

Lakes & Mountains:

Salzburg – Salzkammergut – Zell am See – Lake Achensee – Innsbruck

Recommended length: 7 nights



Salzburg - Where culture meets nature (2 nights)

The route starts in Salzburg, the City of Mozart. The city centre lies between several local mountains. The Festungsberg and the adjacent Mönchsberg, the Kapuzinerberg, the Gaisberg, and the Untersberg to the south of Salzburg. All of them treat visitors with a different perspective of the city and its surroundings. The [self-guides city walk 'Salzburg City Mountians'](#) take you on a leisurely hike bouve the rooftops of Salzburg with plenty of lookouts along the way.

The [Hellbrunn Palace Grounds](#), south of the city, treats visitors to a green oasis with artistically landscaped gardens. The most beautiful way to approach Hellbrunn is via Hellbrunner Allee. This lane is 400 years old, making it the oldest of its kind in the world today. It is about 2.5 kilometers long and runs through a protected green belt. An impressive 621 trees flank this noble avenue, alongside which also stand a number of distinguished homes and buildings. Hellbrunner Allee is closed to traffic, adding to the enjoyment for walkers, runners and cyclists.

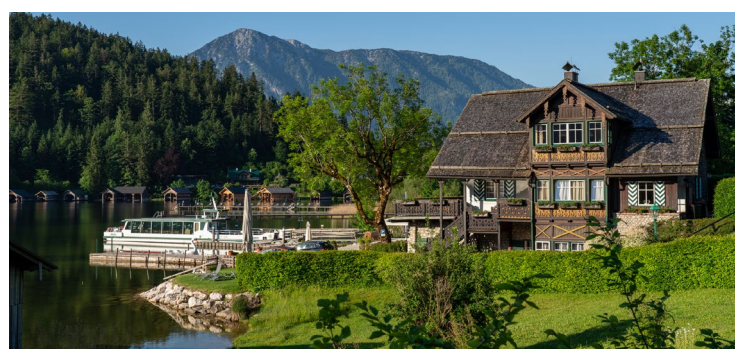
Salzkammergut - Home to 76 lakes in the heart of Austria (2 nights)

[Schloss Fuschl](#) is the perfect starting point to explore the Salzkammergut. The property is not only a beautiful hotel but also the perfect starting point for [a walk around lake Fuschl](#) (11km). A quick cool down during summer or a romantic lake walk in winter - Austria's lakes are stunning all year round. Interesting fact: 97.7% of bathing waters tested in Austria are classified as excellent (the highest rating). Feel free to take a sip!

From Fuschl the route takes you to the spa town of [Bad Ischl](#) where Emperor Franz Joseph used to spend his summers. Make sure to visit the Imperial [Kaiservilla](#) and have coffee & cake at [Zauner Café and Cake Shop](#). From there, drive deeper into the less-travelled part of the Salzkammergut (lake region) to [Altaussee](#) and [Grundlsee](#), two of the smaller lakes in the region.



Grundlsee, Salzkammergut



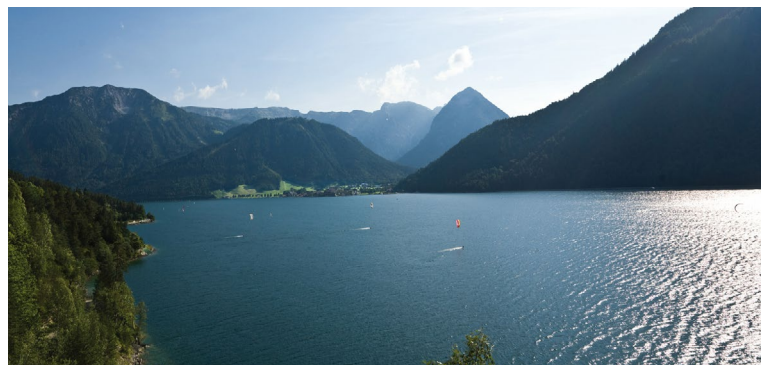
Altaussee, Salzkammergut

Zell am See & Lake Achensee (1 night)

Next stop is [Zell am See](#) in the SalzburgerLand province. The picturesque town lies on the shores of lake Zell and is surrounded by breathtaking peaks waiting to be conquered. The [TAUERN SPA](#) and the [Summit World 3000](#) are among the highlights of the region. On the route to Innsbruck stop at [Lake Achensee in Tirol](#). With its turquoise water, the lake is often referred to as the "Sea of Tirol" and offers. From here Innsbruck is only a stone's throw away!



Zell am See



Lake Achensee

Innsbruck - The Capital of the Alps (2 nights)

Nestled amidst majestic peaks, the [Capital of the Alps](#) offers a unique combination of nature, history, and culture - concentrated over a remarkably small area. Visitors can head off into the mountains from the city centre or experience a journey through time and compare historic buildings to modern architecture.

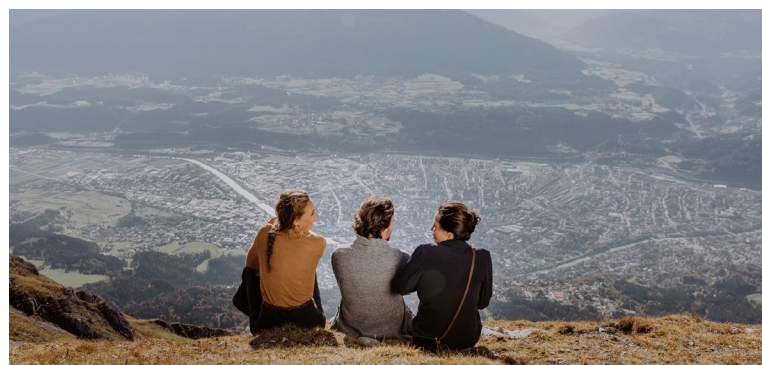
In no other European city of a comparable size are the hustle and bustle of the city and the quiet solitude of the high mountains so close together as they are in Innsbruck. You can enjoy a quick espresso in one of the street cafés in the Old Town and, 20 minutes later, you're at an altitude of 2,300 metres. The [Hungerburg Funicular](#) (designed by Zaha Hadid) and the [Nordkette cable car](#) take you to Austria's largest nature park, the Karwendel Nature Park. The breathtaking 360° view leaves a lasting impression, Innsbruck on one side and Tirol's most extensive conservation area on the other. The [Alpine Zoo](#) on the foot of the Nordkette is Europe's highest elevation zoo and can also be reached via the funicular (the zoo has its own stop).

Sightseeing classics and insider tips: the '[Walks to Explore](#)' take you on a self-guided journey through the city.

- Walk 1: Alpine and urban perspectives
- Walk 2: Huge tower, deep ravines
- Walk 3: Modern life and quiet reflection
- Walk 4: Maximilian, Sisi & Co
- Walk 5: Young Innsbruck
- Walk 6: Explore modern Innsbruck
- Walk 7: Authentic Innsbruck



Hungerburg Funicular Innsbruck



View of Innsbruck from Nordkette