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SALZBURG SURROUNDING AREA

Grödig at the foot of the Untersberg

Tales and legends, traditional customs and a rural setting

Shrouded in legend and myth, the Untersberg towers majestically over Grödig and its districts Eicht, Glanegg, St. Leonhard-Gartenau and Fürstenbrunn. For 50 years now, the cable cars of the Untersbergbahn have been taking visitors to the 1,850m summit. Here, you can enjoy the best view of the city of Salzburg only seven kilometres away.

In a holiday in Grödig, the marvelous Untersberg is a top attraction. Many stories have been passed on about the Untersberg which is both the city's grand vantage point and water reservoir: Charles the Great was supposed to have awaited his redemption inside the mountain; mystics even today are said to meet at the top of the mountain for their nature rituals. Located conveniently close to the city, mountaineers love the Untersberg for its challenge, cave explorers for its cliffs and skiers for its demanding downhill run. Through the Almkanal – a relic from the Middle Ages – the water from the *Königssee* rushes right into the centre of Salzburg.

Traditions and culinary delights

The four districts of Grödig nestle at the foot of the Untersberg. St. Leonhard, where the cable cars of the *Untersbergbahn* start, is located at the southernmost point. This is also where Salzburg's oldest Christmas Market is held annually offering traditional arts, crafts and folk music. The district of Fürstenbrunn is situated at the northernmost tip. Grödig with its 7,000 inhabitants covers a large area allowing guests to choose from a range of accommodation from farmstay to equally charming hotels of international standards. The Grödig innkeepers aspire to surprise and delight visitors with traditional Salzburg delicacies offering seasonal specialities and epicurian weeks throughout the year.

City and country within reach

A regular bus service to Salzburg runs at 20-minute intervals. Visitors can obtain a *Salzburg Card* to make use of local transport and the cable car to the top of the Untersberg. Grödig also has its own motorway exit - *Salzburg-Süd* off the A10 - for speedy connections in all directions. Berchtesgaden with *Königssee* and *Kehlsteinhaus* are only minutes away; the mountainous inner regions, world-famous skiing resorts and beauty spots for hiking and sightseeing can all be reached via the motorway.

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