



Halfway between Munich and Verona lies the beautiful alpine city of Innsbruck. Visit the local watering holes, eat a hearty Tyrolean meal or head to a 400-year-old bell foundry.

BUDGET and BLOWOUT guide to Innsbruck

Picture-perfect Innsbruck is a culinary paradise for locals and tourists alike. Skimp or splurge? You decide

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BUDGET

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LUNCH



* **Café Im Hof** (cafeimhof.at) is an oasis where locals retreat for a leisurely lunch. The al fresco seating amidst gardens is ideal for tasting some delightful dishes such as Pancake with Savoury Cabbage (€ 9) or Eggs Mushroom Goulash with Bread Dumplings (€ 17.50). * Indulge your sweet tooth at **Café Sacher** (sacher.com), a stylish restaurant cum wine bar in the Hofburg Imperial Palace. The Sacher Torte, Vienna's world-famous pastry, is a must eat (around € 6).



* Opt for the set lunch (€ 7 only) at **Fischerhausl Restaurant** (fischerhaeusl.com), which is hearty and definitely value for money. We sampled a delicious Goulash, Penne Arrabiata and Weiner Schnitzel in the charming old home. Vegetarians must sample the Ravioli with Spinach and Brown Butter (€ 11).

DINNER



* If you crave dal-chawal and paneer tikka, head to **Madhuban** (madhuban.at). Two chefs from Dehradun run the kitchen with efficiency and churn out piping hot 'ghar ka khana' in this alpine paradise. Locals love the Adrak Chai (€ 2.80), pakoras (€ 4.95) and the sumptuous thali (€ 12.70). * **Sitzwohl** (restaurantsitzwohl.at) brings together Tyrolean and Mediterranean specialities. Try the Vegetable Cream Soup (€ 8) and Mushroom Tortellini (€ 16).



* Look no further than Chef Alfred Miller's swanky creation, **Schoeneck** (wirtshaus-schoeneck.com). The Fettuccini Alfredo (€ 14) with shrimps and the special Pumpkin Soup (€ 8) deserve a mention. Miller's menu also offers delicacies such as Crayfish Terrine with Smoked Salmon, Scallops and Thyme Gnocchi or Strudel.

DRINK



* Named after the owner's trademark moustache, **Café Bar Moustache** (cafe-moustache.at) is a lively spot for a quick drink. The Appletinis (€ 6) are famous and for those who pine for a taste of India, there is a Mango Lassi (€ 3.20). This place is always buzzing with activity. * Looking for a quick brew whilst soaking in the ambience of the city's main street? Maria Theresien Strasse has rows of unmarked pavement cafes that offer local beers (€ 2 upwards) and cocktails (€ 4 upwards).



* Perched on the rooftop of Innsbruck's famous mall, Rathaus, is **360°** (restaurant-lichtblick.at). The all-glass café, wine bar and lounge offers panoramic views of the city. Try the Amaretto Sour (€ 5.90) or a glass of Prosecco (€ 5) and come early to catch a table or you might end up standing all evening.

HOTEL



* **Hotel Maximilian** (hotel-maximilian.com) is located in the heart of Innsbruck's Old Town. The Golden Roof is just a three-minute walk away, making it a winner with tourists (rooms from € 100). A gem of a hotel with each room offering unrivalled views of the Tyrolean Alps is **Hotel Adler** (deradler.com). It is a five-minute walk from the historic city centre, and Innsbruck Main Station is only 50 metres away. The closest ski area can be reached in 15 minutes (rooms from € 100).



* The **Grand Hotel Europa** (grandhoteleuropa.at) is Innsbruck's only five-star hotel. The Rolling Stones, Queen Elizabeth II and the Prince of Monaco have all stayed here. (Rooms start from € 150). It is centrally located and surrounded by Innsbruck's panoramic mountain scenery.

MUST DO



* The local farmers' market in Markthalle yields everything from exotic mushrooms to an array of edible flowers. Just pick up a basket and fill your larder! (Prices range from € 2 onwards). * The **Alpine Zoo** on the sunny side of Innsbruck features a unique collection of 150 species with over 2,000 animals indigenous to the alpine regions. This is a unique safari for the entire family!



* Built on 400 years of history and tradition, the famous bells from **Grassmayr Bell Foundry** (grassmayr.at) can be heard from miles away. A visit to the foundry and bell store is a must do. You can also purchase these bells from € 5 onwards.