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Benefits of Membership

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Who we are and what we do

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

With 160 years of history, more than 725,000 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 ...

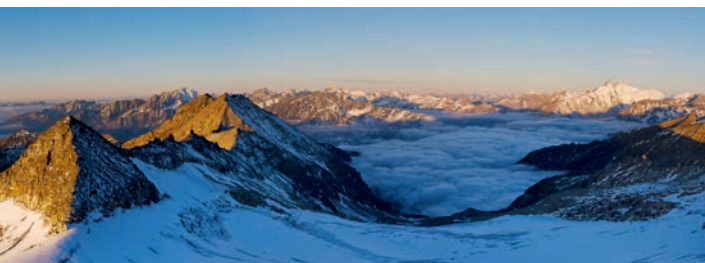
As an Alpine Club, its most important function lies in promoting and facilitating mountain activities, such as mountain-climbing, ski-touring and many modern mountain sports with the associated training of experts. It owns and runs mountain huts, maintains footpaths and climbing routes. It is also an important provider of expert advice and information in this field, such as producing walking and climbing maps, training and qualifying guides or 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. We offer sound, well supervised, active training programmes 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 Alpenverein has fought for 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.

... and rich traditions.

In 1862, 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 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. Today, a network of 40,000 km of hiking trails and more than 400 mountain huts exists in the whole of Austria. 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 posed by large-scale technical and mechanical development called for the widening of the club's objectives 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

For further information see page 12.

Join and save

Members get cheaper accommodation. 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. Discounts are also available in more than 70 private guesthouses and hostels in the valleys.

- **Families have further advantages.** Partners of members pay reduced membership fees. We are particularly proud of the fact that membership is free for their registered children.
- **Value for money shopping.** Maps, T-shirts or equipment - the Alpenverein shop offers a wide range 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 to the mountains

Once around the equator! In just over 160 years, 40,000 km of hiking trails have been constructed by the alpine clubs. For the first time they allow access to the mountains and until today have been voluntarily maintained and waymarked. But what would the mountains be without huts? Huts offer protection, warmth, a soft bed and also nourishing, tasty meals. An evening in the hut can be an unforgettable experience. So why wait? There are numerous Alpenverein 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 Alpenverein Akademie offers 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 stands in the way of a safe adventure 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. Pure adventure is on offer for young people at holiday centres and other youth bases. More than 1,000 groups for children, youngsters and families are waiting for you in our sections.

Nature needs help

To ensure that nature is not neglected, the Alpenverein, as the „Lawyer of the Alps“, is actively involved in environmental protection. A balance between protection and permitting access needs to be sought. The National Parks have a reliable partner in the Alpenverein, who 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.

First class information

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

The **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 17,000 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 Alpenverein'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 certified climbing walls – or ambitious climbing in preparation for competitions. Alpenverein 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 as well as illness.

Repatriation costs abroad (without limitation on costs 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 (a deductible of EUR 70 per claim applies).

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 country of main place of residence, it is essential to contact:

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

M aws@alpenverein.at

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

Detailed information can be found here:

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 by the AWS.

Further information: alpenverein.sichermitknox.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 by the AWS. A deductible of EUR 350 per claim applies.

alpenverein.sichermitknox.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.sichermitknox.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:**

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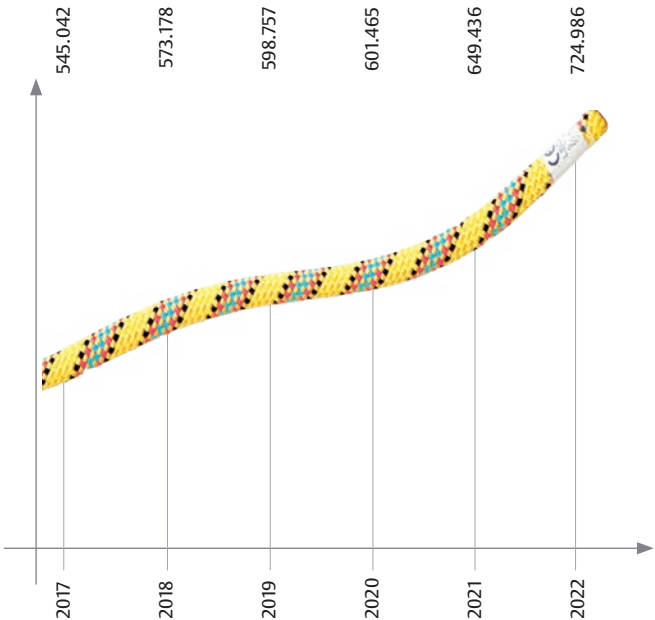
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Facts and statistics

- 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 189.000 days of work.
- **194 sections** in the whole country cater for **725,000 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 signposted 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 2022



Membership fees

Adults 28 – 64 years of age	€ 69.00*
Child/Youth up to 18 years of age	€ 26.00*
Junior 19 – 27 years of age	€ 53.00*
Senior 65 years of age or over	€ 53.00*
Married or Life Partner of a member	€ 53.00*

* 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 Alpenverein 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 online see:
www.alpenverein.at/mitgliedwerden

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

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

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Scan this QR code
to become a
member

Membership application

Title

First name(s)

Last name

Street and number

Postcode (or zip, plz)/City

Date of Birth

Telephone number(s)

E-mail address

For other family members

First name Spouse/Partner

Date of birth

First name 1st child

Date of birth

First name 2nd child

Date of birth

First name 3rd child

Date of birth

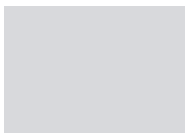
First name 4th child

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:

First name(s)

Last 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

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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