

RENATE

Beautiful Sights

BUILT HISTORY

AND MANY MORE HAVE MAPPED FOR YOU

Once destroyed by the Nazis on November 9, 1938, the synagogue, which was reopened to the day 62 years later in 2000, shapes the cityscape on the right bank of the Mur River again. Once a month, guided tours illustrate past and present Jewish life in Graz DAVID HERZOG PLATZ 1 | synagoge@ikg-graz.at

12 THEATER FOR THE PEOPLE

The **TIB - Theater im Bahnhof** performs all over the city - depending on the subjects dealt with in the plays. Austria's best independent theater group, which sees itself in the tradition of "popular theater", playfully transgresses all boundaries, and masters improvisational theater as well as performance or dance. Or party. Expect the unexpected. **ELISABETHINERGASSE 27a** www.theater-im-bahnhof.com

14 WATER ART

Unfortunately, his Shadow of the Graz Clocktower disappeared from the city, but in the Annenviertel artist Markus Wilfling is visible several times with his witty interventions – for example in the courtyard of the former Dominican Monastery where he realized a "swimming fountain" in collabo ration with Michael Kienzer. A meditative experience! DREIHACKENGASSE 1-3

23 MEDIA FOR THE MASSES

With red leather sofas between the walls of books, newspapers from all over the world and free Wi-Fi, the City Library in the Zanklhof is the perfect refuge for those looking for quietness and information. Right on the other side of the street, the Media Library attracts visitors with games, music CDs, and 9,000 DVDs. CORNER OF BELGIERGASSE/FEUERBACHGASSE AND/OR VORBECKGASSE 12 | MON, WED, THU 10-7,

26. BELLY DANCING IN THE BLOB

Since 2003, the year when Graz was European Capital of Culture, the cityscape cannot be imagined without it anymore: the Kunsthaus Graz which has been conceived by Peter Cook and Colin Fournier in the spirit of blobism and is alternately nicknamed by locals "blue bubble" or "friendly alien". But the Kunsthaus does not only offer great art - as do the renowned Camera Austria and the HDA-Haus der Architektur – but curiously enough also a café, the IKU, which has become known for its salsa, belly dancing and tango nights. LENDKAI 1 | 🄝

31 BLACK MERCY

The high baroque monastery church of the Brothers of Mercy hosts a very special statue of divine mercy in the Chapel of Our Lady of Loretto - a Black Madonna created in Italy in 1653. Moreover, the ship's bell of the SMS Tegetthoff lies here; as from 1942 it was used on the Nazi cruiser Prinz Eugen. ANNENSTRASSE 12

33 LEARNING FROM GUTENBERG

The association **DruckZeug** wants to make us experience the world of letterpress printing in hands-on workshops for visitors on the premises of the historical print shop **Druckerei Alexander** Bauer. Moreover, the alleys behind the building, which once also hosted the Civic Hospital, are worth a look. ANNENSTRASSE 19 | WORKSHOPS: http://druckzeug.at

IDLHOFGASSE 67 | MON-SUN 8-21

The well-assorted second-hand store **BAN**

makes collectors' hearts leap for joy: Beside

second-hand furniture, which is professionally

restored here in the frame of an employment

project, crockery, clothing and vast numbers

of books invite you to browse the store UNGERGASSE 31 | MON-FRI 8.15-17

With his Asia Minimarket, Jusuf Aubed

countries. The takeaway meals, classic Thai

The shelves are full of delicacies from nine Asian

cuisine, are quickly prepared and budget-priced. And a true woman chef is at work right next

STORE: MON-SAT 9-21 | TAKEAWAY: MON-SAT 11-20 |

KHRUA THAI: MON-SAT 10.30-14.30 + 16.30-22.30

No matter if dreadlocks, braided cornrows or artificial hair extensions: Mama Lee is the

African community's undisputed hairstyling

queen. But her hairdressing shop has even

more to offer: African delicacies and persona

care products - directly imported from Paris!

25) FOR URBAN GARDENERS

"Samenhandlung zum Schwarzen Rettig'

for 240 years. Moreover, it offers aviaries

and all sorts of practical tools for (urban)

ardeners. SÜDTIROLER PLATZ 1

MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 9-13

Flower seeds, vegetable seeds, and rarities -

all this you find at Samen Köller. The former

has provided the Graz population with seeds

FEUERBACHGASSE 7 | MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 11-18

combines food store and Thai takeaway.

door in the restaurant Khrua Thai.

