

## **Salzkammergut: Lakeside and Mountain Holidays in the Summer!**

The Salzkammergut area is one of the most impressive and culturally interesting regions in the heart of Austria. It is set between the Alps and the Alpine foothills and covers the provinces of Upper Austria, Salzburg and Styria. A total of 76 lakes, numerous rivers and brooks and striking limestone mountains, including the **Dachstein Mountains**, the **Tote Gebirge Mountain Range**, the **Sengsen- and Höllengebirge Mountain Ranges**, make up an impressive and incomparable setting. The charming landscape of the Salzkammergut area has inspired many rulers, scholars and artists. It was the official summer residence of the **Habsburg Dynasty**. Villages like Attersee, Bad Ischl, Gmunden, Hallstatt, Mondsee and St. Wolfgang made history. **Gustav Klimt**, **Gustav Mahler**, **Hugo von Hoffmannsthal** or **Christian Ludwig Attersee** created some of their most important works in this popular area. The **Inner Salzkammergut area** (Hallstatt-Dachstein World Cultural Heritage Region), the **Ausserland-Salzkammergut area**, the **Wolfgangsee holiday region**, the **Almtal, Traunsee, Attersee** and **Attergau areas**, the **Mondseeland area**, the **Mondsee-Irrsee area**, and the **Bad Ischl** and **Fuschlsee area** are part of this world-famous summer resort. The Salzkammergut area can be reached easily via the Munich-Salzburg autobahn. In Salzburg you take the A1 Westautobahn and leave it at the Thalgau, Mondsee, Seewalchen or Regau exit. The airports of Salzburg and Linz are nearby. Of course you can also get there by train.

### **Hiking Between Lucky Spots and Treasures**

The Salzkammergut area boasts plenty of nature and culture. It is loved for its scenic variety that features plenty of options for hikers, ranging from leisurely walks to exhausting hikes. This wide landscape surrounding the big lakes of the Alpine foothills is a paradise for hikers. The "**Gustav Klimt Theme Trail**" follows the tracks of the artistic work that the world-famous painter created in his loved Attersee area. Famous works of the art nouveau painter including "Houses in Unterach at the Attersee" were painted here. The **Via Nova** European Pilgrim Trail that follows the tracks of Saint Wolfgang, gives a deep insight into culture and history. The **Kirchenweg Trail** leads to Austria's oldest wooden church at

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Kolomansberg Mountain; the **Soleleitungsweg Trail** starts in Bad Ischl and follows the world's oldest saltwater pipeline (1607). Enjoy the view of the **Dachstein Mountain Range** in the south of the Salzkammergut area on a hike from Nussdorf am Attersee to Rossmoos. On an easy mountaineering tour to Zwieselalmhöhe Pasture or along the new adventure hiking trail around Sarstein Mountain you get even closer to the limestone massif. In the **Koppenbrüller Cave** in the newly designed Dachstein Adventure World that features a gigantic ice cave and the "5 Fingers" observation platform, it's all about caves and glacial ice. Hochlecken and Schoberstein Mountain are perfect for more **demanding mountaineering and climbing tours** - overnight stays at the **quaint Hochleckenhaus Hut** (1,572m) are possible. Between the Alpine foothills and the high mountains are many more power and lucky spots and places of cultural interest and scenic beauty. On a hike to **Kasberg Mountain** in the Almtal valley, along **Traunreiterweg** Trail in Bad Goisern, along Tannenweg Trail in the Mondseeland area, the Mondsee-Irrsee area, on a **6-Lakes-Hike to Taupitzalm** pasture, a hike around **Lake Wolfgang** or **Lake Fuschl** or one a hike from Gmunden to Laudachsee Lake you are sure to see plenty.

### Hub for Arts and Culture

In the heart of Austria and in the heart of the Austrians: the Salzkammergut is the geographic centre of the Alpine republic and has often been a hub for arts and culture. It used to be the summer residence of **Gustav Mahler, Johann and Richard Strauss, Gustav Klimt, Richard Tauber, Franz Lehár, Alexander Girardi** – and of the entire family of the Habsburg dynasty. Today it is the home of **Klaus Maria Brandauer, Barbara Frischmuth, Alfred Komarek, Ferdinand Götz, Fritz Idam** and **Hubert von Goisern**. 6000 years of art history can be experienced in the Mondsee region, ranging from lake dwelling times to the Baroque times (Meinrad Guggenbichler) to "Jedermann" times and the music days. In 2007 the **"300-year Anniversary of Mariahilf"** is celebrated with an interesting anniversary exhibition at the Mondseeland Museum. For 300 years pilgrims have been visiting this famous pilgrimage place dedicated to Virgin Mary. The **Innere Salzkammergut area** with the villages of Hallstatt, Gosau, Obertraun and Bad Goisern is referred to as cradle of mankind. It looks

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back to more than **7000 years of salt mining** and it has been declared **UNESCO World Heritage Region**.

