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# Benefits of membership

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# Who we are and what our aim is

The Austrian Alpine Club (ÖAV) is a large and long established mountain club – and much more! With 150 years history, more than 490,000 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 footpaths 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 Alpine club museum (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 Austrian Alpine Club was founded in Vienna. It’s 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 German Alpine Club, as the German and Austrian Alpine Club. The corner stone 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 425 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 Club.

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 all the way

Mountain climbing and hiking are amongst the healthiest of sports. However, they can also imply serious risks. Emergency rescue action, helicopter transport, repatriation from abroad – members do not need to worry about the cost of these eventualities. In the event of accident or illness, the Alpine Club's worldwide leisure insurance covers rescue costs up to € 25,000, repatriation costs from abroad with no limit and pays for hospital care in foreign countries up to € 10,000. But more than this, it also includes third party cover within Europe in the event of damage caused to persons or objects and, if required, legal 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 € 10 for staying overnight in all huts and this also applies to both German and South Tirol Alpine Club huts. In the 1,300 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 ÖAV Academy – thus membership has already paid off from the first training.

## Come into the mountains

Once around the equator! In just over 150 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 425 Austrian Alpine huts in Austria, waiting for your visit.

## Curiosity meets competence

Joining the Austrian Alpine Club (ÖAV) means also accessing a unique centre of alpine competence. The ÖAV Academy 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 Austrian Alpine Club's youth organization 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 ÖAV Academy. 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.

## Boring it isn't!

Fun with friends: Snowboarding in the wild, Sport-climbing, Building Igloos, a night's Bivouac, all provide many exciting and unusual experiences. In the Alpine Club, 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: Over 1,000 youth groups in different sections throughout Austria are waiting for you!

## Nature needs help

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

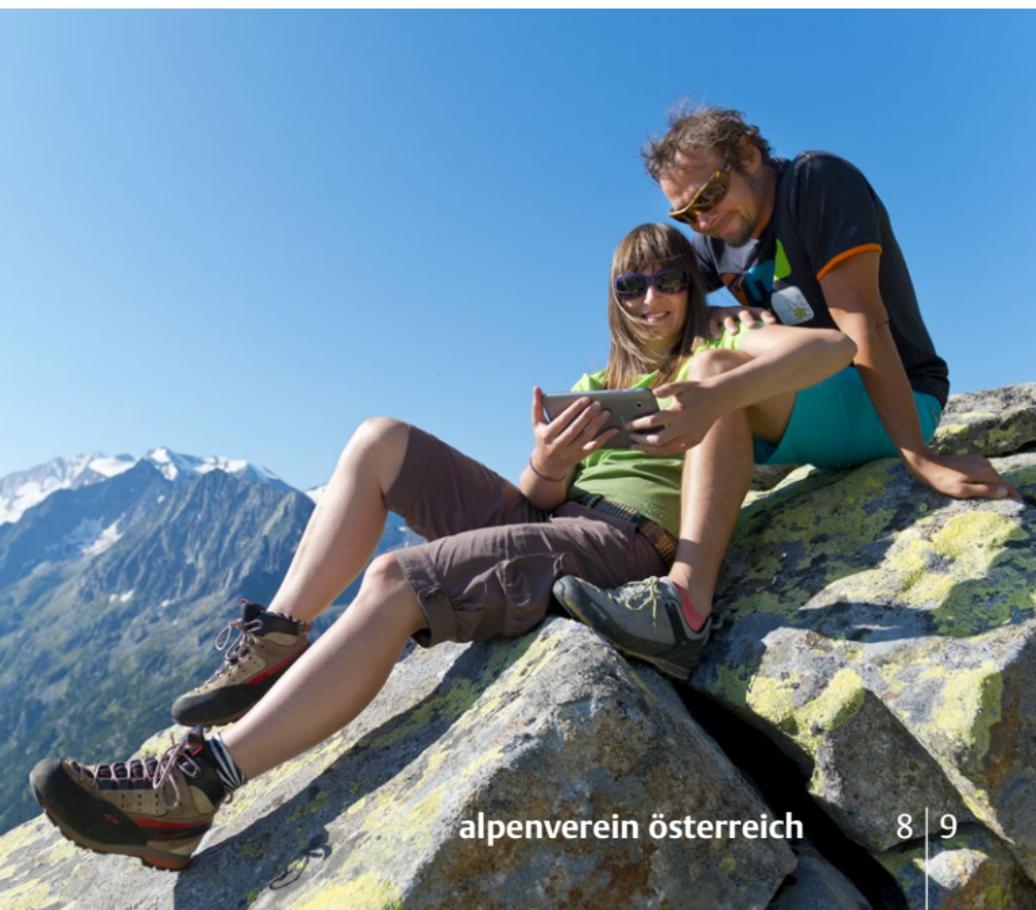
On the huts, particular care is taken to promote the environmentally friendly use of energy and drinking water. In addition the Alpine Club also places much importance on the appropriate treatment of waste material and water.

## Reliable information

Numerous up-to-date, objective, seriously researched publications and the Alpine Club homepage are enjoyed by members and therefore widely read. Alpine Club maps are valued and essential aids whenever tour plans are made.

Other highlights:

- **alpenvereinaktiv.com** – the interactive web platform for trails, tracks, tours and outdoor route planning.
- The “Alpine Club Weather Service” – on the internet or as a personal forecast from meteorologists or mountain leaders.



## 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 more than 200 artificial climbing areas throughout Austria or in one of the many Alpine Club 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.



# Insurance

## Worldwide insurance cover for leisure activities

- **Search and rescue costs** (including helicopter rescue): covered up to € 25,000.

