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Level of difficulty	Length in km.	Walking duration	Height difference
Sehr einfach	0,6Km	00:15	+ 20m - 18m



Tour description

Which traces are we following on this route?

Ortisei has a history of settlement going back to 1000 A.D., but this takes on a special dynamic after the 19th century and the construction of the first road through the valley. It was initially the global success of the wood carving and toy industries that brought economic boom to Ortisei and changed the face of the village profoundly with a newly-built church and schoolhouse, warehouses, workshops and villas belonging to artists and businesspeople. A second developmental spurt brought hiking, winter sports and tourism, which did not only have an influence on the village, but

also caused a sustained change in its societal and cultural environment still happening today.

What awaits us?
The circular tour on the traces of history from Ortisei is around 600 metres long, completely barrier-free and may be easily undertaken by those with reduced mobility. There is a difference in altitude of 40 metres and it involves around 20 minutes' walk.

Where does the tour go?
We start at the Val Gardena railway monument and the sculpture of Santa Barbara in Via Stazione and head for the monument to Johann Baptist Purger, builder of the first road through the valley, near the village centre. From here, the way goes along Annabach stream to Palazzo Bugon, which was once the seat of a successful wooden toy company.
Crossing Pana bridge, we arrive at church square with the parish church and Chapel to the Fallen. We carry on to Palazzo Pana, which lies at the heart of the medieval part of the village, and go past the cultural centre built for the Ski World Cup in 1970 in the pedestrian precinct. Stetteneckplatz square marks a further historical location in the village centre. This is the former site of Hof Ortiseit farm, which gave Ortisei its Ladin name. You will find the old school house going around Postplatz square, as well as three traditional guesthouses: Hotel Adler, Hotel Post-Cavallino Bianco and Hotel Stetteneck.

The way back leads past listed Ianon-Palazzo and over Purger bridge to the former packing house and back to the start in Via Stazione.

Objects on this tour

1. 

SAINT BARBARA
Patron saint of Val Gardena railway

2. 

CËSA BUGON
Seat of one of the oldest manufacturers of wooden toys

3. 

SCISSORS SHARPENER AND BUCKET CARRIER
Impressive range of so-called 'white goods'

4. 

TOY WITH LEAD WEIGHT

Artistic balancing act

5. 

SAINT ULRICH PARISH CHURCH

Sculptural features by local artists

6. 

CHAPEL TO THE FALLEN

In remembrance of the soldiers fallen in the First World War

7. 

CËSA PURGER (CULTURAL CENTRE)

From goods and manufacturers - to cultural centre

8. 

WOODEN HORSE ON WHEELS FROM VAL GARDENA

Little boys' favourite toy

9. 

GYMNASTS AT THE BAR AND A JESTER ON A STICK

Toys in motion: jester puppets

10. 

CËSA PANA

Residence of the constructor of the road into Val Gardena valley

11. 

FORMER PRIMARY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN ORTISEI

Founded under the Habsburg monarchy

12. 

USTARIA DA MAURIZ (TODAY THE HOTEL ADLER)

Inn, Grand Hotel, Spa Resort: The exemplary development of the oldest hotel

13. 

HOTEL AM STETTENECK

Butcher's, post office, apartments, hotel...A hotel with an eventful history

14. 

USTARIA DA DËUR (TODAY THE HOTEL CAVALLINO BIANCO)

400 years of history: One of Val Gardena's oldest hotels

15. 

PURGER'S PACKAGING HOUSE

Distribution centre for wooden toys and sacred art

16. 

MONUMENT TO JOHANN BAPTIST PURGER

In memory of the founder of Val Gardena's first valley road in 1856

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