22 AFRO-STYLE QUEEN

LITTLE THAILAND

SECOND HAND

37 FAMILY-FRIENDLY CINEMA

In 1908, the motion picture pioneer Oskar Gierke opened "Europe's largest and most elegant cinematographers' establishment" with his "Bioskoptheater Annenhof". Today, the UCI Annenhof offers for the most part family-friendly movies, popcorn and soft drinks in its eight theaters. ANNENSTRASSE 29 | www.uci-kinowelt.at

47 IN THE NAME OF THE RED

The library of the Austrian Chamber of Labor, located in the tradition-steeped "Red Castle" is an insider tip for all those who love the smell of old books. The wooden shelves reaching up to the ceiling are bulging with classics, and the use of the library and its eight public computers with web access is free of charge. HANS-RESEL-GASSE 8-14, ENTRANCE: HANUSCHGASSE 3 | MON, THU 10-19, TUE, WED 10-16, FRI 10-13.30 | 🎓

48 ART AND COFFEE

There would be no "Annenviertel" without < rotor >: What was initiated in 2009 as a research project on the "Art of Urban Intervention has meanwhile been turned into a network of local residents, and local and international artists and activists, which manifests itself in regularly organized exhibitions and workshops well worth seeing and attending. Moreover, < rotor > hosts a nice self-service café where you can casually indulge in offline social networking VOLKSGARTENSTRASSE 6a | MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 12-16 | €

49 CLASSIC CULTURE

Every Monday, the Theater im Bahnhof makes a quest appearance here with its amazing impro ow; on all other days, cabaret, rock, jazz or Punch-and-Judy shows and children's theater are on the schedule of the Orpheum. Something for everyone, as they say. ORPHEUMGASSE 8 | ?

67. STEEPED IN HISTORY

In the park of the Rondo, which was designed by Markus Pernthaler, a building of particular significance for Styrian architectural history is hidden: the Eichholzer Pavilion, one of the few surviving buildings planned by the modernist architect and resistance fighter Herbert Eichholzer, who was put to death by the Nazis. MARIENPLATZ 1

MURAD:

"... the upper floors, the fronts of the old townhouses ..."

Murad also recommends: 37 26 39

At the Theater am Lend, whose program regularly features plays by young local playwrights, one can gain insight into the city's independent theater scene. After the show, you can enjoy a glass of wine in the "Kunstcafé", which was once designed by Klaus Kada. WIENERSTRASSE 58a I SHOWS: http://theater-am-lend.at

Great W Food

10 MORE THAN SAUSAGE

The product range of the delicatessen Feinkost Schein is small, but excellent. Cheese, eggs, homemade cakes and sparkling wine – everything you need for the perfect breakfast and, allegedly, the best Wurstsemmel (a roll usually filled with Extrawurst, a special type of thinly sliced sausage, often with a slice of cheese and pickle) in town. Ideal for early birds and night owls. GRIESPLATZ 35 | MON-FRI 6-13 + 15-18.30, SAT 6-12

117 EATING LIKE IN A MOVIE

The **Sportkegelbahnen Scheff** (a ninepins alley) are so special that they were even honored in a movie in 2010 – as the "Bazillenbar" in the Austrian blockbuster comedy "The Unintentional Kidnapping of Mrs. Elfriede Ott". In reality, the Scheff s a super laid-back tavern. With excellent fried chicken. ELISABETHINERGASSE 22 | MON-SAT 9-24

16 TURKISH CHURCH INN

The diversity of original Turkish cuisine can be discovered at **Bosporus**. Inside likeable Kurt Ali's restaurant, one dines in a tasteful atmosphere and in summer one can enjoy one's meals outside in the shadow of St Andra church. KERNSTOCKGASSE 17 | MON-SUN 10-24

19 DOLCE VITA

The La Madonnina, one of the city's best Italian restaurants has established itself right in the middle of administrative offices and advertising agencies. Budget lunch. Who prefers more exotic food can che out Tamil and Sri Lankan cuisine just a few steps farther south, at the **Dainadoo**. LA MADONNINA: NIKOLAIPLATZ 1 | TUE-SAT 11-22, SUN 11-21 | DAINADOO: ENTENPLATZ 1a | MON-FRI 10-24, SAT 17-2

