

DACHSTEIN SALZKAMMERGUT

WELCOME IN THE HOLIDAY REGION



At the moment the English version of our webpage is under construction. At the end of July 2012 we will present the new webpage. If you need any information for your holiday in our region, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Many people have already experienced this sense of wonder: The **Inner Salzkammergut** is renowned for being one of the most magnificent landscapes in **Austria**, and is accessible by car, train or bus. The Dachstein is 2995 meters high, and is always visible in the distance. Jagged mountain peaks perfectly frame broad valley floors with many interesting and large expanses of mountain pasture land in and around **Gosau**, as well as expanses of woodland which stretch as far as the eye can see.

Hallstatt and its neighboring communities are considered to be one of the most interesting World Heritage Regions in history. The concept of the **Hallstatt Era** has turned this part of the world into a national monument. Visit our region and enjoy hiking, mountain biking, skiing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, or simply take some time out to relax and re-energize yourself.

There are different types of accommodation available with modern facilities. These include **hotels**, holiday homes and **apartments** as well as **guest houses** offering bed and breakfast. We are always happy to help you find the perfect place to stay. Simply contact a member of our reliable team. We can also provide information and brochures free of charge! **Bad Goisern** is well known for its high mountain pastures, and **Obertraun** for its spectacular rock faces. Other interesting features in the area include fjord-like Lake Hallstatt and the Gosau Lake whose shores remain unspoilt. There are many traditional mountain huts.

... SUMMER TIME ...



MOUNTAIN BIKING

You want to bike at the most beautiful places? Well, then you have no other alternative than the **Salzkammergut** – no matter in what shape you are, how fast you want to go, how old you are! The tracks around **the fascinating Dachstein** promise no stress, breathless fun, healthy exhaustion and a mental incitation.

Mountain Bike Competence Centre

The **Salzkammergut** is one of Austria's outstanding regions for mountain biking. Mountain biking is a popular leisure and holiday sport and the rising trend led to the founding of **one of the most attractive centres of competence**. In various price categories to an **all-round care programme** provided by our guides which includes guided individual and specific tours, technical training, service and bike taxis.

GPS data are available on our entire mountain bike route network and can be downloaded free of charge from www.biken.at. Several cycle companies offer GPS equipment for hire and are marked "GPS" in our catalogue of bike specialists.

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HIKING

You will be spellbound by the magic world of the **Dachstein** and the other landmarks in the Inner Salzkammergut. Explore on numerous small romantic paths and trails or on comfortable and well developed hiking trails the most beautiful spots of this region.

Hiking Friends Dachstein Salzkammergut

A walking holiday like no other. Enjoy the many advantages and the **advice and hospitality** on offer when you stay in accommodation belonging to the Hiking Friends association.

The **Hiking Friends Dachstein-Salzkammergut** is an association of certified, **specialist accommodation providers** who offer facilities geared towards hikers. As a guest, you will be perfectly looked-after. Your hosts know the **mountains in the region** like the backs of their hands. They can tell you where to go for the most stunning views and where the "fortune-bringing" places are. They are **experts on all things relating to hiking**, and on the weather too.

Hiking Friends accommodation providers, of course, offer very attractive rates - approx. **25 % cheaper** than elsewhere. There are even discounts for a visit to the World Heritage Museum, a return trip by Gosaukammbahn mountain gondola, and a guided tour of the salt mines. So not only are you offered a first-class service, but preferential rates too.

Hiking Friends Accommodation

The best thing of all is that you are immediately in contact with a **"Hiking companion" of your choice**. He will give you full advice on hiking in the region, tailored to your individual needs and wishes, and can even advise on how long to stay.

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WORLD HERITAGE

Hallstatt Dachstein/Salzkammergut - UNESCO World Heritage. As a further Austrian entry, and together with Schönbrunn Palace as an individual memorial, and the Old Town complex of Salzburg, **since December 1997** the "Hallstatt - Dachstein / Salzkammergut" region has joined the list of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites.