### **Mozart, Music Days & Federal Exhibition**

The Mozart Festival that has been set up in Hallstand and Bad Goisern in 2006 has received a lot of attention. Unlike similar events it stands out with high quality performances, unconventional venues and an artistic experimental approach. In 2007 even a broader spectrum of artists will enter stage. Mozart's opera **Cosi fan tutte** which is directed by Wolfgang Schilly is in the centre of the attention. The **Mondsee Music Days** have become established as a meeting place for music lovers a long time ago. The cello player and conductor **Heinrich Schiff** acts as arts director. The nine concerts bring internationally renowned artists to the Mondsee area. Attersee Lake used to be a summer resort for world-famous artists: the "**1<sup>st</sup> Gustav Klimt Theme Trail**" is located here, as is the "**Gulda Grave**" and the "**Gustav Mahler Composing House**". You shouldn't miss out on the St. Laurentius parish church in Abtsdorf, the "5 Churches" power spot in Attersee-Abtsdorf and the "**Ricek and Beer Exhibition**" at the "Haus der Kultur" in St. Georgen am Attersee. **Bad Ischl**, the "secret capital of the Salzkammergut area" still has the monarchy's atmosphere. In **St. Wolfgang** or **Gmunden** you can visit the venues of famous films including „**Weißes Rössl**“ or „**Schlosshotel Orth**“. The sheer variety of culture and nature of the Upper Austrian Salzkammergut area can be admired at the 14 venues of the **Federal Exhibition 2008** surrounding Seeschloss Orth castle in Gmunden.

#### **SELECTED CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE SALZKAMMERGUT AREA**

May 1- Oct 28, 2007: **300-years Mariahilf**: anniversary exhibition 2007 at Mondseeland Museum  
May 17-20, 2007: **Shake the lake** – Boogie & Blues Festival – Bad Ischl & St. Wolfgang  
Jun 6 – 10, 2007: **Aussee Jazz Spring**  
Jul 14+21+28, 2007: **Mondsee Jedermann**  
Jul 16-27, 2007: **2nd Faistenau Summer Academy**  
Jul 21 – Aug 31, 2007: **Salzkammergut Mozart Festival 2007**  
Jul 27 – 29, 2007: **Nannerlfest** – St. Gilgen  
Aug 24 – 26, 2007: **Chamois Hunting Days**  
Sep 1 – 8, 2007: **Mondsee Music Days 2007**

#### **PREVIEW 2008:**

**Apr 29 – Nov 2, 2008:** Salzkammergut – Upper Austrian Federal Exhibition 2008

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## Holidays for Bon Vivants at a Salzkammergut Farm

Picturesque lakes, wide fields and farmland: the Salzkammergut – as its name tells us – has been a granary and a farmers' country for ages. Rural culture and the unique landscape are dominated by impressive "Vierkanter" farmhouses in the wide Alpine foothills and the Sensengebirge Mountain Range, "Einhof" and "Paarhof" farmhouses in hillside locations and small rural hamlets in higher altitudes. Many of the farmhouses between the Hausruck and Dachstein mountains are ideal for holidays. Especially **families with children** love **farm holidays**. Be it feeding and stroking animals, exploring the house, the farm, the meadows and forests, helping in the stables – you're sure to experience holidays in harmony with nature. Moreover the farmhouses are perfectly based for sports and outdoor experiences: **family and adventure hikes**, picnics next to the forest, excursions to a pasture, **cycling tours**, **riding excursions** and horse-drawn sleigh rides can be enjoyed. Start your day with a delicious farmer's breakfast and end the day with a BBQ at the campfire. You can also join the farmer's wife for some needlework. There are also farmhouses in the Salzkammergut that specialize on children and babies, organic food and health, wheelchair users and riders. All holiday farms are marked with 2, 3 or 4 flowers, depending on the conveniences they offer.

### HIKING & FARM HOLIDAYS IN THE SALZKAMMERGUT AREA

- 3 nights in an apartment sleeping 4 (2 adults, 2 children) incl. welcome schnapps, hiking map, 1 x coffee & cake – EUR 189 (off-peak season)
- 3 B&B nights at a farm incl. welcome schnapps, hiking map, 1 x coffee & cake – from EUR 78 per person in a double room (off-peak season)
- 7 nights in an apartment sleeping 4 (2 adults, 2 children) incl. welcome schnapps, Salzkammergut Card, BBQ evening, snack pack (3x per week) – EUR 399 (off-peak season)
- 7 B&B nights at a farm incl. welcome schnapps, Salzkammergut Card, BBQ evening, snack pack (3x per week) – EUR 179 per person in a double room (off-peak season)

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