20 COFFEE GALORE!

Have a bagel with coffee masterl spot and all possible variations of chai and fresh juices. The *Tribeka*, located directly at the bank of the Mur River, reconciles American takeaway nonchalance with local coffee house culture Plus: views on "the smallest gallery", the Schloßberg, and the stylish Lend crowd. GRIESKAI 2 | MON-FRI 7-20, SAT 8-20, SUN 9-20 | @

27 **EMPIRE OF TASTE** Weitzer Ouarter -

The sun never sets in the empire of the clever hotelier Florian Weitzer. With the Weitzer and the Wiesler, he commands two first-class notels and a number of exquisite restaurants in the "Weitzer Quarter", and all this on the area of only two blocks. Vegetarians love the Mangolds, but avoid the Senf und Söhne; after all, only boiled meat is served there. Also more than OK: the cool Speisesaal, the Styrian restaurant Der Steirer and the Kaffee Weitzer, maybe the best Viennese coffee house in town. 🎓 🛏 DER STEIRER: MON-SUN 11-24 MANGOLDS: MON-FRI 11-15, SAT 11-16 SENF UND SÖHNE: MON-FRI 10-15 **SPEISESAAL: MON-SUN 17-1**



KAFFEE WEITZER: MON-FRI 7-15, SAT, SUN 7-19

28 HAVING A PINT IN THE PUB

It is pretty dark in the *Running Horse*, as dark as it is right and proper for a pub. Inside, you won't notice the passing of time anymore. The choice of beers and whisk(e)ys is more than acceptable Who also wants to eat something can order pizza from Contra Punto next door. KOSAKENGASSE 7 | MON-SAT 18-4, SUN 20-2

43 HEALTHY URBAN CUISINE

Coffee & Kitchen is the perfect venue for substantial breakfast or healthy lunch in a welldesigned atmosphere. Fresh juices, homemade tray-baked cakes and Tribeka coffee are served; a good selection of newspapers. METAHOFGASSE 30 | MON-FRI 7-18 | ◆

46 GENUINE "STHAYRIAN"

Please don't be bemused by the fact that the owners of **Siam Thai** call their restaurant a "Sthairisches Wirtshaus" (Thai Styrian restaurant). Really excellent Thai food is served here - yellow, red and green curries, and all that goes with it. HANS-RESEL-GASSE 3 | MON-FRI 11-15 + 17-22

53 WICKED MEALS

Brain with egg, lights and tripe soup: At Mohrenwirt, meals are served which where disappeared from the menu long ago. MARIAHILFERSTRASSE 16 | SAT-WED 10-24

4 ALL-ROUND HANGOUT

Cozy get-together in the beer garden, live concerts in the basement – the **Scherbe** is one of the most popular all-round hangouts of Lend. The set lunch changes daily, breakfast is excellent, and we owe it to the owner's roots that a Laško Pivo is served with the ćevapčići. STOCKERGASSE 2 | MON-FRI 10-1, SAT 9-1, SO 9-24

55 MEDITERRANEAN PLEASURES

The **Bakaliko** masterly combines Levantine cuisine with the sale of Mediterranean products. The shop offers goat cheese, yoghurt and up to six different olive oil varieties of excellent quality. The substantial lunch dish is announced on Facebook every day.

LENDPLATZ 1 | MON-FRI 9-18, SAT 9-15.30

Beside the usual Italian dishes such as pizza and pasta, Kurdish and Greek specialties are also served in the charming pizzeria Santa Lucia. The Kurdish "Three Specialties" are an absolute insider's tip. Very obliging service STOCKERGASSE 10 | MON-SUN 10-22

62 INSIDE AFRICA

Soft African music, colorful pictures and bead curtains: The African restaurant **Omoka** does not only offer a typically African atmosphere, but also meals such as yam, bean stew or plantains. These can be washed down with a Harp Lager from Guinness Nigeria KEPLERSTRASSE 12 | WED-MON 14-24

Every Wednesday, "Anni-Wirtin" of the Babenbergerhof invites her guests to joint singing and music sessions - sometimes it's Austrian folk music, at others it's jazz; but the Verhackert is always free. And once a month, there's a vodeling session! BABENBERGERSTRASSE 39 | MON-FRI 17-2

56 PIZZA PLUS

69 LEARNING YODELING

CULTURAL CRUISE AT NIL

has hosted readings, workshops and exhibitions since 2004. The café delights its guests with African specialties such as pepe soup or egusi. This is accompanied by Nil Ginger – a healing and aphrodizing drink – allegedly.

