

# Cycling Safaris

## AUSTRIA – TEN LAKES SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR 2018 Self Guided

7 nights/8 days, Cycling distance: approx 265 km

*Through the glittering lakes of Salzkammergut, in the footsteps of “The Sound of Music”*



What is lovelier than being out and about, cycling along the banks of lakes, and just letting your spirit soar in a marvellous natural landscape? The cycling tour through the Salzkammergut and the Trumer Seen lake area is wonderfully suited for this. Only a few kilometres beyond Salzburg, you will be greeted by the luxury of a unique natural panorama. The gentle, hilly landscape of Salzburg's alpine foothills has a charm all of its own. You will cycle through meadows and moorlands to Oberndorf – the place associated with the Christmas carol "Silent Night" - and also to the old imperial town of Bad Ischl. In a way, you will be travelling through a whole world of clichés transformed into realities. The Ten Lakes Round Tour is active recreation, experiencing nature and enjoying many attractions, such as the Schafberg mountain and the Orth castle.

On the banks of the lakes and at the river Salzach, the routes are completely flat. In between, the terrain is mainly hilly. Depending on the option chosen, approximately one third of the route is on cycling paths, and almost all the rest is through field and on forest paths, farm roads, and quiet side roads. There are only a few short sections on roads with more traffic.

### **Day 1: Arrival to Salzburg or at Trumer Seen Lakes**

Information on the tour and bike fitting. For guests arriving at the Trumer Seen lakes, the subsequent daily tours are accordingly shifted in the itinerary (these guests begin the tour with the route described for the third day, cycling the Salzburg - Trumer Seen lakes route on the final day).

### **Day 2: Salzburg – Trumer Lakes / Lake Wallersee approx 45-55 km**

Today, you will cycle along the Salzach to Oberndorf (birthplace of the Christmas carol "Silent Night"), Arnsdorf (the "Silent Night" Museum), Michaelbeuern (abbey), and further on into the Trumer Seen lakes country (Lake Obertrumer See, Lake Mattsee, Lake Grabensee) and partly also to Lake Wallersee. A shorter, direct version is also possible!

### **Day 3: Trumer Lakes / Lake Wallersee – Lake Mondsee approx 50 km**

The tour will take you through the nature reservoir of the Egelseen lakes. Later, you will continue to the idyllic Lake Irrsee. Overnight stay in Mondsee (castle, smokehouse).

### **Day 4: Lake Mondsee – Lake Traunsee approx 50-80 km**

Journey by boat to Weyregg (only in main season 3!). Afterwards through Aurachtal (valley) to Lake Traunsee: Gmunden (castle Orth, ceramics factory), Altmünster (bike museum) and Traunkirchen (fisherman association).

### **Day 5: Lake Traunsee – Lake Hallstätter See – Bad Goisern approx 20-35 km**

By train you will go from Lake Traunsee up to Obertraun at Lake Hallstättersee (Dachstein mountainous ice caves). Later, you will continue along the lake to Hallstatt ("the loveliest lakeside location in the world", the oldest salt mine). Your today's destination is Bad Goisern or one of the neighbouring towns.

### **Day 6: Bad Goisern - Lake Wolfgangsee approx 35 km**

Through Bad Ischl (Emperor's Park, Emperor's Villa, Empress Sissi's Teahouse) you will cycle along the Ischler Ache river to Lake Wolfgangsee: You will cycle through places such as St. Wolfgang (White Horse Inn, parish church, cog railway on to the Schafberg), Strobl, Lake Abersee (Zinkenbachklamm gorge) and St. Gilgen - the Mozart village on Lake Wolfgangsee.

### **Day 7: Lake Wolfgangsee – Salzburg approx 40-50 km**

On the seventh day, you will follow the cycle route to St. Gilgen ("Mozart Village"), the hiking trail into the Tiefbrunnau, past the Hintersee lake, and the Strubklamm gorge into the Wiestal valley (dam); You will come through the Glasenbachklamm into the Salzachtal valley. Shortly before reaching Salzburg, it is worth visiting the castle Schloss Hellbrunn (park, zoo, water games). Your destination is the festival and Mozart city of Salzburg with its numerous attractions (fortress, old town).

### **Day 8: Departure**

Individual departure or additional nights

## Options

### Shortened tour - 7 days / 6 nights (approx. 250 km of cycling)

The stage from Lake Traunsee to Lake Wolfgangsee is cycled directly – without visiting Lake Hallstättersee (approx. 45-50 km).

