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# Benefits of membership

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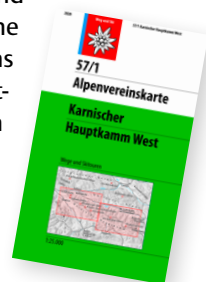
# Who we are and what our aim is

The Österreichischer Alpenverein (ÖAV) is a large and long established mountain club, environmental organisation – and much more!

160 years of history, more than 649,000 members and a structure involving many branches and activities, it has developed into an important, influential and socially active institution in Austria and further afield.

## An alpine club ...

As an Alpine Club, its most important function lies in the promotion and facilitating of mountain activities, such as mountain-climbing, ski-touring and many modern mountain sports with the associated training of experts. It owns and runs mountain huts, maintains foot-paths and climbing routes. It is also an important provider of expert advice and information in this field, such as producing walking and climbing maps, training and qualifying guides, providing services on the internet.





### ... with a social ...

The active social involvement of the club is seen in its successful work with families and young people as well as programmes specifically for older people and pensioners. We offer soundly based, well supervised active training for children and youth groups throughout the year. There are also holiday camps for disabled members and many youth centres for residential or day use.



### ... ecological ...

As “Lawyer of the Alps” the Club has struggled to ensure the orderly use of the alpine area and has established itself as THE ecological expert on alpine environmental questions. It is a founder and partner in the establishment and maintenance of National Parks and other protected areas. Committed members work on environmental sites for young people and for mountain forest maintenance and preservation.

### ... cultural commitment ...

The Alpenverein Museum, winner of a Tirol museum excellence award in 1997 and 2009, and its collections, illustrate the club’s cultural commitment. This is also reflected in exhibitions, creative programmes and printed materials produced.

### ... and rich traditions.

In 1862, the Österreichischer Alpenverein was founded in Vienna. Its first aims were to open up the Alps, to encourage travel through the mountains and share knowledge about them. For a long time it operated together with the long-established, independent Deutscher Alpenverein, as the Deutscher and Österreichischer Alpenverein. The cornerstone of its early development was the creation of paths and climbing routes, the building of huts and the production of year books and newspapers. In the whole of Austria today, there exists a network of 40,000 km of footpaths and more than 550 mountain huts. The organisation of mountain guides, mountain rescue teams and the development of alpine equipment can all be traced back to the work of the alpine clubs.

Very soon, the threat to the mountains from large-scale technical and mechanical development called for the widening of the club’s aims to include the “preservation of the original state and beauty” of the Alps.

So all the various currents of history have left their traces on the Alpine Club as it has evolved.

Some examples of developments currently leaving their mark on the Club are newer and more extreme mountain sports, the quest for more thrills and adventure, the wish for improving society, the ever-greater interweaving of nations and the effects of modern information and communication technologies.







# Benefits of membership

## Well insured on the way

Mountain climbing and hiking are amongst the healthiest of sports. However, they can also imply serious risks. Emergency rescue actions, helicopter rescue, repatriation from abroad – members do not need to worry about the cost of these eventualities. Österreichischer Alpenverein's worldwide leisure insurance covers rescue costs up to € 25,000, repatriation costs from abroad and pays for hospital stays in foreign countries up to € 10,000 in the event of accident or illness. But more than this, it also includes third party liability cover within Europe in the event of damage caused to persons or objects and, if required, criminal law cover in Europe in protection of your rights. This excellent insurance cover – for all members – is automatically included in the membership fee.

## Join and save

Members stay overnight more cheaply. There is a reduction of at least € 12 for staying overnight in all huts and this also applies to both German and South Tirol Alpine Club huts. In the 1,100 huts in Switzerland, France, Lichtenstein, Spain, Slovenia and Italy you receive reciprocal rights, the same conditions as apply to the club members from the home country. There are also reductions in more than 70 private guesthouses and hostels in the valleys.

