Walking in the Salzkammergut
A 5, 6, or 8-day walking trip

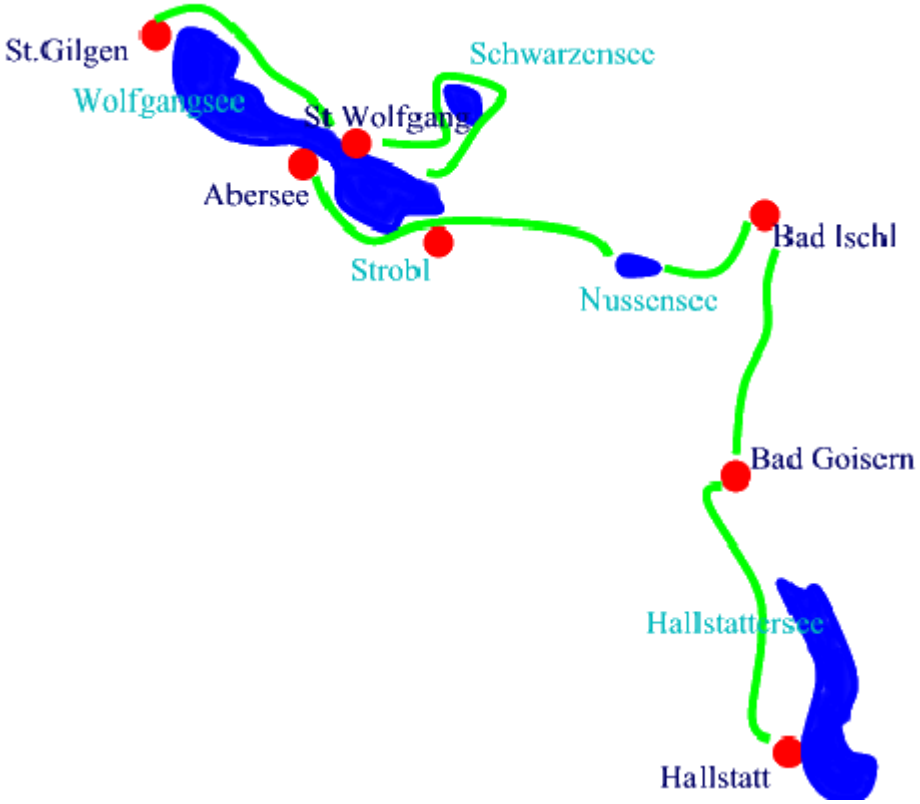
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Walking Tour in the Salzkammergut – Lakes, Mountains, and Timeless Beauty
This self-guided walking trip takes you through one of Austria's most charming alpine-lake regions: the Salzkammergut. A fairytale landscape made of crystal-clear lakes, wooded mountains, and villages rich in charm. It is the ideal destination for a trekking tour in Austria, where unspoiled nature, imperial history, and genuine hospitality blend in perfect harmony.
The region extends from Salzburg to the majestic Dachstein massif and boasts 76 lakes, each with its own unique character. Some, like Lake Wolfgangsee, Lake Mondsee, and Lake Traunsee, are famous for the elegant towns along their shores: St. Gilgen, Strobl, and Bad Ischl—the historic summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Sissi. Others are secret, quiet corners where alpine peaks reflect in the transparent waters.
The name Salzkammergut literally means "Property of the Salt Chamber," testifying to when salt—the "white gold"—was the main source of wealth for the Habsburg Empire. The historic salt mines of Hallstatt and Bad Ischl tell centuries of tradition, a fascinating history you will trace step-by-step along your path.

Itinerary and Route Highlights
The itinerary winds along scenic trails between bodies of water and alpine peaks. You will walk from St. Gilgen and Strobl along the shores of Lake Wolfgangsee, discover the thermal elegance of Bad Ischl, and follow the famous Salt Pipeline Trail (*Soleleitungsweg*) to Bad Goisern, finally arriving in Hallstatt, a pearl nestled on the lake and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
During the trek, you will cross shady woods, flowery meadows, and mountain streams, with opportunities to stop at cozy alpine huts to sample traditional Austrian cuisine.
"*There is no country more beautiful in the world*" — says an ancient Austrian folk song. No place embodies this phrase better than the Salzkammergut. This walking tour offers postcard scenery, pristine corners accessible only on foot, and a travel experience that restores body and mind.


