



Magic Moment in the Nockberge: "Winter Hiking, Customs and Enjoyment"

Nockberge, Winter 2022/23

Hiking through the snow-covered pastures of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Carinthian Nockberge and getting to know the incense rituals up close. This "Magic Moment" makes it possible.

The guided hikes of the Carinthian "Magic Moments" provide insights into local customs and regional specialities. One of these "Moments" is dedicated to the mystical ritual of incense. Under the motto "Winter hiking, customs and enjoyment", the idyllic winter landscape of the **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Carinthian Nockberge** can be experienced in silence. From Turracher Höhe, participants hike around four kilometres **through wintery stone pine forests to Carinthia's highest managed farm "Hochsinner"** in the small village of Sauregggen. Here, mountain farming family Grabner gives an insight into the ancient incense rituals. This **custom is supposed to bring protection to the house and farm**, celebrated during the so-called "Raunächte" (literally the "harsh nights") and at Candlemas. As the scent of local herbs fills the air, mulled cider and traditional "Kletzenbrot" bread are served by the warming fire before you head back down towards the valley, greeted by the first stars.

The "Magic Moment" itineraries combine culture and nature, supported by protected areas and tourist regions alike.

Dates:

22nd December, 29th December, 5th January and 2nd February

Meeting point: Turracher Höhe / Panoramabahn valley station

Start time: 1 pm – Duration: 4 - 5 hours

Booking: until 4 pm of the previous day, Tourismusbüro Turracher Höhe (04275) 83 92

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