- **Families have further advantages.** Partners of members pay reduced membership subscriptions fees and – for this we are especially proud – membership is free for their registered children.
- **Value for money shopping.** Maps, T-shirts, DVD's, ..., the Alpine Club shop offers a wide variety of useful and attractive items.
- **Trials and Tests.** Ice axes, crampons, harnesses, ... many sections offer their members the chance to rent out modern mountain sports equipment for attractive prices.
- **Saving by training.** Members enjoy 10 % discount on every course in the training programme of the Alpenverein Akademie – thus membership has already paid off from the first training.

## Come into the mountains

Once around the equator! In just over 160 years, 40,000 km of walking paths have been constructed by the alpine clubs. For the first time they allow access to the mountains and till today have been voluntarily maintained and waymarked. But what would the mountains be without huts? Huts offer protection, warmth, a soft bed and also offer nourishing, tasty meals. An evening in the hut can be an unforgettable experience. So why wait? There are more than 550 Austrian Alpine huts in Austria, waiting for your visit.

## Curiosity meets competence

Joining the Österreichischer Alpenverein (ÖAV) means also accessing a unique centre of alpine competence. The Alpenverein Akademie combines the complete range of trainings offered by the main-organization in a single unit. Qualified experts in the fields of alpine sports, pedagogy and nature protection create the prerequisites for outstanding experiences in free nature. Learning how to climb, how to enjoy ski-touring, how to set up a bivouac or how to navigate accurately to a destination using a GPS device – the Alpenvereinsjugend offer a great variety of courses to satisfy every taste and every age group. Exciting school campaigns and integrative workshops will open new approaches to nature and environment and boost community spirit. And even the individual development doesn't come up short in the Alpenverein Akademie. Thanks to solid trainings for tour guides or youth leaders nothing can prevent secure adventures in the mountains. But all other officials as well can choose from the vast range of qualified trainings in the respective fields.

## Days outside!

Fun with friends: Snowboarding in the wild, Sport-climbing, Building Igloos, a night's Bivouac, all provide many exciting and unusual experiences. In the Alpenverein, young people meet new friends and take part in a wide variety of adventurous activities, provided by camps and environmental preservation areas. Adventure Pure is on offer for young people at Holiday Centres and other youth bases. Just think: More than a 1.000 groups for children, youngsters and families are waiting for you in our sections.

## Nature needs help

In order that Nature is not neglected, as the “lawyer of the Alps”, the Alpenverein is actively involved in environmental protection. A balance between protection and permitting access needs to be sought. The National Parks have in the Alpenverein a reliable partner which supports the planning and care of protected areas.

On the huts, particular care is taken to promote the environmentally friendly use of energy and drinking water. In addition the Alpenverein also places much importance on the appropriate treatment of waste material and water.

## Top class information

Up-to-date, objective, reliably researched: The Alpenverein many publications and homepage are held in high esteem by its members and many others. Alpenvereinskarten (maps) are appreciated and essential aids for planning any tour successfully.

The [alpenvereinaktiv.com](http://alpenvereinaktiv.com) tour portal and its app can be used free of charge. Members using the paid subscription model can enjoy the benefits of better price and performance as well as free training and the chance to be active Alpenverein contributors. Over 15,000 personal tour descriptions are currently available worldwide, and this number is increasing daily.





## Touring with friends

Welcome to the largest Austrian mountain sport provider. The Club's sections offer an abundance of tours and outdoor activities, rich in experience. Worldwide adventure! Here you will find friends, excellent organisation and competent leadership, whether walking or ski-touring, trekking or cultural travel. You will certainly find your dream destination here.

## Climbing, climbing, climbing ...

... is open to members on approximately 200 artificial climbing areas throughout Austria or in one of the many Alpenverein climbing gardens. Climbing simply for fun, well secured on officially tested and certified security hooks – or ambitious climbing in preparation for competitions. As a result, Alpine Club members are of course well qualified to participate in every national and international competition. And they are very successful there. The list of our successes so far, which include World Master, Rock Master and World Cup Winner, speaks for our many years of development in this field.



# Alpenverein Weltweit Service



The following insurance benefits provided by the Alpenverein Weltweit Service (AWS) are included in the membership fee. **Excerpt** from the insurance benefits:

## 1 Rescue costs domestically and abroad

**Up to EUR 25,000** per person and insured incident – for rescues out of wayless areas. Year-round, worldwide, during leisure time.