Czech Republic
Germania
Linz
Vienna
Salzburg
Austria
St.Wolfgang
Hallstatt
Kufstein
Bregenz
Innsbruck
Graz
Wolfsberg
Italy
Slovenia


St.Gilgen
Schwarzensee
Wolfgangsee
St. Wolfgang
Abersee
Bad Ischl
Strobl
Nussensee
Bad Goisern
Hallstattersee
Hallstatt

Level 2: This is leisure walking with distances of 3 to 6 hours per day with not to many steep climbs and moderate differences in level. Children from 8 years with walking experience

Period: Daily departures from **24/04/2027 to 17/10/2027**.

Participants: Minimum 2 people (single traveler available upon request).

Short program of the 8-day tour

Day 1 Arrival in Abersee / Wolfgangsee
Day 2 St. Wolfgang - St. Gilgen (10,5 km / 6,5 mi)
Day 3 Schwarzensee & Strobl (11,8 km / 7,3 mi or 15,5 km / 9,6 mi)
Day 4 Resting day Bad Ischl
Day 5 Brine-pipeline walk to Bad Goisern (10,5 km / 6,5 mi)
Day 6 walk to Hallstatt by boat and train back to Bad Goisern (14,5 km / 9 mi)
Day 7 train to Bad Ischl e walk to Lake Wolfgangsee (19,5 km / 12,1 mi)
Day 8 departure

The 6-day tour

Day 1 Arrival in Abersee / Wolfgangsee
Day 2 St. Wolfgang - St. Gilgen (10,5 km / 6,5 mi)
Day 3 Schwarzensee & Strobl (11,8 km / 7,3 mi or 15,5 km / 9,6 mi)
Day 4 Brine-pipeline walk Bad Goisern (10,5 km / 6,5 mi)
Day 5 Lake side trail to Halstatt, a river trail to Hallstatt (14,5 km / 9 mi)
Day 6 departure

The 5-day tour

Day 1 Arrival in Abersee / Wolfgangsee
Day 2 St. Wolfgang - St. Gilgen (10,5 km / 6,5 mi)
Day 3 Schwarzensee & Strobl (11,8 km / 7,3 mi or 15,5 km / 9,6 mi)
Day 4 Lake side trail to Halstatt, a river trail to Hallstatt (14,5 km / 9 mi)
Day 5 departure

Daily program

Day 1 – Individual arrival in Abersee / Wolfgangsee
Arrival at the hotel on your own. Your travel documentation will be handed to you directly at reception (or provided during the welcome briefing, if booked).
Overnight stay and breakfast in Abersee / Wolfgangsee.

Day 2 – St. Wolfgang to St. Gilgen
A short boat crossing to charming St. Wolfgang. From here, the ascent toward the Falkenstein cliff begins, offering spectacular views of the lake. The idyllic coastal walk along Fürberg Bay leads to St. Gilgen, the village linked to Mozart's family. Return by boat to Abersee.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Abersee /Wolfgangsee
Distance: 10,5 km / 6,5 mi
Walking time: 4 hrs
Ascent / descent: + 354m - 354m (back to lake level)

Day 3 – Schwarzensee and Strobl

Departure by boat to St. Wolfgang. The route ascends toward the picturesque Lake Schwarzensee, where the Madame Lore alpine hut offers great local specialties. The descent passes through a striking gorge and alongside Mount Bürglstein to the village of Strobl. From there, continue by bus to the historic spa town of Bad Ischl.

Overnightstay with breakfast in Bad Ischl
Distance: 11,8 / 7,3 mi or 15,5 km /9,6 mi (around a little lake),
Walkingtime: 4 or 5,5 hrs
Ascent/Descent + 395m - 395m (back to lake level)

Day 4 – Rest day in Bad Ischl
A free day to explore Bad Ischl: visit the Kaiservilla (imperial residence), taste famous pastries at Café Zauner, or discover Hotel Austria, the site of the engagement between Emperor Franz Joseph and Princess Sissi.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Bad Ischl.

