



# Winter active days at the Traunsee Almtal region

Landhotel Post in Ebensee

- ✓ **BOOKABLE 06.01. - 15.04.2025**
- ✓ **ARRIVAL DAILY POSSIBLE**
- ✓ **LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN: SNOWSHOE HIKING IN WONDERFUL MOUNTAIN SCENERY, CERAMIC CITY Gmunden,....**
- ✓ **\*\*\*S LANDHOTEL POST EBENSEE**



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The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment then where is it to be found?

**John B. Priestley (English writer and journalist)**

Snowshoeing and winter hiking is the quintessential winter nature experience for all those who love to get out into the fresh air in a white landscape away from the slopes and cross-country ski trails. With modern snowshoes that prevent you from sinking into the deep snow, you can enjoy the silence and seclusion as you trudge through the snow. Rustic huts with regional specialties await you as a reward. Far away from the crowds, experienced mountain hikers and hobby walkers alike can enjoy high alpine experiences that will delight everyone. Step by step, winter sports enthusiasts hike across the idyllic alpine winter landscape.

## Highlights

- + **SNOWSHOE HIKING ON THE FEUERKOGEL**
- + **PEACE AND ENJOYMENT AT LAKE TRAUNSEE**
- + **CERAMIC CITY Gmunden and Emperor City Bad Ischl with winter hikes**
- + **Culinary highlights at mountain huts and regional restaurants and cafés**

# The course of your tour

## Day 1: Individual arrival at the idyllic southern shore of Lake Traunsee to Ebensee

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Travel to Ebensee by car or public transport.

During the cold season, the local mountain, the Feuerkogel, shows its best side: the beautiful high plateau is home to one of the most diverse ski areas and winter hiking areas in Austria.

Depending on the time of arrival, it is worth visiting the Ebenseer Kripplerloas (until the beginning of February).

8 large landscape nativity scenes in private houses, the Catholic parish church and the interesting nativity scene exhibition in the Ebensee Museum. Nativity scene map available at the Ebensee tourist office.

You will receive your travel documents at the hotel.

## Day 2: Feuerkogel - Snowshoeing on the high plateau

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Take the winter shuttle to the Feuerkogel valley station. From there, the Feuerkogel cable car takes you up the mountain. The silence of the Feuerkogel high plateau and endless kilometers of untouched white splendor in front of you. A total of 5 snowshoe trails and a "taster trail" are available for snowshoe hikers on the Feuerkogel high plateau, with a total length of approx. 25 kilometers.

Enjoy an extended snowshoe tour in the glistening winter landscape with breathtaking views of Lake Traunsee and the Salzkammergut.

After the snowshoe tour, you will have well and truly earned a stop at one of the mountain inns and huts on the Feuerkogel (depending on opening times and rest days). A soup and a Kaiserschmarren pancake await you as a culinary highlight. Strengthened, you take the cable car back down to the valley and the shuttle back to the hotel.

## Day 3: Bad Ischl - Hike around the Jainzen and Salzkammergut thermal spa

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Take the train to Bad Ischl and you can store your bathing luggage with us, Salzkammergut Touristik.

Bad Ischl became a vacation destination of European standing in the middle of the 19th century when Emperor Franz Joseph began to spend his vacations in his summer residence in Ischl. Bad Ischl has been a spa town since 1906 - you can find leisure and relaxation in the spa gardens, the spacious thermal baths or by visiting the famous Café Zauner.

Start your exploration of the town with a circular walk around the Ischers' local mountain, the "Jainzen".

From the train station, walk through the town center and turn left onto Rechensteg. You will soon reach Jainzendorfstraße with beautiful views of the Ischltal valley. Here you can shorten the circular route by around 30 minutes if you follow the asphalt road.

However, we recommend visiting the "Glücksplatz" at the Hohenzoller waterfall. The route now leads through a secluded valley with meadows and forest and finally along the original Jainzenbach stream back to Bad Ischl.

**Length: 7 km (6 km without Hohenzoller waterfall)**

**Walking time: 2 h 15 min (1 h 45 min without Hohenzoller waterfall)**

**Altitude difference in ascent and descent: 260m**

Take a break from sporting activities in the afternoon and visit the Salzkammergut Therme Bad Ischl. A place to immerse yourself ... in pure bathing pleasure. In the indoor brine pool and the exclusive brine whirlpool. The soothing power of salt and brine increase well-being and promote health.

The thermal baths are located right next to the train station. Return journey by train

## Day 4: Gmunden with Gmundner ceramics and hike up the Gmundnerberg

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Travel by train to Gmunden - the crowning pearl of Lake Traunsee:

As the center of the salt trade, the town had a strategically important position: directly at the point where the Traun leaves the Traunsee and flows northwards. The prosperity of those times, when salt was shipped by water, can be seen today in the magnificent facades. A stroll through Gmunden is highly recommended.

