

Mountains & Lakes: The S-Trail

Tour II – Family tour with the Schafberg at lakes Wolfgangsee, Mondsee und Fuschlsee

4 lakes / 3 peaks

- ✓ **+DELICIOUS DISCOVERIES: ABBEY LIQUEURS**
- ✓ **WITH LUGGAGE TRANSFER**
- ✓ **OVERNIGHT IN 4* HOTELS/INNS**
- ✓ **START ON ARRIVAL POSSIBLE EVERY DAY**



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„Hiking is an activity of the legs – and a state of the soul.“

Josef Hofmiller, German writer, 1872 – 1933

As the name suggests, the new long-distance hiking trail connects the most beautiful peaks with crystal-clear, glittering mountain and bathing lakes of the Salzkammergut. The term "Salzkammergut" goes back to the rich salt deposits in Hallstatt and Bad Ischl. At that time, the imperial court chamber - hence the name "Kammergut" - in Vienna needed the income from salt production to cover the living costs of the sovereigns. Due to the mining of salt, which goes far into history, historic towns and picturesque places developed. Enjoy breathtaking natural scenery and let yourself be enchanted by lush green alpine meadows, fairytale forests and culinary delights. Many Salzkammergut lakes get pleasantly warm in summer and invite you to take a swim break; these include, for example, the crystal-clear Wolfgangsee and the impressive Mondsee.

Highlights

- + **UNIQUE HIKING COMBINATION TO LAKES AND MOUNTAINS WORLDWIDE**
- + **BOAT TRIP ACROSS LAKE WOLFGANG**
- + **LONG-DISTANCE HIKING TRAIL EXPERIENCE – FOLLOW YOUR OWN RHYTHM**
- + **STOP AND ENJOY THE REGION'S CULINARY DELICACIES**

The course of your hiking tour:

Day 1: Individual arrival in St. Gilgen.

The place on Lake Wolfgangsee, which is closed to through traffic, invites you to linger and stroll. Beautiful villas, a traditional inn and a famous birthplace could be explored on the first day of your stay at Lake Wolfgangsee. A museum is dedicated to the mother and sister of the famous Austrian musician Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. You will receive your detailed travel documents at the hotel.

(2 nights in St. Gilgen)

Day 2: Wolfgangsee boat trip and hike to Schafbergalm

The day begins with a boat trip to the famous pilgrimage site of St. Wolfgang. As early as 1873, St. Gilgen

and St. Wolfgang were connected by shipping. This is thanks to the summer resort that was emerging at the time, during which wealthy Viennese citizens in particular sought relaxation in the Salzkammergut. After arriving in St. Wolfgang you reach Marktstrasse, pass the magnificent pilgrimage church and reach Calvary. Now follow the so-called Schafbergweg to the Aschinger snack station. Always uphill over a mostly stony and shady path, you reach the beautifully situated Schafbergalm, which is also the middle station of Austria's steepest cog railway, the Schafbergbahn. Back to St. Gilgen, follow the Schafbergsteig to the European monastery Gut Aich. Look forward to visiting the monastery herb garden. Your pleasure is a liqueur from the in-house monastery winery Gut Aich. Choose your favorite liqueur from more than 10 different varieties! You finally return to your accommodation along the romantic riverside path.

Hike: approx. 5-6 hours (14.5 km (+ 1 km Gut Aich), ascent: 840 m in height / descent: 845 m in height)

Day 3: From Salzburger Land to the Almkogel and to the crescent-shaped Mondsee

Today's stage leads from one federal state to the next; right on the border rises the 1,030 m high, panoramic Almkogel. From the sunny south side you climb to the summit through quiet forests and enjoy a wonderful view of the lakes Attersee, Mondsee and Irrsee. The descent winds quite steeply through the forest down to Upper Austria, past the Thekla chapel, to the Drachenwand inn at the foot of the rock face of the same name. On the last part of the route you leave the rather wild mountain region and enter well-kept farmland. Passing the picturesque village of St. Lorenz you reach the riverside path, which ultimately leads to lake Mondsee with its castle and the attached basilica, which can be seen from afar.

