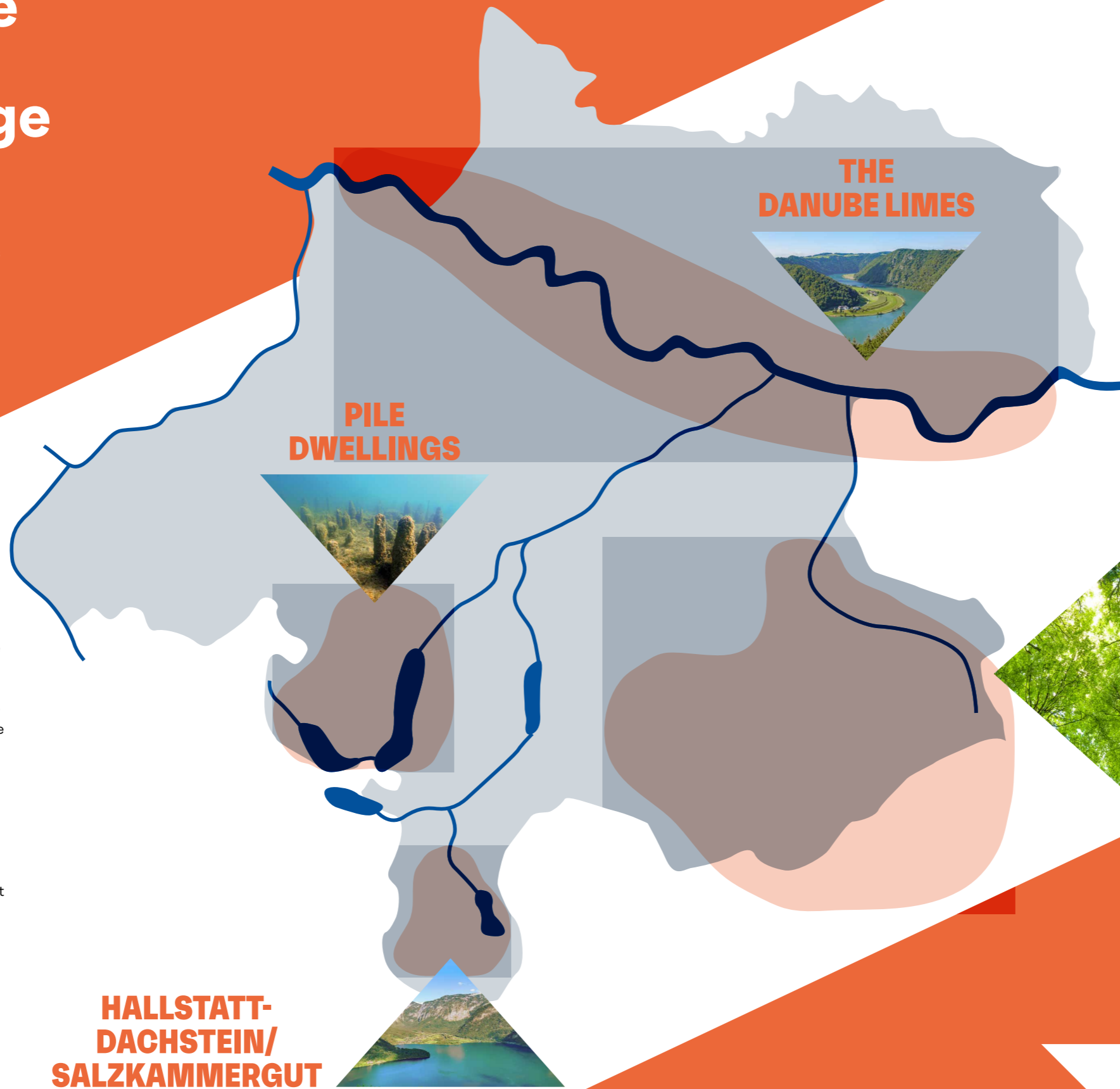


# Culture Nature Heritage

The OÖ KulturEXPO is an adaptable cultural format which is always redefining itself. Upper Austria, with its history, nature and people, always serves as the starting point.

In 2027 the OÖ KulturEXPO is focusing on the cultural and natural heritage in Upper Austria and further afield: as an active decision in favour of the future. Four UNESCO World Heritage Sites (see the diagram showing the regions of the World Heritage Sites) are the focus of attention. They evolved over centuries, either by accident or by intention. They are the product of human intervention or natural processes.

Together with intangible cultural heritage - living traditions and craftsmanship - these sites and natural landscapes harbour knowledge that we might not need until tomorrow. Knowledge which might provide the answers to questions we do not perhaps know today.



## LOOK, PRESERVE

### UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

World Heritage is an important term which reflects the need to protect outstanding cultural and natural assets. As of 1972, UNESCO has listed cultural and natural sites particularly worthy of protection based on the UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. The list currently includes more than 1,200 sites in 168 states. Being listed is recognition, but it also bears the responsibility of researching heritage and preserving it for generations to come. Austria is represented with 12 World Heritage Sites, four of which are in parts of Upper Austria.

In addition, the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage has existed since 2003. This includes time-honoured traditions, the performing arts, social rituals and festive events as well as knowledge about nature or craftsmanship. There are currently more than 182 cultural practices inscribed for Austria alone.

## ANCIENT BEECH FORESTS

### FRONTIERS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE - THE DANUBE LIMES

- ▶ Engelhartszell
- ▶ Enns
- ▶ Haibach ob der Donau
- ▶ Linz
- ▶ St. Agatha
- ▶ Wilhering

### PREHISTORIC PILE DWELLINGS AROUND THE ALPS

- ▶ Attersee am Attersee
- ▶ Mondsee
- ▶ Seewalchen am Attersee

### HALLSTATT-DACHSTEIN/SALZKAMMERGUT

- ▶ Bad Goisern am Hallstättersee
- ▶ Gosau
- ▶ Hallstatt
- ▶ Obertraun

### ANCIENT AND PRIMEVAL BEECH FORESTS

- ▶ Großraming
- ▶ Molln
- ▶ Reichraming
- ▶ Rosenau am Hengstpaß
- ▶ Roßleithen
- ▶ St. Pankraz
- ▶ Weyer
- ▶ Windischgarsten

## HALLSTATT-DACHSTEIN/SALZKAMMERGUT

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