











Lake Walking in Austria's Salzkammergut with Charm

Stunning lakes, imperial cities and World Heritage sites

The oldest salt mine in the world, an Imperial City, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Salzkammergut is a region that amazes you. Hike with us along magical lakes, delightful places, imposing mountain ranges and through unique nature.

Details about the hiking holiday in the Salzkammergut

Swimming in the Wolfgangsee or riding on Austria's oldest cogwheel train to the Schafberg – on your arrival day you will be spoiled for choice and that's a good thing! The first hike takes you over the Falkensteinwand (the view!) to charming St. Gilgen and back again by boat. On day 3, you hike comfortably over the Schwarzensee and the Wierschlucht to the Imperial City of Bad Ischl.

During the second half of the tour, you will hike along the oldest salt path in the world. The hike to the Hohe Wand is spectacular, and the planned boat trips on Lake Hallstatt and the Wolfgangsee are relaxing. The Nussensee and Blinkingmoos are places where nature seems almost untouched and the soul can set itself free.

The highlights of this walking holiday at a glance:

- **World-famous lakeside towns of St. Wolfgang & Hallstatt:** These two unforgettable towns in the region offer picture postcard landscapes. If you stroll through the alleys to the Weißen Rössel and the like, you know why this traditional place was allowed to serve as a famous film set. Hallstatt is no less impressive with its unique location between mountains and lake and the delightful baroque architecture.

- **The Imperial City of Bad Ischl:** The atmosphere in Bad Ischl still feels imperial today. From the villa to the spacious spa gardens to the thermal baths, this place is a real gem.
- **World Cultural Heritage Sites Hallstatt-Dachstein:** Beauty, industry and science characterise this region, which has lived from salt mining for almost 3,000 years and which made it an international trading centre in the past. As early as the 19th century, visitors enjoyed this unique region, a fascination that remains.
- **Hiking in a fascinating mountain landscape:** One can say that the Salzkammergut is one of the most beautiful regions in the world. Hiking in this region is pure enjoyment.

Worth knowing about the hiking tour in the Salzkammergut Lakes region

This tour is a leisurely active holiday with enough time to enjoy the sights and attractions of the region. The easy stages are supplemented by bus, train and boat trips.

Route summary

This tour combines pleasant walking with culture and places of interest. The walking paths are reasonable, there are just some short ascents on smaller serpentine paths. We can recommend this tour to families.

This tour has been graded as **Easy**. Find out more about our **walking holiday difficulty levels**.

About our Active holidays with Charm

On our ‘Hiking Tours with Charm’, you can enjoy the full service of our active holidays while staying in very special accommodations with that extra something in the best location. That means you can look forward to luxury furnishings and decor in the local style, as well as cuisine at the highest level. Many of our hotels with charm also offer large pools and a wellness area where you can relax after a lovely day of hiking.

Tour information

Easy

8 Days / 7 Nights

Self-Guided

Luggage transfers included













Total walking distance: approx. 67 km

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Itinerary

DAY 1	Arrival at Lake Wolfgangsee	
DAY 2	Round trip St. Wolfgang & St. Gilgen	approx. 10 km 3.5 hours
On your walk along a walking trail to Falkenstein rock wall, you enjoy beautiful views of the lake. An idyllic path along the lake takes you into Mozart village St. Gilgen. Return by boat.		
<div><div> ca. 3,5 hours</div><div> 10 km</div><div> 250 m</div><div> 250 m</div></div>		
DAY 3	St. Wolfgang – Bad Ischl	approx. 12 km 4.5 hours
From St. Wolfgang on Saddle walk to lake Schwarzensee. Here the lake cabin of Lore is worth a stop for the delicious homemade snacks. Via Wirer gorge into the valley and around Bürglstein to the lake promenade of Strobl. By coach into the ancient Imperial summer residence Bad Ischl.		
<div><div> ca. 4,5 hours</div><div> 12 km</div><div> 300 m</div><div> 300 m</div></div>		
DAY 4	Day off in Bad Ischl	approx. 4 km 1.5 hours
Use your free time to explore the many places of interest in Bad Ischl. ‘Kaiservilla’ Emperor Franz Josef’s summer residence, Café Zauner with famous delicacies or a visit to the Salzkammergut thermal spa.		
<div><div> ca. 1,5 hours</div><div> 4 km</div><div> 150 m</div><div> 150 m</div></div>		


