

Garmisch Partenkirchen



Background information: Culture and Culinary Art

From traditional Bavarian to the ultra-modern – culture, handicrafts and culinary art in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

You can do all of these 365 days a year in Garmisch-Partenkirchen: enjoy culture, indulge in regional culinary specialties, discover local shops while strolling through town and, at the same time, admire the magnificent Lüftlmalerei mural paintings on the facades of the buildings that recount stories about their residents, the town and its traditions. Garmisch-Partenkirchen captivates visitors the whole year round with a varied cultural offering, traditional handicrafts, local products and regional specialties, making a day in town or an evening after a day in the mountains uniquely relaxing and enjoyable.

Conceived and created here: The new local trademark for Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Since November of 2016, six selected manufacturers are entitled to use the new *INSER HOAMAT* (“our homeland”) seal of quality for special products, thereby showing that they are truly locals of Partenkirchen, in terms of both place of birth and mindset. As the most important criterion, the products must be developed and produced in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. These selected products include, for example, a trekking shoe, a hay pillow and the town’s dedicated chocolate creation, Gapalade, all of which have a special story to tell.

www.inserhoamat.de

Shopping with a view of the Alps

During a walk through the pedestrian mall of Garmisch from the Marienplatz to the Richard-Strauss-Platz plazas, traditional shops and renowned exclusive boutiques invite visitors for some leisurely shopping. This is where high quality traditional handicrafts including elaborately crafted folkloric garments meet modern, regional fashion and Alpine lifestyle.

Traditional artisans such as goldsmiths and manufacturers of Bavarian *Haferl* shoes can be found along the historic Ludwigstrasse in Partenkirchen. There is also a manufacturer of Bavarian curling sticks - one of just eight worldwide - located in Garmisch-Partenkirchen that has been producing the curling sticks by hand and delivering them to customers around the globe for 45 years. www.gapa.de/Garmisch-Partenkirchen_Shopping

Gapalade chocolate, home-roasted coffee and canned bread: local specialties away from the mainstream

In the town’s own chocolate makers shop, Chocolaterie Amelie, Franz Kässer and his son Linus create exquisite delicacies that make their customers melt away. Both locals and vacationers rave about Gapalade and Gapline, made of ultra-fine chocolate and chocolate candy refined with alpine herbs as an homage to Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Visitors can watch the chocolate makers at work in their transparent production area or even test their own patisserie skills in one of their chocolate candy or chocolate dessert courses.

At the “Wildkaffee”, visitors are seduced by the barista skills of former ice hockey pro Leonhard “Hardi” Wild. He also offers barista courses in his own coffee roasting shop located on the outskirts of Partenkirchen. Hardi Wild and his team process high quality raw coffee purchased directly from coffee farmers, thereby ensuring fair trade and premium quality of coffee at the same time.

Master baker Hobi produces original and regional bread and bread roll specialties with a changing assortment ranging from red-colored Mars bread rolls to green Neptune rolls and all the way to aloe vera rolls, among many other extra-terrestrial creations. Canned bread is another specialty with Hobi’s unique brand of



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creativity and inventive spirit that can be found here.

Bayurvedic, Indian and passionately regional: Top class culinary art

Part of an unmistakable style of living is reflected in the excellent cuisine found here. It ranges from famous Bavarian specialties to modern, wholefood with regional organic products and all the way to exquisite dishes in upscale gourmet restaurants. You will also find unconventional creations here: Chef de cuisine Sascha Horst of Staudacherhof has achieved a daring combination of Bavarian and Ayurvedic cuisine, and you can savor exotic Indian spices among other specialties at chef of international cuisine Akram's restaurant. You can also try creative dishes in Koch's restaurant, which features regional fresh products and a menu that virtually changes daily. This small restaurant with a professional, but personal ambiance also features a transparent kitchen that lets you watch the passionate cook and his team while they prepare your personal dish. www.gapa.de/Gastronomie+Nightlife

High-quality cultural offering

Varied cultural experiences round off your vacation in Garmisch-Partenkirchen: The Richard-Strauss-Festival commemorating the famous composer who made Garmisch-Partenkirchen his adopted home long ago forms the musical highlight of every summer. In the summer, Garmisch-Partenkirchen offers a colorful variety of theater, music, the fine arts, cabaret performances and comical Bavarian Bauerntheater. During the *Heimatwochen* ("homeland weeks") in the summer, locals share their close attachment to their customs with visitors. From mid-May to early October, you can attend live concerts completely free of charge daily with music ranging from traditional Bavarian to Viennese waltzes and operetta melodies and all the way to Swing. Actress from Garmisch-Partenkirchen Tatjana Pokorny runs the *Kleine Theater* ("Small Theater"). This unique theater has been entertaining spectators regularly with stage productions marked by loving attention to detail for three generations already.

Visitors who would like to learn more about Garmisch-Partenkirchen's history during their vacation can book a guided tour of the town. They can select from classic exploratory tours, for example on the subject of Lüftlmalerei mural paintings and stories about the houses, or tours with specific themes like witches or the town's Lederhosen tradition.

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