

Schladminger Tauern high trail

from hut to hut, high above
Schladming

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"Let your mind become still like a pond in the forest. It should become clear like water flowing from the mountains. Let cloudy water come to rest, then it will become clear, and let your wandering thoughts and desires come to rest."

Buddha

The valleys and mountains of the Schladminger Tauern are part of the Niedere Tauern and were formed from crystalline rock. More than 300 mountain lakes and 100 waterfalls also gave the region its nickname "The Valley of 1000 Springs". The abundance of water nourishes a lush alpine flora; the population of wild animals such as marmots, chamois or ibex is also rich in species. Of exquisite beauty are the hiking trails that connect the alpine pastures and refuges on the Schladminger-Tauern-High-Trail, which in turn is part of the Central Alpine High Trail and crosses the entire Alpine region. Experience the diverse scenic charms of the high mountains and look forward to an alpine journey of discovery!

Highlights

- + **HIKES ON SCENIC HIGH-ALTITUDE TRAILS IN THE EASTERN CENTRAL ALPS**
- + **GENTLE NATURE EXPERIENCES IN GREEN VALLEYS AND ON QUIET LAKES**
- + **NATURAL WONDER "GLACIAL LAKE LANDSCAPE AT THE KLAFFERKESSEL"**
- + **ALONG THE EXCELLENT THEME TRAIL "WILD WATERS"**
- + **OVERNIGHT STAY IN RUSTIC HUTS IN A MAGNIFICENT LOCATION**

The course of your hiking tour:

Day 1: Individual arrival in Schladming or Rohrmoos-Untertal

The former mining settlement Schladming is now considered one of the biggest tourist magnets in Austria, especially important as a winter sports resort. The location of the city between the south walls of the Dachstein and the Schladminger Tauern, which is very much appreciated by mountain hikers, is magnificent. Schladming is a very good starting point for this hut tour. Handover of the travel documents at the hotel. (1 night)

Day 2: On the Giglach High Trail – a scenic 'Haute Route'

In the morning you comfortably take the cable car from Rohrmoos to the summit plateau of the Hochwurzen. The alpine panorama trail over the mountain ridge to the south is the perfect start to the hiking tour. Over

gentle grass ridges and clear forest, the trail leads first to the Latterfußsattel and over extensive alpine rose fields on the Guschen. A little more demanding, but always secured, is the second part of the tightrope walk. In the alternation of descents and counter-ascents, the first, attractively located mountain lake – the Brettersee – is reached. The Ignaz-Mattis-hut will soon be in sight. It impresses with its unique location on a hill above the Greater Giglachsee. (1 night)

Hiking: 5 hours (approx. 10 km, ascent 783 m in height / descent: 615 m in height)

Day 3: In the middle of the historic mining area Zinkwand-Vettern

One of the adventure points of today's stage is the hike along the high alpine Giglachseen and in the further course of the Knappenseen in the Vetternkar. Until the 19th century, the mountains around were mining sites for various ores – including cobalt, nickel and silver. An old mining dwelling still bears witness to where 200 miners once lived all year round. The trail leads further up to the flat summit ridge of the Rotmandlspitze with a wonderful view of the Giglachkar and Duisitzkar. Over extensive snow or scree fields, the path continues down to the Krukeckscharte. At the foot of the Zinkwand, where ores of cobalt used to be unearthed, lies today's destination, the Keinprechthut, at 2,187 m above sea level. (1 night)

Hiking: 3 hours (approx. 6 km, ascent: 511 m in height / descent 640 m in height)

Day 4: Between Salzburg and Styria – high mountain tour with brilliant conclusion

Today you start the high-altitude trail over alpine pastures and rocky sections and cross the Trockenbrotscharte. If you are looking forward to a snack, the Landawirsee-Hütte on the lake of the same name is recommended. From the Gollingscharte one walks in serpentine down a scree field to the green Gollingwinkel. Surrounded by mighty mountain giants, the flat Almboden resembles an open-air theatre and is therefore often referred to as place of gods. A short time later you reach the Gollinghut at the foot of the highest mountain in Styria, the Hochgolling. It is situated not far from a rushing waterfall on a terrain step at the end of the Steinriesental, which is one of the most beautiful valleys in Austria. (1 night)

Hiking: 5-6 hours (approx. 9 km, ascent 975 m in height / descent: 1,178 m in height)

