



Great Space Walk - Großer Welt-Raum-Weg

the hut tour

an art and hiking project as part of the European Capital of
Culture 2024

- ✓ **OVERNIGHT STAY IN A ****HOTEL IN BAD ISCHL**
- ✓ **HUTS AT THE TOTE GEBIRGE MOUNTAIN RIDGE**



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The barren landscape of the Totes Gebirge has an
attractive presence for me.

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A journey in seven stages, crossing fourteen listening and experience spaces: from your bathroom to the parish church of Bad Ischl, across alpine pastures to the stone desert of the Totes Gebirge and back again to your everyday life.

The “Great Space Walk” is a contribution by the Bad Ischl parish church projects to the Capital of Culture programme.

Numerous conversations with hikers, experts in futurology, church visitors and alpine pasture operators have resulted in a precisely composed audio piece whose tracks are assigned to specific stations along the way.

How can I feel the future? The “Great Space Walk” is an audio artwork by Christoph Viscorsum in collaboration with Andreas Hagelüken. The multi-day hiking tour gently guides us from our seemingly perfectly prepared world into a radically primordial wilderness: through 14 listening and experience spaces, from the privacy of our own bathroom to the Bad Ischl parish church to the Rettenbachalm, onwards into the stone desert of the Totes Gebirge and back to our own everyday lives.

Audio tracks on the smartphone serve as mileposts, which can be listened to with headphones at precisely defined points along the way.

Highlights

- + **OVERNIGHT STAY IN A 4* HOTEL IN BAD ISCHL AND 5 X MOUNTAIN HUTS**
- + **SEVERAL STAGES FROM MOUNTAIN HUT TO MOUNTAIN HUT**
- + **AUDIO TRACKS FOR VARIOUS LISTENING AND EXPERIENCE SPACES**
- + **ROUGH KARST LANDSCAPE AND STONE DESERT OF THE TOTES GEBIRGE**
- + **AN AUDIO ARTWORK BY CHRISTOPH VISCORSUM IN COLLABORATION WITH ANDREAS HAGELÜKEN**



The course of your hiking tour:

Day 1: Individual arrival in the brine spa Bad Ischl

Ischl became a holiday home of European standing from the middle of the 19th century when Emperor Franz Joseph began to spend his holidays in his Ischl summer residence. Bad Ischl - a health resort since 1906 - is located in the heart of the Salzkammergut and offers itself as a starting point for this extraordinarily varied hiking trip. Leisure and relaxation can be found, for example, in the spa park, the spacious thermal bath or by a visit to the famous Café Zauner. At the hotel you will receive your detailed travel documents. (1 night)

Listening Room 1

The Great World Space Journey begins at home in your bathroom or in the hotel bathroom. Take your mobile phone in your hand, connect it to your headphones, open the Alpenvereinaktiv app, go to the sink, close the door. You should have your hands free while listening, so put your mobile phone away. Press play. You enter your daily space of action, become localised, hear voices doing something, you can also join in, you are in the world, but the water has disappeared. How can you make the wall of the bath transparent? Listening time 4 minutes.

Day 2: Via the Rettenbachalm to the Ischler Hütte

Start at the bench in front of the parish church heading south towards the Traun. Yellow signposts start here and you follow the signs "Rettenbachwildnis-Karstquelle Hubhanslau" initially through the town of Bad Ischl. After crossing the Rettenbach (Rettenbachwildnis) in a gorge and reaching a gravel road, we hike this to the right for 6km to the Rettenbachalm (car traffic). There are two refreshment stops here. From here, follow the signs for "Ischler Hütte", first 1 km on a forest road, then through forest to the alpine pasture area at Beerensattel and then in 15 minutes slightly descending to the hut on the Schwarzenbergalm.

Overnight stay at the Ischler Hütte (1 night)

Hike: approx. 5 hours (15km, ascent 970 m / descent 70 m)

It is possible to take a taxi to the Rettenbachalm. Journey time approx. 20 minutes. The route is shortened by 8.5 km. (to be paid extra on site)

From the Rettenbachalm on trail no. 211, the Ischler Hütte can be reached in about 2 ½ hours.