Gmundner Keramik Manufaktur - Gmundner world of experience

Every product that comes out of the Gmundner Keramik Manufaktur is unique - made and painted by hand. It is the craftsmanship that makes the tableware so valuable and unique. The Gmundner Keramik Manufaktur offers an exciting program all year round. Those who would like to take a look behind the scenes can do so, for example, on a guided tour of the manufactory, which is offered all year round, whatever the weather (Mon - Sat at 10:30 and 13:00). In addition to a short film, some particularly valuable exhibits, a touch and photo station, guests are offered detailed insights into the creation of the unique Gmunden ceramics and the painting workshops.

After the independent tour of Gmunden and the guided tour of the Gmunden ceramics factory, the tour continues with the 522 bus from Gmunden Keramik to Altmünster.

From the Esplanade Altmünster, a beautiful circular route leads via the Berggasthof Urzn with fantastic views of the Traunstein and the surrounding mountains. Depending on the snow conditions, there is also a beautiful snowshoe hike up the Gmundnerberg.

**Length: 9.5 km**

**Walking time: 3 h 15 min**

**Altitude difference in ascent and descent: 390 m**

We recommend a stop at Gasthof Urzn (please note that it is a REST DAY).

Hike back and once in the center of Altmünster take the bus or train back to Ebensee.

## **Day 5: Individual departure or additional nights**

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If you have the opportunity to extend your stay, the repertoire of discoveries is far from exhausted and additional nights can be booked.





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### Recommended equipment for carefree snowshoe and winter hiking:

- 3 sets of underwear
- 2 to 3 layers of outerwear / warm, functional, waterproof and windproof
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses and/or ski goggles, sun cream
- Sturdy, waterproof winter boots
- Gaiters up to the knees are an advantage, prevent snow from penetrating the boot
- the rucksack should offer fastening options for the snowshoes

## ACCOMMODATION: \*\*\*S LANDHOTEL POST EBENSEE



### Location:

In the heart of the Salzkammergut, right on the southern shore of Lake Traunsee, lies the 3-star Landhotel Post in Ebensee. Here, against the breathtaking backdrop of the mountains and lakes, the perfect vacation experience awaits hotel guests. Ebensee Landungsplatz train station is approx. 200m away. The indoor swimming pool is approx. 100m away, the Museum of Contemporary History approx. 250m and Lake Traunsee approx. 300m. The Feuerkogel cable car is approx. 1.3km away.

### Facilities:

At the Landhotel Post guests stay in 3-star comfort at an affordable price. Comfort is very important here. The cozy rooms, suites and family apartments are furnished to a high standard and invite you to stay. The varied cuisine deserves praise. The menu ranges from home-style cooking to dishes made from natural ingredients and hearty dishes, as well as regional and international specialties. An elevator and plenty of parking spaces are available. The hotel has been awarded the Austrian environmental seal and the EU Ecolabel. The hotel is also planning to expand the use of sustainable electricity through solar panels and the construction of a hydroelectric power plant.

### Wellness:

A wellness area with bio-sauna, infrared cabin and relaxation room is available.

### Rooms:

The rooms and suites have a WC and bath/shower, large LCD TV with digital HD, telephone, high-speed WLAN and some have a balcony or terrace. Some of the rooms can also be booked with extra beds.

# Arrangement

- 4x Overnight stay at the \*\*\*s Landhotel Post with breakfast buffet**
- 1x Ride on the Traunsee winter shuttle (day 2; Feuerkogel valley station and return hotel at fixed times)**
- 1x Combi-ticket: Feuerkogel cable car + rental snowshoes (day 2)**
- 1x Soup and Kaiserschmarren on the Feuerkogel (Day 2)**
- 1x Ticket for public transfer from Ebensee to Bad Ischl and back (day 3)**
- 1x Culinary highlight – Habsburger tartlet at Rührwerk / alley sale (day 3)**
- 1x Ticket for public transfer from Ebensee to Gmunden and back (day 4)**
- 2x Admission and guided tour of the Gmundner Keramik factory (day 4)**
- 1x Maps and other information material per room**
- + Daily service hotline from 8.00 - 18.00 (also at weekends)**

## Prices per person and arrangement in €:

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Double room with breakfast	399,00
supplement for single room	58,00
additional nights (before / after)	on request
Arrival	daily

The order of the program may change due to rest days of the service providers.

Extras payable on site:

Local tax: approx. € 2.20 per person and night (from 16 years)

Check-in: from 14:30 - 18:00

Check-out: until 10:30 am

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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!

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.



The European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl Salzkammergut 2024 brings the diversity of historically rooted and contemporary art and culture to the forefront and raises it to an international level.