



## South Tyrol – Land of Myths and Legends

### Haunold's Rib at Innichen

**W**hen they built the collegiate church in Innichen, they wanted to set up eight huge pillars that would support the vault. They had the pillars carved indoors at Sesto (Sexten).

When it came time to bring them outside, though, they realised that they were so heavy that they had no idea how to do it. Haunold the Giant offered his services and carried the eight pillars – each of which is two fathoms in circumference – out to Innichen for the people. In return, he asked only for board: it is said, mind you, that the giant eats an entire calf and one Star (unit of measurement) of beans every single day. When the giant died, one of his ribs was hung up in the church, where it can still be seen today.