With entry into the exclusive UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites list, this unique region has been given a special honor worldwide. The Cultural Heritage committee justified its decision with the words: "With the Hallstatt - Dachstein / Salzkammergut alpine region we have an exceptional example of a natural landscape of unique beauty and special scientific importance, which is also a witness to earlier and continuous human, economic and cultural activity. This cultural landscape unites nature and culture in a harmonic and mutually complementary way."

Hallstatt Cultural Heritage Museum

A journey through 7000 years in time

The completely refurbished and modernized Hallstatt Museum allows you to discover much about Hallstatt Culture and the history of this World Cultural Heritage region. There are many hands-on activities for you to enjoy. Discover more about our traditions, the wildlife of our region, art and much more ...

Our many special effects and animated exhibits make for an exciting, educational experience!

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ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTS

You would be hard pushed to find any other region packed with such a great variety of attractions within such a short distance. Both nature lovers and culture enthusiasts will find plenty of places to go to in the holiday region Dachstein-Salzkammergut.

Boat Rides on the Hallstatt Lake

The **boat rides on the Hallstatt Lake** have been available 1862, and the ferry service from Hallstatt to the railway station since 1881 – and this is the only boat connection in Austria maintained during the winter months.

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Dachstein Salzkammergut Dachstein Hiking- & Caveworld

Giant Ice Cave – one of the **biggest ice caves in the world** - extensive Mammut Cave and Koppenbrüller Cave – still traversed by underground streams – are **particularly spectacular**.

Ice Cave - Mammut Cave - Koppenbrüller Cave

The Dachstein Cave World and its three natural show caves rank among the **most significant natural monuments** of Austria.

1 hour visits, performed by certified nature and landscape guides, provide **compact information** focusing on distinct cave particularities. Special features of Giant Ice Cave are the **“Ice sound concerts”** and the **“Guided tours especially for children”**. Furthermore the **cave trekking tours** through Mammut Cave and Koppenbrüller Cave will fully meet the expectations of children, groups and corporate outings, dedicated to adventure.

5-fingers - Welterbespirale viewing platform - Heilbronn Circular Trail

The Dachstein Hiking World stretches from the Koppentraun River valley to the Dachstein massif with its peak ranges. It features **plenty of enjoyable hiking routes** as well as demanding mountain and climbing tours. A network of well-groomed nature trails and footpaths covers the area from the Valley Station at Obertraun to the ice-fields at an altitude of almost 3.000m. Our nature trails are designed to introduce their users to exciting information about the surrounding plateau - in relaxing hiking atmosphere.

Moreover, the **view platform "5fingers"** and the WorldNATURALHeritage-view of the two **Dachstein glaciers** provide an outstanding visitor experience.

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Salt mine

7,000 years of salt mining in the **world's oldest salt mine**. Walk across the world-famous grave site to the place where the legendary "Man in the Salt" was found. Experience a **journey through time** that is beyond compare. An unforgettable adventure for big and small – regardless of the weather.

The true story of the "Man in the Salt" – who was found deep inside the Hallstatt salt mine in 1734 – begins at a mine building (the "Knappenhaus") just outside the mine. During the tour, you will discover millennia-old clues to the fascinating history of salt mining in Hallstatt. Two long miners' slides take you on a ride into the depths of the salt mine, until you come to a mystical salt lake. Finally, a mine train will carry you out safely and comfortably back into broad daylight.

Be sure not to forget your sturdy shoes and warm clothes – you'll definitely need them.

The High Valley of Hallstatt

The miners of old once lived in the high valley of Hallstatt, an area today's visitors can reach in just a few minutes by taking a ride on the Salzbergbahn funicular. A new panorama lift and scenic bridge afford views that are definitely worthy of this World Cultural Heritage site – including Hallstatt, the lake and the surrounding alpine world. The finishing touches to the program are added by a theme trail across the archaeological dig site, two exhibitions and a grave that is actually open to the public. For those who are anxious to learn as much as possible, audio guides are available in 10 languages (rental fee: EUR 2,00 – at the ticket counter for the Salzbergbahn funicular)

Taking a refreshment break out on the delightful sun deck of the "Rudolfsturm" restaurant is always rewarding.

