Cycling in the Salzkammergut
An 8-day bike trip

Tour Code: AUS02C



An **8-day cycling tour in Austria** is the perfect way to explore one of Europe's most enchanting regions: the **Salzkammergut**. This area combines unspoiled nature, imperial history and Alpine traditions in a postcard-perfect landscape. Cycling through this region means riding along **crystal-clear lakes, green valleys, charming villages and majestic mountains**, enjoying an authentic and relaxing travel experience.

The Salzkammergut stretches from **Salzburg to the Dachstein mountains** and is home to **76 lakes**, including famous ones such as **Lake Wolfgang, Lake Mondsee and Lake Traun**, as well as smaller, hidden lakes ideal for peaceful breaks far from mass tourism. Cycling along the lakeshores offers a sense of freedom, with plenty of opportunities for a **refreshing swim during the warmer months**.

The name Salzkammergut means *"Estate of the Salt Mines"*, reflecting the historical importance of salt, once known as "white gold" of the Habsburg Empire. This precious resource led to the development of towns like **Hallstatt**, now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and one of the most photographed lakeside villages in the world. Exploring Hallstatt by bike allows you to experience its beauty at a slow and respectful pace.

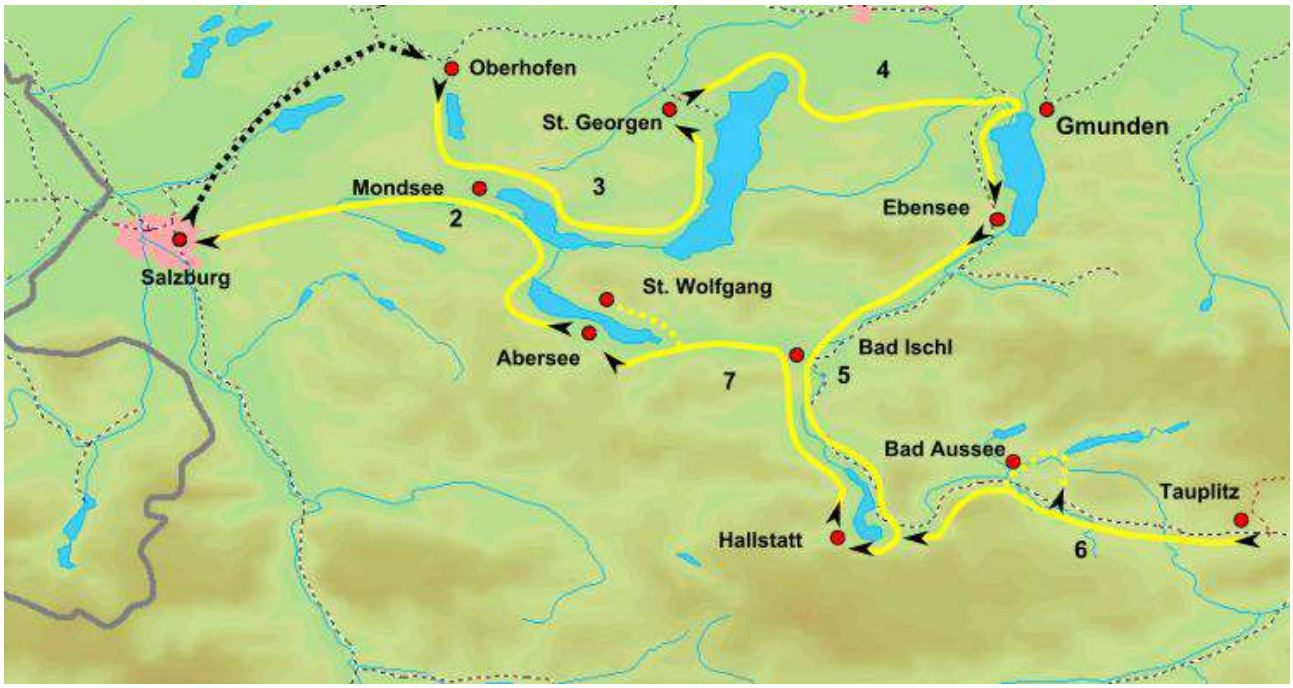
During this **8-day cycling holiday**, you will also visit **Bad Ischl**, the elegant spa town and former summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph, as well as the idyllic **Ausseerland** region, famous for its Alpine meadows, turquoise lakes and traditional wooden houses. **Bad Aussee**, the cultural heart of the region, is especially known for its traditional costumes (*Tracht*) and deep-rooted customs.