LAZARETTGASSE 5 | MON-SUN FROM 15 (OPEN END)

A GARAGE THAT ROCKS

Breakfast all day, vegetarian lunch, and Russian disco at night: With its two floors, - one of them the most beautiful club space of the city - the café and outdoor space in summer, the Postgarage covers all conceivable requirements of young urbanites. A bit of Berlin in Gries. DREIHACKENGASSE 42 | www.postgarage.at CAFÉ: MON-SAT FROM 9, SUN FROM 12 | €

NANA:

"The Feuerbachgasse is like the 'back side' of the city; just like the Marschallgasse – if the Mariahilferstraße were the front side"

a homey atmosphere, selected tea and live music. Stills from famous movies and gorgeous chandeliers contribute to its flair ANNENSTRASSE 29 | MON-SAT, 6-24, SUN, 17-24 | ❖

62 In the rhythm of Pints

a pint at **Exil**. Sometimes, it also ends here. This smoking venue is decorated with record covers and music magazines, the host himself or alternating guest DJs are behind the turntables and music rules in general. JOSEFIGASSE 1 | TUE-SAT FROM 19.30

FREE SPACE FOR ALL

Anything goes: live concerts, dancing to 1980s, 1990s, or Austropop hits, drum 'n' bass and dubstep nights! **PPC** has it all. NEUBAUGASSE 6 | www.popculture.at



Good Deals OUR DAILY BREAD **29) HIPSTER CENTRAL**

Without Turkish grocers the local supply A new haircut, hip outfit and a bottle of Afri-Cola with fresh vegetables, fruit and other essential all this is available in the Taiga "concept store", products would have broken down a long time a hairdressing shop, café and boutique all in one. ago. In this respect, Kara has an even more Inside, the shop is furnished in a 1960s style; special status, as the shop also has its own and in summer, one enjoys the most beautiful bakery which - as people assume - supplies evening sun of the Annenviertel sitting at the small tables in front of the shop. SÜDTIROLERPLATZ I the entire city with fresh pita bread, simits, MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 10-17 | HAIRDRESSER ONLY ON THU and sweet bread rolls around the clock

30 LISTENING ALTERNATIVES

This small record store and its owner buy you over with their very particular charm. Dux Records has specialized in CDs from the genres of alternative/ indie; select stuff is available on vinyl and, last but not least, you'll find a good selection of local bands. ANNENSTRASSE 6 | MON-FRI 10-12 + 13-18, SAT 10-14

32) MOBILE PHONE HELP

Mobile phone defective? Forgot the charger? The **EU Handy Shop** in the Annenstraße solves your problem. Laptops, headphones and DVDs supplement the product range. Quick and competent service. ANNENSTRASSE 26 | MON-FRI 9-18, SAT 9-17

34 COLORFUL MIX OF SHOPS

Where the cooperative enterprises Forum and Konsum provided local supply in the past, the Styria Center with its colorful mix of shops and takeaways dominates the scene today. Internet access and free Wi-Fi are available at Chillout, (vegetarian) sushi at Osaka. ANNENSTRASSE 22 | ❖

35 SPICY!

Besides 130 spices, Manfred van den Berg also offers pumpkin seed oil and liqueurs at the **VDB** - 100 percent made in Styria. ANNENSTRASSE 25 | MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 9-13

36 KITSCH AND WOOL

At Sewa you can either discover the amateur esoteric or the knitting Jenny inside you. The $\,$ shop of the Bengali guru Sri Chinmoy is a popular a point of the knitting community and a true treasure chest for kitschy last-minute gifts. ANNENSTRASSE 23 | MON-FRI 9-18.30, SAT 9-13

