



EuroVelo 9

Exciting adventures with relaxation opportunities

2050km length, **6** countries crossed, **8** UNESCO sites, **2** European seas



In Austria:

Distance: approx. 430km

Climb: 2600m

Duration: approx. 12 days

Accessible by public transport:
partly very good

Specials: culture, nature, thermal
spas, Vienna

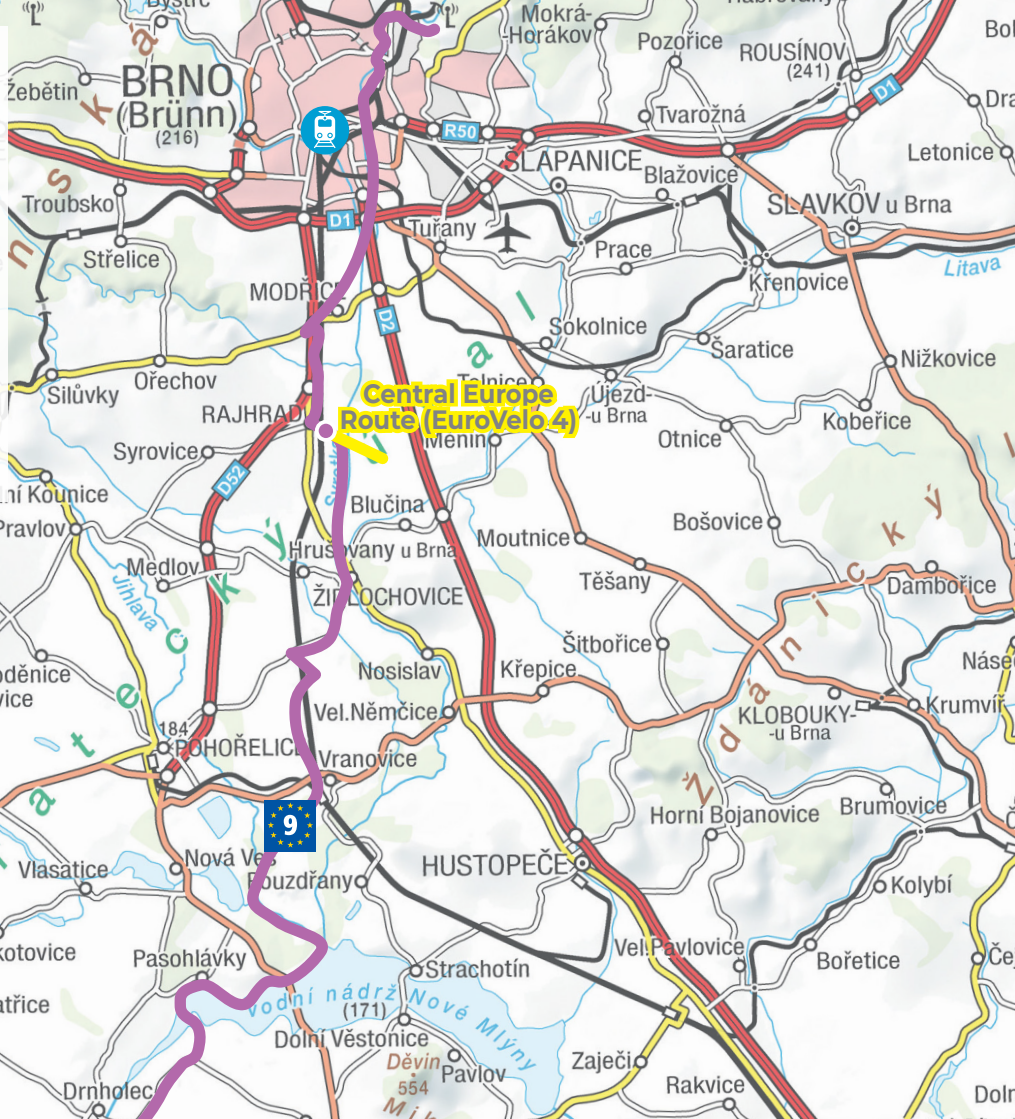
Route: Brěclav–Vienna cycle path,
spas cycle path, partly Mur cycle
path