DAY
5**Bad Ischl – Hallstatt** approx. 11 km | 3 to 5 hours

Salt always has been an essential source of income in Salzkammergut. The oldest brine pipeline in the world leads from Hallstatt's salt mine to the salt works in Bad Ischl. Walk along the promenade into Kaltenbachau, a site of Imperial pleasures such as horse races, picnics and rendezvous. On the brine pipeline trail to Bad Goisern, the gateway to UNESCO heritage Hallstatt. By train to Hallstatt. If you want to walk a little higher, you can hike on the spectacular mountain trail of the "Eternal Wall".

 ca. 3 to 5 hours  11 km  50 m  50 m


DAY
6**Round trip Hallstatt** approx. 12 km | 4.5 hours

Continue on the brine pipeline trail to the salt mountain in Hallstatt (the salt mine dates back to Celtic times). Here you enjoy a scenic view of the lake and Dachstein massif. Plan a visit to the salt mine, enjoy the views from the top of Rudolf's tower and visit the excavation sites.

 ca. 4,5 hours  12 km  400 m  100 m

DAY
7**Hallstatt – St. Wolfgang** approx. 18 km | 5.5 hours

By train to Bad Ischl. Along the romantic Sissi-Path, you walk to the tiny lake Nussensee then along river Ischl back to lake Wolfgangsee. Through the nature reserve Blinkingmoos along the lake back to today's stop-over.

 ca. 5,5 hours  18 km  300 m  200 m

DAY
8**Departure or extension**

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Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Lake Walking in the Salzkammergut with Charm**

Place of arrival: Wolfgangsee

	Season 1 04.05.2024 - 26.05.2024 16.09.2024 - 06.10.2024 Daily	Season 2 27.05.2024 - 16.06.2024 02.09.2024 - 15.09.2024 Daily	Season 3 17.06.2024 - 01.09.2024 Daily
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Base price	1,359.00	1,439.00	1,539.00
Single room surcharge	359.00	359.00	359.00

Hotel information: You stay in selected hotels with special "extras" and can really enjoy all the facilities of the charming accommodations.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Wolfgangsee

	Season 1 May 4, 2024 - May 26, 2024 Sep 16, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 Daily	Season 2 May 27, 2024 - Jun 16, 2024 Sep 2, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024 Daily	Season 3 Jun 17, 2024 - Sep 1, 2024 Daily
Wolfgangsee			
Double room p.p	179.00	199.00	219.00
Single room surcharge	79.00	79.00	79.00
Bad Ischl			
Double room p.p	169.00	169.00	189.00

	Season 1 May 4, 2024 - May 26, 2024 Sep 16, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 Daily	Season 2 May 27, 2024 - Jun 16, 2024 Sep 2, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024 Daily	Season 3 Jun 17, 2024 - Sep 1, 2024 Daily
Single room surcharge	25.00	25.00	25.00
Hallstatt			
Extra night p.p / BB	119.00	129.00	129.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- 1 Cruise fare Wolfgangsee
- Ferry fare Wolfgangsee, Hallstättersee
- 1 Valley cable car fare Salzbergbahn Hallstatt
- Train fare from Hallstatt to Bad Goisern, from Bad Goisern to Bad Ischl
- 1 Salzkammergut Erlebnis Card (reductions for cable cars, thermal bath Bad Ischl, salt mine Hallstatt, Boat rides etc.)
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Transfers from/to airport/station Salzburg upon request.

Arrival information

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- By train to Salzburg, by bus to Wolfgangsee (approx. 1 hour). Or by train to Bad Ischl and by bus to Wolfgangsee (approx. 30 min). Pick-up service from the bus stop by the hotel.

Important information:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Bus ride Strobl – Bad Ischl, approx. EUR 4 per person

- Salzburg or Munich airports.
- Parking: mostly free hotel car park available, partly public car park, approx. EUR 30 per week. No reservation is required.