

# Great Fun in the Land of Dwarves

*The Grottenbahn at Pöstling Mountain*





Hansel and Gretel



Amazement in the Dragon Train ...



... and in the fairy tale land

# Welcome to a Whole New World



Do you believe in dragons, witches and dwarves? Maybe you don't, but do your children? Let your children have the time of their lives and take them on a ride on the Grottenbahn. There you will see that fire-breathing dragons, gingerbread witches and ever-busy dwarves really do exist. And all of them aren't as shy as you might think. Quite on the contrary. They are all looking forward to your visit and want to show you the fairy tale land where they live.

Could there be anything nicer than to spend some enjoyable time with your children? Perhaps you will enjoy the experience as much as your children will. We invite you and your young ones to a world full of surprises. When you visit the fantasy world on top of Pöstling mountain, you will have the opportunity to go on a dragon train ride with your children through the land of the dwarves.





Dwarf in the crystal mine

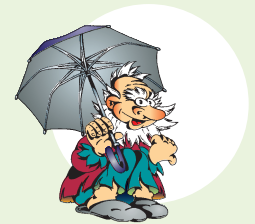


Historical Summer Carriage



Pöstlingberg Railway

# In the Beginning there was a Tower



Or maybe there were six of them. These towers were part of the fortress wall built by Emperor Maximilian around the old city of Linz. In 1897, LINZ AG purchased these six towers atop Pöstling mountain. LINZ AG was formerly TEG and later ESG, an electric power supply and tramway company. One of the towers became the mountain station for the tramway, and another one became the Grottenbahn in 1906. Thus began the history of a unique land of fairy tales. The electrically powered dragon train and the first animals and dwarves soon found their home in this old tower. The first fairy tales were depicted in the grotto as early as 1936. This year also marked the completion of the true-to-life model of the main plaza in Linz. In 1945 the Grottenbahn was destroyed by a bomb dropped from airborne armed forces, but soon the decision was made to rebuild. Sculptor Friederike Stolz, an arts professor, was commissioned with re-creating the land of the dwarves and fairy tales, and the new facility was opened in 1948.

Beginning in 1950, life-sized scenes from famous fairy tales were added in the streets adjacent to the model of the city plaza. Development was not limited to the railway and the surrounding grounds. In 1994 a new room was added to house a cashier desk and a souvenir shop, and the year after that our mascot, Sebastian the Dragon, was born. The dragon has been breathing out fire on the Grottenbahn since 1997. In 1999 the scenes from the fairy tales were modernized with attractive lighting and sound effects and redesigned with a great deal of artistic finesse. In the year 2002 the emergency exit was established and in the meantime the ill rabbit was taking a cure. The year after that the toilet facilities were revamped by our dwarves in the art workshop. The dragon's head was equipped with a new smoke machine in 2005, just in time for the 100-year birthday celebration, which the Grottenbahn inhabitants celebrated together with many guests in 2006.





Dragon train „Lenzibald“



Dwarf in the mine



Baking Dwarves

# Take the Dragon Train to the Dwarves



Deep in the heart of the historical fortification tower lies the kingdom of the dwarves. There, between icicles and mountain crystals, they can do what dwarves are known to do all day: cook their meals in the dwarf kitchen, try their hands at dwarf handicrafts, take care of a rabbit that has fallen ill, ride on the mail snail, defend themselves against thieving beetles and hornets, philosophize about world mysteries or collecting mushrooms to eat. The dragon will take you as a visitor into the grotto to the midgets who work the live-long day and live together with a host of animals under the ground.

Children will not be afraid of the dragon, even though his eyes sparkle, he has sharp claws and usually breathes out some fire when he comes to the end of his journey. Our extremely tame dragon has been named Lenzibald and is the father of Sebastian. The dragon is actually an electric train that takes you on three rounds through the world of the dwarves. The first two rounds are in the dim light of the grotto, and a thousand lights flicker during the third round.





Ruebezahl



Musicians of Bremen



Cinderella

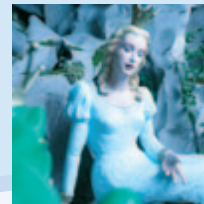


# From One Fairy Tale to the Next



After the journey on the dragon train, our guests can take the stairs down into the crystal mine. This is where the dwarves work especially hard all day long. After all, they have to earn their money too. Here you are immersed in a magical world of fairy tales. On the way you pass the King's courtyard and Rapunzel's hair and then arrive at the main central plaza, from which you and your young guests can branch off into seven different streets. This is where the life-size fairy tale figures await you in their own individual scenes. Altogether there are 16 different scenes to see. Each is unique and each depicts the story behind it.

You will see the big bad wolf from Little Red Riding Hood, and the old witch who tricks Hansel and Gretel into her gingerbread house. Next door the Bremen Town Musicians chase away two robbers, and Rumpelstiltskin dances around a fire. In the next street you will see the dwarfs sobbing at the death of Snow White, and the princess is trying to decide if she should kiss the frog or not. You won't want to miss Mother Holle, Puss in Boots, Hans in Luck, the giant Ruebezahl, Cinderella, and all the other heroes from the fairy tales loved by young and old.