Highlights:

- 2 long miners' slides (mega slide: 64m)
- Subterranean salt lake
- Mine train
- Hallstatt High Valley incl. Rudolfsturm Restaurant
- Salzbergbahn funicular, panorama lift and scenic bridge
- Special Tour: Prehistoric Expedition

Children ages 4 and up are welcome to visit the Salt Mine.

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HAND.WERK.HAUS Salzammergut

"The Salzammergut HAND.WERK.HAUS is described as a show place for local handicrafts, and is important in the sustainable cultural and economic development of the region!"

The concept and logo for the **Salzammergut HAND.WERK.HAUS** has been of major importance to the buildings which housed the Exhibition of Federal Life in Bad Goisern in 2008, and also for a group of quality craftsmen and women who formed an alliance. Craftsmen and women work as individuals, and behind each handcrafted product lies a wealth of specialized knowledge, talent, creative ideas, as well as a great deal of experience. The personality of the craftsmen is reflected in their individual products.

The HAND.WERK.HAUS is located in the **Neuwildenstein Stately Home** and was refurbished last year. **On the ground floor** you will find friendly advice and information on the individual craftsmen and businesses. You will also find a wealth of individual works of art for sale. **The upper floor** has rooms available to hire. These rooms have been decorated and furnished by local craftsmen. **The attic** is where the artists and craftsmen exhibit their works of art. Buy a present for someone and they, too, will have a sense of what the manufacturer was feeling as he or she made their masterpiece.

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... WINTER TIME ...



SKI & SNOWBOARD

Experience the spell of the mountains in the secluded vastness of the Dachstein. The solitary of nature, the magic of the powder snow and the wide open spaces – this may be the ultimate experience! For those who prefer the ski piste – no matter what age – may challenge the numerous slopes of the Dachstein area!

Dachstein West Ski Arena

Many kilometers of piste where snow is guaranteed, and ideal for all the family! Thanks to **the latest technology and most modern ski lifts and cable cars**, you can reach the tops of the mountains in the heart of the Salzkammergut in a very short time.

The Dachstein West Ski Arena covers Gosau, Rußbach and Annaberg, and is perfect for beginners, those who have not skied for some time, as well as those with lots of experience on the snow. These idyllic winter villages form a **winter sports arena** which boasts 45 cable cars/lifts and provide unforgettable **adventures for skiers and snowboarders**. There are more than 20 **traditional ski huts**, many of which have a sun terrace where you can relax and enjoy the local cuisine.

For those who purchase a ski pass valid for 1.5 days or more, there are **seven additional ski areas** belonging to the Dachstein West Arena which you can explore. Your ticket covers a total of **130 km** of ski piste.

Ski Areas included in the Dachstein West Package: Skiregion Dachstein West, Ski- und Freesports Arena Krippenstein, Feuerkogel / Ebensee, Katrin / Bad Ischl, St. Martin am Tennengebirge, Lungötz, Loser Altaussee, Karkogel / Abtenau

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Krippenstein Freesports Arena

Experiences you will never forget and sporting challenges on the **Krippenstein in Obertraun**. The individual charm of this extensive ski arena attracts both skiers and freeriders.

Take the **Dachstein World Heritage Cable Car** up to the summit at 2100 meters. The ski run down to Obertraun is around 11km long and covers 1500 meters of altitude, making it one of the longest and most interesting in the Alps.

As there are around 30 km of off-piste skiing facilities, freeriders can enjoy *limitless freedom* on the Krippenstein. Skiers, freeriders and off-piste skiers as well as snowboarders love to venture out on to the Schönberg, Angeralm, Imisl and Eisgrube, and have declared the Krippenstein a **Freeride Eldorado!**

The Krippenstein is also a haven for **snow shoe hikers, cross country skiers**, walkers and winter sun lovers who love the magnificent panoramic views. When, in February and March the winter sun's rays shine through, the cross country skiers are in their element.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

The Inner Salzkammergut provides not only a lot of cross-country ski tracks with various lengths in the valley, but the **spectacular Panorama Nova** track, which in high altitude offers besides a sporty challenge a **breathtaking view** of the surrounding mountain peaks.

