

# Salzburg lakes tour

## from Salzburg to Bad Ischl and back to Salzburg

- ✓ **WITH LUGGAGE TRANSFER**
- ✓ **OVERNIGHT STAY IN 3\* AND 4\* HOTELS/INNS**
- ✓ **DAILY ARRIVAL POSSIBLE**
- ✓ **IDEAL FOR ARRIVAL BY TRAIN**



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*"The Salzburger Land is the heart of the heart of Europe. Central Europe does not have a more beautiful place - and this is where Mozart had to be born."*

**Hugo von Hofmannsthal**

This bike tour is a particularly hot tip for culture lovers, as it highlights world-famous places and the landscape of mountains and lakes. The classic starting point is the festival city of Salzburg. Salzburg's connection to the arts is remarkable, particularly to music in the person of her famous son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The old town and other urban areas of Salzburg were included in the World Heritage List in 1996. During the seven-day trip you will encounter the diverse facets that make Salzburg and its surroundings so unique. On the way to the former summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Sisi in Bad Ischl, two of the Salzkammergut's jewels, the Mondsee and the Wolfgangsee lakes, are visited. Immerse yourself in the summer resort of the haute volée of the imperial era and take the time to discover the gems of the region.

## Highlights

- + **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE SALZBURG**
- + **SELECTED LAKESIDE CYCLE PATHS IN FRONT OF A UNIQUE MOUNTAIN BACKDROP**
- + **WOLFGANGSEE WITH THE PILGRIMAGE SITE ST. WOLFGANG AND WOLFGANGSEE BOAT TRIP**
- + **ENJOY THE AMBIENCE IN THE ONCE IMPERIAL SUMMER RESORT IN BAD ISCHL**
- + **EXPERIENCE A VARIED LAKE DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE LAST ICE AGE**

# The course of your bicycle tour:

## 1. Day: Individual arrival in Salzburg

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In the old episcopal city of Salzburg, one can see the Italian and German influences on the baroque culture and combine to create an enchanting arrangement that captivates visitors. The closed baroque cityscape is particularly impressive when you enjoy the view at the city from Hohensalzburg Fortress. At the hotel in Salzburg you will receive your travel documents and your bicycle, if this was booked through Salzkammergut Touristik. (1 night)

## 2. Day: Enjoyable tour on the historic Ischl railway line

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On a morning tour through the festival and Mozart city, you can really experience the atmosphere that the city exudes. Don't forget to try a specialty of the local cuisine, such as the Salzburger Nockerln. In the afternoon you start cycling along the former Ischl railway line, which was closed and dismantled more than 50 years ago. From 1893 to 1957, the narrow-gauge railway ran from Salzburg past Mondsee and Wolfgangsee to the imperial summer residence in Bad Ischl. Today the route offers enjoyable cycling on beautiful cycle paths through meadows and forests. A stop at one of the inns along the route is worthwhile. (1 night in Thalgau)

**Today's stage: ~23 km, altitude difference á 270 m / â 140 m**

## 3. Day: Mondsee and Wolfgangsee

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You start in Thalgau and follow the signs through a forest to St. Lorenz at Mondsee. This is where the famous view of the striking, steeply sloping Drachenwand opens up, the ridge of which marks the border between the provinces of Salzburg and Upper Austria. It continues with a short ascent over the Schaflinger Höhe to the Wolfgangsee. The cycle path now leads over the picturesque Krottensee. Soon the Mozart town of St. Gilgen is reached. Below the road, the pretty town with its villas and the birthplace of Mozart's mother nestles against the shore. The lakeside cycle path of Wolfgangsee leads to Strobl near the Blinkingmoor nature reserve. Along the small river Ischl you follow the cycle path via Lindau to the former imperial summer residence. (1 night in Bad Ischl).

**Today's stage: ~43 km, altitude difference á 315 m / â 390 m**

## 4. Day: At the foot of the Schafberg

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From Bad Ischl, the route leads back again to the Wolfgangsee, but this time via Pfandl, where salt was boiled as early as the 12th century, and on via Radau to Sankt Wolfgang. Worth seeing here is the pilgrimage church, which was consecrated to St. Wolfgang from Regensburg. It houses art-historical treasures. Right opposite is the well-known hotel „Weisses Rössl“, where a stop is worthwhile. By the way, Austria's steepest steam cog railway starts in Sankt Wolfgang up to the 1,782-meter-high Schafberg, which is half circled today. Now take the boat from St. Wolfgang to St. Gilgen and cycle to the crescent-shaped

Mondsee. The spectacular path along the lakeshore runs along the foot of the Drachenwand via St. Lorenz and the district with the strange name "Schwarzindien" (black India) to Mondsee. Don't miss a stroll along the pretty beach promenade. (1 night in Mondsee)

**Today´s stage: ~38 km, altitude difference á 290 m / â 270 m**

## **5. Day: From the Salzkammergut to the Salzburg Lake District**

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Before continuing your bike tour into the Salzburg Lake District, it is recommended to visit the local open-air museum. Known as the "Mondseer Rauchhaus", it gives a good impression on how the people of this region lived for several centuries. The following stage starts towards the Irrsee lake a little to the north. It is surrounded by a reed belt, which has become a refuge for many bird species. By the way, it is the warmest lake in the Salzkammergut. A welcome break during the bike ride along the left bank can be a dip in the lake. From Oberhofen, north of the lake, the journey now goes on into the Flachgau to Neumarkt am Wallersee. Quiet country roads with little traffic lead around the Wallersee to Seekirchen. (1 night at Wallersee)