Listening Room 2

In Bad Ischl, in front of the parish church, there is a bench across from the main entrance. This is where room 2 begins. Sit down, press play (track 02) and follow the voices ...

Listening time: 22 minutes

Listening Room 3

When you are standing in front of the Rettenbachalm inn, a path leads slightly downhill directly into the alpine pastures, away from the inn. Follow the path and you will see a hunter's stand on the right-hand side. Stand in front of the hunter's stand, with a view of the expanse of the alpine pasture, press play (Track 03).

IMPORTANT: If there are cows grazing at this point, keep your distance and look for another place near the meadow where there are no animals. Keep at least two bus lengths away from the cows.

Listening time: 8 minutes

Listening Room 4

The first part of the path from the Rettenbachalm to the Ischler Hütte leads along a forest road. After about 20 minutes, at the far end of the alpine pasture, there is a turn-off to the right into the forest that leads to the Ischler Hütte - this is where the next audio track begins. Press play (track 04).

Listening time: 15 minutes

Listening Room 5

After two to three hours you will reach the Beerensattel near the Ischler Hütte just before the Schwarzenbergalm. Press play (Track 05) and continue.

Listening time: 4 minutes

Day 3: From the Ischler Hütte to the Hochkogelhaus

At dawn, the route leads from the Ischler Hütte over alpine pastures to a saddle and descends to the Hochkogelhaus. On the way you come to a room marked in the app.

From the Ischler Hütte, the route is initially flat on trail 211, then gradually ascends in a north-easterly direction. At the fork in the path to Schönberg (226), keep straight on. The last section up to a saddle is steep (be careful here!). After a flat section, another path (no. 227) branches off to the right onto the Schönberg. Here and at another crossroads with path no. 230, we keep left again and descend to the Hochkogelhaus (1 night)

Hike: approx. 2 hours (4.5 km, ascent: 360 m / descent 174 m)



Listening Room 6

Ideally, you should be here at sunrise. The walk from the Ischler Hütte takes one to two hours. Look for a pleasant place to sit in the wider surroundings of the signpost. Wait for the sunrise.

When (in fine weather) the light of the sun on the meadow above you is about ten metres away, look up at the sunrise and press play (track 06).

Listening time: 5 minutes

Day 4: From the Hochkogelhaus to the Albert Appelhaus - This stage is very long!

From the Hochkogelhütte we climb up towards Schönberg. At the junction with path 230, we follow it to the left to Wildensee. From there we take path 212 to the Wildenseealm, then path 235 to the Appelhaus. (1 night)

Hike: approx. 7-10 hours (11.1 km, ascent 1,000 m / descent 750 m)

This stage leads partly across the lonely high plateau of the Totes Gebirge. You reach the Wildensee, which forms a complete contrast to what you have experienced before. The ascent to the Albert Appel Haus takes you across alpine pastures and through sparse mountain forest.

Listening Room 7

When you reach the signpost, press play (track 07) and continue.

Listening time: 12 minutes

Listening Room 8

At the arrow with the number 8, turn right off the hiking trail and follow the red crosses on the ground until you reach the marker with the headphones. Press play (track 08) and follow the voices. Please leave the stones where they are in the whole area.

Listening time: 20 minutes

Day 5: From the Appelhaus to the Pühringerhütte

This stage is a relaxed hike, along the high plateau, in a world of meadows and stones, a little way downhill to the Pühringer hut.

From the Appelhaus, follow trail 201 (also E4) below the Wildgössl to Lake Elm and the nearby Pühringerhütte. (1 night)



Hike: approx. 4 hours (10.5 km, metres in ascent 507 m / descent 475 m)

Listening Room 9

Climb about 15 metres up the rocks from the sign, find a good spot, sit down with a view of the waterhole and press play (Track 09).