39 GLOBAL SHOPPING

Farmah's India Supermarket is the heart of Farmah Bhupinder Singh's little empire, which also includes the voguish "Trendy Zone". Anyway, everybody who yearns for Nigerian, Persian or any national cuisine of his or her home country and is in need of essential ingredients здоровье! must shop there. Farmah's has them all. And what's more: Bollywood DVDs! ANNENSTRASSE 41 | MON-SAT 9-19

(41) VODKA&CO At Kaukasus pure Eastern pleasures

are available. Kefir, kvass, Russian beer, dried fish and sausage specialties and, in addition to this, a huge assortment of colorfully wrapped candy. Bookworms will also find Russian novels here. And, of course, vodka is available, too ELISABETHINERGASSE 10 | MON-SAT 10-21 42 IN THE GHETTO

The Unique HipHop Boutique is fully dedicated

to American youth culture. Wide T-shirts, basecaps

product range. Music and posters from the hip-hop

scene create original ghetto flair in the shop. It's

and sneakers are basic elements of the offered

pretty popular among young Annenviertlers ANNENSTRASSE 53 | MON-FRI 10-18, SAT 10-17

61) NEW USES FOR OLD THINGS At re:use, people who can't hold a steady job due to mental health problems turn bicycle wrecks into works of art on two wheels of all kind and make the dreams of ordinary cyclists and hipster Fixie fetishists come true. Prams, work bikes and silk-screen printing accessories are also available in its shop. ANNENSTRASSE 34 | MON, WED,

57 KEBAB WITH A VIEW

FRI 10-19, TUE, THU 13-19, SAT 10-16

viertel (the choice is not small) is often sent to Akdag in the high-rise building on Lendplatz. The kebabs are fresh and inexpensive and you enjoy a double view - on a huge mural of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque a the hustle and bustle in the Keplerstraße. **KEPLERSTRASSE 32 | MON-SUN 8-23**

Who asks for the best kebab in the Annen

58 STYLISH SOUVENIRS

Within only a few years, the area between the northern end of *Griesgasse*, through Mariahilferstraße and right up to Lendplatz has turned out to be a highly fertile ground for startups founded by members of the creative crowd of Graz. All those looking for cool souvenirs from the UNESCO City of Design will definitely find them here. There are choice design items at Kwirl or in the Kunsthaus shop, fashion from local production at Pell Mell or Zerum, and cool upcycled bags and other stylish stuff produced in the frame of (youth) employment projects at Heidenspaß, Tagwerk or Offline Retail. In-between, laid-back cafés and other venues such as the blendend or the Centraal are waiting for guests who want to take a break from shopping. 🔝

63 FRESH AND RARE The Lendplatz is not exactly a masterly urbanist

achievement, yet the farmer's market on its southern end is one of the most likeable venues of this city. Farmers sell seasonal vegetables, fruit and meat from their own, and sometimes organic, production at their stands One example is the stand of "Kleine Farm", which is particularly nice and offers rare vegetables such as lemon cucumbers. And in one of the huts or inside the market hall, shopping can be combined with a snack and drink in a pleasant way e.g. at the "Süße Luise" or at Miran Schaweder's fish stand (stand 41 a/b). MON-SAT 6-13

65 ANCHORS AWEIGH!

Directly at the riverside of the Mur, the book shop Büchersegler set anchor. No matter if fiction, hildren's books or magazines – this charming ookstore has everything on board. Its charming nterior (sailing boot!) gets you in a holiday mood. LENDKAI 31 | TUE-FRI 10-18.30, SAT 10-13.30

ANDREAS:

"Balkan style! The grill on Griesplatz also offers <u>fa</u>ntastic tarts; and Demiri's on Ćevapčići like in Bosnia."

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food: He doesn't burn the sausage to death but fries it patiently. Famous: the cheese hot dog. Intercultural: the turkey bratwurst ELISABETHINERGASSE | MON-FRI 11-1,

SAT + BANK HOLIDAYS 18-1

LOUNGING AND SMOKING

The **Shisha Palace** is no longer a popular venue

only among the Turkish community. Here you

can lounge relaxed on pillows and carpets and

you can smoke the hookah with around twenty

different flavors such as cappuccino or orange

GRIESPLATZ 3 | MON-THU 14-0, FRI-SAT 14-2 | ❖

SAUSAGES WITH CHARACTER

Würstel Hannes is something like a "character"

legend with a mind of his own, disapproves of fast

of the Graz takeaway scene. Hannes, a living

mint. An ideal spot for going to ground.

