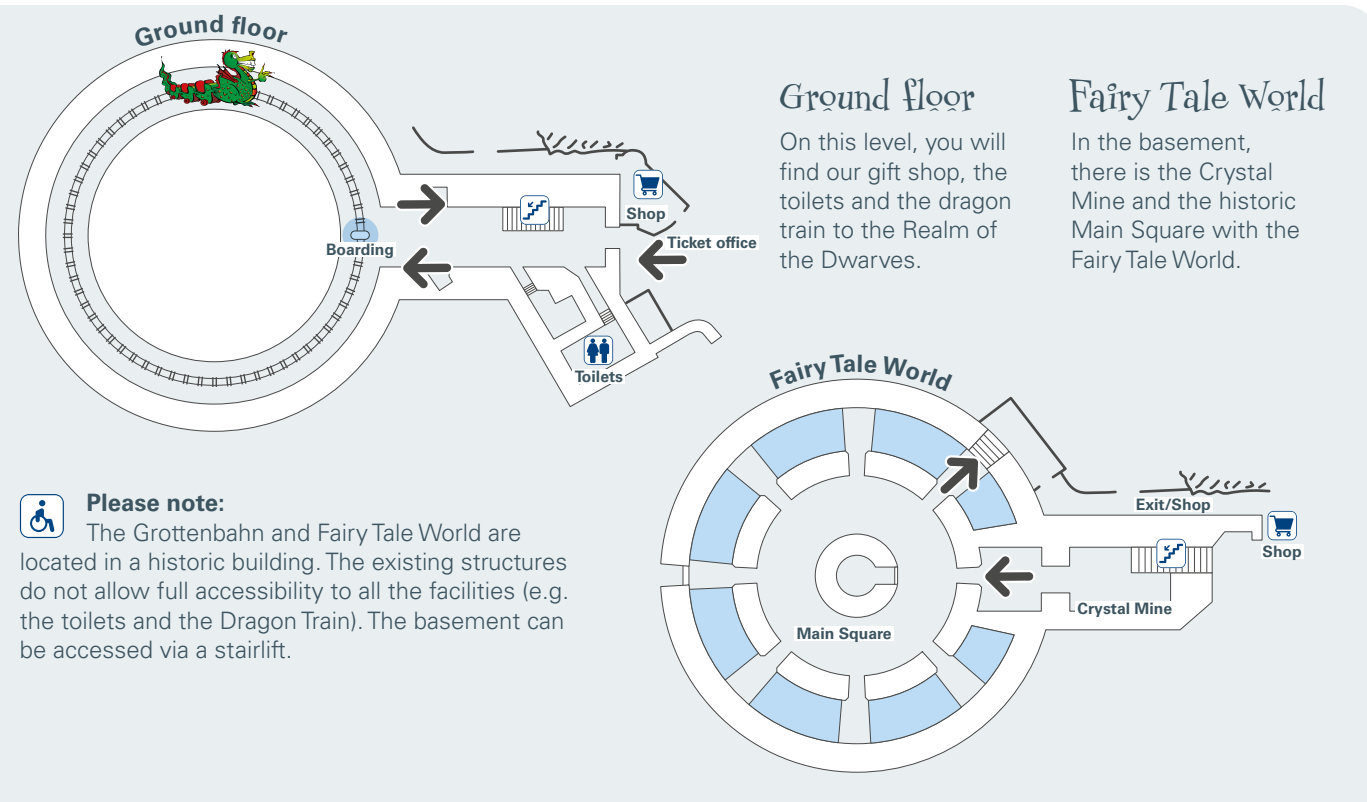
Walking

Sporty visitors may wish to hike up the roughly 260 m and 3.6 km to the top of mount Pöstlingberg. For a hiking map, please consult linztourismus.at

Tip!

Erlebnisticket

Uphill and downhill journey on the Pöstlingberg mountain railway as well as unlimited rides on the network of LINZ AG LINIEN (valid for 24 hours after validation and within the urban area). Up to two children aged 6 years or younger can travel together with the ticket holder.



Please note:

The Grottenbahn and Fairy Tale World are located in a historic building. The existing structures do not allow full accessibility to all the facilities (e.g. the toilets and the Dragon Train). The basement can be accessed via a stairlift.



Hearonymus – Your guide to the Pöstlingberg

The App offers a free audio guide (German/English) from the Main Square downtown all the way to the Fairy Tale Main Square in the Grottenbahn.



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The Grottenbahn

An enchanting fairy tale world
full of magic





My name is Sebastian. I am a lucky dragon. Together with my many friends I live in the Grottenbahn on Pöstlingberg mountain.

My uncle Lenzibald is the strongest but also the friendliest dragon in the world! Can you believe he can carry 56 people through the Realm of the Dwarves – all at once?

Come and visit! We will be happy to show you our home and all its magic inhabitants!

Did you know?

Sebastian, the lucky dragon, is also available as a cuddly toy! The soft little dragon is not just a great souvenir of an unforgettable visit to the Grottenbahn but also a true companion for his little fans.



Lost? Found!

There are so many magical characters in the Grottenbahn! It's difficult to keep track of them all. Can you help Sebastian find some of his friends in the crowd? The small pictures show his friends who got lost. Can you find them in the big puzzle picture?



Exciting adventures in the Grottenbahn

My fabulous world is full of surprises. On a ride through the Realm of the Dwarves on the back of my uncle Lenzibald you will first meet my little friends, the dwarves. Then it's off to the fairy tale main square with all its fantastic inhabitants. Let us enchant and surprise you. There is always something fun going on here – not only on my birthday!



A Birthday Surprise



Sebastian is cuddled up and fast asleep in his cosy bed when suddenly, the dwarves sneak quietly into his room.



Once the last of the dwarves has carefully pushed a huge birthday cake towards Sebastian's bed, they all begin to sing and play: 'Happy birthday, dear Sebastian, happy birthday to you!'



Sebastian slips out from under his blanket. He is full of joy: 'What a lovely surprise! I am curious to find out, what else you have planned!'



The dwarves wink at Sebastian and say: 'You just wait and see! There are always exciting things to do in the Grottenbahn!'