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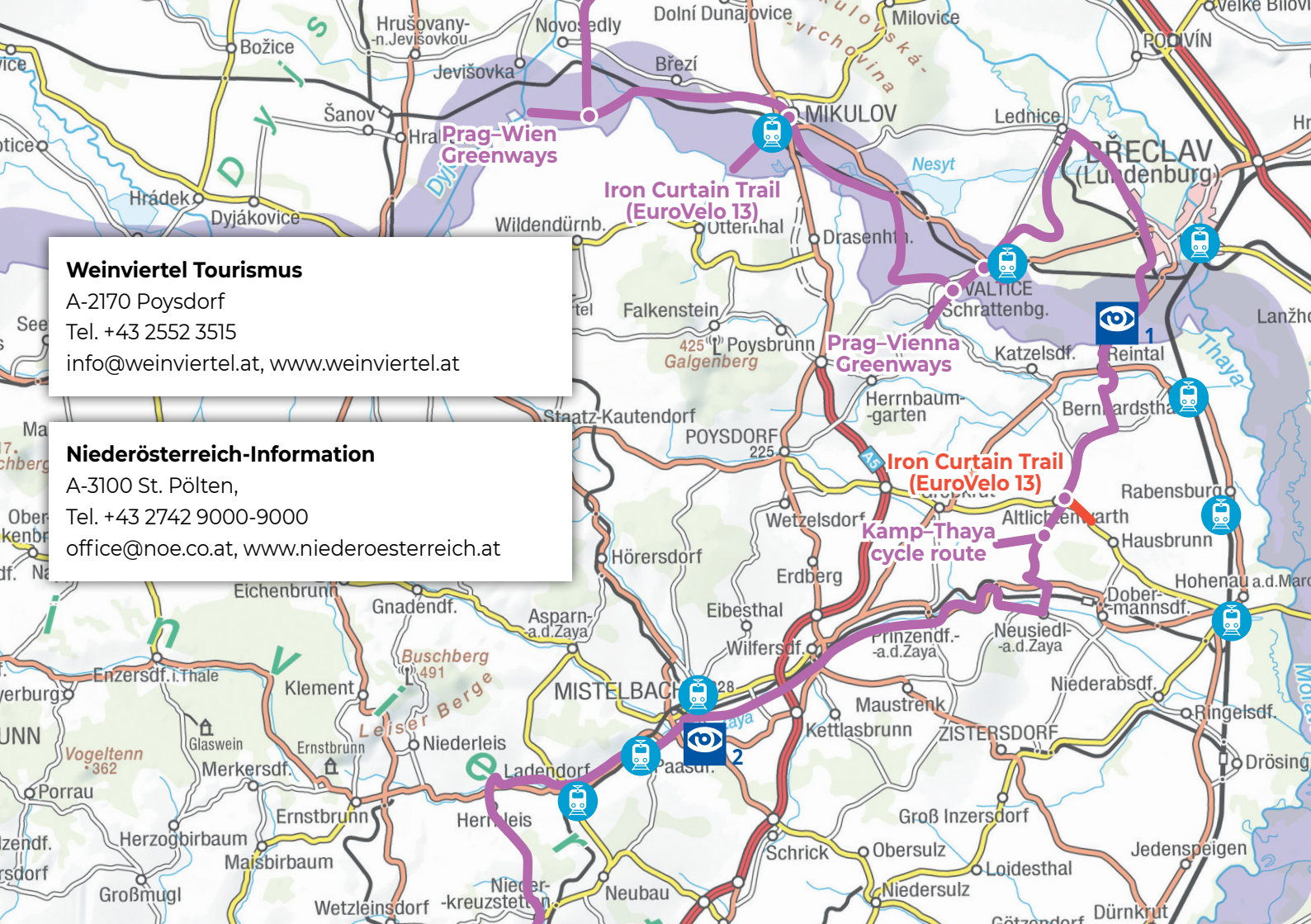
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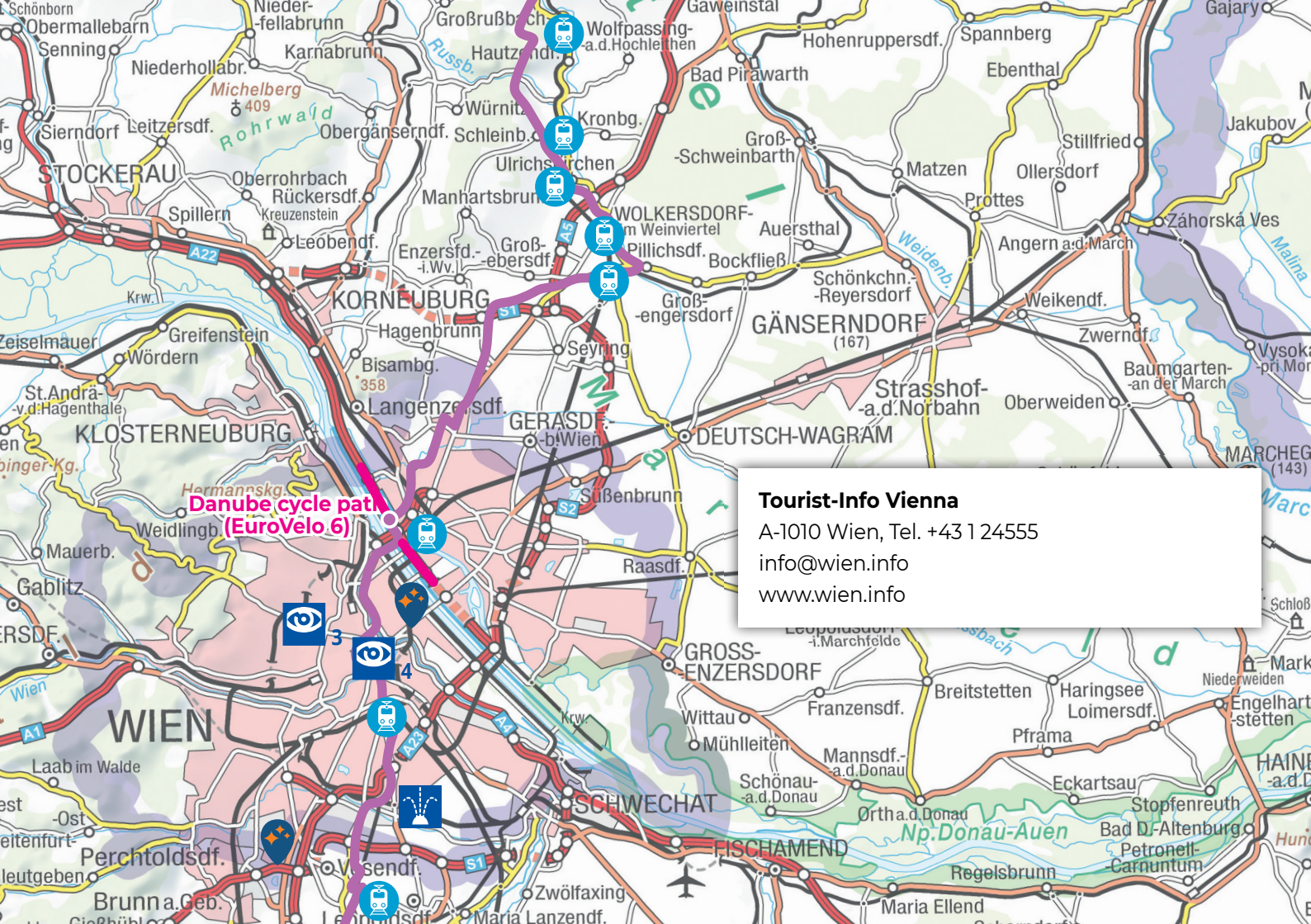
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EuroVelo 9 runs through lovely wine regions and past spas, through the world heritage city of Vienna and Styria.

