The establishment of the 1st alpine coaster in the world
Austria was a railroad pioneer country in the 19th century. Nevertheless, the Austrian engineer club doubted at the time that a locomotive could cross the Semmering because of the slope, snow and unsuitable braking devices. Carl Ritter von Ghega, a mathematician and senior engineer, constructed on the Baufelsen of the Eselstein the ideal route for the Semmering Railway. Construction was approved in 1848 and within 6 years, the world’s first mountain railway was built. With 16 tunnels and 17 viaducts it nestles harmoniously into the landscape. The Schwarza and Wagner Graben viaduct, the gallery of the nearly 300 m high "Weinzeettel" wall as well as the canyon of the Adlitzgraben; the wild, rugged Polleroswand and the viaduct over the Kalte Rinne form the imposing highlights of the impressive range. 20 000 men and women looked over the construction under today unimaginable conditions of the challenging terrain. Between Gloggnitz and Mürzzuschlag the Railway overcomes 457 meters of altitude, the average gradient is a considerable 20 per mill. Another major challenge was the construction of a locomotive that could overcome such slopes. The Semmering Railway started operation in 1854 and since 1998 has been awarded the world's first railway line with the title "UNESCO World Heritage Site".

Info center on the Semmering train station
In the modern media room of the Semmering train station short films provide an insight into the complex construction of the railroad. On display are blueprints, sketches, train models and numerous publications. 
Open May – October daily from 9-3pm, Tel +43 (0) 2664 - 84520 
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Ghega Museum in Breitenstein
The guard house 167, next to the "Cold channel" is home to the Museum of Carl Ritter von Ghega. Around 150 exhibits recall the life and work of the brilliant architect and his staff. 
Open May – October Sat, Sun, holidays 10-4pm or by prior appointment. Tel.: +43 (0) 676 - 5248397 www.ghega-museum.at

Southern Railway Museum in Mürzzuschlag
On the train station Mürzzuschlag two locomotive halls host a comprehensive exhibition on the southern railway Vienna-Trieste with focus on the Semmering Railway, as well as the largest collection of draisines. 
Tip: Kindererlebnisweg: "All aboard! The train is leaving."
The hiking path along the railroad
One can only imagine this technical achievement. The beauty of the route and the perfect symbiosis of nature and technology can easily be seen thanks to the railroad path. The Lower Austrian path leads over a route from Semmering passing several viewpoints to the stations Breitenstein (9km), Gorge (15km), Payerbach (21km) or Gloggnitz (23km). You can individually select a route and then return to your starting point from any of those Train stations. Behind every curve and every ridge, hikers can expect new surprising panoramic views of the route, the mighty viaducts, and of the beautiful landscape. Learn about the World Heritage Semmering Railway and the surrounding landscape in the Information center located in the Semmering Train station.

In addition, several panels along the way give information about the architectural history and curiosities of and around the Semmering Railway.

Culture walk along the Semmeringer highway
Take some time to walk along the Semmering pass and stroll by Hotel Belvedere over Hotel Panhans all the way to the former Südbahn Hotel. An impressive exhibition along the Semmeringer Highway emerged based on the Villas in the Semmering region. The great Semmering Architects such as Franz Ritter von Neumann and his brother, Gustav, the K&K Architects Fellner & Helmer, Alfred von Wildhack as well as Josef Bünzdorf have a memorial in the lovingly designed showcases. Numerous blueprints and plans of great men are witnesses to the creation of Semmering. Brief portraits of contracting authorities beginning with the Director Friedrich Julius von Schüler, the Ski pioneer Viktor Silberer and the hotelier family Panhans give deeper insight into the history of this area.

Add a round around the Südbahn Hotel to your walk along the Highway museum.
There is no better place to study the diverse styles of the Semmering Villas than along the residential Villen Street around the Südbahn Hotel. Here you come across the typical constructions with characteristics of the turning point of the century all the way up to Art Nouveau.
Take a deep breath

Liven up in the climatic Höhenluftkurort Semmering.
Scientific studies have proven: Here you can recover from great exhaustion and sleep well. That makes Semmering a climatic mountain air health spa region. The 1,000 m above sea level and the situation in the vicinity of a pass traversal with numerous, very different ravines and rock formations make Semmering something special. The free open area with extensive air ventilation distinguishes us essentially from other health resorts.

Stroll through time
Whether you come by foot, with the car or traditionally by train, once here, you have already stepped foot on the "Promenade Balcony" of the Viennese. From here the high street museum leads past the most important points and viewpoints to the Südbahnhotel. Periodical showcases give information about important epochs and architectural highlights.

Enjoying arts

Under the banner of diversity is the Kultur.Sommer.Semmering.
The backdrop of the historic Kurhaus amidst the overwhelming landscape and the legendary Südbahnhotel, formerly meeting point of the fin de siecle of social greatness, are the venues of artistic diversity. Some of Austria’s most famous artists of classical, jazz, theater and cabaret perform on 'the place' which artistic celebrities such as Arthur Schnitzler, Franz Werfel, Alma Mahler and Gerhard Hauptmann have already taken Center stage to at the turn of the century.
Zauberberg Semmering – Winter

Day and night, beginners and families, carvers and snowboarders can get their kicks on the red, blue and black slopes on the Zauberberg Semmering. The perfectly prepared slopes and the view across the Semmering-Rax-Schneeberg region turn every day of skiing on the Zauberberg Semmering into a unique experience. Our split park offers snowboarders and free-skiers the opportunity to really go wild on panels built specially for that purpose, while incomparable tobogganing fun is provided by our adventure tobogganing run, 3 km long and lit up at night. The ideal winter activity with magical mountain charm for everybody on the lookout for an experience!