One of the highlights of the tour is **Salzburg**, the birthplace of Mozart. Its baroque old town, the impressive **Hohensalzburg Fortress** and lively squares full of cafés, restaurants and shops offer the perfect blend of culture, leisure and culinary delights.

A cycling holiday in Austria is also a journey through taste. Along the route, you can enjoy regional specialties such as **Wiener Schnitzel**, **Kasnocken** (cheese dumplings), freshly smoked lake fish and classic desserts like **apple strudel** and **Kaiserschmarrn**, the Emperor's favorite sweet dish. These flavors are perfectly complemented by Austrian wines, local craft beers and homemade syrups made from elderflower or mountain pine. This **8-day cycling tour in Austria** is ideal for travelers seeking **nature, culture and well-being**, with routes suitable for leisure cyclists and lovers of slow tourism. As an old Austrian folk song says: *"There is no land more beautiful in our time…"* — and few places embody these words as perfectly as the Salzkammergut.

A journey to remember, pedal stroke after pedal stroke.





Difficulty: Level 2
You cycle through a landscape of rolling hills. This generally not too difficult route with short daily distances makes it an ideal tour for leisure cyclists… but some cycling experience is required, as there are several not too severe climbs to tackle, especially between the lakes. Most of the cycling is on cycle paths and quiet country roads. Average physical fitness is required.

Average daily distances: tra 30 km/20,5 mi and 55 km/34,2 mi
Total km: minimum 248 km / 154,1 mi or maximum 283 km / 175,8 mi
Period: Daily from 24 April till 10 October 2027
Participants: Minimum 2 persons (solo traveller on request)



Program in brief:

Day 1 Individual arrival in Lake Wolfgangsee
Day 2 Lake Wolfgangsee - Salzburg (49 km / 30,4 mi)
Day 3 Oberhofen – Mondsee – Attersee/Attergau (49 km / 30,4 mi)
Day 4 Lake Attersee – Lake Traunsee (45 km / 28 mi)
Day 5 Lake Traunsee – Lake Hallstättersee (30/40 km – 18,6/24,8 mi)
Day 6 Ausseerland roundtour (45/55 km – 28/34 mi)
Day 7 Hallstatt - Lake Wolfgangsee (30/40 km - 18,6/24,8 mi)
Day 8 End of the tour

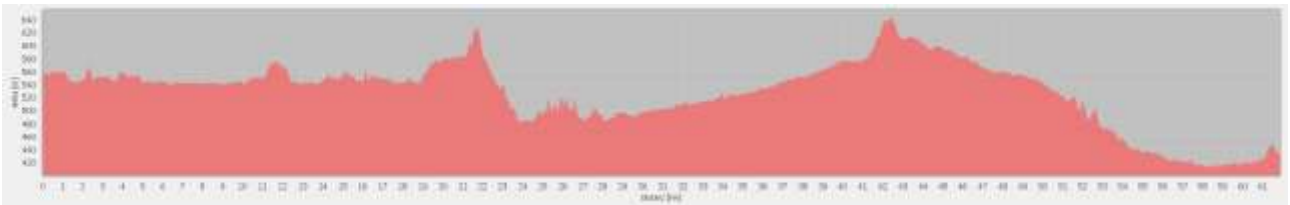
Daily program:

Day 1 - Individual arrival in Lake Wolfgangsee
Individual arrival at your hotel. Upon check-in, you will receive all **cycling tour documents** directly at the reception, if no personal briefing has been scheduled.
The **rental bicycles**, if booked, will be delivered to the hotel and will be ready for use.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Abersee/Wolfgangsee