One of the shortest EuroVelo routes leads in the east of Austria through Lower Austria, Vienna and Styria. Along the route, you can discover vineyards, castles and spas. It's also worth visiting the "Heurigen" (wine tavern) to try regional delicacies. The Austrian section of EuroVelo 9 crosses the Czech-Lower Austrian border at Blansko/Brno and Rein Valley (Reintal). You cycle through the Weinviertel to Vienna. You reach the centre of Vienna via the Ringstraße with its magnificent buildings. The route then heads south along the thermal spa cycle

path through the vineyards of the "Thermenregion" (thermal region), through historic towns such as **Baden bei Wien**. You also pass Bad Erlach and its spas, and enjoy the pumpkin and corn fields that provide a beautiful alpine ambience in the Wechsel or in Mönich-



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kirchen. The Styrian spa cycle path leads via **Hartberg** into Eastern Styria, which is also called „The Garden of Austria“ due to its rich culinary diversity, right into the middle of the spa and volcano region. Here, the healing springs of the six spa towns bubble up from the earth with full force and the hilly landscape with its vineyards offers wonderful views on the journey to **Bad Radkersburg**, a cycling stronghold in Austria. EuroVelo 9 then leads along the well-known **Mur cycle path** before branching off southwards at Spielfeld towards Maribor, Slovenian's second largest city.