15 INTERCULTURAL CHATTING The association *ISOP* has not only acquired renown for innovative social projects, but also for its ambitious program of readings and concerts. Such evenings are usually rounded off at the in-house plauderBar – it doesn't really get me

intercultural in Graz than here DREIHACKENGASSE 2 | MON-THU 8-16, FRI 8-13.30 The party night in the Annenviertel starts with

LENDKAI 45 | WED, THU 17-21 | www.spektral.at | ?

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50 DREAMING IN SILENCE Who walks through the inconspicuous door beside the baroque pilgrimage church of Mariahilf enters a surprisingly silent and dreamy place the cloister of the monastery of the Friars Minor. Sometimes one hears sounds from the

MARIAHILFERPLATZ 3

Deep 🖶 Breaths

GREEN LUNG

BUDGET HOSTEL

IDLHOFGASSE 74, www.jufa.eu | 🗢 🛏

The Annenviertel's second green lung: With its biotope, **Oeverseepark** is a paradise for mallard

ducks. Of course, also the children's need for

movement can be addressed in many ways here.

In the summer, the rose garden invites you to take

a stroll, the nibbling garden to secretly harvest fruit,

and in addition, the waters of the Mühlgang gently

passing to take a rest on a bench and doze off.

The JUFA Graz City Hotel accommodates families

and young travellers as well as budget-conscious

businesspeople. Its highlight is Austria's largest

indoor climbing hall: Directly connected to the

hotel, it offers fun for all who want to climb high.

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ART, CHURCH, AND A PICNIC

A micro-quarter within the quarter, and

a particularly multifaceted one at that has

emerged around St Andrä church. The

church itself is already worth a visit, as hardly

anywhere else contemporary art and Dear God have come closer to each other.

But the small park in front of the church

s also worth seeing. A community garden i flourishing in a corner: "God's Acre", which

was created by Büro der Nachbarschaften;

in the pavilion, for which the artist Damian Le Bas handpainted a lamp, Romany people

in Graz often spend their spare time.

This is no bad place for a picnic: Borrow

benches and a table from the parish, buy

delicacies at the Kaukasus, and enjoy your

meal. In the close vicinity: the Dominicus Chapel, a really silent place.

GABI:

"Walking

along the

Gabi also recommends:

31 24

21 SPA IN THE CITY

A wellness oasis right in the city center:

In addition to the indoor pool, which magically

the **Bad zur Sonne** also offers a spa. You can

relax here between massages, beauty treatment,

A PIAZZA IN GRAZ

– Near Südtirolerplatz –

Everyday life near Südtirolerplatz has

a surprisingly Italian feel. In summer, the

establishment La Tavernetta and the

Italian-Portuguese Gelateria Italiana by Luis

nestle around the fountain, which has been

designed by Hartmut Skerbisch: but on

the steps of the Barmherzigenkirche, you can

enjoy the sun without ordering anything.

If it weren't for Peter Kogler's billowing fresco

a remnant from 2003 when Graz was European

Capital of Culture, Graz Main Station would

merely be just another functional space crammed

with takeaways and shops. An absolute gain: the

"Raumerweiterung in Schwarz Weiß Rot"

redevelopment of Europaplatz planned by

45 PARK WITH A MANIFESTO

Once saved from disappearing by the locals,

the Metahofpark is a playground for children,

a chilling zone for young adults, and sometimes

a refuge for stranded people. Worth seeing: the

Annenviertel Manifesto, a plea for lived diversity,

which has been elaborated by the artist Isa Rosen

berger together with women from the Annenviertel.

Zechner & Zechner. EUROPAPLATZ 4 | ?

TRAIN STATION ART

doors restaurant spaces of the fine dining

transforms into an outdoor pool in summer

sauna and sunbathing on the roof terrace.

FEUERBACHGASSE 11-13 | MON-SUN 7-21.30

Mühlgang..."

