

Seefeld Plateau Discovery Tour

Trip style: Small group holidays

Destination: 📍 Austria

Trip code: AST07-LEL12



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Austria's Tyrol region ups the ante for alpine adventures. Not only does this tour include a heritage steam train ride, a boat ride on Achensee Lake, and a trip into neighbouring Germany, but also a visit to Innsbruck – the regional capital that waltzes between Renaissance-style castles, cobbled old quarters, and Baroque palaces all backed by the Nordkette Mountain range. Further highlights include enjoying Tyrolean hospitality courtesy of a traditional alpine lodge nestled in the picturesque Leutasch Valley.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Exploring the beautiful city of Innsbruck
- Riding a traditional steam railway
- Taking a relaxing boat cruise on Achensee Lake
- Ascending Germany's tallest mountain by cable car
- Walking through the Leutasch Spirit Gorge
- Staying in a traditional alpine lodge
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 16 people)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Heathrow, including baggage and transfers (flights available from other airports - price may vary)
- Guided sightseeing with local leaders
- 7 nights' accommodation in Leutasch
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport & Seefeld free public transport card
- Seefeld Card for free public transport

TRIP SUITABILITY

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Our Discovery holidays give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the local area through **active sightseeing**.

On each Discovery day, you will be walking throughout the course of the day as you explore the venues and locations we visit. You'll also be hopping on and off the coach throughout - you should expect to spend the majority of the day on your feet. Most of this walking will be at attractions but some may be across country tracks or footpaths so be sure to **bring sturdy shoes**. There will also be stairs to climb in the majority of the venues you visit, though other more accessible options may be available. At some venues, there may also be uneven surfaces, such as cobbles or rocky paths.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Arrive at Hotel Kristall in the small hamlet of Weidach. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: The Seefeld Plateau

Today we discover and explore the natural beauty of the Seefeld Plateau with a walk around the Wildsee and a visit to the Mosern Peace Bell, which is swung daily at 5pm. From here, there are fantastic views down to the Inn Valley over Telfs.

Day 3: Innsbruck

This morning sees us take a bus to the city of Innsbruck. Here we shall visit the charming Old Town with its sophisticated mixture of Gothic and Baroque architecture. We'll stop at the famous Golden Roof – or Goldenes Dachl – and will also have plenty of time to stroll through the city's many alleyways.

Day 4: Free Day

On our 7-night holidays, we allow one free day where there is no organised excursion. This is an ideal opportunity for you to relax, enjoy the hotel facilities or explore the area independently. Options include: Wellness Centre: Take full advantage of the hotel's wellness centre relaxing in the sauna, Jacuzzi, tepidarium and steam bath and swimming in its two pools. You could also book yourself a massage or beauty treatment. Seefeld: Take time to wander the many restaurants, bars and shops; it's an ideal place to buy souvenirs and gifts. You can take the funicular ride up the mountain to Rosshutte or a horse drawn carriage ride to local attractions. Leisure facilities: If you are feeling energetic, in Seefeld there is the large indoor and open-air (heated) pool and leisure complex, tennis courts and the Wildmoos Plateau golf course. In Weidach the Alpenbad is a short walk away with its modern leisure pool facilities. You could also go for a bike ride using the hotel's complimentary mountain bikes. Mittenwald: Known for house paintings and its violin museum, this is an excellent place to visit, with shops, cafés and a cable car/chair lift to the mountain top. You can get a direct bus from Weidach at an additional cost. Innsbruck: This is an attractive, compact city with its famous Golden Roof and beautiful, historic buildings and museums. It offers excellent shopping and a wide selection of restaurants. It is possible to have a two-hour guided tour of the city, visit the Swarovski displays or travel on the funicular/cable car up the mountain. Travel to the city requires a 35-minute railway journey from Seefeld; the scenery alone makes the journey well worthwhile.

Day 5: Garmisch Partenkirchen and the Zugspitze

Another journey from Seefeld takes us across the border into Germany to the Garmisch Partenkirchen. Weather permitting, there will be an optional cable car ride up to the top of the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. On clear days it is possible to see Munich from the top of this 2,962-metre-tall giant!

Day 6: Leutasch Gorge and Mittenwald

A gentle walk through the Leutasch Valley awaits today as we follow the course of the river to view the impressive

Leutasch Gorge. We'll also stop at the small Bavarian town of Mittenwald, known for colourful houses and its violin-making museum.

Day 7: Achensee

Today's unforgettable itinerary begins with a ride on the steam-powered rack and pinion railway to Achensee. The 128-year-old railway is the oldest of its kind in Europe, still carrying passengers to this day. Once we've disembarked from the train, it'll be on to the boat for a relaxing lake cruise.

Day 8: Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

Hotel Kristall - Seefeld Plateau

Located in the stunning surrounds of the Leutasch Valley, the adults only Hotel Kristall boasts mountain views on every side. Facilities include an attractive lounge, bar, sun terrace, small gym, pool table and ski/boot room. There's an award-winning restaurant using organic and locally sourced ingredients. After a day of hiking you may like to make use of the large luxurious wellness centre, two indoor swimming pools, spa pool, Finnish sauna, Turkish steam bath, tepidarium and infrared sauna. The heated rooftop infinity pool has stunning views of the surrounding mountains. (use of the centre paid locally) Rooms are decorated in soft colours with oak wood furniture. Facilities include flat screen satellite TV, a safe and bathrooms with either a shower or bath. As is usual in Austria, twin beds may be arranged in one large frame with separate mattresses and bedding. Most rooms have balconies with lovely views over the village and mountains.

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Dietary requirements on Discovery Tour

Vegetarians and special diets can be catered for if requested in advance of the holiday.

Packing list - Overseas Guided Walking

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Walking boots Waterproof jacket Waterproof trousers Insulated jacket/top Walking clothing Walking socks (plus spares) Sunhat Gloves/mitts and warm hat Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity) Headtorch High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) Sunglasses with a dark lens Rucksack (15-30 litres) Mobile phone Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.) Passport Visa (if applicable) Copy of your travel insurance policy UK Global Health Insurance Card (formerly known as EHIC) Recommended Collapsible walking poles Swimwear and travel towel Snacks Dry bags Rubbish bags Insect repellent Optional extras Camera Sit mat Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Gaiters GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)