



AUSTRIA

SALZKAMMERGUT

St Wolfgang lake

...SERENE AND PICTURESQUE

The Salzkammergut area (Lake District) is one of the most impressive regions in the heart of Austria. Boasting 76 lakes – and with a beautiful mountain backdrop, you can really relax and let the calming atmosphere envelop you.

You'll always find hidden isolated areas to enjoy a dip or to just sit and skim stones across the peaceful, glassy waters – and you can also combine glorious Alpine panoramas with a range of water activities, including boat trips and watersports.

Pretty flower-filled valleys sit beside placid blue lakes, giant mountains and castles reflecting in the water, reminiscent of the opening scene of *The Sound of Music*. In fact, the church in Mondsee was the location of the famous wedding in the film.

*“Austria is a lovely country
and the people are friendly.
We had a great time.”*

Mr Bridge, Felixstowe

Salzkammergut translates as ‘salt estates’ and is named after its tradition of salt mining and trading – you can visit mines and take an interesting journey back in time to get a real flavor of the region’s history.

Walk or cycle on gentle shoreline routes – and through traditional lakeside villages, complete with chocolate box style cobbled streets and frescoed houses. Gmunden is perfect for a moment of reflection from its 400-year-old ‘floating’ castle.

In the spa town of Bad Ischl – where the late Emperor Franz Josef was born – visit the imperial hot spa with its thermal salt baths, oriental gardens and ice caves, or simply people watch from the riverside esplanade. Stop off at the village of St Wolfgang, renowned for its beautiful C15 church (you can sit in the arched windows and enjoy your lunch *al fresco* from here), and hop on the antique cog railway up to the summit of the Schafberg for unrivalled Alpine views.

Mozart’s fairytale city of Salzburg, described as a Baroque jewel, is surrounded by the Alps and bisected by the gentle Salzach river – here you can explore palaces and churches and meander side streets listening to classical music waft from open windows and chatting to locals over coffee in one of the elegant Viennese cafes.

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AUSTRIAN LAKES WALK

WALKING ACTIVITY LEVEL



Lake Wolfgang



YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY

DAY 01 ARRIVE IN BAD ISCHL

Arrive at your hotel, the **Hotel Goldenes Schiff**, where you'll spend the next three nights. Relax in the first-class spa and wellness centre before dinner (included).

DAY 02 HALLSTATT WALK

11KM/7MI/3HR

Catch the bus to spectacular Hallstatt, the oldest village in Austria, then take the panoramic funicular railway up the mountain and visit the historical salt mine. Catch a ferry across the lake then follow a beautiful walk to Bad Goisern before returning to Bad Ischl by train.

DAY 03 AT BAD ISCHL

Stroll along the esplanade and have coffee and cake in the world-famous Zauner cafe, visit the Emperor's Villa and gardens or relax in the thermal baths. A trip to the nearby Dachstein Ice caves and the spectacular 5 Finger Lookout is also an option.

DAY 04 BAD ISCHL TO STROBL

16KM/10MI/4HR OR 20KM/12.5MI/6HR

Walk or take the cable car to the summit of Katrin (1,393m) for fabulous views of the lakes and peaks. Head down the Katrin Pass, past Nussen Lake and on to the **Hotel Bergrose**, for two nights (dinner included).

DAY 05 AT STROBL

Enjoy watersports, a summer toboggan run, lake cruisers or just sunbathe on the natural beach. You can also take the bus to beautiful Salzburg.

DAY 06 STROBL TO ST GILGEN

14KM/8.5MI/4HR

Walk along the north shore of Lake Wolfgang, a stunning expanse of vivid turquoise waters. Enjoy lunch in St Wolfgang then follow the pilgrim's path past the Falkenstein Chapel, curiously built into the cliff face. Stay at the **Gasthof Zur Post**, for the next two nights, with dinner included.

DAY 07 AT ST GILGEN

Discover the delights of St Gilgen with its busy waterfront, or follow the Mozartsteig to Fuschl, passing between the Ellmautal and Eibenberg mountains. Continue to tranquil Fuschlsee.

DAY 08 ST GILGEN (FUSCHL) TO MONDSEE

11KM/7MI/3HR OR 15KM/9.5MI/4HR

From Fuschl, head up to the remains of Wartenfels Castle with aerial views of Fuschlsee, Irrsee and Mondsee. Climb the Schober for views to Lake Wolfgang and the Schafberg peaks. You stay at the **Hotel Leitnerbrau**, and dine at a local restaurant this evening (payable locally).

DAY 09 LEAVE MONDSEE

- ★★★★★☆ customer rating
- Exclusive Headwater Rep Service
- Snow-capped peaks, lush meadows and forest trails
- Crystal-clear lakes, babbling streams, tranquil shores, secluded bays
- Picturesque waterfront villages, postcard-pretty castles, frescoed houses

YOUR HOLIDAY, YOUR WAY

This trip is also available as a 10-night tour, which includes two nights in St Wolfgang. Here you can explore the pretty town or take the cog railway to the top of Schafberg.

PRICES FROM

\$1,765 per person

With departures every two days from May 13th to September 20th 2018

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in **** hotels
- All breakfasts and 7 evening meals
- Services of your local Headwater Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- Nearest arrival airport: Salzburg airport
- Local transfer from Salzburg airport to hotel/return, inquire for details and timings.
- Single rooms \$47 per person per night
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights at selected hotels
- City break add-ons in Salzburg

WHERE YOU STAY

Hotel Goldenes Schiff
★★★★Hotel Bergrose
★★★★Gasthof Zur Post
★★★★Hotel Leitnerbrau
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