Walking Salzburg's 10 Lakes

Trip Code: SGTL

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WALK & TREK	SELF-GUIDED	4 MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk amongst some of the most beautiful summits in the Salzkammergut area
- Discover the UNESCO town of Hallstatt and the Imperial town of Bad Ischl
- Enjoy boat journeys across Wolfgangsee and Hallstattersee
- Walk in the footsteps of the von Trapps at Basilica Minor St Michael, featured in The Sound of Music

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days walking
- Daily departures
- Join at Fuschl / End in Fuschl

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

Rugged peaks tower next to lovely, forest-covered hills and idyllic lakes on this one-week self-guided holiday in Austria. Located less than an hour from Salzburg, the magnificent Salzkammergut with its myriad lakes has been the playground for Salzburg's residents for centuries and has welcomed royalty, the musical genius Mozart, and even the von Trapps in the Sound of Music. Now it welcomes you too, as you follow fantastic mountain trails between colourful spa and salt-mining villages such as Fuschl, Mondsee, Wolfgangsee, Bad Ischl, and Hallstatt. Walking an average of 20km per day, this trip offers more of a challenge than our **Grade 2: Walking Austria's Salzkammergut** holiday. This is a trip for those that prefer to spend more time on the trail than visiting the towns below - although you will of course still have plenty of time to enjoy a bowl of goulash and a slice of tasty apfelstrudel in the welcoming 'alms' along the way. You can look forward to taking a dip in one of the glistening lakes at the end of each day, and to the welcoming hospitality of our family-run 3-star hotels and Gasthofs. Experience a true slice of heaven, otherwise known as Austria!

Is this holiday for you?

This trip is ideal if you are looking for a week of challenging walking in the Austrian Lake District. Walking an average of 5-6 hours and ascending no more than 600m a day on well-established paths, your routes will take you to alpine passes with fantastic views, to crystal-clear lakes, and to traditional villages full of colourful window boxes and fascinating architecture. This trip is designed so that you can truly experience the Salzkammergut region as you walk on routes that have been used to support the salt industry for centuries. Staying in a selection of wonderful family-run 3-star hotels and Gasthofs, you are sure to be well looked after.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes
- Luggage transfers
- Boat on Wolfgangsee
- Boat on Hallstattersee
- Mountain funicular on the Salzbergbahn Hallstatt
- Welcome briefing
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to/from Fuschl
- Visas (if applicable)
- Tourist taxes may apply and are usually under 5 Euros per person per night
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Public buses
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Important Notice

On day 2 of the itinerary there is an option to ascend Schober peak. This optional extension is only advised for experienced, surefooted walkers with a head for heights. The route follows a steep rocky trail with a section of grade 1 or A via ferrata. This can include some fixed wired ropes, chains and short ladders on steep rocky ground with some exposure. If you decide to undertake the ascent of Schober Peak we strongly recommend using a climbing helmet, harness and via ferrata lanyards.

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

GPS Travel App

This holiday includes a GPS navigation app, which contains the routes for you to follow each day, as well as attractions, coffee stops and points of interest along the way. The app does not need to have Wi-Fi connection to work, you simply follow the instructions we provide you to download the app to your personal smartphone device before you leave home and you are ready to go.

While the travel app is running, your phone battery charge can be consumed faster than normal, so we strongly recommend that you pack a power bank with you just in case you require it.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

Your trip starts and ends at your hotel in Fuschl. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a land only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is Salzburg, followed by Munich Airport, both served by many departures from UK regional airports.

Transport connections from Salzburg to Fuschl are extremely good. If you are flying into Salzburg, you can take the public bus to Salzburg's main bus terminus from where you can then take a direct bus to Fuschl. The whole journey takes around an hour and half, and buses depart approximately every 35 minutes.

If you are flying into Munich, the train journey to Salzburg central station adds around two and half hours to your journey to Fuschl. Salzburg's bus terminus is next to the central station.

The Austrian Federal Railway (ÖBB) offers a useful app for planning your journey on their public transport network. Visit https://www.oebb.at/en/fahrplan/fahrplanauskunft/scottymobil for more information.

You can reverse the routes above if flying back out of the airport at which you arrived.