Day 2 Lake Wolfgangsee – Salzburg
This morning you will follow the **scenic cycling path along the lakeshore**, riding through the charming village of **St. Gilgen**, known as Mozart's village, and continuing on to **Lake Mondsee**. Parts of today's route follow the **old railway line**, leading you directly towards **Salzburg**.
The cycling tour ends with a **pleasant 10 km downhill ride**, offering wonderful open views of the mountains surrounding the city. As the stage is not very long, there is plenty of time to **explore Salzburg at a relaxed pace**.
A walk through the **UNESCO-listed old town** takes you past the impressive **baroque cathedral**, the famous **Salzburg Glockenspiel** with its 35 bells (played daily), and up to the commanding **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, well worth a visit. Don't miss **Mozart's birthplace**. To end the day, enjoy a drink on one of the terraces overlooking the elegant **Residenzplatz**.
Alternative: cycling tour from **Mondsee to Oberhofen**, followed by a **train journey to Salzburg**.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Salzburg
Distance: 49 km / 30,4 mi
Min. height 440m – max height 640m



Day 3 Oberhofen – Mondsee – Attersee/Attergau

Taking the **train from Salzburg**, you will reach **Oberhofen**, the starting point of today's cycling tour. The ride first leads you along the **romantic Lake Irrsee**, before arriving at the famous town of **Mondsee**, known as the location of the wedding scene in *The Sound of Music*.
Continuing along the **cycling path by Lake Mondsee**, you will reach the **Attergau region** or **Lake Attersee**. This area offers a glimpse of the countryside slightly off the main tourist trail, with **green meadows and well-tended gardens**, perfect for experiencing the authentic rural charm of Austria.

Overnight stay and breakfast in St. Georgen
Distance: 49 km / 30,4 mi
Min. height 480m – max height 580m



Day 4 Lake Attersee – Lake Traunsee
Today, you will follow the **scenic road along Lake Attersee**, cycling towards the next stunning lake, **Traunsee**. Take time to enjoy the charming lakeside town of **Gmunden**, dominated by the impressive **Orth Castle**, located directly on the lake. The castle is connected to the shore by a **123-meter-long wooden bridge** and is one of the oldest and most iconic buildings in the Salzkammergut.
Continuing along the **shores of Lake Traunsee**, you will pass the historic **village of Traunkirchen** before reaching **Ebensee**, where today's stage ends.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Traunkirchen or Ebensee
Distance: 45 km / 28 mi
Min. height 420m – max height 660m

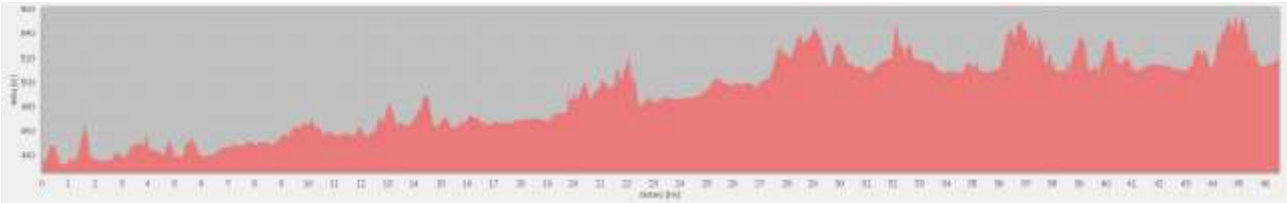




Day 5 Lake Traunsee – Lake Hallstättersee

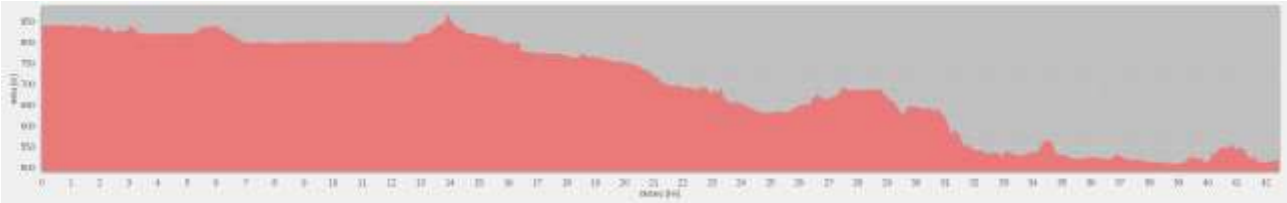
Today, you will cycle along the **Traun River** to the historic imperial town of **Bad Ischl**. Here, you can visit the magnificent **Emperor's Villa** and taste the delights of the famous **Zauner pastry shop**.
In the afternoon, you will continue following the **Traun River** along the historic **Salt Trail**, a route that highlights the importance of **salt**, historically a valuable resource and key economic driver in the Salzkammergut. The day ends in the picturesque **village of Bad Goisern**, also renowned for its traditional craftsmanship.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Bad Goisern / Hallstatt
Distance: 30/40 km – 18,6/24,8 mi
Min. height 440m – max height 560m



