


Austrian Lakes Cycling

Hotel-to-hotel  and  independent cycling

- Gentle traffic-free cycling trails - lots of choice and flexibility; stunning scenery
- Excellent ★★★ and ★★★★★ hotels, most with spas and pools; warm, friendly hoteliers; lovely local cuisine
- Exceptionally clean lakeside routes - swimming opportunities every day
- Fairytale city of Salzburg: Baroque palaces, historic castles, stunning gardens
- Varied rest days: boat trips, watersports, mountain rail rides; choice of 10 or 12 night holiday



Our popular 10 night cycling holiday in the Austrian Lakes is fantastically varied with something to suit travellers of all ages. It's a glorious mix of spectacular scenic views, gentle shoreline routes and swimming opportunities galore! The cycling is mainly  level but you can extend or shorten your routes on most days.

Every stop brings new discoveries such as St Wolfgang's antique cog railway to the summit of Schafberg, Mozart's museum in St Gilgen, and Mondsee's frescoed high street - the church here was the location of the famous wedding in "The Sound of Music"! When you fancy a change from cycling, local buses and boats shuttle between delightful lakeside villages making exploration easy. Regional highlights include Emperor Franz Josef's summer residence in Bad Ischl (he declared war on Serbia here, which led to WW1), Gmunden's "floating" castle Seeschloss Orth, and its porcelain Town Hall bells, and an unforgettable paddle steamer on Lake Traunsee below spectacular mountain peaks. Not to mention a trip to Salzburg itself.

Our hotels throughout are extremely friendly and form pleasant contrasts en route – from unashamed ★★★★★ luxury with swimming pools and steam baths in Bad Ischl, to a lakeside hotel in Gmunden.

"This was one of the best holidays I have ever had. Every aspect of it was very good to excellent."

Mrs Millar



AUSTRIAN LAKES CYCLING | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Mondsee

We meet you at Salzburg airport and take you to your hotel (45 mins) in Mondsee. Time to explore Mondsee then a soak in the spa whirlpool before dinner.

Day 2 Mondsee to St Georgen 27km/17mi

Pedal past yachts and wooden boathouses this morning on Mondsee's north shore. Onwards through rolling pasture dotted with country churches, before the triangular white sails scoring the blue surface of Lake Attersee hove into view as you descend to the lake shore. Then heading inland, you pass a deer farm and roadside stalls piled high with bright local produce, before receiving a warm welcome from the Söllinger family.

Day 3 In St Georgen

You can follow in the footsteps of Gustav Mahler in Attersee - he composed prolifically here. Enjoy lunch local style - freshly smoked fish are on sale along the lakeshore - and there's a fabulous swimming pool complex. Then perhaps take a boat ride to the pretty village of Weyregg beneath craggy mountains on the Eastern shore.

Day 4 St Georgen to Gmunden 38km/24mi

You'll enjoy views of the 1000m high peaks on the east shore of Attersee Lake as you freewheel down to Schorfling, whose castle was painted by Gustav Klimt with its reflection mirrored on the lake surface. Fields of wheat fringed with poppies and cornflowers pass by before you coast into Gmunden with its cobbled marketplace and painted buildings. Dinner on the terrace of the hotel is delightful, with Gmunden's lights shimmering above the surface of Lake Traunsee.

Day 5 In Gmunden

Take a trip on the Gisela - the last coal fired paddle steamer, also used by Archduke Franz Ferdinand. The cable car to the top of Grunberg (984m) offers wonderful views at the top, where you looking down on Gmunden's esplanade and the romantic Seeschloss Orth - "floating" castle on the lake dating from the 17C.

Day 6 Gmunden to Bad Ischl 19km/12mi

Today you take the Traunsee boat from the pontoon below the hotel to Ebensee on the south shore. Well worth taking the cable car up to the Feuerkogel Peak for spectacular views. Then back along a beautiful riverside route, criss-crossing the sparkling River Traun, and on through scented pinewoods to Bad Ischl. Perhaps relax in the opera house gardens before returning to the hotel for a swim.

