

Walking in the Austrian Lake District

Trip style: Guided Walking Holidays

Destination:  Austria

Trip code: SKK07-LCL09

Grades: 3 & 4

Carbon Footprint:  490kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Adored for its staggeringly beautiful alpine scenery, the UNESCO-listed Salzkammergut region is also known as Austria's Lake District. It offers wonderful walks through mountain foothills and along woodland trails, all set against a backdrop of snow-covered peaks and crystalline lakes. Perfect for those wanting to combine walking with visits to some of the region's cultural and historic highlights, this exceptional holiday includes visiting the spa town of Bad Ischl, riding the cable car up Katrin Alp, and walking alongside Lake Halstatt. You'll also have a free day to explore the striking city of Salzburg or the rustic market town of St Wolfgang.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Discovering the Salzkammergut region, a designated 2024 European Capital of Culture
- Admiring crisp alpine peaks and glittering lakes
- Visiting the spa town of Bad Ischl and riding the cable car up Katrin Alp
- Walking the Traun Trail and alongside beautiful Lake Halstatt
- Taking the Krippenstein cable car for a trail overlooking the Dachstein plateau
- Staying at a charming hotel in the market town of Bad Goisern

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A choice of two walks a day with experienced local leaders
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights' accommodation in Bad Goisern
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- In-destination transport using local public transport
- Return flights from London including baggage and transfers

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Day 1: ARRIVAL DAY

Fly to Salzburg and transfer to Wolfgangsee where we'll have a welcome meeting.

Day 2: PILGRIM'S WAY OVER THE FALKENSTEIN

Day 3: POSTALM

About 12km above Strobl at Lake Wolfgangsee, you'll find the largest alpine pasture area in Austria, and the second largest high plateau in Europe - the Postalm.

Day 4: DACHSTEIN KRIPPENSTEIN

We'll transfer to Obertraun to board the Dachstein Krippenstein cable car. Our panorama ticket allows us to use all three sections of the cable car – ascent and descent.

Day 5: FREE DAY

You have the day to explore or relax as you wish. The following day trip suggestions can all be easily accessed using public transport from Strobl: Bad Ischl – a stroll here includes delights like the Imperial Villa, Zauner pastry and confectioner shop, and boutique shops. From Bad Ischl, you can also continue by train and ferry to Hallstatt, home to the world's oldest salt mines. This lakeside town is famed for its picture-postcard outlook – pastel-coloured buildings fringe the crystalline lake while lofty mountains rise all around. Salzburg – it takes about 1.5 hours on the bus to Salzburg, the city of Mozart. Sightseeing highlights include Hohensalzburg Fortress, the Mozart museums, the Getreidegasse, and Hellbrunn Palace.

Day 6: LAIMERALM OR LAKE SCHWARZENSEE

Day 7: SCHAFBERG

Taking the boat from Strobl to St Wolfgang, we'll ascend Schafberg. We'll start our hikes at the valley station of Austria's steepest cog railway that's been running since 1893.

Day 8: DEPARTURE DAY

Transfer to Salzburg airport for your flight home.

Hotel Goisererhof, Bad Goisern

Located in the heart of the Austrian market town of Bad Goisern, the three-star Hotel Goisererhof has been welcoming guests since 1870. There's a warm and inviting reception area and comfortable en-suite guest rooms that provide all the modern luxuries you could ever need for a relaxing stay. You'll also find a restaurant serving regional and international cuisine as well as a spa area with a sauna, herbal steam bath, and relaxation room. Free Wi-Fi is available in the lounge and restaurant.

Vaccinations & health information - SHARED WITH ALL EU NEW 2026

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel. As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure. Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting. For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

Passport & Visa information - SHARED FOR ALL EU NEW 2026

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice. **Passport Requirements** This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long. We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues. If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website. **Visa Requirements** Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling. British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

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)
