SALZBURG LAKES - SELF GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY

Explore the beauty of Austria’s Lake District on this walking holiday in the Salzkammergut region near Salzburg. Wonderful mountain scenery, pretty villages and alpine lakeside walking make this a marvellous area in which to soak up the sights, relax and unwind. Visit Mozart’s Village (St Gilgen) and the fantastic UNESCO World Natural Heritage region of Hallstatt with its unique natural landscapes. Sample the local cuisine and enjoy picnic lunches along the lakeside paths on this stunning region just south of Salzburg.

Your holiday starts by the side of Lake Wolfgangsee where you will be based for your first 2 nights, taking the ferry across the lake each day provides a pleasant start and the lakeside walking on these days give wonderful and dramatic views. Visit the ancient imperial summer residence at Bad Ischl and why not relax in a thermal spa on your free day here. The walk heads south to Bad Goisern following the brine pipeline to the UNESCO sight at Hallstatt and returns up to Lake Wolfgangsee to end your journey.

Fabulous walking is combined with traditional chalet Hotel accommodation. You will stay in 3 star Hotels with breakfast included each morning. Baggage transfer and great backup are of course included to ensure that you enjoy every minute of your stay in this alpine region of Austria.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Idyllic lakeside walking to St Gilgen (Mozart's Village)
- Wild, colourful alpine flowers and mountain wildlife
- Gorge crossings with spectacular views
- The UNESCO Natural Heritage area of Hallstatt

**WHY CHOOSE A SELF GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY WITH US?**

Macs Adventure specialise in great value self guided walking holidays. As passionate and regular walkers we know what makes for an unforgettable trip and we pride ourselves on delivering outstanding walking holidays with every last detail taken care of. Great walking routes, breathtaking scenery and warm, welcoming accommodation are all guaranteed.

From your first contact with Macs Adventure you will deal with a specialist who knows the region intimately. They help you plan every aspect of your holiday and to make the most of your time in Austria with their in-depth knowledge of the route, accommodation and must-see attractions.

Self guided walking holidays are the very best way to explore a new destination. Pre booked accommodation of character, detailed pictured route notes and maps, baggage transfer and local backup support mean you can relax and enjoy your time walking in Austria. This walking holiday will get you up close and personal with this wonderful area near Salzburg.

**SUMMARY**

| Tour: Salzburg Lakes               |
| Code: WASSL                        |
| Type: Self-Guided Walking Holiday  |
| Price: See Website                 |
| Single Supplement: See Website     |
| Dates: Mid-April to mid-Oct        |
| Walking Days: 8 Days (6 Walking Days) |
| Nights: 7 Nights                   |
| Start/Finish: Abersee/Lake Wolfgangsee |
| Grade: Easy to Moderate            |

Is It For Me?

If you are looking to explore Austria’s Lake District then why not do so on foot. Wonderful and relaxed alpine walking along lakeside and gorge paths. This walking holiday will leave you invigorated and refreshed. Carefully chosen traditional accommodation with local and traditional cuisine make this a walk not to be missed!

What’s Included?

- Accommodation: 7 Nights in Traditional 3* Hotels all with en-suite facilities.
- Meals: Breakfast included every morning. Lunch and Dinner not included but always available locally. We can add a half board supplement if required.
- Welcome Meeting: On arrival in Abersee - 6pm at your hotel.
- Baggage Transfer: Door-to-door baggage transfer.
- Info Pack: Detailed route notes with pictures, maps and 24-7 emergency support.
Our Itinerary includes 6 Days walking and 7 Nights in 3 star Hotels with breakfast included.

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### DAY 1
Arrive Abersee/Lake Wolfgangsee
Abersee is a village located on the west side of Lake Wolfgangsee - one of the most well known lakes in the Salzkammergut region. It is easily accessible by bus. No.150 runs from Salzburg bus station and takes approx 1hr.

Many low cost airlines fly into Salzburg Airport including Ryanair, Easyjet, Jet 2, Flybe and flythomascook.

On arrival at your hotel in Abersee you will have a welcome meeting in the evening (6pm) with our local agent, they will give you all the information you need including picture route notes and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

### DAY 2
**Round trip to St Wolfgang & St Gilgen**
You start today by taking a pleasant boat trip across Lake Wolfgangsee to St Wolfgang where your walk starts. Heading north you follow the trail up to Falkenstein wall where you can enjoy fantastic views down to the lake below.

The path heads down to follow the lakeside trail into the Mozart village of St Gilgen. Take time to wander through this pretty village and when you are ready you can head back on the boat to Abersee for your overnight stay.

**Walk:** 12.6km, 3.5hrs, ascent 260m/descent 260m

### DAY 3
**Walk to Lake Schwarzensee then valley walking to Strobl**
Today starts again with a short boat trip to St Wolfgang and then you continue up through forest tracks to Lake Schwarzensee.

It is worth taking the trail around the lake and having a stop at the lake cabin of Lore for a refreshment. The gorge pass heads into the valley down to Strobl and from here you pick up the local bus down to Bad Ischl and your overnight stay.

**Walk:** 13.6km, 4.5hrs, ascent 289m, descent 289m

### DAY 4
**Rest Day in Bad Ischl**
Bad Ischl is a fabulous stop for a rest day, there is so much to do in this spa town. The Emperor Franz Joseph spent his summer holidays here and you can take a tour of the Kaiservilla - his residence during the summer months.

There are plenty of city walks where you can stop for coffee breaks along the river, or why not relax in a thermal spa.

### DAY 5
**Walk to Bad Goisern**
Today's walking is fairly easy and flat and should take you between 3-4 hrs. You might want to start a little later today or take your time and have a picnic lunch on route.

You follow the oldest brine pipeline for most of the route today. Salt is an important source of income in Salzkammergut and you will learn all about the history of it with the many signs on the trail.