HIGHLIGHTS



Cross-border view from the Dreiländerblick

in Reintal

Cyclists arrive in Reintal near Bernhardsthal on EuroVelo 9 in Austria. When the weather is good, the three-country-panorama on the top of the Mühlberg invites you to look across the borders. To the east, the view extends to the Czech Republic across the Thaya as the border river.

In the southern field of view, the Thaya flows into the March, which has served as the border river to Slovakia since 1993.

In the other direction, the transitions between the Alps in the south and the Carpathians in the east run underground. In between, the Vienna Basin

with the hill near Reintal acts as a geological transition zone between the two mountain ranges.



Following Dionysus through the Veltliner-land around Mistelbach

The gently rolling landscape of Weinviertel's centre spreads out around the innovative cultural town of Mistelbach.

The parallel strips of vineyards and grain are separated by

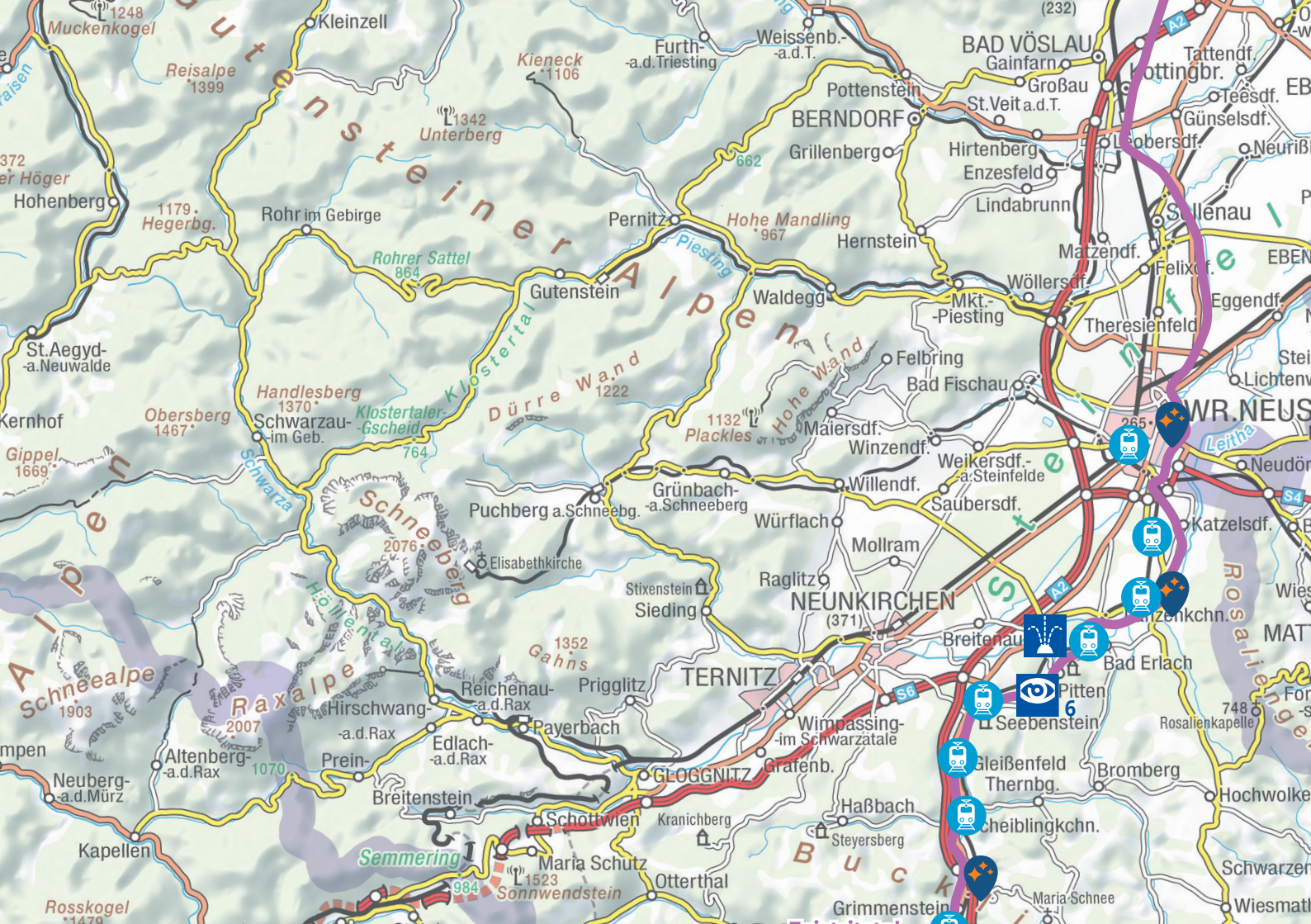
rows of trees. The best way to view the fascinating landscape is the “Dionysosweg” between the Mistelbach Museum Centre and the Weinviertel frieze “Gemischter Satz” not far from the town centre. In the wine tasting garden, visitors can encounter the first ambassadors of the area around Mistelbach, especially the “Grüner Veltliner”.



