



Listen, feel, see, marvel and enjoy
Classical or twelve-note composition, theatre or exhibition, a
reading or a festival of myths and legend - the region is proud
of its burgeoning programme of cultural events

Hall-Wattens: In a region where biking, hill walking and skiing
come naturally, there are clearly countless opportunities for
all kinds of sport. But the Hall-Wattens region also welcomes
lovers of the arts. Many are attracted to the region to attend
events with fine reputations that extend way beyond the
province's borders. The slogan "Culture is our nature" is not
just a set of empty words. The world of the arts is firmly
embedded in the lifestyle of the region's inhabitants. Visitors
and Tyroleans alike simply adore the vibrant cultural scene.
Inspirational readings, exhibitions, theatre performances,
farmers' theatre and open-air events are staged in a
picturesque, medieval setting framed against the backdrop of
the Karwendel mountain range. They could be mainstream,
contemporary or way-out - whatever they are, the wide variety
on offer invariably takes the arts across traditional
boundaries into new cultural territory.

Classical concerts are regularly held in one of Hall's two fine
churches, but also in the churches at Wattens, Gnadenwald,
Baumkirchen, Absam, Volders, Tulfes, Mils, Thaur, Wattenberg
and Fritzens. At the internationally renowned "Festival für
Gegenwärtige" (Festival for Today), on the other hand,
progressive audiences embrace more contemporary sounds.
Hall's Stromboli youth centre is often a venue for theatre,
cabaret and music. It's an open door for poets, singers,
producers and one-man entertainers in the historic town centre.

Inside the "Giant" at Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens, an
attraction originally designed and recently revamped by André
Heller, there are not just gleaming stones to admire, but
celebrities and writers from the international arts scene
regularly drop by to add some extra sparkle. Colourful images,
exotic sounds and unusual writings draw crystal connoisseurs
into the giant's grass-sprouting head. Children are also very
welcome. Various events are staged so younger guests may also
make this journey of discovery and join in the workshops.

Ever since 1996, fairies and witches, gnomes and princes have
frolicked through a magic forest near Wattens. The annual Fairy
Tale Festival consists of a wide-ranging programme, with among
other things, participants invited to venture into the woods on
night walks in the company of a band of mythical creatures
associated with the region. As they listen to the fairy tales,
children and adults too get to learn more about the Tyrol's
past. Walks through the forests and across the Alpine provide
an opportunity to seek out many of these mythical figures.

The parlour plays performed on the region's various village stages are very popular and becoming increasingly successful. It is not just in the municipal halls that these traditional plays are performed; sometimes they even are staged in some of the local pubs.

It's not just academics, who relish the opportunity to attend readings and take part in discussions with authors at the "Sprachsalz" literary festival in Hall's stylish surroundings. Every summer for three whole days, almost around the clock, book-lovers from all walks of life are invited to listen, talk and celebrate their passion for the written word.

The Tyrol Easter Festival was launched in 1990 and every year it draws ever more enthusiastic disciples into its spell. A very varied cultural events programme accompanies Lent and also Easter week. Concerts and discussions, dance performances and puppet plays, premières and celebrations to mark Russian Easter create just the right musical and artistic mood for commemorating the Resurrection.

The ten villages of Absam, Baumkirchen, Fritzens, Gnadewald, Mils, Thaur, Tulfes, Volders, Wattenberg and Wattens, together with Hall in Tirol, make up the Hall-Wattens region. Nature and culture, tradition and modernity, urban chic and rural scenic beauty are among the tantalising contrasts on offer here for a full 365 days of the year. Among the many attractions are the historic town of Hall in Tirol, Swarovski's Crystal Worlds and Hall's Mint Tower, and not least the Pilgrimage Church in Absam. Fine cultural and sporting moments complete the offering, making the Hall-Wattens region an attractive destination for holidays and days out. It's the perfect place for people seeking somewhere out-of-the-ordinary. A rich mix of shopping opportunities, warm and welcoming accommodation ranging from farmhouses, B&Bs, holiday apartments to top hotels, plus a wide variety of cafés and restaurants provide even more compelling arguments in favour of visit to the Hall-Wattens region.

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