## 2 Repatriation costs and medical treatment costs abroad

Valid during the first eight weeks of each trip abroad, worldwide, for leisure and occupational accidents and for illness.

**Repatriation costs** abroad (including those for transferring deceased persons).

Reimbursement of costs for necessary therapeutic treatment abroad, up to **EUR 10,000**, of which up to **EUR 2,000** is allowed for outpatient treatments. The latter entails a deductible of EUR 70 per person and stay abroad.

## 3 European third party liability insurance

(Up to EUR 3,000,000 and applies year-round and throughout Europe for personal injury and property damage; EUR 200 deductible for property damage)

### European criminal law legal protection

(Up to EUR 35,000 and applies year-round and throughout Europe)

The liability and legal protection insurance protects members in the event of claims arising from the association's activities or occurring during private hiking tours, mountain climbing, rock climbing, via ferrata, skiing, ski touring, cross country skiing, snowboarding, whitewater kayaking, canyoning, and mountain bike or trekking bike touring.

**Note: Before repatriation, transport, in-patient medical treatment abroad and transport within the county of main place of residence, it is essential to contact:**

- **Europ Assistance:** T +43/1/2533798 (24-h-Service)

**M** [aws@alpenverein.at](mailto:aws@alpenverein.at)

(otherwise, no more than EUR 750 will be refunded)

The exact services of the AWS can be seen here:

[www.alpenverein.at/versicherung](http://www.alpenverein.at/versicherung)

# Upgrades

Members can expand their coverage to suit their needs with exclusive additional modules:

## 1 Dog rescue up to EUR 3,000

Insure your four-legged friend for only EUR 12 a year. Insurance protection applies if the dog must be rescued due to a life-threatening injury or emergency in wayless terrain or after an incident covered under the AWS.

**Further information:** [alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/hundebergung](http://alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/hundebergung) (German)

## 2 Insure your sports equipment for only EUR 26 a year

The costs of rescue, repair and loss of the sports equipment (the current value as a maximum) will be reimbursed in case of an event covered under the AWS. A deductible of EUR 350 per claim applies.

[alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/sportgeraete](http://alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/sportgeraete) (German)

## 3 HelpLine: +43/5/01015

Enter an emergency contact who is authorised to find out about your state of health and whereabouts in case of an accident - despite strict data protection regulations. The HelpLine is free for Alpenverein members!

[alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/helpline](http://alpenverein.sichermithknox.com/helpline) (German)

There are additional AWS upgrades available for Alpenverein members, such as **Lebensrente**, **Premium-Jahresreiseschutz**, **Einzelreiseschutz** and **HelpLine Plus**.

For further information please contact our partner KNOX Versicherungsmanagement GmbH:

- **KNOX Versicherungsmanagement GmbH:**

**T** +43/512/238300-33

**M** [AV-service@knox.co.at](mailto:AV-service@knox.co.at)

You'll find detailed information using the links:

[www.alpenverein.at/versicherung](http://www.alpenverein.at/versicherung)

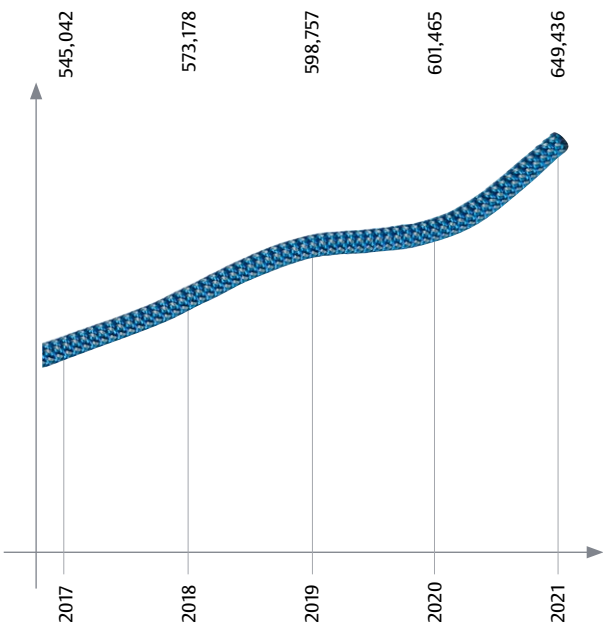
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# Facts and statistics