City Square



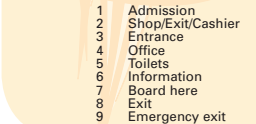
Greengrocer



Sausage Man

Take a stroll across the park, not having to listen to the birds. The land is a model of the past, replicas of those houses built at a scale of 1:1, with charm over the years. In this time period, Man to see if the house is and don't forget the tables. She is quite to her.

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# Events for all Ages

The Grottenbahn is a great place for company parties, customer events, exhibitions, fashion shows etc. Your event in the Grottenbahn will have a special flair, from March to December, any day beginning at 6:00 p.m. We suggest that you come either on a romantic trip with the Pöstlingberg Railway up the Mountain from the main city square of Linz. Another option is to take advantage of the individual extra train- and bustours offered by LINZ AG LINIEN. Many renowned companies and organizations have taken advantage of our magical service to their satisfaction, including Agrolinz Melamin GmbH, Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Marketingclub Linz, MCE, Upper Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Parfuemerie Douglas, Rotary Club Linz and VA TECH etc. We will be pleased to take care of the catering, the program or the entire organization of the event. Our customer is king, particularly in the land of fairy tales and dwarves.

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# Kids' Parties

A birthday party in the Grottenbahn is an unforgettable experience. First a trip on the dragon train, then a guided tour through the land of fairy tales, and finally a colorfully decorated birthday table in the tower. A birthday cake and gift are brought to the party by Sebastian. All the children that celebrate their birthday in the Grottenbahn are automatically enrolled in the Dwarf Club and enjoy all the club benefits without having to pay a membership fee. It does not even have to be a birthday party. The Grottenbahn is a great spot for kids' parties of any kind. One of the highlights of every kids' party is our dragon driving license. The license is given to anyone who drives the dragon train a total of three rounds, demonstrates his/her ability in braking the train and answers three difficult questions.



# Souvenirs

Already heard about it?

In the Souvenir Shop you will find our AmDamJazz CD with delightful children's songs like the Grottenbahn Blues or the Babysitter Boogie.

A Pöstling mountain snowball for grandma and for grandpa. A herb witch for Auntie Marie and a stuffed dragon figure and a fairy tale book for the children. Don't go home empty-handed. Giving someone you love one of our gift items will be sure to please, and looking for a gift will be just as fun. Take your time looking around our souvenir shop. Rummage through Sebastian articles, toys of all kinds, postcards and a variety of great gift ideas. And let us tell you a secret: Some of these gifts were even made by the dwarves themselves.



- 1 Cap
- 2 Grottenbahn DVD
- 3 AmDamJazz CD
- 4 Stuffed Sebastian
- 5 Plate
- 6 Cup
- 7 Grottenbahn Books
- 8 Snowstorm Globe
- 9 Backpack
- 10 Umbrella
- 11 T-shirts
- 12 Puzzle



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# A ride up Pöstlingberg

## **The new Pöstlingberg Railway departs from the main square**

For more than 100 years, passengers from all over the world have been impressed by the Pöstlingberg Railway and the extraordinary and idyllic route it takes. Since the new Pöstlingberg Railway went into operation in May 2009, a unique direct connection has been established leading from the main city square of Linz up to Pöstlingberg Mountain.

Modern flat screens in the low-floor carriages provide passengers with detailed information about points of interest along the route. Tickets are available from vending machines with touch screens, from the LINZ AG customer centre (Landstrasse 85, 4020 Linz), from selected tobacconists and from the Tourist Information Centre at the main square.

For comprehensive information on the tickets please refer to our website [www.linzag.at/linien](http://www.linzag.at/linien)

The most comfortable way to come is with public transportation provided by LINZ AG LINIEN directly up the mountain. Just climb aboard and enjoy the trip up the mountain.



### **TIP:**

LINZ AG LINIEN: Tramways no. 1, 2 and 3 take you directly to the main square of Linz. For departures and arrivals see [www.linzag.at/efa](http://www.linzag.at/efa)

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# Welcome to the Grottenbahn

## Opening Hours

- 1. March to 31. May \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 1. June to 31. August \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 1. September to 1. November \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Advent Sundays and 8. December \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 24. December \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Last dragon trip: 30 minutes before closing.

## Services

Parking spaces (including buses) are available.  
The Grottenbahn is also equipped with an elevator for handicapped people in wheelchairs.

## Entrance Fees

Adults EUR 5,00 – Children EUR 2,50

### Family Ticket:

2 adults with 2 children (2-15 years of age): EUR 13,00  
Each additional child: EUR 1,20

### Group Ticket at least from:

10 Adults à EUR 4,00  
10 Children (2-15 years of age) à EUR 2,00  
(Payment possible with Maestro or Quick card)

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