



# Great Space Walk

## Short tour I

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

- ✓ **OVERNIGHT STAY IN A \*\*\*\*HOTEL IN BAD ISCHL**
- ✓ **WITHOUT HUT OVERNIGHT STAYS**



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The first stage (bathroom, parish church, Rettenbachalm) can be visited from January 2024 when the European Capital of Culture opens. It is easily accessible all year round, and the Rettenbachalm can also be reached by bus shuttle or taxi. From July 2024, when the hiking trails through the Totes Gebirge mountains are free of snow and the mountain huts welcome guests, the Great Space Walk can be walked and experienced in its entirety.

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



## Highlights

- + 2 X OVERNIGHT STAY IN 4\*HOTEL IN BAD ISCHL
- + HIKING TOUR TO RETTENBACHALM
- + AUDIO TRACKS FOR THE FIRST THREE LISTENING AND EXPERIENCE SPACES
- + 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

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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: From Bad Ischl to the Rettenbachalm

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Start at the bench in front of the parish church and head south towards the Traun river. Yellow signposts start here and you follow the signs "Rettenbachwildnis-Karstquelle Hubhanslau" initially through the town centre of Bad Ischl. After crossing the Rettenbach (Rettenbachwildnis) in a gorge and reaching a gravel road, we walk along this to the right for 6km to the Rettenbachalm (car traffic). There is a refreshment stop here.

**Approx. 2.5 - 3 hours (8.7 km, ascent 155 m / descent 18 m)**

It is also possible to take a taxi to the Rettenbachalm. Journey time approx. 20 minutes. (to be paid extra on site)

### 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

The return journey from the Rettenbachalm is planned with a taxi transfer.

Overnight stay in Bad Ischl (1 night).

## Day 3: Individual departure from Bad Ischl

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or extra nights



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## Arrangement

- 2x** overnight stay with breakfast buffet in 4\* hotel in Bad Ischl
- 1x** transfer from Rettenbachalm to Bad Ischl
- 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 €:

	07.01. - 31.03.25 02.11. - 23.11.25	31.03. - 29.06.25 31.08. - 02.11.25 23.11. - 21.12.25	29.06. - 07.08.25 19.08. - 31.08.25
<b>****hotel per person in double room with breakfast</b>	220,00	250,00	270,00
<b>Supplement double room for single use in hotel / per tour</b>	90,00	122,00	144,00
<b>Supplement half board / per tour</b>	79,00	79,00	79,00
<b>Supplement for single travellers</b>	30,00	30,00	30,00
<b>Additional night in Bad Ischl arrival</b>	on request daily	on request daily	on request 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.

No arrival possible from 07.08. to 18.08.2024

### 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)

Become a sponsor of Austrian mountain rescue and enjoy the comprehensive rescue protection:

[www.bergrettung-ooe.at/en/foerderer-werden](http://www.bergrettung-ooe.at/en/foerderer-werden)

The standard terms and conditions of the Salzkammergut Touristik GmbH apply in the current version.

Rates and operating hours / timetables are subject to change

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.



The European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl Salzkammergut 2024 brought the diversity of historically rooted and contemporary art and culture to the forefront and raised it to an international level.

### 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.