Cross Country Ski Trails in Bad Goisern

There are, in total, **40 km of cross country ski trails** in the broad **Goisern valley**. The trails are of appeal to both beginners and experienced cross country skiers. The **elevated trail** by the Predigstuhl (1000m) is ever popular.

The circular trails are described as being easy to challenging in terms of difficulty, and there are **stunning views** across the Goisern valley towards **Lake Hallstatt** and the Dachstein massif. There is a 6 km long, toll-free, panoramic road up to the **Panorama Nova**. There is an **information board with the trails clearly indicated** at the car park by the mountain inn.

In the **Ramsau neighborhood** is the "Nordic Centre", and from here there more **perfectly prepared trails** which cover 18 km in total. Down in the valley, the easiest of the Bad Goisern cross country trails passes through the St Agatha, Stambach and Reitern neighborhoods, and is 5 km long. The trail is completely flat and is always in the sun, making it perfect for beginners.

The cross country ski trails in Bad Goisern are all free of charge!

Cross Country Ski Trails in Gosau

There are also **numerous cross-country ski trails in the Gosau Valley**, where nature invites one to enjoy its charms. The start and finish of all trails is at the sports centre (near the Pass Gschütt junction – Tourist Office)

There is also a practice trail on which beginners can make their first efforts. One can choose between four trails (Kohlstatt Trail North 10km, Märchenwald Trail North 10km, Dorf/Sonnen Trail South 20km, Sport Trail 5km). The Sport Trail was the European Championship course in 1970 and is only for practiced cross-country skiers because it is very demanding.

Cross country skiing in Obertraun

The **Obertraun cross country skiing circuit** is perfect for those who wish to practice their new skills. The circuit is almost completely flat and is about **14 kilometers in length**. There is another lovely circuit around the Koppenwinkel Nature Reserve which is also level!

Good news from Obertraun for the forthcoming winter season! Thanks to the installation of **brand new, modern machinery** , world class cross country ski trails (as well as **skating and classic trails**) will be available. The existing trail through the village of Obertraun, and especially the section through the Koppenwinkel Nature Reserve which is particularly loved by cross country skiers on account of its outstanding natural beauty, has had to be made much wider to allow for the new machinery.

Builders from Obertraun have also had to work hard to widen narrow bridges and crossings. It has also been necessary to widen the path from Ebnersteg to the

Dachsteinhof and back along the other side of the Traun. This has also meant that the beautiful winter hiking trail can be available continuously.



TOBOGGANING AND SLEDGE RIDES

Winter sport without skis can be enjoyed at any of the numerous **toboggan runs** throughout the Inner Salzkammergut. Come to Bad Goisern and try out the Trockentann Toboggan Run, or to Gosau where you can enjoy **tobogganing by torch light** at the Rabenkogel Toboggan Run.

Trockentann-Toboggan Run

2 kilometer long **Trockentann - Toboggan Run** at the Nordic Centre in the **Ramsau** neighborhood near **Bad Goisern**. Great fun guaranteed!

The **Trockentann Toboggan Run** in Bad Goisern is graded "medium" in terms of level of difficulty, and is ever popular throughout the winter months. Lot of fun for families and groups. It takes around 40 minutes and 300 metres of altitude to reach the **toboggan huts** which are **open daily** in winter (provided there is plenty of snow).

Groups very welcome. Please telephone in advance: **Sperrer Hut**: Tel: +43 (6135) 7057, Karoline Reiter or **Toboggan Hut**: +43 (676) 6062870, Edith Gebhartl

There are two routes down to choose from - either the illuminated run parallel to the 1992 World Championships run - or the toboggan run without lighting. **Car parking** is available at the ski jump area at the Nordic Centre in Ramsau.

Toboggans can be hired down in the valley from

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