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Access and introduction

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| Name of the Town/ Village | Stadtgemeinde Deutschlandsberg | Number of inhabitants: | 8.200 |
| Country | Austria | Total area (ha): | (24,44 km ²) 2.444 ha |
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Short introductory description of the town / village – 30 lines max. - with relation to the assessment criteria for launching to the AEFPP webpage www.entente-florale.eu. Please add **two sophisticated jpg photos** as a separate file.

Deutschlandsberg, the capital of the district denominated by the same name, has about 8200 inhabitants. It lies in the heart of the province of Styria and is surrounded by vineyards, meadows and woods. Even the archduke Johann of Austria described the town as the paradise of Styria. Deutschlandsberg has a rich cultural scene to cater for all tastes. Its flourishing economy offers exciting shopping opportunities and secures more than 7600 jobs in the whole district. The excellent social support services consist of a hospital and medical specialists from all branches of medicine. It also offers extensive social provision for the elderly.

Education is taken into great consideration in Deutschlandsberg and high educational standards were set in order to guarantee excellent results in creches and compulsory schools with full-time day care by qualified staff, as well as in secondary schools and adult education.

Sports enthusiasts can engage in a well-balanced activity programme or play soccer at Koralmstadion. But the town has much more to offer: tennis and beach volleyball courts, the outdoor public swimmingpool 'Hietlbad' and ice-skating rinks, for instance.

Music and art lovers can enjoy a varied events programme. The visitors' highlights are the Castle of Landsberg and Archeo castle museum. It is no coincidence that the castle is the most famous landmark in Deutschlandsberg. Its medieval charm attracts a large number of visitors. In such unique ambience it is possible to visit the museum 'Archeo Norico' and travel back in time to the ancient Celts everyday. After this interesting trip, visitors can treat themselves to a glass of Schilcher wine and taste some of Styrias delicacies in the restaurant of the castle while enjoying the fantastic view on the town. Deutschlandsberg is referred to as 'The cultural capital of Styria' by culture lovers. The wide range of events and leisure activities says much about its life quality. Residents and visitors enjoy the intact and delightful landscape. They can find the peace and tranquillity they need to recharge their batteries and be able to cope with the pressures of everyday life.

