

Walking in the tracks of the book smugglers

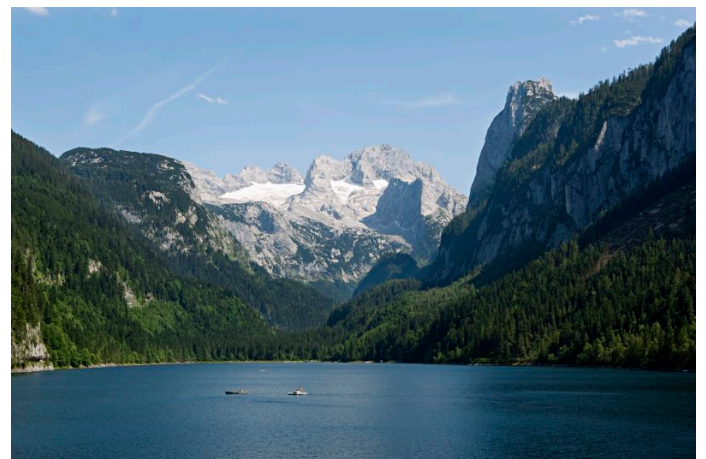
Part II: On the pilgrimage trail "Way of the Book"

Encounter with history: the Protestant Reformation

✓ **WITH LUGGAGE TRANSFER**



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In times of the Counter-reformation Protestants in Austria had to follow their beliefs in secret. On adventurous routes, under the constant threat of capture (and subsequently heavy punishment), bibles, prayer and song books were smuggled to the remote mountain valleys of the Salzkammergut where the protestant beliefs were still strong among the population.

The course of your hiking tour:

Day 1: Individual arrival in Bad Goisern.

You will receive your travel documents at your accommodation

Overnight in Bad Goisern.

Day 2: Bad Goisern – Goiserer lodge

~ 6 km, 4 h, altitude difference ascent 1083 m / descent 10 m

Ascent via Trocktannalm to the Goiserer lodge below the summit of Mount Kalmberg. Not far from the lodge lies the “Kalmoos church”, a cave in which Protestants attended services in secret in the past.

Overnight stay at Goiserer lodge.

Luggage transfer from Bad Goisern to Gosau where you spend the following night (overnight backpack and hut sleeping bag* for the night at Goiserer lodge have to be carried by yourself!)

Day 3: Goiserer lodge – Gosau

~6 km, 3 h, altitude difference ascent 0 m / descent 840 m

Descent via Iglmoosalm to Gosau. In the evening we recommend to visit to the Protestant church, which is known for its good acoustics. Perhaps you are in time for one of the regular performances.

Overnight in Gosau

Day 4: Gosau – Zwieselalm – Hofpuergl lodge

~10 km, 5 h, altitude difference ascent 850 m / descent 860 m

Take the bus or walk (approx. 7 km) to the starting point of this stage at the Gosausee Lake. Cable car up to the Zwieselalm, hike to the Hofpuergl lodge

Overnight stay at the Hofpuergl lodge

Luggage transfer from Gosau to Ramsau where you spend the following night (overnight backpack and hut sleeping bag* for the night at the Hofpuergl lodge have to be carried by yourself!)

Day 5: Hofpuergl lodge – Ramsau

~13 km, 6-7 h, altitude difference ascent 1017 m / descent 1072 m

High altitude to the Dachstein Suedwand lodge, descent to the Tuerlwand, then hiking bus to Ramsau village.

Overnight stay in Ramsau under Mount Dachstein.

Day 6: Ramsau – Schladming

~ 7,5 km, 4 h, altitude difference ascent 166 m / descent 587 m

Across the Ramsauer plateau you walk to the central town of the region - Schladming

Overnight stay at Schladming.

Day 7: Individual departure

or extra nights



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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

- 6x** Overnight stay with breakfast (4 x ***inns/hotels, 2 x lodges – double rooms or communal bunks, hut sleeping bags* mandatory)
- 1x** welcome video with explanations and information that you need for the tour
- 1x** map and information material (1 x per room)
- 1x** bus ticket Gosau - Gosausee

- 1x** ride with the cable car Gosaukammbahn
- 1x** Schladming-Dachstein Summer Card from Ramsau onwards
- 3x** 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 €:

	01.07. - 09.10.2024
***hotel/inn in double room (communal bunks in the lodges)	639,--
Supplement half board (minimum 2 course dinner)	189,--
Supplement 4x single room (communal bunks in the lodges)	160,--
Additional night in double room/with breakfast	70,--
Supplement for additional night half board	23,--
Supplement for additional night in single room	20,--
Supplement transfer Schladming - Bad Goisern up to 4 PAX	255,--
Every additional person	31,--
Mountain guide	on request
Day of arrival	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.

Become a sponsor of Austrian mountain rescue and enjoy the comprehensive rescue protection:
www.bergrettung-ooe.at/en/foerderer-werden

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)

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.





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.