Day 5 – The Salt Pipeline Trail to Bad Goisern
Salt is the historical and economic heart of the Salzkammergut. Today you will walk along the historic *Soleleitungsweg* (Salt Pipeline Trail), the oldest pipeline in the world, which connected Hallstatt to Bad Ischl. The route, enriched with information boards, follows the Ischl River to Bad Goisern, renowned for its local craftsmanship.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Bad Goisern /Hallstatt
Distance: 10,5 km / 6, 5 mi
Walking time: 4 hrs
Ascent / descent: +260m -180m

Day 6 – Walk to Hallstatt
Continue along the salt pipeline toward the Salzberg (Salt Mountain) and stunning Hallstatt, home to ancient salt mines dating back to Celtic times. The gently ascending path offers unique views of the village and the impressive cliffs of the Dachstein massif. After visiting the village, return to your accommodation by boat/train.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Bad Goisern /Hallstatt
Distance: 14,5 km / 9 mi
Walkingtime: 4,5 hrs
Ascent/descent: +90m -90m + cable car

Day 7 – From Bad Ischl to Lake Wolfgangsee
A short train transfer to Bad Ischl. The itinerary follows the Elisabeth path toward idyllic Lake Nussensee and continues along the Ischl River to Strobl. Crossing the protected Blinkling moorland area, you reach Abersee, offering breathtaking views of St. Wolfgang, the lake, and the Schafberg peak.

Overnightstay with breakfast in Abersee /Wolfgangsee
Distance: 19,5 km / 12,1 mi (the tour can be shortened by coach or boat but so far all clients made the whole day),
Walking time: 6 hrs
Ascent/descent: +210m -140m

Day 8 – End of tour
Breakfast and end of services. Option to book extra nights to extend your stay.

Prices per Person for Individual 2027 Tours 8-Day
Standard ***hotel

From 24/04 to 20/06 & from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 915
In single room € 1,210

From 21/06 to 05/09
In double room € 995
In single room € 1,265

Extra night in Abersee (price per person per day with breakfast):
From 24/04 to 20/06 & from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 75
In single room € 95

From 21/06 to 05/09 (price per person per day with breakfast):
In double room € 90
In single room € 110

Superior * & **** hotel**
In double room € 1,230
In single room € 1,640

Extra night in Strobl-Abersee-St.Wolfgang (price per person per day with breakfast):
From 24/04 to 20/06 & from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 105
In single room € 115

From 21/06 to 05/09 (price per person per day with breakfast):
In double room € 125
In single room € 155

Extra services
€ 35 Welcome meeting. In case it is not booked, route notes and maps will be ready at reception upon your arrival. (price per briefing not p.p.)

Prices per person for the 6-day individual trip:
Standard ***hotel

From 24/04 to 20/06 and from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 695
In single room € 875

From 21/06 to 05/09
In double room € 725

In single room € 925

Superior * & **** hotel**
From 24/04 to 20/06 and from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 930
In single room € 1,165

Extra night in Strobl-Abersee-St.Wolfgang (price per person per day with breakfast):
From 24/04 to 20/06 & from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 105
In single room € 115

From 21/06 to 05/09 (price per person per day with breakfast):
In double room € 125
In single room € 155

Extra services € 35 Welcome meeting. In case it is not booked, route notes and maps will be ready at reception upon your arrival. (price per briefing not p.p.)

Prices per person for the 5-day individual trip:
ONLY Standard * hotel**
From 24/04 to 20/06 and from 06/09 to 17/10:
In double room € 545
In single room € 665

From 21/06 to 05/09 I
n double room € 565
In single room € 705

Extra services
€ 35 Welcome meeting. In case it is not booked, route notes and maps will be ready at reception upon your arrival. (price per briefing not p.p.)

Transfer (one way) Salzburg - Hotel Abersee:
€ 135 1-3 people
€ 145 4-7 people

Transfer (one way) Salzburg - Hotel St. Wolfgang or Strobl:
€ 165 1-3 people
€ 175 4-7 people

Extra Nights:
Extra night Hallstatt (price per person per day with breakfast):
In double room € 125
In single room € 215
**There are cheaper hotels, but very often they only accept bookings of 2 nights*

Extra night Bad Ischl 4**** (price per person per day with breakfast):
In double room € 140
In single room € 165

The price includes:

- 4, 5 or 7 nights with breakfast in the booked hotel category
- Boat fares for crossing the lakes Wolfgangsee and Hallstätter See as mentioned by programme
- Train fare Hallstatt – Bad Goisern and Bad Goisern – Bad Ischl
- Road book per room (in English or German)
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Assistance

Not included in the price:

- Bus ticket Strobl to Bad Ischl (Euro 5,00)
- Tourist taxes that have to be paid directly in the hotel
- All not mentioned under "Included in the tour" section

Cancellation policy:
20% of the total up to 28 days before arrival
50% of the total from 27 to 8 days before arrival
80% of the total from 7 to 1 day before arrival
100% of the total up to the day of arrival and no show

How to get there:
Start / End: Abersee-Wolfgangsee / Abersee-Wolfgangsee or Hallstatt (6-day tour)

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