

AUSTRIA – SEEFELD PLATEAU & TYROLEAN ALPS

8-day / 7-night one-hotel centre-based GUIDED walking tour from Weidach



A walking holiday on the Seefeld plateau offers an easy and relaxing way to enjoy Austrian Alpine scenery – majestic looming peaks, high meadows carpeted with colourful flowers, story-book cottages and picture-postcard valleys – with far less effort than other Alpine centres. This tranquil valley near to the German border offers a variety of gentle walks and rambles on the high plateau. Visit pretty Alpine hamlets and enjoy peaceful rest stops at welcoming almshouses, both in Austria and just over the border in neighbouring Bavaria. On your free day there is the opportunity to take a scenic trip by mountain train to the historic city of Innsbruck.

Cost from: \$2050 per person (twin share) No single room supplement – limited availability

Departs: 30th May; 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th July; 15th, 22nd, 29th August; 5th September, 2020

Tour includes: 7 nights in comfortable 4-star hotel accommodation with ensuite bathrooms, 7 breakfasts, 7 evening meals, local transport to/from the walks, experienced walks leaders offering a choice of two levels of walking on 5 days.

Not Included: Meals and drinks not mentioned, any personal expenses, transport and/or excursions on your free day. Transfers from Innsbruck Airport at set times can be pre-booked at extra cost (the journey from Innsbruck Airport takes about 2 hours). Ask for details and costs.

Accommodation: We stay at the 4-star **Hotel Kristall**, a superb hotel located close to the centre of the quiet hamlet of Weidach in the Leutasch Valley. The hotel is run by the Pfeffel family who are proud to share its special Tyrolean ambience with our guests. Most of the hotel's bedrooms have balconies offering lovely views over the valley and mountains. The hotel has a lounge with fireplace, wellness centre with steam bath, sauna and spa, and a sunny terrace on which you can enjoy a glass of homemade schnapps at the end of the day. Complimentary afternoon tea with a variety of house-made traditional cakes (*Kaffe und Kuchen*) is served daily, and the hotel is renowned for its Tyrolean feasts and its Italian-style *lasagne al forno*.



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Footpath information



Easier Walks: 8 to 11km generally on good paths through valleys and meadows with up to 300m of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: 11 to 16km on good paths through valleys and meadows, occasionally over rougher terrain with up to 450m of ascent in a day.

Suggested itinerary: *This outline of the days' walking should give you a feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of the two levels of guided walks each day will be made by your walking leaders.*

Day 1: Arrive in Weidach

Make your own way to the hotel at Weidach by mid-afternoon today. For those who pre-purchase transfers from Innsbruck Airport these at a set time (at extra cost – ask for details). You will meet your fellow guests over dinner, and your walks leaders will offer a briefing on the week ahead in the evening.

Day 2: The Leutasch Valley and villages

We walk from the hotel and explore the local area. Both the easier and the more challenging walks are a delightful introduction to this pretty region and a chance to enjoy the varied terrain and views on offer in the Ober and Unter Leutasch. We see Weidachsee, with its plentiful fish and fishermen, and then carry on through the woodland which cloaks many of the hills. From here we emerge into the wide open valley around Platzl, moving on to Kirchplatzl and its pretty church. We continue down the valley with beautiful, flat green pastures on one side and the Wettersteinberge Mountains looking down on us from the other side. We take afternoon tea either back at our hotel or at one of the other charming establishments in the area.

Day 3: The Leutasch Spirit Gorge

We head to the German border, to walk in the Unter-Leutasch Valley. We follow a meandering river path, gradually descending and passing by many of the small hamlets, with their flower-decked chalets. We cross flower-filled meadows never far from the Leutascher Ache and finish at the spectacular gorge. Here there is an 800-metre-long man-made section of metal walkways, with the river far below in the gorge. This is an amazing feat of engineering, truly breath-taking and well worth a photo stop. After the gorge walk we descend to the foot of the waterfalls and walk into the attractive town of Mittenwald, before returning to the hotel by local bus.

Day 4: Mosern and Moserer-See

Mosern is one of the five villages that make up the Olympia Region Seefeld. It is known as the swallows nest and lies 600 metres above the Inn Valley, offering many wonderful viewpoint opportunities. Our walk starts in Seefeld, offering us our first glimpse of the main village in the region, with its lovely churches, shops and hotels. The idyllic Moserersee offers a tranquil resting place, or a spot for a refreshing swim. A short, steep descent brings us to Mosern, where we have time to explore and to view the Peace Bell.

Day 5: Free day. No walks are offered today. You may like to take the scenic mountain train to Innsbruck, with its beautiful Hapsburg palace and Baroque cathedral, its well-preserved medieval Altstadt, and Olympic ski jump with a backdrop of towering mountains. Alternatively you may like to relax at the hotel or walk independently.

Day 6: Gaistal Valley

The Leutascher Ache (river) flows through this wild, quiet valley, with the sharp, rocky peaks of the Wettersteinberge Mountains on one side and the Meiminger mountains to the south. We walk following the river and along old hunting and riding trails, and stop in at a traditional Alpine hut for refreshments.

Day 7: The Wildmoos Plateau and Wildmoosalm

These walks explore the high plateau of Wildmoos, with the beautiful lakes of Lottensee and Wildmoossee taking centre stage. We visit Ropferstüb'm which has wide-ranging views of the Inn River Valley, then walk along the lake and golf course to and through forest to finish at the Wildmoosalm Hut, famous for its schnapps fountain and apple strudel. Here, we can soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the hospitality of a typical Tyrolean hut for the remaining afternoon, before we return to Weidach.

Day 8: Tour ends Tour arrangements end after breakfast – transfer to Innsbruck airport available (at extra cost).

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