

### **Landlust – a holiday for the senses**

An old house that appears as if rooted in the surrounding nature: a colourful farm garden, a sweet-scented meadow of flowers, a big nut tree that invites you to sit down in the shade it provides and simply let your thoughts wash over you ... – an enchanting holiday dream that becomes reality in the cosy, rustic *Landlust* houses.

No fewer than 31 traditional rural homes invite you to leave everyday life behind and to spend a pleasant time in southern Styria. Situated in the extensive fruit orchards and vineyards of this diverse cultural landscape, here a true paradise awaits all those who want to spend a restful and enjoyable time-out. From the small *Kellerstöckl* apartment for two, right up to the large farmhouse containing several holiday units – all houses belonging to the *Landlust* Group are at least 100 years old and have been revitalised with loving attention to detail, giving consideration to building biology and using traditional techniques. Restored original furniture, well-groomed gardens, private patios and places to rest, combined with careful modernisation ensure absolute comfort without disturbing the original integrity of the traditional building. Though every *Landlust* house is individual, they have in common a love of tradition and hospitality as well as the desire to share the special beauty of these old houses with those who take pleasure in such things.

### **Experience authenticity**

Living in the midst of nature – that is the special quality offered by Landlust. There is also plenty to discover in the surrounding area: no fewer than 18 palaces and castles – such as the impressive Riegersburg Castle – invite you to travel through time; the healing properties of the thermal springs benefit both body and soul, and for the gourmets amongst you, southern Styria offers a wide range of culinary pleasures. All along the wine routes you can sample excellent white wines in the numerous vinothèques and *Buschenschank* wine restaurants. Styrian pumpkin seed oil, delicious farmhouse bread, spicy Vulcano ham and hand-made chocolate are just a few of the regional delicacies.

### **Landlust – a model of success**

Since 2002 the *Landlust* Group has concerned itself with the preservation of old farmhouses in southern Styria that would otherwise fall into disrepair, founded on a fruitful collaboration between private individuals and experts. Not only has *Landlust* won awards for its commitment, such as the Styrian Tourism Prize (2004) and the Johann Lafer Award (2006), but it is also enjoying growing popularity among holidaymakers.

A special tip for you: at some Landlust houses visitors receive a free *GenussCard* – with it you can discover more than 120 destinations in eastern Styria and in the *Thermenland Styria* region, use a variety of recreation and sport facilities and sample regional delicacies.

***Landlust – a wonderful opportunity to discover the special quality of country living away from tourist centres: a new, down-to-earth interpretation of the traditional holiday in the country in Styria.***

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