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# Glacier, marmots and water worlds

#### family hiking in the region Schladming - Ramsau

8 days / 7 nights - hiking without luggage!

WITH LUGGAGE TRANSFER

#### INCLUDING SCHLADMING - DACHSTEIN SOMMERCARD

DAILY ARRIVAL POSSIBLE



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Up here I feel free, I can leave all my obligations behind. I have a different attitude to life on the mountain than in the valley. Mountaineering is simply my life! M wandern@salzkammergut.co.at



#### Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Austrian mountaineer, \*1970

The region around Schladming is characterised by mountain groups full of contrasts and captivates with a breathtaking mountain scenery. This is where glaciers in the high region, rugged limestone walls over green meadows and countless clear lakes with rushing waterfalls meet in a small area. The unique landscape is mixed with modern infrastructure and traditional way of life. Until a few centuries ago, ores and other mineral resources were mined here. Even today, you can find traces of miners, dairymen and muleteers who penetrated into the central mountainous region. Schladming's reputation as the "only city within the mountains" proudly spread. Today it is one of the most important tourist resorts in Styria and became known for Alpine and Nordic World Championships.

The Upper Styrian town is framed by the Dachstein in the north and the Niedere Tauern in the south. This is also what makes the charm of the city so attractive as a starting point for hikers - in contrast to the limestone massif of the Dachstein, the magnificent landscape impressions of the Schladminger Tauern inspire with their enormous abundance of water and over 300 lakes and sloughs, many waterfalls and lush flora and fauna. Discover some of the highlights of this wonderful piece of Austria in 8 days, crowned by the ascent to the Dachstein glacier

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+ VISIT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE HALLSTATT-DACHSTEIN/SALZKAMMERGUT WITH HOHER DACHSTEIN

VARIED HIKES WITH GLACIER ASCENT

+ INDIVIDUAL DESIGN OPTIONS THANKS TO THE "SCHLADMING-DACHSTEIN SUMMER CARD" ALL INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

+ OFFERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY FOR ADVENTURE AND ADVENTURE IN THE MIDST OF SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN SCENERY

DIVERSE TOURS AROUND THE EXPERIENCE SPACE OF THE ELEMENT "WATER"

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### The course of your hiking tour:

#### Day 1: Individual arrival in Schladming and hike through the Talbach canyon

A refreshing start to this varied hiking week is the round through the Talbachklamm, during which the rushing Talbach is a constant companion. From a viewing platform, just a few metres after the entrance, the irrepressible power of the Talbach can be experienced from a dizzying height and yet without danger. Shortly afterwards, you pass the ruins of the former Saisenstein Castle, and after just under an hour upstream you reach the village of Untertal, which is picturesquely embedded at the confluence of the Obertalbach and Untertalbach. Back to Schladming, follow the so-called Spreitzweg below the Planai. Again and again you can enjoy an unobstructed view of the gorge. At the end, follow a somewhat steeper hollow path down into the "Grubegg" and return to the valley exit of the gorge. (4 nights in Schladming)

Hiking: approx. 2 hours (5 km, ascent 159 m in height, descent 159 m in height)

#### Day 2: Circular route around the summit of the Hauser Kaibling

The hiking bus takes you from Schladming to the valley station of the Tauern cable car. After a brisk ascent, you reach an altitude of 1,840 meters and at the same time the starting point of the hike. From here, the path leads along carefully re-naturalized slopes, which serve as sheep pastures in summer and are part of an EU-funded project. The tour is signposted throughout and leads in slight ups and downs around the plateau of the Hauser Kaibling first to the Rossfeldsattel. In addition to the wonderful view of the entire Enns Valley, the hike offers a lot of information about the project located here, the Ennstal Lamb. We continue to the beautifully situated Kaiblingalmhütte of the Friends of Nature Austria, which offers delicious food and natural juices and, due to its location, offers a magnificent view of the surrounding mountain ranges. Return to the cable car station on a comfortable path.

Hiking: approx. 2 hours (6 km, ascent 213 m in height, descent 213 m in height)

#### Day 3: In the Valley of the Falling Waters - 3 Lakes Tour

The hiking bus takes you to the starting point of this wonderful hike on the crystal-clear Styrian Bodensee, where the abundance of water of the Schladminger Tauern can be experienced particularly well. The nature

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trail is framed by wild mountains of primary rock, above all the steeply towering Hochwildstelle. Two rushing waterfalls underline the imposing character of this primeval landscape. Already from the first lake, the view of the Bodensee waterfall opens up. A layered stone staircase quickly takes you up and you reach a green hill, where you soon reach the Hans-Wödl-Hütte. Here you can take a break before continuing the path to the Schleier waterfall. Finally you reach the dreamy Obersee. After this ascent, the tranquillity of the surrounding mountains can be enjoyed extensively before returning to Styrian Bodensee. The return journey is again by hiking bus.

Hiking: approx. 4 hours (8 km, ascent 540 m in height, descent 540 m in height)

#### Day 4: Rest day with exploration opportunities

There are so many different ways to spend the day in Schladming and the surrounding area. Take advantage of the Schladming-Dachstein Summer Card with over 100 free holiday experiences and over 100 bonus services, the Schladming-Dachstein Summer Card is one of the largest all-inclusive cards in the Alpine region.