You pass a former pilgrims church which is worth a visit as you head down to the market town of Bad Goisern.

**Walk:** 10.6km, 3.5hrs, ascent: 177m, descent 96m

### DAY 6
**Round Trip to the UNESCO heritage area of Hallstatt**
Continuing along the salt trail to the salt mountain in Hallstatt today. Quite demanding walking up to Mount Salzberg but you will be rewarded with fantastic views down to Dachstein and the lake town of Hallstatt.

Plan a visit to the salt mine and visit the excavation sights. Take the boat back to Bad Goisern for your overnight stay.

**Walk:** 12.5km, 4.5hrs, ascent 424m, descent 400m (113m of which to walk)

### DAY 7
**Walk back to Achensee/Lake Wolfgangsee**
Today you start by taking the train back to Bad Ischl and then along Elizabeth Walk to Lake Nussensee. It might be worth starting early as today is quite a long day’s walking.

The path then follows past the nature reserve of Blinklingmoos back along to Lake Wolfgangsee.

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Walk: 19.5km, 5.5hrs, ascent 260m, descent 260m

DAY 8

Onward Travel.

TRIP INFORMATION

Additional Nights and Extensions
You can add additional nights at any point along the walk, or why not visit Salzburg before or after your walk. Please contact us for more details.

Solo Walkers
This holiday is available for solo walkers but we would recommend that you are experienced in walking and navigating alone. If you are travelling solo the holiday is slightly more expensive as some costs are not shared.

Grade & Fitness
This walking holiday is graded Easy to Moderate. Daily walks are fairly gentle with some undulating walking each day. You should be a regular walker and have a good level of walking fitness to get the most from this holiday.

Navigation
The routes on this walk are not waymarked but we provide you with detailed picture route notes to follow at each step.

Accommodation
We specifically select your accommodation to ensure that you enjoy every minute of your stay. They all offer a warm welcome to walkers, traditional hospitality and delicious local food. We aim to give you an authentic experience and use local family run accommodations. All hotels are on a 3* basis and have en-suite rooms.

Alternate accommodation
During high season, you might be booked into a different accommodation, and the start or end of some of your walking routes may be slightly altered. Any alternative accommodation will be of the same or better standard as our usual choice of accommodation, and details will all be sent to you.

Single Rooms
If you require single rooms within your party we would be happy to accommodate you although there is a single room supplement payable.

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Meals
A delicious breakfast is included each morning. Most accommodations are happy to provide a packed lunch - this should be requested on arrival. Or you can pick up lunch in the village or stop along the trail. Dinner will be readily available at either your hotel or a local restaurant. Your pictured route notes have details for each day including rest stops and places of interest.

Baggage Transfer
Your bags will be transferred between your accommodation as per your itinerary. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag of up to 20kg per person.

Equipment
Your information pack has a detailed equipment list which includes standard walking gear such as good walking boots or shoes, warm and waterproof clothes and a day pack.

Getting to/from Abersee - Lake Wolfgangsee
Abersee is located on the western side of Lake Wolfgangsee and is easily accessible by bus from Salzburg. Take the bus number 150 to Abersee from Salzburg bus station (1hr). Alternatively you can take the train to Bad Ischl (1hr 30 mins) and then a bus to Wolfgangsee (30mins)

By Air - Many low cost airlines fly into Salzburg Airport including Ryanair, Easyjet, Jet2, Flybe and flythomascook.
If you require a transfer from Salzburg then please get in touch and we can price a private transfer for you.

Travel Insurance
It is a condition of booking with us that you have suitable travel insurance that covers you for cancellation, curtailment, illness or injury. It is always advisable to book insurance as soon as you confirm your holiday.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM
We operate holidays in some of the most beautiful areas of the world and try to operate in an environmentally aware and sustainable manner. We do this by following our M.A.C.S. Responsible travel policy. The full policy is available online and the cornerstones of this policy are:
- Minimise Impact & Maximise Benefit
- Action & Advocacy
- Carbon & Communities
- Sensitive & Sustainable
**PRICE AND AVAILABILITY**

**Price**
Please refer to our website for up to date prices.

**Availability**
This walking holiday is available from mid-April to mid-October.

**Included**
- Accommodation for 7 nights in traditional 3* Hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- Luggage transport as per itinerary
- Welcome meeting and briefing on evening of Day 1
- Detailed pictured route descriptions with maps and a pre departure information pack
- 24-hour assistance from our local partner
- Wolfgangsee boat trip tickets
- Bus fare from Strobl to Bad Ischl
- Valley cable car fare Salzbergbahn Hallstatt
- Train fare Hallstatt - Bad Goisern, Bad Goisern - Bad Ischl

**Excluded**
- Flights and transfers to first / from last accommodation
- Travel to the start and from the end of the walk
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, extra transfers, tips, etc.
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the program
- Visitor taxes

**Optional Extras**
- Single room supplement(s) if applicable
- Solo walker supplement if applicable
- Airport transfers
- Additional nights during the holiday.

**HOW TO BOOK**

Once you have read all the information in this factsheet or our website and would like to go ahead with your booking you can book securely online at [www.macsadventure.com](http://www.macsadventure.com) or by telephone on +44 (0) 141 530 8886

**BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE**

**Financial Security**
In accordance with "The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992" all passengers booking with Macs Adventure Ltd are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required (this insurance will not cover repatriation to the country of origin for the passengers outside of the EU), arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Macs Adventure Ltd

There is no requirement for Financial Protection of day trips, and none is provided. This insurance is only valid for packages booked that DO NOT include flights.

**Book with Confidence.** We are a member of ABTA which means you have the benefit of ABTA’s assistance and Code of Conduct. We provide full financial protection for your money.

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