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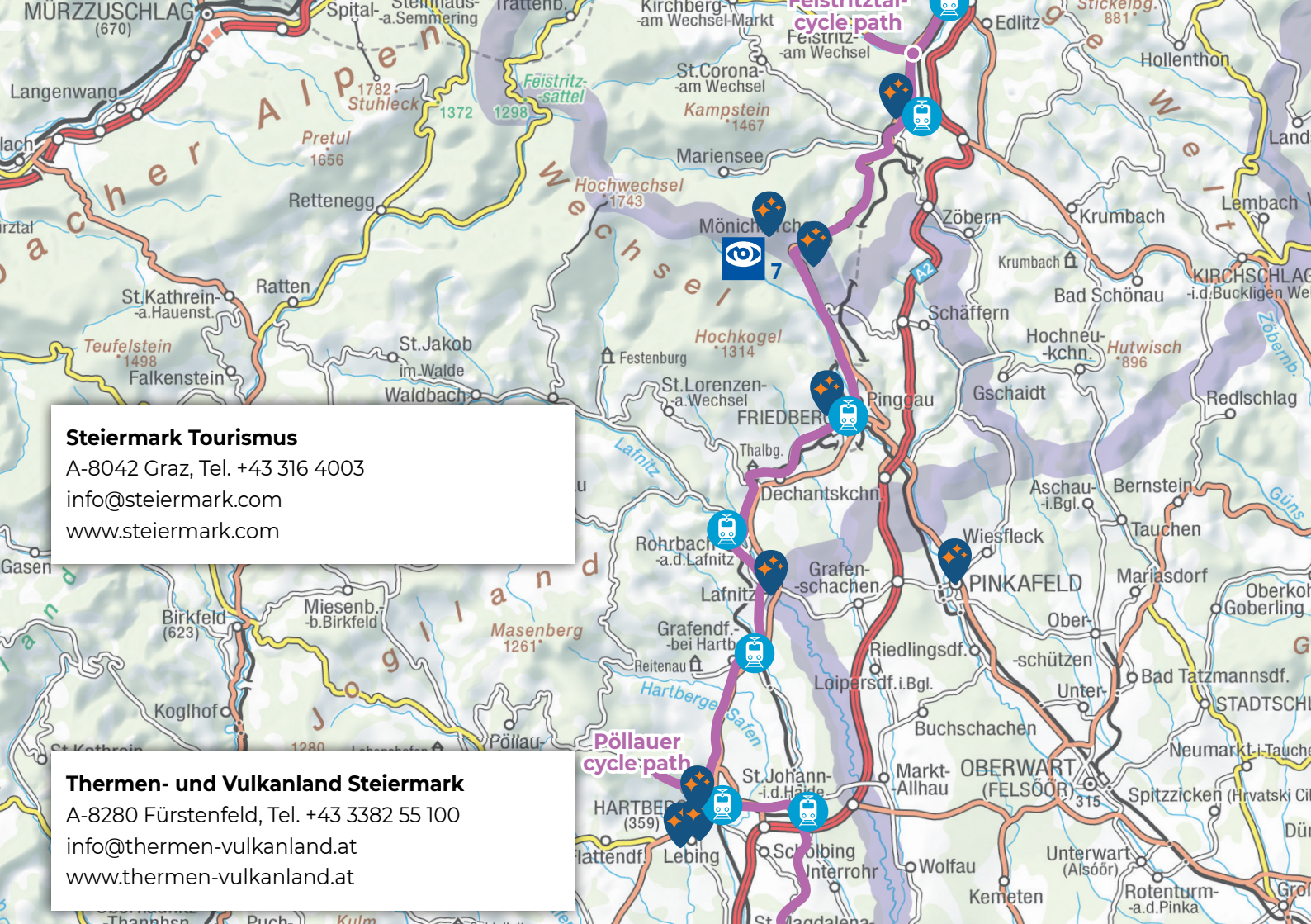
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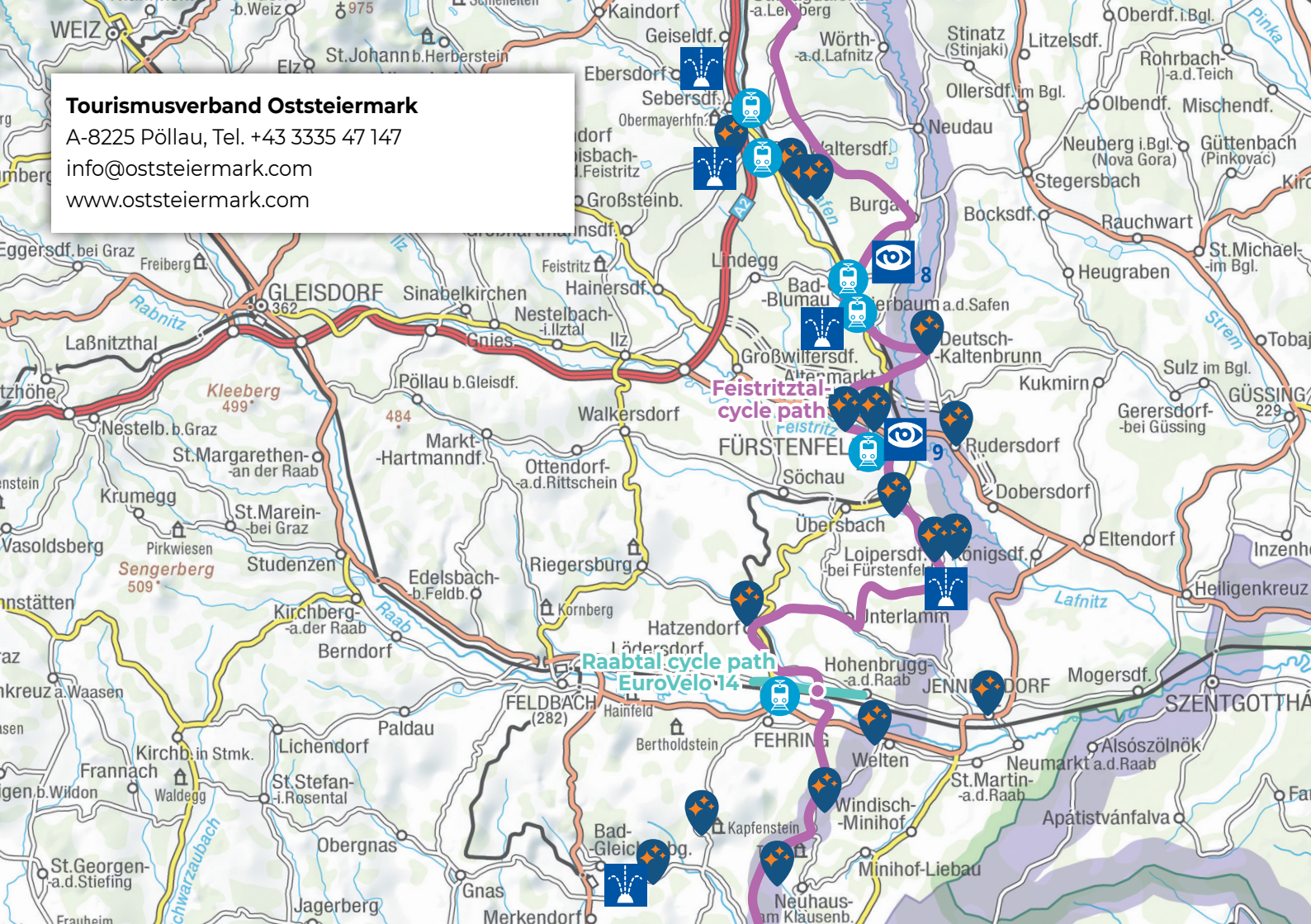