### Extended tour - 9 days / 8 nights (approx. 295 km of cycling)

The journey is extended by a trip through the Ibmer Moor – Central Europe's largest upland moor (approx. 45 km). Overnight stay in Holzöster/Dorfibm.

Please note: We are happy to put together longer and shorter trips entirely according to your taste. Let us know your preferences! Prices are available on request.

## 2018 SELF GUIDED TOUR DATES

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**SELF LED TOUR DATES:** Daily from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Season 1: 21<sup>st</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> May & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Season 2: 12<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Season 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**

## 2018 TOUR PRICE

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You have a choice of accommodation type on this tour:

Category A – 3\* and 4\* Hotels

Category B – 3\* hotels, inns and guesthouses

**We will assume all bookings are for Category A unless otherwise stated.**

### Category A - per person sharing:

Season 1	<b>€840</b>
Season 2	<b>€875</b>
Season 3	<b>€955</b>
Single supplement	<b>+€185</b>

### Category B - per person sharing:

Season 1	<b>€730</b>
Season 2	<b>€770</b>
Season 3	<b>€825</b>
Single supplement	<b>+€125</b>

### *Optional extra*

If you wish to avail of dinners (3 course) as part of your package,

The half board surcharge for Category A is €185.00 p/p

The half board surcharge for Category B is €150.00 p/p

E-Bikes are available for a supplement of +€105

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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- 7 nights accommodation in selected category
- Breakfast Buffet
- Personal tour information
- 21 or 7 gear unisex bikes (gents bikes on request only – limited availability)
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- One set of detailed travel documents (maps, route description, places of Interest, telephone numbers) per booked room
- 7 days service hotline
- Boat excursion on the Attersee during season 3 (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August)
- Train Journey Lake Traunsee – Lake Hallstättersee
- Bike transfer into the Tiefbrunnau/opportunity for limited number of people to get a lift
- GPS tracks available
- Route signposted

### Not included:

Additional route books: 10€ per person

*Please note: No helmets are provided on this tour.*

## WHAT TO BRING

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We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts and / or a gel saddle cover which will make your days cycling more comfortable. Cycling gloves are also a good investment, as are hard-sole shoes which will help protect your feet. **Please bring your own helmet as these are not provided.** And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat will protect you from getting too much sun. Finally, please make an effort to pack lightly. This will make your travels easier and will be much appreciated with the luggage transfers.

## BACK UP SERVICE

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As this is a self led trip you do not have the back-up of a guide and support van. Our aim is to allow you feel like an independent traveler, free to cycle each day at your own pace while at the same time having the security of knowing that your luggage will be waiting for you in your next accommodation.

If you experience small problems with the bike (e.g., a puncture) you will have a spare tube, pump and tyre lever. You also have access to a 24 hour helpline.

## BIKE AND FITNESS



- 21 speed unisex bike  
(gents bike on request limited availability)
- Saddle bag (water-resistant)
- Handlebar bag (water-resistant)
- Tools
- Repair kit
- Pump
- Combination lock

The advantage of this cycling safari is that because you have a map and route details, you can enjoy each day's cycle at your own pace. However to get the most out of your holiday we would recommend that you do take a few practice rides before this tour. The tour is challenging on certain days as the terrain is hilly, the scenery is beautiful and rewards all effort, so the more you are prepared the more you will enjoy yourself.

## ACCOMMODATION

We can arrange extra night/s accommodation in Salzburg or Trumer Seen before or after the tour (depending on availability). The cost for this is:

### Category A

#### Salzburg

Twin/Double room	€75.00 per person sharing	€115.00 Single room
High season surcharge (Season 3)	€20.00 per person	+€20 single room

#### Trumer Seen

Twin/Double room	€60.00 per person sharing	€ 75.00 Single room
High season surcharge (Season 3)	-	

### Category B

#### Salzburg

Twin/Double room	€65.00 per person sharing	€ 90.00 Single room
High season surcharge (Season 3)	€10.00 per person	+€10 single room

#### Trumer Seen

Twin/Double room	€55.00 per person sharing	€ 70.00 Single room
High season surcharge (Season 3)	-	

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Arriving by plane:

As well as direct flights to Salzburg, there is the option of flying to Munich and taking the train to Salzburg ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)). For sourcing flights we recommend [www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net).

The hotel is located about 10 km from the airport. Taxi fare is approx. €12 - €15.