It is also possible to travel flight-free from the UK by making use of the Eurostar to connect to the rail network in mainland Europe. The seat61.com website is a useful resource for rail planning.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

Food in Austria is a hearty affair with many stews, schnitzel and delicious desserts on offer to fuel all those walks amongst the beautiful alpine peaks. When you think of Austrian cuisine goulash, Apfelstrudel and the yummy chocolate Sachertorte for which the country is famed spring to mind. Yet there is a plethora of history behind these national favourites and many more.

Austrian cuisine is symbolic of the former crownlands of its monarchy and its multi-cultural history with Hungarians, Bohemians, Slovaks, Poles, Croatians and immigrants from Dalmatia, Subcarpathia, Bukovina and Carnola all bringing their favourite recipes with them as they came to Vienna. The best of the best dishes have become fully integrated into the Austrian menu. Take Apfelstrudel for example, which originally came from Turkey after being adopted by Hungary along the way. Who would have thought this Austrian national dish was actually Turkish?

One of the best bits of this self-guided holiday is that we have created it on a bed and breakfast basis to give you the opportunity to discover the many delicious dishes of Austria.

Accommodation

Alpine hospitality is second to none and you are sure for a warm welcome in our selection of family run 3-star alpine hotels and traditional Gasthofs on this trip. All of the accommodations on this trip have been chosen for their fantastic locations and character. Some also have spa and pool facilities, making them perfect for unwinding after a day of exploring. The accommodations all offer a great breakfast buffet to fuel you for the day ahead and rooms are on a double or twin basis, typically with Austrian style twin beds as is traditional in this area (two beds within one bed frame and separate bedding).

It is possible to arrange additional nights' accommodation if you would like to enjoy this magnificent region a little longer. Please speak to one of our Sales Team for further details.

During high season you may be booked into an alternative accommodation of a similar standard in the area.

Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your trek. We ask that you please ensure your luggage is under 20KG and that your luggage is ready for collection each morning. You will also need a daypack to carry your daily essentials with you.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided walking holiday is that you decide the pace, however getting some additional exercise before going on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. After all, the fitter you are, the more enjoyable your walks will be. You should be comfortable with walking for 4 to 6 hours for consecutive days, with one longer day of 7 to 8 hours. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of daily walks in hilly countryside before your trip, and it is always a good idea to spend some time walking in the footwear you are going to use on this holiday.

Climate

The Salzkammergut region is located in a temperate wet-warm-moderate alpine climate zone, making for warm summers perfect for exploring the mountains and lakes. Summer is the most popular time to visit the area as this is when there is the least rain, so the lakes are buzzing with people enjoying water sports and cooling off after a day of exploring.

However, spring and autumn are also ideal times for hiking here, despite being a little damper. The spring brings beautiful alpine flowers, and in autumn you can experience the stunning colours as the trees get ready for winter. In autumn, the lakes are lovely and warm too after soaking up the summer sun.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

The Radetzky March - Joseph Roth

The Sound of Music - Maria Augusta von Trapp

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Self Guided Equipment List

- Hiking boots with good-grip soles
- Hiking socks

- Long / short hiking trousers
- Functional base layer top and leggings
- T-shirts
- Fleece / extra warm layer
- Windproof jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat, gloves, and neck gaiter
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sunhat
- Small first aid kit inside your rucksack
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Camera (and batteries / memory card)
- Reusable sealable picnic boxes for picnics
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags

- Walking poles
- Headtorch with spare batteries
- Personal wash kit
- Your self-guided route notes
- Rucksack (approx. 20L)

Land Only Information

Please note that our 'from' price listed is based on 4 persons on twin or double occupancy, however we can quote for any number of travellers including solo travellers - contact our Sales Team for a quote.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights' accommodation before or after your self-guided trip - please ask our Sales Team to find out more about this.

Our Sales Team will be happy to provide you with a quote for scheduled flights, or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

We offer some transfers to your accommodation from the nearest airports - please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' section for further details for this trip.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

Experience a real taste of Salzkammergut on this self-guided holiday. We have specially designed this trip to showcase the region's fantastic peaks and crystal-clear lakes, not forgetting the warm hospitality of the colourful alpine villages.Prefer a more leisurely pace? Take a look at our Grade 2 trip in the Salzkammergut.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 11/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change