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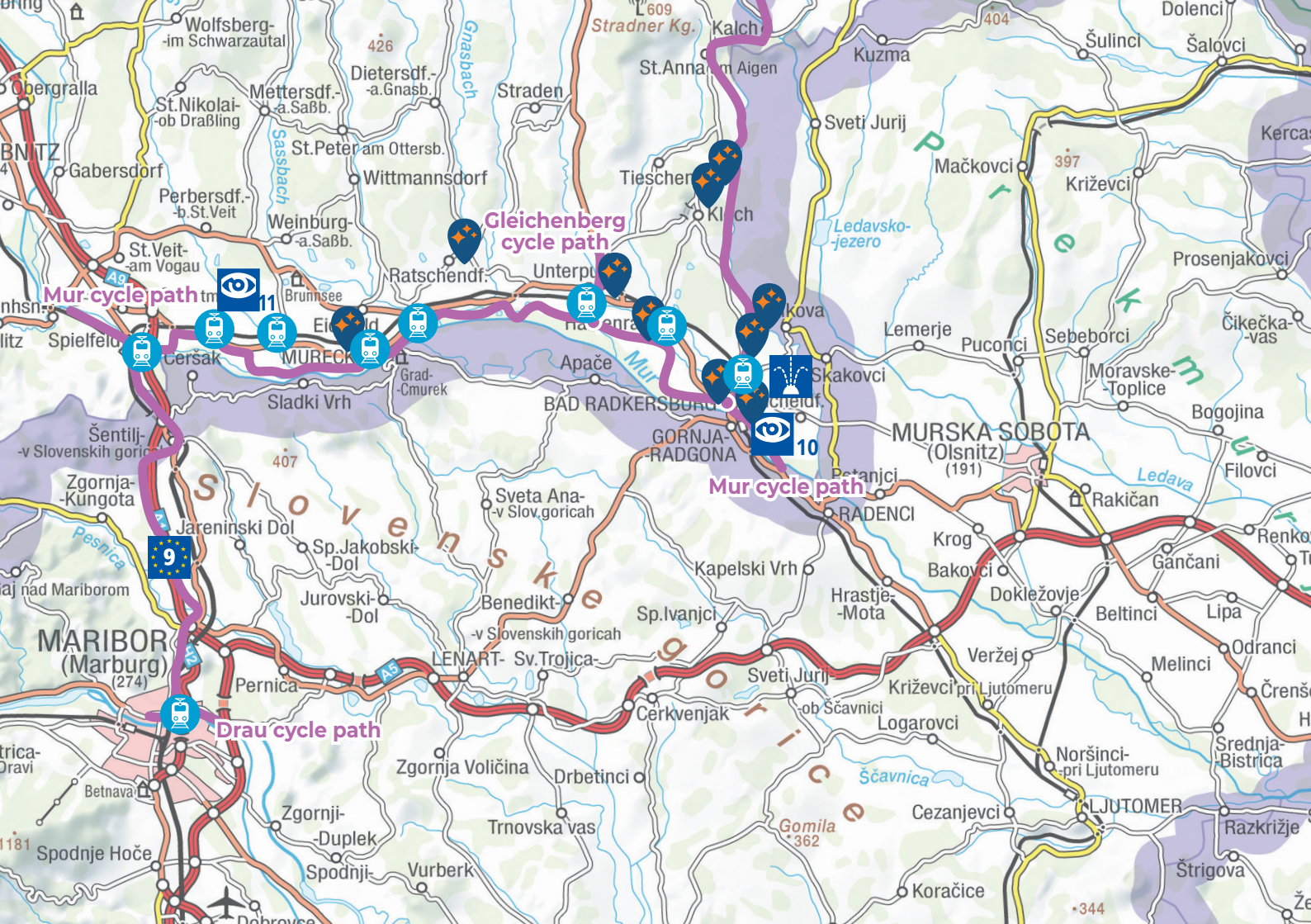




