

Austrian Lakes Multisport

Single center independent walking, cycling and multi activities

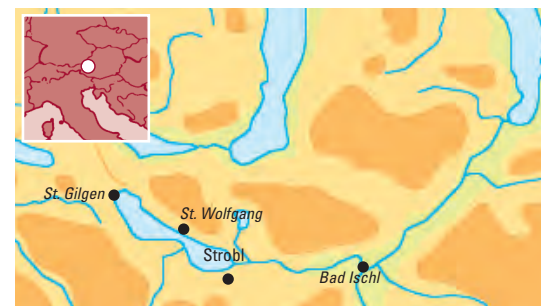
- Luxury ★★★★★ hotel: secluded gardens, exquisite cuisine and top-of-the-range wellness center – indoor pool, waterfall, whirlpool, steam bath
- Postcard-pretty, exceptionally clean lakeside village with lovely beaches, chic cafés and spectacular mountain views
- Fairytale city of Salzburg: Baroque palaces, Renaissance gardens, elegant Viennese coffee houses
- Lots of choice for active families: walking, cycling, ice caves, watersports, boat trips
- Complimentary Breakaway bikes included throughout



Combine glorious Alpine panoramas with beautiful sun-kissed lakeshores, with a wide range of activities, and you have the perfect ingredients for a fun-filled family holiday! You stay in the picturesque Austrian village of Strobl, on the eastern shore of Lake Wolfgang, and one of the prettiest spots in the region. During your time here, you can be as active, or not, as you choose, as we provide a wide selection of fully researched independent walking and cycling choices (maps and detailed route notes - typically at gentle  and  - included). To ensure total flexibility, we will give you a complimentary Breakaway bike for your exclusive use throughout your stay. There's also an excellent local bus/ ferry/ cable car service linking the local lakes and villages.

A full range of watersports can also be booked and paid for locally, with tuition available for beginners. Alternatively, perhaps take a trip on one of the many lake cruisers (hopping on and off at leisure at the numerous jetty points) and soak up the views from the water. There's also a natural wide beach for sunbathing. Take time too to visit Mozart's magical city of Salzburg: stroll through the Mirabell Gardens, lunch in an atmospheric cobbled square, then take the funicular to Hohensalzburg Fortress for the most amazing city views.

You stay as guests of Frau Zopf and family at the ★★★★★ Bergrose Hotel. Set just back from the river, and less than 5 minutes' cycle from the lake, it's a calm and relaxing place to stay. All of the 30 spacious bedrooms are beautifully and individually decorated and the perfectly crafted wooden panelling – so typical of this region – extends right through the hotel. The attention to quality and detail is second-to-none too in the hotel's beamed dining room. Chef Paul's creations include delicacies such as carpaccio of beef with chanterelles mushrooms, grated parmesan and lime-infused olive oil. The menu relies heavily on fresh local produce, so expect to taste aromatic wild herbs and garlic straight from the hotel's gardens.



AUSTRIAN LAKES ACTIVITIES | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Strobl

We meet you at Salzburg airport and take you to your hotel (55 mins) in Strobl where our rep will go through suggestions for the week with you before dinner.

Day 2 Walk or cycle to St Wolfgang 15km/9mi or 16km/10mi

A very gentle start to the week heading first by the river then along the north shore of the lake to St Wolfgang. Renowned for its beautiful C15 church, this famously pretty village boasts a maze of cobbled streets lined with attractive frescoed houses, shops and café terraces affording superb lake views. Culture and music are very much part of St Wolfgang's fine tradition, so be sure to explore the boutique craft and chocolate shops! After lunch, hop on the antique cog railway as it chugs up to the summit of Schafberg (1,782m) for unrivalled Alpine views.

Day 3 Cycle to St Gilgen 28km/17.5mi

Keeping close to Lake Wolfgang's southern lakeshore, a level cycling track through a tiny nature reserve brings you into lovely St Gilgen where the busy waterfront is filled with restaurants, cafés and attractive frescoed houses. Visit Mozart's museum (his mother was born here!), or take the cable car up Zwolferhorn for stunning 360° views. Alternatively, try your hand at waterskiing on Lake Wolfgang, have a cooling swim on the beach then, perhaps, enjoy an afternoon of pampering at the hotel's elegant spa.

Day 4 Cycle to Bad Ischl 26km or walk/ bus 14km/9mi

Freewheeling east this morning through poppy-strewn meadows, you soon arrive in the famous elitist holiday town of Bad Ischl. The late Emperor Franz Joseph was born here – make sure you visit his *Kaiservilla* – and the spirit of the monarchy remains strong. Lots of restaurants for lunch then, in the afternoon, why not visit the imperial hot spa that comprises salt baths, a 30-32°C outdoor swimming pool, Alhambra baths, steam room, hammam and oriental gardens? Cyclists return to Strobl along the banks of the River Ischl, passing tiny shrines hidden below the Leonsberg and Bleckwand peaks. Walkers simply hop on the local bus!

Day 5 Free day: Exploring Salzburg

Why not give yourself a break from cycling today and take the local bus (80mins) to Mozart's fairytale city of Salzburg? Described as a Baroque jewel, and recognized by UNESCO, its idyllic setting – surrounded by the Alps and bisected by the gentle Salzach river – cannot be bettered by any other city in Europe. Take time too to explore its historic heart and you'll find a wealth of Baroque Palaces, Renaissance gardens, elegant Viennese cafés and the oldest open-air theatre in Europe.

Day 6 Cycle to Lake Nussen 14km/9mi

The cycling route takes you along quiet country lanes and through rural farming hamlets bordered by low Alpine meadows – look out for the neat woodpiles to be used for heating over the winter months. Lunch at the popular Zur Wacht restaurant then head down to beautiful Lake Nussen, a hidden gem completely off the tourist trail – look out for rare orchids scattered round its sun-kissed shore. Lots of time to swim, sunbathe, etc before completing a circular loop back to Strobl.

Day 7 Cycle or walk to Lake Schwarzen 22km/14mi or 14km/9mi

A choice of walking or cycling routes today across the valley and up through the forest towards Lake Schwarzen, perfectly positioned beneath the shadows of the Vormauerstein, Hoheneck and Breiten Berg peaks. Have lunch in one of the restaurants basking in sunshine beneath the snow-capped mountains then a delightful valley descent back to Strobl.

Day 8 Leave Strobl

We take you to Salzburg airport after breakfast. Either catch your flight home or opt to spend some extra nights in this beautiful city.



"Very enjoyable, extremely lucky with the weather, beautiful location. We didn't want to leave. Great knowing we could call on rep Ray, if needed."

Mr C Walls

Dates and Prices

Departs Sundays	Tour Only
2012 departures	
May 13, Sep 16, 23	\$2,559
May 20, 27, Jun 10	\$2,559
Sep 2, 9	\$2,559
Jun 3, 17, 24, Jul 1	\$2,577
Jul 8, 15, 22, 29	\$2,617
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26	\$2,617
Child (any dates, see notes)	\$1,595

Singles: Add \$72 per night for sole occupancy of a Suite.

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

Holiday type: Independent multi-activity, single center, no minimum group size, however airport transfers are subject to at least 2 people (in total) booked on each departure.

Departs: Sundays from May 13 to Sep 23.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights).

Meals: Continental breakfast and 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 13:25 (transfer to hotel, 55 mins, provided). **Return:** Salzburg Airport by 12:15 (transfer provided).

Tour only: Transfers included from Salzburg airport at 13:25, and back to Salzburg airport departing hotel at 11:15.

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