**Today´s stage: ~37 km, altitude difference á 355 m / â 340 m**

## **6. Day: Trumer Lake District**

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This lake district is embedded in a varied hilly landscape. Mattsee, Seeham and Obertrum have best quality water here. From Wallersee, today's journey rides via Köstendorf to Schleedorf and on to Mattsee. The pretty town has a special feature, because the Bavarians settled here in the 7th century and founded the Benedictine monastery Mattsee in addition to the village. Visit the impressive brewery inn in Obertrum - here you can experience the art of brewing. You circle the southern part of Lake Obertrumer and finally reach Seeham on the western shore of the lake. (1 night at Obertrumer See)

**Today´s stage: ~34 km, altitude difference á 315 m / â 315 m**

## 7. Day: "Silent Night Village" and Mozart Cycle Path

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Small villages and lonely farmsteads, meadows, fields and forests determine the landscape of today's travel day. From Seeham the line leads over the Haßberg to Nussdorf and on to Oberndorf. In 1818, the world-famous Christmas carol "Silent Night" was performed in the chapel of the town. Oberndorf lies on the Salzach and is separated from the Bavarian Laufen only by the Salzach Bridge. From here you follow the Mozart cycle path via Anthering back to Salzburg. (1 night in Salzburg)

**Today's stage: ~34 km, altitude difference á 290 m / â 390 m**

## 8. Day: Individual departure or possibility of extension

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There are many ways to discover Salzburg: a tour through the baroque old town or a visit to the Mozart House, a tour of the fortress or a visit to an exhibition - you can also try the handmade Mozartkugeln once. If your time does not allow you to spend more holidays here, it is time to say goodbye and start your journey home.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

The bike tours do not present any technical difficulties; there are few inclines. However, some physical fitness and the will to persevere are prerequisites, as well as cycling equipment such as closed sneakers, backpack, sun and rain protection, functional clothing, jacket and sweater, etc. The routes are easily accessible with trekking bikes. Mostly they lead on paved bike paths, a few sections also on gravel roads and forest paths. If you want to spend a day more quietly, you can of course cover part of the route by public transport such as trains or boats.

**Rental bikes on request - please reserve in advance!**

# Arrangement

- 7x** overnight stay in 3\* inns and 4\* hotels with breakfast (of which 2 x in Salzburg and 1 x in Bad Ischl)
- 1x** welcome video with explanations and information you need for this tour
- 1x** boat trip on the Wolfgangsee (from St. Wolfgang - St. Gilgen) incl. bike
- 1x** bike map - Salzburger Land and further information material (1x per room)
- +** daily luggage transport - max. 2 pieces/person and max. 25kg/suitcase
- +** daily bike and breakdown service from 08.00 am - 06.00 pm (for rental bikes)
- +** daily service hotline from 08.00 am - 06.00 pm (also on weekends)
- +** A tree for your booking – we plant a tree for your booking

## Rates per Person and Arrangement in €:

	24.04. - 01.07.25 01.09. - 09.10.25	01.07. - 01.09.25
***hotels/inns in double room with breakfast	940,00	1012,00
Supplement half board per week	299,00	299,00
Supplement single room per week	312,00	312,00
Extra nights in Salzburg and Bad Ischl	on request	on request
Extra night with breakfast in Salzkammergut	72,00	72,00
Extra night with breakfast in Salzkammergut	25,00	25,00
Extra night - supplement for half board in Salzkammergut	25,00	25,00
Extra night - supplement for single room in Salzkammergut	22,00	22,00
Arrival day	daily	daily

## Bike rental

Rates per bike in €	Weekly rate (7=6)
Trekking bike 21-gear KTM	108,00
E-Bike Flyer (from 158 cm)	216,00
Mountain bike	185,00
E-mountain bike hard tail	282,00
E-mountain bike fully	342,00
Children's bike (up to 145 cm)	90,00
Bike delivery and pick up per bike	80,00
Child's seat (max. 1 seat per bike)	90,00
Children's trailer	90,00
1 Bicycle-bag	18,00
Helmet	18,00
Mobile phone holder	18,00

Please note: Price on request for extra-large bikes (body height [gt] 190 cm)

- We strongly recommend the use of helmets! *For children up to 11,9 years, helmets are mandatory to wear in Austria (also in child bike seats or trailers)*
- E-Bike suitable for 12 yrs or older
- Loss of the bicycle key: charge of € 15,--.
- The tenant is liable for damage or theft.

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

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## Informations

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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.



The **UNESCO World Heritage List** currently lists 1,154 natural and cultural sites from 167 countries worldwide. The excellent cultural and natural monuments have an extraordinary universal value that must be preserved in the long term. Austria is represented with 10 World Heritage Sites.



### Level of difficulty

Beginner - Moderate: mostly flat to slightly hilly with a few climbs.