Bikepark Zauberberg Semmering - Summer

The Zauberberg Semmering Bike Park consisting of several routes, has the following on offer for you: for beginners, there is the family route, which provides an introduction into the world of mountain sports. There is also a downhill route, a freeride route, a North Shore Line and a Slope Style Park for advanced riders and experts. A North Shore Park rounds off the range of routes. The Zauberberg offers the ultimate monster roller experience as a particularly tasty titbit for the entire family, bike park beginners and for corporate excursions!

Hotels on Semmering
Sporthotel ****
Allow yourself to be enchanted by the breathtaking panoramas afforded by our 4* holiday and seminar hotel. Start out your day with a varied breakfast buffet. For dinner, we serve buffet. Our chefs conjure up dishes that are appropriate to the season. Our tastefully appointed rooms feature shower, WC, satellite TV, W-Lan and telephone. Unwind in our sauna and soak up the rays in our tanning studio yearround. When you are ready for a refreshing dip, our spacious indoor pool awaits you. If you wish, we can make an appointment for you with our masseur, who will quickly get you back into tip-top shape.

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Panoramahotel Wagner ****
This hotel, one of Europe’s first certified eco-nonsmoking hotels, offers an enchanting view of the alpine world and top organic products from food to interior design. Sauna, massage, garden, health food- and bookshop, hiking paths, panorama terrace.

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Hotel Belvedere ***
Your guarantee for well-being at the Belvedere Hotel are Austrian hospitality and the family like atmosphere. Situated in the village, at the foot of the well-known Semmering Hochstraße (street), and close to lift facilities and idyllic hiking paths. Local leisure facilities such as tennis courts or golf courses are also easily accessible from Belvedere. The owner of this hotel is also kitchen chef, and cares for your physical well-being with typical Austrian and international dishes.

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Gasthof Berghof ***
Centrally located only a few metres from the lift facilities, that’s where you will find Berghof inn. This family run business, open daily, is the ideal place to go if you need a holiday in a comfortable and hospitable atmosphere. “Home-made” is a special attribute of this inn, ranging from traditional cuisine to breakfast specialities. A special tip: The regional delicacies. This house, with its children’s lifts and sun terrace, is also a must stop for motor cyclists on the Semmering pass road.

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Pension Löffler ***
Since three generations the Cafe-Restaurant and Three-Star Hotel Loeffler has been famous for its first-class dining as well as the hospitality of its owners. The historic Art Deco villa is centrally located only a very short walk from the World Cup ski run and the center of Apres-Ski night-life. From the South-facing terrace guests enjoy a superb view of the surrounding mountains while they enjoy the mouth-watering culinary masterpieces prepared by the owners themselves.

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Pension Edelweiss
Everything for our guests – this is the slogan of the family run Pension Edelweiss. Great service and individual assistance turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience. The cuisine impresses with its variety and originality.

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**Pension Central**
The Pension Central is indeed central, and only a stone's throw from both the ski lift on the "Zauberberg" and the children's "Happy Lift". Be it for a winter skiing holiday or for rambling in the foothills of the Alps - the air at over 3000 feet above sea level is just what the doctor ordered! The room are stylish and all contain a high-tech TV, a minibar, and a safe. And there is free-of-charge WLAN throughout. Facilities are also provided for the storage of luggage and winter sports equipment, and there is ample adjacent free parking.

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**Pension Landhaus Semmering**
Just walk a few minutes from Landhaus Semmering and you are at the ski lift! All our rooms are comfortable and modern, with free-of-charge WLAN and the newest TVs. Most also have a balcony with an excellent view of the World Cup ski slope. Next to our reception is a guest lounge and breakfast room (where we serve a buffet that is just the right start to the day). Outside on the terrace there is a whirlpool, and downstairs a special room to store your skis. The location of the Pension makes it an ideal starting point for hiking, biking, sledging, and skiing. Or just sightseeing in the village.

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**Pension Kohl**
A peaceful, hospitable non-smoker house and ideal starting point for winter sports and hiking tours during summer. The closeness to leisure facilities and the friendly, personal attention make this house a holiday residence for the whole family. An impressive view of the illuminated night slopes of the Zauberberg, the rich breakfast and the well-tended rooms – Haus Kohl makes holidays a treat!

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**Villa Daheim - Apartments**
Real peace and recreation is a rare good hard to be found nowadays. Here on Semmering in the sun-favoured “Villa Daheim” (Home) you can really break away from hectic and stress to inner peace of mind. Enjoy the magnificent view of the mountains and valleys and forget the daily routine.

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**Villa Wellspacher - Apartments**
Villa Wellspacher is the ideal selection for those in search of an elegant, unique and private luxury place of their own for their stay on the "Magic Mountain". Our stylish apartments consist of 2 bedrooms equipped with a flat screen TV with built in DVD player and individual satellite receiver, 2 bathrooms featuring bath or power shower with built in radio, washer and dryer, fully equipped kitchen featuring microwave and dishwasher, as well as a private hall. The lobby is furnished in the elegant Viennese style featuring marble floors and large HD Flat screen TV. Free Wi-Fi internet is available throughout the entire building. Located only 3 minutes from the train station, 6 minutes from the Center (lifts, bars, shops) and 11 minutes from the Semmering golf course by car.

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