Day 5: Water wonderland from the Ice Age – the Klafferkesel

Look forward to the royal stage of the high trail today! The abundance of lakes of the Schladminger Tauern is not as complete as it is on this section. From the summit of the Greifenberg you get an excellent overview of the approximately 30 lakes, surrounded by dark green moss carpets, of the Klafferessel, on a former glacier floor. Like a labyrinth, the path winds from one charming pond to the next. Over a terrain threshold, the so-called Klafferscharte, you leave the protected landscape and reach the Lämmerkar. You find rich alpine flora, which thrives on the way down to the valley floor. Finally you reach the Preintaler Hut. (1 night)
Hiking: 5-6 hours (approx. 8 km, ascent: 1,013 m in height / descent: 1001 m in height)

Day 6: Adventure hike 'Wild Waters'

The way back to the valley first follows a rushing stream to the Kotalm. Continue through an extensive alpine landscape to the deep green Riesachsee. Highly recommended is the visit of the Riesach waterfall, which plunges a total of 140 meters over two cataracts into the valley. The element of water can be felt here in its purest power. From the Gfölleralm, the theme trail "Wild Waters" is supplemented with interesting explanations. This leads over meadows and through the forest with cozy inns and alpine huts that invite you to take a break. Quietly and slowly, the Talbach now meanders through the Tettermoor and continues to the Toteisboden, with its natural canal and ventilation system from the Ice Age, which offers special conditions for this unique plant world. The wild stream Talbach accompanies you until the end of the tour. (1 night in the ***Hotel in Schladming or Rohrmoos-Untertal)

Hiking: 5-6 hours (approx. 18,6 km, ascent: 349 m in height / descent: 1,239 m in height)

Day 7: Possibility of extension or departure

For all those who want to spend even more time in Schladming or the surrounding area, additional overnight stays can be booked. One of many places to visit is Ramsau and the surrounding high plateau at an altitude of 1100 to 1700 m, which is directly adjacent to the south walls of the Dachstein massif. Otherwise individual departure from Schladming or Rohrmoos-Untertal.



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REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

During the tour on the Schladminger Tauern ridgeway you are mostly in **high alpine terrain** and **very exposed route sections are secured with steel cables**. Therefore, appropriate mountain experience, mountain equipment, sure-footedness, a head for heights and endurance are prerequisites and absolutely necessary to return safely from the tour. The necessary equipment includes: mountain boots, functional clothing, backpack, water and food, rain and sun protection, first aid kit, mobile phone, possibly hiking poles, etc. The paths are well signposted, but markings may be obscured by remaining snow. Maps must therefore be carried along. Accompanied by an experienced hiking guide on request!

Please note that the tour is subject to weather conditions. At these altitudes it can also be cold in the summer months, in rare cases it also snows. Inform yourself daily about the weather conditions and note that the weather changes in the mountains often happen very quickly.

Arrangement

6x Overnight stay with alpine breakfast (2 x hotel, 4 x huts – double rooms or communal bunks, hut sleeping bags* mandatory, running water available, toilets partly biological)

- 1x welcome video with explanations and information that you need for the tour**
- 1x cable car ride to Hochwurzenalm**
- 1x Schladming-Dachstein Summer Card (= ticket for the Hochwurzenalm cable car)**
- 1x Hiking map + detailed routing (1 x per room)**
- + Daily service hotline from 08.00 – 18.00 (also on weekends)**

Rates per person and arrangement in €:

	01.07. – 21.07.24 27.08. – 30.09.24	21.07. – 27.08.24 (last arrival)
Double room (communal bunks in the lodges)	505,--	535,--
Supplement half board (min 2 course dinner in inns/hotels and partly also in huts otherwise 1 course hikers-meal in huts)	223,--	223,--
Supplement 2 x single room (communal bunks in huts)	149,--	149,--
Day of arrival	daily	daily

The local tax, also known as visitor's tax, is payable locally to the landlord; the amount depends on the resort and is between €1,00 and €4,00 per person per night. Children up to the age of 15 are usually exempt.

Notes on staying at an Alpine lodge:

- *Hut sleeping bag: blankets are available in the huts; necessary but mandatory is only a lightweight cotton/silk sleeping bag liner
- Due to their location, not all huts can offer running water, hot water or showers. In some cases there is also no flushing system in the toilets.
- On most huts, card payment is not possible. Take enough cash with you for food and drinks.

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Our recommendations:

Get a travel cancellation insurance.

Informations



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