BUDGET and **BLOWOUT** guide to

Innsbruck

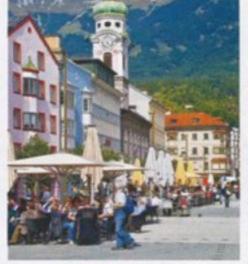
Picture-perfect Innsbruck is a culinary paradise for locals and tourists alike. Skimp or splurge? You decide

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* 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).



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.

BLOWOUT



* 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).



* 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.



* 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 cafe, 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 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.



*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.