## Worldwide insurance for leisure activities and business

- **Repatriation costs** from abroad in the event of accident or illness (including repatriation of the body in the case of death) with no upper limit during the first eight weeks of each and every journey abroad.
- **Reimbursement** of expenses due to hospitalisation up to € 10,000 during the first eight weeks of each and every journey abroad, of which up to € 2,000 is available for out-patient medical treatment. When only out-patient treatment is required, the first € 70 must be paid by the insured person.
- **For transfer costs** resulting from injury/illness and repatriation of the body in the case of death within the country of permanent residence cover is unlimited if it follows a rescue operation.

**Personal liability** covered within Europe up to €3,000,000,-

**Legal expenses** covered within Europe up to € 35,000,-

Personal liability and legal cover is included for activities organised by the Alpine Club (ÖAV) and privately organised hiking tours, mountaineering, climbing, skiing, skitouring, snowboarding, white-water canoeing, canyoning and mountain bike/trekking cycle tours.

With the exception of European personal liability and European legal cover, the insurance is valid worldwide. The premium for all cover is included in the membership fee.

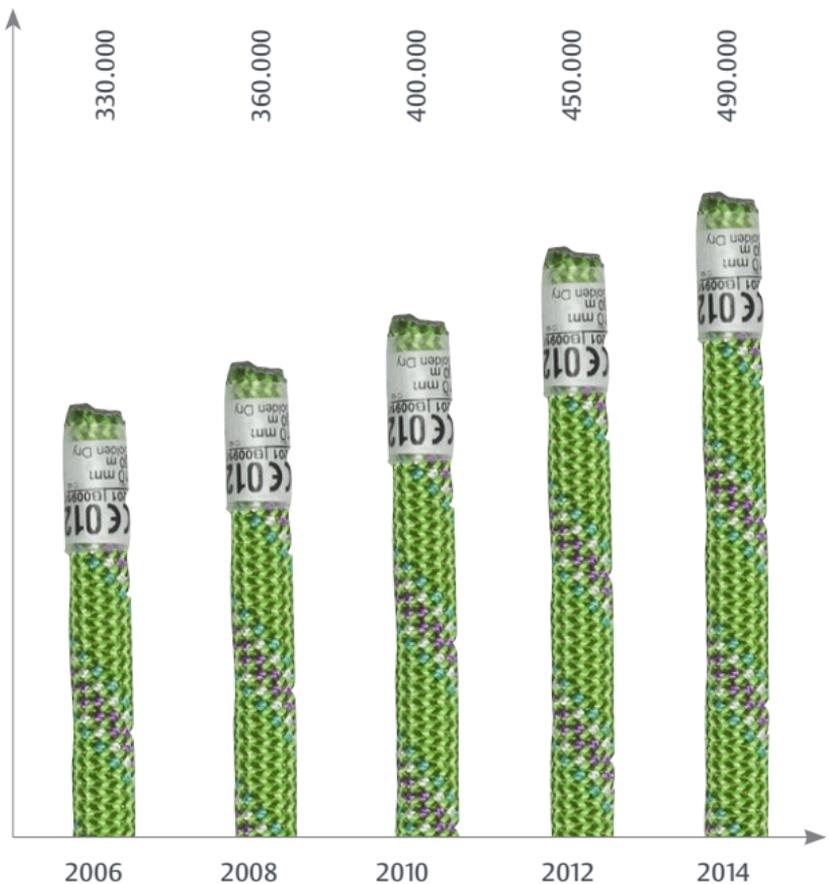
**Please note:** Prior to repatriation or transport (not rescue) within the country of permanent residence and abroad, it is absolutely imperative that contact be made with (details below). Otherwise a maximum of only EUR 750 will be reimbursed:

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- **KNOX Versicherungsmanagement GmbH:**  
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# Facts and statistics

- The Austrian Alpine Club (ÖAV) is the **largest Alpine club in Austria**.
- In the whole of Austria, **7,000 officials and 14,000 helpers** are always there for you. They contribute 1.3 million voluntary work-hours per year, which is equivalent to 148 years.
- 195 sections in the whole country cater for **500,000 members**, who can choose from around 16,000 organised activities.
- **235 club-owned huts with 13,000 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 2006 to 2014





# Membership fees

Adults 26 – 60 years of age	€ 57.00*
Child up to 6 years of age	€ 21.00*
Youth up to 18 years of age	€ 24.00*
Junior 19 – 25 years of age	€ 44.00*
Senior 60 years of age or over	€ 44.00*
Married or Life Partner of a member	€ 44.00*

\* 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 Austrian Alpine Club, telephone us or write to:

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# Membership Application

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Title

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Forename(s)

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Name

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Street and number

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Postcode (or zip, plz)/City

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Date of Birth

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Telephone number(s)

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E-mail address

## For other family members

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Forename Spouse/Partner	Date of birth
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Forename 1st child	Date of birth
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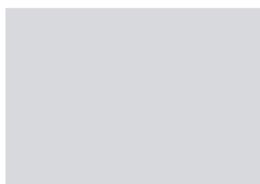
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Date

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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 (Alpine Club rules). If you wish to cancel your membership, you must notify the Alpine Club of this by the latest 31st October of the preceding year.



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**Reasons for membership** (please tick as appropriate)

- comradeship/community
- insurance
- benefits in alpine huts
- utilization of indoor climbing walls and youth centres
- use of the section's event options
- participation in training programmes of the section
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- interest in a specific event group of the section
- promotion of nature and environmental protection
- involvement in the section (as official)
- promoting the club/section in general

**Details of sender:**

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Forename(s)

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Name

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Street and number

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Postcode/City

**Take advantage of the  
Austrian Alpine Club (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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