



South Tyrol

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MAPPING IT OUT: FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

South Tyrol's main railway network covers the entire region. But a funicular ride, short drive or hop on a bike away are restaurants, retreats and retailers that make the most of its breathtaking scenery, natural bounty and innovative spirit.

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HITTING THE HEIGHTS: A REGIONAL GUIDE

From Val Gardena to Vipiteno, Brunico and Merano, the delights of South Tyrol are spread across the province. Our tour of the best bars, spas, hotels and restaurants will take in stunning landscapes: lush valleys, dramatic peaks and meandering roads.



PLACES TO SIT AND SIP TUCK IN

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Capuzina, Brunico
Aperitivo hour has no end
Visit Capuzina for an
aperitivo with views of
Brunico's Old Town – or, if
you're feeling more energetic,
for a bit of a boogie.
capuzina.com

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Vinzig, Bolzano
The perfect post-weekend-
hike destination
Vinzig is a family-run, cosy
hills bar nestled in the
hills above Bolzano. It's
surrounded by centuries-
old verdant vines and
serves the finest regional
wine, homemade juice and
seasonal treats.
vinzig.com

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Vinzenz, Vipiteno
Eat, drink and be merry
If you're in search of fine
wine and farm-to-table
dishes, step inside the blue
house on Via Città Nuova.
Take a seat at the oak tasting
table for vegetables fresh
from the garden and a good
selection of regional tipples.
vinzenz.it



LUNCHES WORTH THE WALK TREK TO THE BEST

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Edelrauthütte, Fudres
A contemporary cabin with
traditional cuisine
This mountain hut originated
in 1906 and was rebuilt last
year. Expect to feast on
hearty alpine dumplings.
edelrauthutte.com

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Rifugio Emilio Comici, Selva
Mountain meal
Built in 1955 at the foot of
the Sassolungo peak in the
Dolomites, Comici serves
seafood at 2,154 metres up.
rifugiocomici.com

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Geisleralm, Val di Funes
Seasonal soup
Savour authentic South
Tyrolean meals in Puez-
Geisler Nature Park.
geisleralm.com

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Tierser Alpl, Tires
Refuelling station
Recharge along the
Maximilian climbing trail with
the Mountaineer's dish: fried
meatloaf slices with fried
egg, fried potato and salad.
tierseralpl.com

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Gasthof Zum Riesen, Tignes
Perfect for the start of a hike
A renovation of this 14th-
century building has kept
its original old-world charm.
zumriesen.it



DESIGNED AND CRAFTED ITALIAN ARTISANS

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Aron Demetz
Textured wood can be poetic
A charismatic family
Ladin artist Aron Demetz's
expressive sculptures
explore the harmony and
dissonance between people
and the natural environment.
arondemetz.it

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Qollezione, Bolzano
Jackets, trousers and skirt
Designers Anna Quinz and
Fabio Davit reimagine the
traditional South Tyrolean
farmer's apron, the *blauer
schurz*, with elaborate
embroidery and clean lines.
qollezione.com

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Monpiër, Val Gardena
Enjoy a pint at its peak
This microbrewery produces
a wheat beer, an amber
brew and a fruity golden ale,
each named after one of the
Dolomites' rugged peaks.
monpiër.it

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Das Ganze Leben, Brunico
Modular pieces that marry
functionality and colour
This design studio was
founded by two carpenters
and an interior designer
from the Val Pusteria, who
wanted to create furniture
and kitchens that can follow
a customer's evolution and
move from house to house.
dasganzeleben.it



FOR RESTOCKING THE WINE CELLAR WONDERFUL WINES

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Weingut Pfitscher, Montaga
Characterful wines from a
charismatic family
The Pfitschers grow and
harvest grapes from
vineyards across five South
Tyrolean municipalities.
pfitscher.it

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Weingut Falkenstein,
Naturno
Signature riesling that's
full and fruity
The Pratzner family produces
90,000 bottles of wine a
year, among them some of
South Tyrol's best riesling.
falkenstein.bz

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Köfererhof, Novacella
The white-wine specialist for
fresh and fragrant wines
The Kerschbaumer
family's vineyard, in Italy's
northernmost wine-growing
area, specialises in whites.
kofererhof.it



CHEFS COOKING UP A STORM MASTERS AT WORK

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Matteo Metulio, Restaurant
La Sirocra, San Cassiano
Rising star
Metulio, born in Trieste
in 1989, is one of Italy's
youngest Michelin-starred
chefs, winning a renewed
star for his Mediterranean-
inspired dishes.
ciasasalares.it

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Franz Mulser, Gostner
Schwaige, Alpe di Siusi
At the pinnacle
Mulser's signature has soup
with truffles contains 25
herbs and flowers.
aussergostner.com

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Heinrich Schneider,
Auener Hof, Val Sarentino
Herbal infusions
Two-Michelin-starred chef
Schneider uses mountain
herbs in his modern, light
dishes at Terra restaurant.
auenerhof.it

ARCHITECTURE MOUNTAIN MARVEL

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Fleres fire station
Landslide stones in a mesh
metal net
Much of South Tyrol's most
striking architecture was
created for humble civic
purposes and this stern
cuboid on the slopes of the
Val di Fleres is no exception.
brennero/Colle Isarco



TIME TO RELAX: WHERE TO CHECK IN INDULGE YOURSELF

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Tonzhaus, Val Senales
Flavoursome herbs from
the peaks
At 1,500 metres up this
tranquil hotel is surrounded
by the Alps but the mountain
atmosphere is in the rooms
too. Breathe in the smell
of pine, larch, spruce and
willow, or let yourself be
pampered with a massage
using South Tyrol's soft
sheep wool.
tonzhaus.com

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Hotel Terme Merano
Stunning views from the
roof-top spa
Merano's thermal waters
make the city one of
Mitteleuropa's premier spa
resorts. This Matteo Thun-
designed hotel is the best
way to relax while still being
in the heart of town.
hoteltermererano.it

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Seehof Nature Retreat, Naz
Dip in the freshwater lake
Surrounded by pine trees
and apple orchards, this
peaceful 50-room retreat
is blissfully secluded.
seehof.it



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Das Wanda, Caldaro
Breakfast on a sunny terrace
A few kilometres away from
the Caldaro Lake, intimate hotel
Das Wanda is a subdued
affair with 12 wood-clad
suits. Choose either the
indoor or outdoor pool
but if you're after some
proper heat, opt for the
panoramic sauna.
das-wanda.com

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Miramonti Boutique
Hotel, Avelengo
Hire the hotel's Alfa Romeo
This stunning hotel's name
offers an excellent clue to its
strongest point: the dramatic
views that can be enjoyed
from its rooms, panoramic
restaurant and sleek new
spa. Architecture duo Arch-
Tara were enlisted for the
stunning development and
the result is as homely as it
is elegant.
hotel-miramonti.com

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Adler Mountain Lodge,
Alpe di Siusi
Live the high life
Sat at high altitude on the
plateau of the Alpe di Siusi,
a stunning natural Unesco
Heritage site, this exclusive
hotel might resemble a
traditional chalet from the
outside but a streamlined
contemporary interior awaits.
If you'd like some extra
privacy, opt for one of the
12 standalone lodges.
adler-lodge.com