- The Österreichischer Alpenverein (ÖAV) is the **largest Alpine club in Austria**.
- In the whole of Austria, more than **15,000 officials and 10,000 helpers** are always there for you. They contribute 1.5 million voluntary work-hours per year, which is equivalent to around 184.000 days of work.
- **195 sections** in the whole country cater for **649,436 members**, who can choose from around 16,000 organised activities.
- **231 club-owned huts with 10,000 sleeping places** offer protection and accommodation. They are visited by around one million hikers each year and are the setting off points for countless summit expeditions.
- **26,000 km of footpaths** are maintained, created and way-marked by the Austrian sections. They spread like a network over the Austrian mountains, bringing tourists and mountaineers safely to their destinations.

Growth of membership from 2017 to 2021



# Membership fees

Adults 28 – 64 years of age	€ 62.00*
Child/Youth up to 18 years of age	€ 26.00*
Junior 19 – 27 years of age	€ 48.00*
Senior 65 years of age or over	€ 48.00*
Married or Life Partner of a member	€ 48.00*

\* The age referred to is the age on 1st January of the year of application for membership.

The membership fees given here are the simple, basic fees. Club sections with business offices open the whole day and more extensive services on offer, may charge a slightly higher fee.

# Family reductions

For families in which both parents are Alpine Club members and the children have no income the club membership, including insurance protection is free (up to age 27 years). This also applies to single parent families. All members of the family involved must belong to the same section of the Alpine Club. Registration of the child or children is required. You can obtain further information from your local section.

For simple and comfortable application on line see:  
[www.alpenverein.at/portal/mitglied\\_werden](http://www.alpenverein.at/portal/mitglied_werden)

There is certainly a section near you – just look it up!

If you would like more information about the Österreichischer Alpenverein, telephone us or write to:

**Österreichischer Alpenverein**  
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A-6020 Innsbruck  
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[www.alpenverein.at](http://www.alpenverein.at)



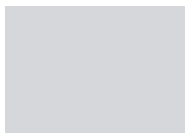
Scan this QR code  
to become a  
member

# Membership application

Title	
Forename(s)	
Name	
Street and number	
Postcode (or zip, plz)/City	
Date of Birth	
Telephone number(s)	
E-mail address	
For other family members	
Forename Spouse/Partner	Date of birth
Forename 1st child	Date of birth
Forename 2nd child	Date of birth
Forename 3rd child	Date of birth
Forename 4th child	Date of birth
Date	
Signature (for applicants under 18, the responsible parent/guardian should sign)	

By signing here, I commit myself, in the event of cancelling my membership, to pay the current year's membership fee in full (Alpenverein rules). If you wish to cancel your membership, you must notify the Alpenverein of this by the latest 31st October of the preceding year.





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**Main reason for joining (please tick as appropriate)**

- ☐ Section training program
- ☐ Insurance benefits
- ☐ Nature and environmental protection
- ☐ Maintenance of the huts and trails
- ☐ Climbing gym discount
- ☐ Discounted hut stays
- ☐ Interest in Section event/youth groups
- ☐ joint activities
- ☐ Event and tour program

**Details of sender:**

Forename(s)

Name

Street and number

Postcode/City

**Privacy Policy:**

Alpenverein processes your data for management of your membership. This contractual duty arises from the association's statutes. After termination of your membership your data will be deleted as soon as the legally prescribed preservation periods have expired. You will find further details on our homepage. If you have questions please contact us on [datenschutz@alpenverein.at](mailto:datenschutz@alpenverein.at)

**Take advantage of the  
Alpenverein's (ÖAV) benefits.**

We will make you warmly welcome.  
If you have no section address,  
please contact us at:

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1:30 PM to 4:30 PM,  
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