(1 night in Mondsee)

Hike: approx. 5-6 hours (14 km, ascent: 492 m in height / descent: 572 m in height)

Day 4: Via the Wartenfels castle ruins to Fuschl a. See

The hike starts along the shore of Mondsee with magnificent views of the impressive Drachenwand and the Schober connected to it. The climb to the rustic refreshment stop, the Forsthaus Wartenfels, is gentle. As one of the most beautiful castles with panoramic views, a detour to the Wartenfels ruins is worth it. You will be rewarded with a special view of Lake Wolfgang and Lake Fuschl. The ruins are located at 1,020 meters above sea level on a rocky ridge that slopes vertically on three sides. The descent to Fuschlsee is now not

far. The banks of the rather smaller lake are hardly built and resemble a green garden of forests and flower meadows. The water is crystal clear and has drinking quality. If you still want to discover this, we recommend a forest and meadow path that leads around the lake (approx. 10 km). Finally, take the bus from Fuschl to St. Gilgen.

(1 night in St. Gilgen)

Hike: approx. 3-4 hours (9 km, ascent: 478 m in height / descent: 298 m in height)

Day 5: Individual departure or additional nights

Lake Wolfgang is an excellent place to spend additional days of vacation. The alpine pastures around Lake Wolfgang are among the most beautiful in the Salzkammergut and invite you to view the entire length of the lake from above. For example, the Postalm, the largest high mountain pasture in Austria and at the same time a wonderful hiking area, should be mentioned.

If your time doesn't allow you to spend any more vacation days here, it's time to say goodbye and head back home.



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Daily stages are introductory to moderately difficult, hiking distances can be adjusted easily by public transport. A reasonable fitness level and basic hiking equipment like good hiking shoes, rucksack, rain and sun protection, functional clothing and also a warmer jacket or pullover are necessary to enjoy your trip.

Arrangement

- 4x** Overnight stay with breakfast buffet
- 1x** welcome video with explanations and information that you need for the tour
- 1x** boat trip from St. Gilgen to St. Wolfgang
- 1x** Bottled Liqueur 0,1l from Aich Abbey (several flavours to choose from)
- 1x** bus ticket from Fuschl to St. Gilgen
- 1x** Hiking map of the Salzkammergut area + detailed routing (1x per room)
- 1x** S-Trail hiking booklet (1x per room)
- 1x** Salzkammergut Adventure Card – Reductions on 120 attractions in the region
- 2x** luggage transfer - max. 2 pcs./person and max. 25 kg/piece of luggage
- +** A tree for your booking – we plant a tree for your booking
- +** Service hotline daily from 8.00 - 18.00 o'clock (also on weekends)

Rates per person and arrangement in €:

	15.05. – 01.07.24 01.09. – 08.10.24	01.07. – 01.09.24
in double room with breakfast	589,--	615,--
Supplement half board (minimum 2 course dinner)	149,--	149,--
Supplement for single room	129,--	129,--
Additional night in double room/with breakfast	70,--	70,--
Supplement for additional night half board	23,--	23,--

15.05. - 01.07.24
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Supplement for additional night in single room	20,--	20,--
Day of arrival	daily	daily

Discounts for children sharing parents' room (2 full-paying adults, maximum 2 children):

0 - 5,9 years: 100%

6 - 14,9 years: 30%

Dogs are welcome - on request. Extra charge on site. In Austria there is a general leash and muzzle obligation!

Accommodation:

Twin-bedded rooms in Austrian resorts are normally one large base with two mattresses/duvets. These are also known as 'Austrian Twins' and are regarded as two beds. Separate twin beds are rare and cannot be guaranteed as available.

Location of the accommodation are mainly close to the trails.

Information for arrivals by car:

The parking place does not always situate next to the accommodation but on a public parking place. (Possibly costs have to be paid on spot)

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The standard terms and conditions of the Salzkammergut Touristik GmbH apply in the current version.

Rates and operating hours / timetables are subject to change

Our recommendations:

Get a travel cancellation insurance.

Informations



For environmental reasons, we recommend arriving and departing by public transport (train/bus). We are happy to help you organise your train journey within Austria. Talk to us!

"A tree for your booking" - Cooperation project with Austrian Federal Forests

For every bike or hiking tour in the region booked with us, a tree is planted in the Weißenbach valley - near Bad Ischl. With this campaign we want to generate awareness for climate-friendly travel and take responsibility for a world worth living in.



Salzkammergut BergeSeen Trail

The defining feature of the Salzkammergut has always been the visual drama between the countless small and large lakes nestling in the abruptly rising mountains of the Northern Alps. The long distance trail links these hotspots in a never seen before, comprehensive way. Discover lush Alpine meadows, fairy-tale forests and invigorating waters in a cultural landscape of outstanding authenticity.