EVA:

IT'S HOT IN SUMMER!

organ in the church, at others only the cooing of the pigeons. On the first floor, the Kulturzentrum bei den Minoriten (Minoriten Galleries) offers first-class exhibitions, literature & music programs

FEELING THE LENDWIRBEL - Hier-ist-Platz · What's the true essence of the Lendwirbel festival, which takes place between the Cunsthaus and Lendplatz – and beyond? It's definitely the residents, artists and city activists, who have discovered this quarter for themselves, 'colonized' it, and made it

worth living in with a thousand and one unny ideas. Once a year, this energy becomes really visible for all in the frame of the endwirbel festival in early May, the best city festival of Graz. During the rest of the year, this energy can perhaps be felt on the Hier-ist-Platz" (There's-Room-for-Everybody-Square), the actually nameless square between Mariahilferstraße and Stockergasse, which was renamed by activists on World Revolution Day, October 15, 2011. he 'Lendwirblers' of the first day work in its close vicinity, in co-working spaces such as

GAFT, Printi, Managerie or at EN GARDE.

Sit down on a bench, watch the hustle and

bustle, and try to grasp the "Sehnsucht"

(i.e. desire) cut into the nearby tree.

51 FORBIDDEN SWINGING

For any eventuality, the fire department has moored flat-bottomed boats - so called "Zillen" in German - at the riverside of the Mur. The most beautiful landing spot is right beside the access to the Mur Island. In fact, the stairs leading down to the riverside are closed off but sometimes this does not keep children or lovers from stepping on them. A forbidden adventure! MURUFER, LENDKAI

THE MURMUR OF THE RIVER

· Mur River Promenade gnored for tens of years for the poor quality of its water, the Mur River has become significantly more appreciated by the local population in recent years. The Mur River Promenade, which runs directly at the waterside over long stretches, has turned nto a popular fitness trail since then, where one can enjoy Nordic walking, running, ycling, or simply strolling. Who walks along the Annenviertel side – hence the right rive bank, the flow direction is what counts here – finds for example the landing spot of a wooden boat of the local fire department where one can feed the ducks or one encounters secluded sandy beaches close to the Calvary which would be perfect

68 BEHIND MONASTERY WALLS

for a relaxed barbecue in summer -

if this weren't forbidden.

Have you ever spent a night in a real monastery? The **retreat house** of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy offers budget-priced single and double rooms, which can also be recommended to groups. For those who want to know more: You can share the Sisters' life for up to four weeks. MARIENGASSE 6a | BOOKING: T +43-(0)316-71 60 20 |

GREEN FOR ALL – Volksgarten –

If you want to find the least common nominator of the Annenviertel, the Volksgarten inevitably comes to mind. All communities are represented here, each nd every corner has its regular clientele: the young mothers and fathers watching their children on the playground, skaters checking out their skills on the small ramp in front of the pavilion, elderly ladies and gentlemen sitting through the afternoon on the benches or feeding the ducks in the pond; and right n the midst of it, the Mühlgang flows through the park. Everybody has their favorite place there: the mill wheel, the gingko tree, the pitch or the Buddhist peace stupa, which vas inaugurated by the Dalai Lama in person n 1998. Yet there is also a darker side to the park: dealers of illegal substances hang around in the vicinity of the Kreuzkirche.

Meeting • Friends

FROM DUSK TILL DAWN

There are nights that don't want to come to an end. And you just have to stick it out. Perhaps, pulling an all-nighter is nowhere easier than in the early morning hang-out Frühbar Café Beate. Have a Wiener schnitzel with potato salad shortly before sunrise, throw a Euro into the jukebox and the world is fine. Sad: Beate wants to retire in 2014. GRIESGASSE 34 | WED-SAT FROM 22.30

38 CULTURAL PING PONG

The association members

of the *cultural center* **Niesenberger** can be creative together, play music, grow vegetables in the community garden, play ping pong, or just party. Everybody can become a "Niese" member. Insiders use the secret passageway from Annenstraße. NIESENBERGERGASSE 16 | www.niesenberger.com

CASUAL CAFÉ The Café Foyer offers exquisite coffee in

The **Spektral** is a collaborative project in the truest sense of the word: It's a venue for talks and workshops, a homey cultural café, a "volXküche" (kitchen for all) and, first and foremost, a free space for activities of all kinds. Participation, sharing, and respectful and sustainable action take center stage in the 'spektralosophy'

66 CLUBBING WITH THE MASSES



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