

Salzkammergut: Lakes & Mountains

Recommended time: 2 - 3 nights



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In the heart of Austria, spread across the provinces of Upper Austria, SalzburgerLand and Styria lies the Salzkammergut. This picturesque region is home to 76 lakes surrounded by majestic peaks of the Alps. Interesting fact: 97.7% of bathing waters tested in Austria are classified as excellent (the highest rating). Feel free to take a sip!

The charming, untouched and diverse natural landscape is dotted with towns and villages deeply rooted in tradition where you can experience handcrafts first-hand. One of the most iconic (and most instagrammable) villages in the region is Hallstatt. Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Region Dachstein-Salzkammergut, the historic town of Hallstatt extends beneath the impressive glaciers of the Dachstein on the shores of Hallstätter See lake. In the high valley above the village centre, salt was already being mined as white gold from the salt mountain 7000 years ago. The Celtic Salt Mines and impressive Ice Caves are just two of the region's highlights.

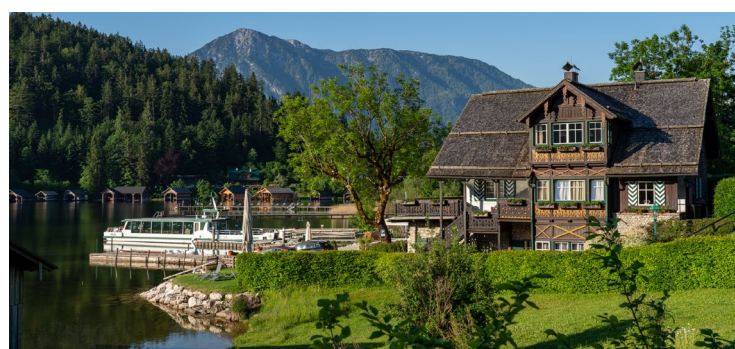
Explore the Salzkammergut off the beaten-path

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.

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.



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