If you are interested in getting to know traditional craftsmanship in the Alpine region, we recommend the loden mill, which has existed in Ramsau since the 15th century. During the production process, which you can attend, you learn a lot about the production and processing of these special fabrics.

#### **Day 5:** Salzburg-Styrian Alpine Circular Trail

This rewarding circular hike runs along the Styrian-Salzburg border between Filzmoos and Ramsau in the Dachstein Mountains. First, the bus takes you to the family-run Glösalm. From here, it goes on forest and footpaths over alpine pastures and white water climbs past the huts of the Neustattalm and towards the mighty Dachstein south face. The panorama with Torstein, Mitterspitz, Hoher Dachstein, Dirndln, Hunerkogel, Hinterer and Vorderer Türlspitz, which together form the Dachstein massif, is unique. The Lower Tauern and the Rötelstein can also be seen from here. The path continues through a sparse larch forest and over a small stream to the Maralm. From here, follow the Salzburger Almenweg to Bachlalm, where trusting marmots greet the hiker. Now it goes back down into the valley in the direction of Guesthouse Dachsteinruhe. Via the Luxwiese, follow the Duregg circular trail back to the Glösalm. (3 nights in Ramsau a. Dachstein)

Hiking: approx. 4 - 5 hours (10 km, ascent 548 m in height, descent 548 m in height)

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#### Day 6: Adventure day on the Dachstein Glacier

The hiking bus takes you to the Türlwand valley station and thus to the ascent to the highest mountain in Styria - the Hoher Dachstein. The ride on the cable car is spectacular, during which an altitude of about 1,000 meters is overcome and you reach a world of snow and ice in no time. The panorama is overwhelming, especially from the "Sky Walk" viewing platform. The view wanders from the icy glacier far into the distance to the south and gets lost on the ridge of the Central Alps. Now a short hike to the Dachsteinwarte Seethalerhütte is a good idea. You pass a groomed glacier path to the highest refuge in the Dachstein Mountains at 2,741 meters. An experience with thrills is promised by the tour over the Dachstein suspension bridge with the "Stairway to Nowhere" - 400 meters above the ground. A truly uplifting feeling to experience the world from a bird's eye view, but without taking off! Also worth a visit is the so-called Ice Palace, where you can admire filigree sculptures made of blue glacial ice.

#### Day 7: Relaxation day with the possibility of an excursion to the Rittisberg

The Rittisberg is *the* adventure mountain in the Schladming-Dachstein region. If you need a break from hiking today, you can use the gondola from Ramsau to the mountain station at an altitude of over 1,500 meters. In the alpine adventure area, adventurers of all ages can look forward to the summer toboggan run, high ropes course, archery course, barefoot path and much more. A special thrill is experienced by those who want to try the roller coaster or the flyline through the forest (both payable on site). However, if you don't want to miss out on hiking, there is a large selection of routes, which can be combined with a stop in rustic alpine huts or international cuisine - a true pleasure tour!

#### Day 8: Individual departure or additional nights

For all those who want to spend even more time on the sun terrace above the Enns Valley, in Ramsau am Dachstein, at an altitude of over 1,000 meters, additional nights can be booked. Allow yourself a little more time to reflect on the many impressions of an eventful week that is now behind you. The range of opportunities for relaxation and further discoveries is attractive and varied. Salzkammergut Touristik GmbH NATURE TRAVEL A-4820 Bad Ischl, Götzstraße 12, Austria

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#### **REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

Daily stages are introductory to moderately difficult, hiking distances can be adjusted easily by public transport. A reasonable fitness level and basic hiking equipment like good hiking shoes, rucksack, rain and sun protection, functional clothing and also a warmer jacket or pullover are necessary to enjoy your trip.

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- 7x Overnight stays with breakfast at \*\*\* & \*\*\*\* hotels
- 1x welcome video with explanations and information that you need for the tour
- 1x Hiking map (1 x per room)
- 1x Entrance to the ice palace, the hanging bridge and the sky walk at Dachstein glacier
- 1x luggage transfer max. 2 pcs./person and max. 25 kg/piece of luggage
- Daily service hotline from 08.00am 06.00pm (including weekends)
- + Per hotel a Schladming-Dachstein Summercard
- Included in the Schladming-Dachstein Summercard:
  Up and down ride with the Tauern Seilbahn cable car
  Busride to the Tauern Seilbahn or the Steirischen Bodensee
  Bus from Schladming to Glösalm
  Bus from Glösalm to Ramsau
  Up and down ride with the Dachstein Seilbahn cable car

#### Rates per person and arrangement in £:

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*** & **** hotels in double room	854,00	899,00
Supplement for half board (min 2 course dinner)	185,00	185,00
Supplement for single room	331,00	331,00
arrival	daily	daily

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0 - 5 years: 100% 6 - 11 years: 40%

12 - 15 years: 20%

The local tax, also known as visitor's tax, is payable locally to the landlord; the amount depends on the resort and is between 1,00€ and 4,00€ per person per night. Children up to the age of 15 are usually exempt.

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## **ЮВВ**

For environmental reasons, we recommend arriving and departing by public transport (train/bus). We are happy to help you organise your train journey within Austria. Talk to us!

#### Level of difficulty

Daily stages with up to 400 metres ascent - Ø 3-6 hours walking time - easy terrain: Paths without major obstacles, suitable for families.

