



## Principality of Liechtenstein

### From Picasso to Alpine peaks in the heart of Europe

The sixth smallest country in the world, nestled in the Alps between Switzerland and Austria, offers visitors an incredible range of cultural, natural, and culinary highlights packed into just 160 km<sup>2</sup> / 62 mi<sup>2</sup>. With a fascinating diversity of museums, great restaurants, and idyllic spots in the valley, as well as over 400 kilometres / 250 miles of hiking trails in the Alps, it has much to offer for families, gourmets, and those interested in culture and relaxation. Even the renowned Lonely Planet travel guide has discovered this Alpine jewel and made it one of its Top Places to Visit. The head of state of this population of about 40,000 is Prince Hans-Adam II, while the political system is a constitutional hereditary monarchy on a parliamentary and democratic basis. The Principality is easy to reach from Zurich, Innsbruck, or Milan airports.



*View of Vaduz Castle from the Princely Vineyards, Liechtenstein*



### **Vaduz – Liechtenstein’s cultural treasure chamber**

In Liechtenstein’s capital Vaduz, you will find impressive historical and contemporary architecture, open-space art, a surprisingly high number of museums, shopping opportunities, and many sights within a few hundred metres. Along the cultural promenade, six outstanding museums present international art and traditional culture in close proximity.

- [Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein](#) for modern and contemporary art exhibits works from the state art collection on two floors. Arte Povera and postminimalism arts form focal points in terms of content.
- The Kunstmuseum is augmented by the [Hilti Art Foundation](#), which presents outstanding works of classical modern and contemporary art.
- [Liechtenstein National Museum](#), which is located only a few steps away, provides an artistic contrast and showcases the archaeology, history, culture, and natural history of the Principality.
- [Liechtenstein Postal Museum](#) presents the history of Liechtenstein philately and shows all Liechtenstein postage stamps created since 1912.
- Directly opposite is the [Liechtenstein Treasure Chamber](#). In a permanent exhibition, it shows the treasures of the Princely Collections, such as the Princely Coronet and the “Apple Blossom Egg” by Fabergé.
- The sixth museum in the collection is the [Kunstraum Engländerbau](#). The exhibition space, run by the Liechtenstein Cultural Foundation, presents exhibitions and installations by regional artists.

Between the museums, 28 works of art by world-famous sculptors adorn the city along the [Sculpture Park](#). Nag Arnoldi’s “Grande Cavallo”, Henry Moore’s “Figure in a Shelter” or Fernando Botero’s “Reclining Woman” can be seen, among others.

### **Malbun – a natural paradise in an idyllic setting**

It takes 20 minutes to get from the cultural centre of Vaduz to the mountain village of Malbun at an altitude of 1,600 metres above sea level, and walking and hiking are therefore among the most popular activities in Liechtenstein in summer and autumn. Malbun is the highest village in the Principality and is an idyllic outdoor and family paradise. Over 400 kilometres / 250 miles of [well-maintained hiking trails](#), family-oriented experiences and Alpine huts invite you to enjoy summer adventures in the mountains. A unique experience is the [Eagle Hike](#) with falconer Norman Vögeli and his golden eagle Taiga, during which you will be able to witness the flying skills of the queen of the skies. The [Swing Trail](#) invites you to take a “swinging” hike along a series of 10 swings and offers wonderful views across the valley and the adjacent mountain meadows again and again. As winter arrives, the area around the mountain village of Malbun is covered in a thick blanket of snow heralding the start of the ski season. Ski slope with state-of-the-art lifts, cross-country ski trails, snow yoga as well as the Malbi Park children’s area and animal tracking offer a varied programme of activities for young and old alike.

### **Liechtenstein Trail and Route 66 – hiking across an entire country in just a few days**

If you want to hike across the entire country in a few days or discover it by e-bike, you should put the Liechtenstein Trail on your bucket list. This connects all eleven municipalities in the country over a distance of 75 kilometres / 47 miles. It leads along picturesque vineyards, through nature reserves, to quaint village centres, past idyllic farm shops and sites that are steeped in history. The associated free [Llstory App](#) makes the history and culture of Liechtenstein vivid and tangible at 147 points along the trail. Depending on your fitness level and mode of transport, an entire country can be hiked across or experienced in two to five one-day stages. A luggage transport service ensures that hikers and bikers can enjoy Liechtenstein’s beautiful attractions completely unencumbered.





### Princely delights on the plate and in the glass

Gourmets get a good deal in Liechtenstein too - relative to its population of around 39,000, Liechtenstein probably has the highest density of gourmet restaurants of any country in the world, with five Gault Millau restaurants. The culinary spectrum within the Principality ranges from exquisite gourmet dishes to traditional meals in “rustic taverns” and Alpine huts. Typical specialities are “Käsknöpfle, doughy pasta and melted cheese served with apple sauce, as well as “Ribel” (cornmeal). Wine aficionados are also well catered for in Liechtenstein. Over 2000 years ago, the Romans introduced the first vines into the country. Today, six full-time winegrowers and over 100 part-time winegrowers produce their fine wines. Over the centuries, the effects of the foehn wind on the southern slopes of the mountains and the long-standing experience of the local winemakers have made excellent wines possible - from Chardonnay to Pinot Noir and Riesling. Further culinary delights include the country’s own beer, Liechtenstein gin and a variety of fine distillates.



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