Day 7 In Bad Ischl (optional 2-night extension - see opposite)

There is simply so much to see and do in and around Bad Ischl: Imperial Spa, ice caves, thermal salt baths, cable cars, people-watching on the riverside esplanade or a day trip to Salzburg. If you've time, we suggest you extend your holiday to spend 4 nights here.

Day 8 or 10 Bad Ischl to Strobl 16km/10mi

Explore the Emperor Franz Josef's former holiday home, the Kaiservilla, before setting off along the banks of the River Ischl. Sunlight sparkles on the water as you pass tiny shrines hidden in the pines below Leonsberg and Bleckwand peaks. Lakeside Strobl has a popular beachfront for a cooling swim or join a boat cruise on the lake.

Day 9 or 11 In Strobl

It's easy to spend the day in Strobl: summer toboggan run, cable cars, watersports and animal park. Alternatively, the fairy-tale city of Salzburg - Baroque jewel and UNESCO-recognised historic old center - is just an 80 minute bus ride away.

Day 10 or 12 Strobl to Mondsee 30km/19mi

Keeping close to Wolfgangsee's southern lakeshore, a level cycling track through a tiny nature reserve brings you into lovely St Gilgen. Visit Mozart's Museum, or take the cable car up Zwölferhorn for stunning 360° views. In the afternoon coast downhill to Mondsee Lake, before returning to the hotel in time for an aperitif before dinner.

Day 11 or 13 Return home

We take you to Salzburg for extra nights or to catch your flight home.

Optional 2 night extension in Bad Ischl

If you have the flexibility to extend your holiday, then we suggest staying 4 nights in Bad Ischl (keeping your bikes with you of course throughout). Options include: riding up to the top of Schafberg (1783m) on the cog railway; taking a river trip to Ebensee; visiting the Ice Cave in Obertraun; sampling coffee and cakes in the world-famous Zauner restaurant in the heart of the old town. The Imperial Villa, Lehar Villa and salt mines are all worth a visit, and for a longer day out, the beautiful city of Salzburg is easily reached by bus.



Dates and Prices

Departs every two days **Tour Only**

2012 departures

May 13-25, Sep 12-22	\$3,068
May 27-31, Jun 8-12	\$3,084
Sep 2-10	\$3,084
Jun 2-6, Jun 14-Jul 8	\$3,190
Aug 29-31	\$3,190
Jul 10-Aug 27	\$3,212
Child (any dates, see notes)	\$1,829

Singles: Add \$32 per night (6 nights will be in a single room; 4 nights will be sole occupancy of a double room).

Child: Over 2 and under 12, sharing with 2 adults.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$21 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Independent cycling, hotel-to-hotel, no minimum group size.

Departs: Every two days from May 13 to Sep 22.

Duration: 11 days (10 nights). This holiday may be adapted into a 12 night version - just add \$393 per adult and \$223 per child to the prices above.

Meals: Continental breakfast and 8 evening meals.

Other details: For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Salzburg Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

The above prices include our standard transfers: Salzburg Airport at 10:50, (transfer to hotel, 45 mins, provided). **Return:** Salzburg Airport by 09:20 (transfer provided).

Tour only: Transfers included from Salzburg airport at 10:50, and back to Salzburg airport departing hotel at 08:30.

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AUSTRIAN LAKES CYCLING | WHERE YOU STAY



Hotel Leitnerbrau
★★★★
Mondsee
Days 1+10



Hotel Attergauhof
★★★★
St Georgen
Days 2+3



Hotel Grunberg
★★★★
Gmunden
Days 4+5



Landhotel Hubertushof
★★★★
Bad Ischl
Days 6+7



Hotel Bergrose
★★★★
Strobl
Days 8+9

For extra nights we recommend optional 2-night extension in Bad Ischl, and city add-ons can also be arranged in Salzburg.