Listening time: 5 minutes

Listening Room 10

IMPORTANT: First go to the Pühringer Hütte, from there to the listening point at night.

After sunset, in the dark, walk five minutes from the Pühringer Hütte to a flat, large rock on the hiking trail, sit down and press play (track 10).

Listening time: 5 minutes

Day 6: From the Pühringerhütte to the Prielschutzhaus

This stage is an ascent up to the passage into the "steinerne Welt - stony world", where you reach the stone desert in the afternoon. There you step out of the world of the high plateau and descend to the Priel Schutzhaus.

On this stage, we also stay on trail 201 (also E4) to the Priel Schutzhaus. The route goes via Rotkogelsattel, Temlbergsattel and Klinserscharte. From here we descend to our destination for the day, the Priel Schutzhaus (1 night).

Hike: approx. 5 hours, (11.5 km, ascent: 600 m / descent: 820 m)

Listening Room 11

Press play at the starting point (Track 11) and continue.

Listening time: 4 minutes

Listening Room 12

At the arrow with the number 12, turn left off the hiking trail and follow the red crosses on the ground until you reach the marker with the headphones. Press play (track 12).

Please leave the stones where they are in the whole area.

Listening time: 4 minutes

Day 7: From the Prielschutzhaus down into the Stodertal valley

From the slightly lower-lying hut we descend, always heading east, through the Polsterlucke to Hinterstoder. On the last stage down into the valley, we follow trail 201 (also E4) to Schiederweiher and the main road with bus stop.

Hike: approx. 2-3 hours (6.5 km, ascent 2 m / descent 820 m)

Listening Room 13

Stand right next to the sign, look towards the road junction and press Play (Track 13).

Listening time: 4 minutes

Individual departure from Hinterstoder.

It is possible to book an extra night in Bad Ischl including a return journey from Hinterstoder. The return journey can be made either by public transport or by taxi transfer.

Please let us know if you would like an extra night in Bad Ischl when booking.

Additional costs for an extra night and return journey to Bad Ischl on request.



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Arrangement

- 1x overnight stay with breakfast buffet in ****hotel in Bad Ischl**
- 5x overnight stay with alpine-breakfast in huts (communal bunks, hut sleeping bag* required)**
- 1x welcome video with explanations and information you need for this tour**
- 1x hiking map and other information material (1x per room)**
- 1x detailed route description**
- + Daily service hotline from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm (also on weekends)**
- + 'A Tree for your booking' – for every hiking tour booked with us a tree is planted**

Rates per person and arrangement in €:

	01.06. – 07.08.25	17.08. – 30.09.25
****hotel per person in double room with breakfast -communal bunks in huts	499,00	
Supplement double room for single use in hotel (communal bunks in huts)	81,00	
Supplement half board (3 course dinner in hotel / 2 course dinner or hikers-meal in huts)	170,00	
Additional night in Bad Ischl	on request	
Arrival	daily	

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.

Information for arrivals by car:

The parking place does not always situate next to the accommodation but on a public parking place. (Possibly costs have to be paid on spot)

Notes on staying at an Alpine lodge:



- *Hut sleeping bag: blankets are available in the huts; necessary but mandatory is only a lightweight cotton/silk sleeping bag liner
- Due to their location, not all huts can offer running water, hot water or showers. In some cases there is also no flushing system in the toilets.
- On most huts, card payment is not possible. Take enough cash with you for food and drinks.

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Our recommendations: Get a travel cancellation insurance.

Informations



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!

"A tree for your booking" - Cooperation project with Austrian Federal Forests

For every bike or hiking tour in the region booked with us, a tree is planted in the Weißenbach valley - near Bad Ischl. With this campaign we want to generate awareness for climate-friendly travel and take responsibility for a world worth living in.



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Level of difficulty

Daily stages with up to 1800 metres of ascent - Ø 8-18 hours walking time - extremely difficult terrain: Trails with very large obstacles. Only for trained hikers.