Day 6 Roundtrip tour Ausseerland
Today, you will take the **train to Tauplitz**, a wide valley flanked by **majestic mountain ranges**. From here, you can cycle through **green meadows and alpine pastures**, fully immersed in unspoiled nature.
Depending on your **fitness level**, you can either cross a small **mountain pass** to reach **Lake Grundlsee**, or follow the **riverside cycling path** to **Bad Aussee**. The final stretch runs along the river, passing through the beautiful **Koppenvalley Nature Reserve**.
If the train is not running, you can cycle directly to Hallstatt for the return journey.

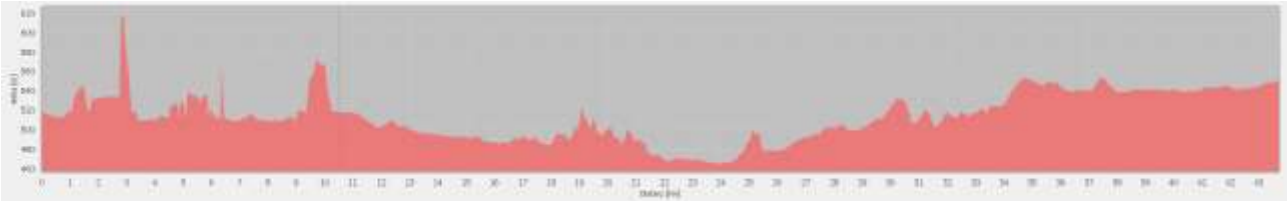
Overnight stay and breakfast in Bad Goisern / Hallstatt
Distance: 45/55 km – 28/34 mi
Min. height 500m – max height 850M



Day 7 Cycling from Hallstatt to Lake Wolfgangsee
Today, you will **cross Lake Hallstatt** on a scenic **ferry**, then follow the **beautiful lakeside cycling path**.
You will continue along the **Traun River** to the historic town of **Bad Ischl**. Afterwards, cycling along the ancient **Roman road**, you will reach the picturesque **Lake Wolfgangsee**, surrounded by breathtaking mountain and lake scenery.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Abersee / Strobl / St. Wolfgang
Distance: 30/40 km – 18,6/24,8 mi

Min. height 460m – max height 620m



Day 8 End on the tour
Breakfast and end of our services. You will have the option to **book additional nights** to extend your stay and continue enjoying the beauty of the region.

Hotel:
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Prices per person for the 8-day individual trip 2027:
Standard ***hotel

From 24/04 to 20/06 and from 06/09 to 10/10:
In a double room € 1.075
In a single room € 1.450

From 29/06 to 06/09
In a double room € 1.195
Single room € 1.595

Extra services
€ 165 21-gear bike rental
€ 285 E-Bike rental
€ 40 Welcome meeting

25% reduction for children from 10 to 14 years in room with parents

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

The price includes:
- 6 nights in a *** hotel with breakfast
- 1 overnight stay in a hotel **** in Salzburg
- Boat fares for crossing Lake Hallstatt as indicated in the programme
- Train ticket Hallstatt / Bad Goisern - Taublitz
- Train ticket Salzburg - Oberhofen

- Road book per room (in English or German)
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- GPS tracks
- Assistance

Not included in the price:

- Tourist taxes if applicable
- Anything not expressly mentioned under "The price includes"

How to reach:

Start / End: Abersee-Wolfgangsee / Abersee-Wolfgangsee or Hallstatt

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