

5-day hut tour in the Rätikon | Brand

Brandnertal  
Vorarlberg

HARD

REFRESHMENTS

PANORAMIC

MULTI-DAY

STAGE TOUR

ROUND TRIP



Tour description

5-day tour in the Rätikon with overnight stay in huts

**Stage 1**  
From Brand, either walk or take the cable car to the Dorfbahn mountain station. Then follow the Palüdweg to the Amatschonjoch. Now follow the Rätikon High Trail North to Nenzinger Himmel, where the Alpengasthof Gamperdona awaits you with delicious alpine products.  
**Duration:** approx. 5:40 hours  
**Overnight stay:** [Alpengasthof Gamperdona](#)

**Stage 2**  
From Nenzinger Himmel, a path leads to Spusagang-Scharte and on via Straußsteig to Mannheimer Hütte, the second overnight stop.  
**Duration:** approx. 4:50 hours  
**Overnight stay:** [Mannheimer hut](#)

**Stage 3**  
From the Mannheimer Hütte, an alpine trail leads over the Brandner Gletscher (glacier) to the Schesaplana. The descent is via the Totalp Hütte to lake Lünensee. The Douglass Hütte is located on the shore of the reservoir.  
**Duration:** approx. 3:10 hours  
**Overnight stay:** [Douglass hut](#)

**Stage 4**  
From the Douglass Hütte, turn left over the dam wall up to the Lünearkrinne. From there along the Lünearweg and Gipsköpfleweg to the Heinrich-Hueter Hütte and on along the Zimbajochsteig to the Sarotla Hütte, the fourth overnight stop.  
**Duration:** approx. 4:25 hours  
**Overnight stay:** [Sarotla hut](#)

**Stage 5**  
From the Sarotla Hütte through the Sarotla valley out of the valley to Brand.  
**Duration:** approx. 1:30 hours.

We recommend sure-footedness, a head for heights, and alpine experience. This tour is not recommended in wet conditions or if there are still snowfields below the Zimbajoch. You can divide the ascent per day and hours according to the weather and your needs. The times given are approximate. Depending on fitness, weather conditions or other circumstances, the walking time may be shorter or longer.

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|    | <b>18:00 h</b><br>duration     |    | <b>37,1 km</b><br>Length     |
|  | <b>2951 m</b><br>Highest point |  | <b>919 m</b><br>Lowest point |
|  | <b>3500 m</b><br>Ascent        |  | <b>3520 m</b><br>Descent     |

Start

Finish

Tour type

Difficulty

Bus stop - Dorfbahn

Bus stop - Dorfbahn

Mountain Hike

● Hard

Elevation profile



Condition

Technique

Difficulty

Result

Landscape

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## Directions

Stage 1: Brand - Dorfbahn - Palüdweg - Amatschonjoch - Rätikon Höhenweg Nord - Nenzinger Himmel

Stage 2: Nenzinger Himmel - Spusagang-Scharte - Straußsteig - Mannheimer Hütte

Stage 3: Mannheimer Hütte - Schesaplana - Totalp Hütte - Lünensee - Douglass Hütte

Stage 4: Douglass Hütte - Lünerkrinne - Heinrich-Hueter Hütte - Sarotla Hütte

Stage 5: Sarotla Hütte - Sarotla Valley - Brand

## Equipment

Sturdy footwear, warm clothing, rain and sun protection, a snack, a full water bottle and hiking poles are recommended. Additional equipment for an overnight stay in a refuge and, if necessary, grödel for crossing the glacier field. Cell phone for emergencies.

## Public transportation

Landbus Brandnertal Line L580 Stop Brand Dorfbahn

Timetable query online at [www.vmobil.at](http://www.vmobil.at)

## Further information and links

### Reserve a table

Alpengasthof Gamperdona | [www.alpengasthof-gamperdona.at](http://www.alpengasthof-gamperdona.at)

Mannheimer Hütte | [www.mannheimerhuetten.co.at](http://www.mannheimerhuetten.co.at)

Douglass Hütte | [www.douglasshuetten.at](http://www.douglasshuetten.at)

Sarotla Hütte | [www.sarotlahuetten.at](http://www.sarotlahuetten.at)

## Safety instructions

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### EMERGENCY CALL

140 Alpine emergencies Austria-wide

144 Alpine emergencies Vorarlberg

112 Euro emergency call (works with any cell phone/network)

[www.alpenregion-vorarlberg.com/sicherheitstipps-wandern](http://www.alpenregion-vorarlberg.com/sicherheitstipps-wandern)

## Safety in the mountains

### EN NOTRUF:

EN 140 - Alpine Notfälle österreichweit

EN 144 - Alpine Notfälle Vorarlberg

EN 112 - Euro-Notruf (funktioniert mit jedem Handy/Netz)

[further information](#)