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A “Kipferl” - breakfast at Café Landtmann

The coffee house culture is one of Vienna's special institutions and is now also an intangible world cultural heritage. The “Kipferl” is a classic among Viennese desserts. Apparently, a Viennese master baker created it in 1683 during the Turkish siege to mock the Turkish crescent. In Café Landtmann, the Briochekipferl comes fresh from the oven to the breakfast

table and is served with butter, homemade jam or honey and fresh orange juice. The coffee menu offers 20 specialities, from mocha and melange to „Häferlkafee nach Tante Anni“ and „Turkish coffee“.



The Beethoven House in Baden near Vienna as one of the places of creation of his 9th Symphony

In 1985, Ludwig van Beethoven's 9th Symphony was declared the official anthem of Europe. The reason for this is: „It symbolises the values that everyone shares, as well as unity in diversity.“ Large parts of the symphony were written during his summer stays from 1821 to 1823 in the house at Rathausgasse 10 in Baden near Vienna. The 9th Symphony was



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first performed in 1825 at the Theater am Kärntnertor in Vienna, a predecessor of today's Vienna State Opera and located on today's EuroVelo 9.



Pitten rose gardens

Pitten rose gardens in front of the baroque rectory is the rose paradise of Pitten. The rose is considered the most noble of flowers in the West. Roses with red and yellow hues only



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came from Asia into Europe through voyages of discovery in the 16th century. Over 100 different varieties display their graceful beauty in the Pitten rose garden. They include the English rose as well as the Rosa rugosa, the potato rose and the noble rose.



At the highest point of the entire EuroVelo 9

in Mönichkirchen EuroVelo 9 runs over 2,050 kilometres from Gdansk on the Baltic Sea to Pula on the Adriatic. The high-

est place on the entire route is Mönichkirchen on the border of Lower Austria and Styria at 957 meters. The Bed+Bike hosts Sonnenhof Hechtl and Haus Seiser above the town center invite you to crack the 1,000 meter altitude mark. We recommend meeting Christoph Seiser, who, as a gifted unicyclist, can easily climb all the pass roads in the Alps.



Willow dome in the thermal park of Bad

Blumau

The thermal park spreads out not far from the Blumau spas with its organic architecture created by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Wild shrubs and vine trellises, a pond and stonewalls give the park a mediterranean flair. The spacious appearance due to its



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height of eight meters is the willow dome, which invites you to relax during your bike tour in the countryside under a green vault.



Fürstenfeld – From border town to bubbling lightness as a cultural city

Fürstenfeld was built in the 12th century to secure the imperial border to the east. The nearby Lafnitz separated Austria and Hungary until 1921, when Burgenland was not yet part

of Austria. A walk along the city's fortress path gives you a touch of the former border town. The part of the city wall at the Pfeilburg dates back to the Middle Ages. The city museum is located there. The Hungarian Bastion is a reminder of times of distress; it served as a bunker during the Second World War. In the squares within the city walls, many city fountains testify to the bubbling lightness of times of peace.

 **The “Puchhaus” in the old town of Bad Radkersburg**

Not just because of its density

of bike friendly Bed+Bike hosts and bike tour offerings, Bad Radkersburg is one of the “secret cycling capitals” of Austria. It was there that Johann Puch, who was born not far away in Slovenia, laid the foundation stone for the later bicycle factory in 1878 with his apprenticeship as a locksmith. The Puchhaus on Grazertorplatz is part of the beautiful old town

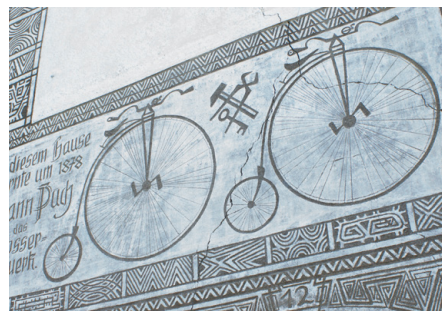


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ensemble of Bad Radkersburg.

 **Weitenfeld – shore and border commuting on the last ferry on the Mur**

The Mur ferry was once designed for “30 people, 7 head of livestock or a loaded agricultural vehicle”. Hanging only on a steel cable, the roller ferry now takes hikers and cyclists across the river and across the border to Slovenia thanks to the power of the Mur's floodwaters. At the time of the monarchy, there were five of them. Commuting by ferry offers views of the banks of the Mur from its centre, which are denied to cyclists on the EuroVelo 9.