



LITTLE HOLIDAYS IN

Hallstatt

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Quick facts

Essential information

- [General visa information for travel to Austria](#)
- [Health information](#)

Emergency numbers

European emergency number	112
Police	133
Ambulance service	144
General practitioners' out-of-hours service	141
Tourist information (Vienna Tourist Board)	01 24 555

Language

Languages: German, English

Helpful phrases

- Hello / Good day – Hallo / Guten tag
- Thank you – Dankeschön
- Excuse me – Entschuldigen Sie
- Cheers! – Prost!
- Bye - Tschüss

Money matters

Currency: Euro (1 EUR ~ 1.06 USD ~ 1.46 SGD)

Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are accepted in most stores and restaurants. Always choose to pay in EUR (the local currency) when prompted by the payment terminal.

Carry a bit of cash for smaller stores and markets. If you have a [Transferwise Borderless Card](#), you can withdraw with minimal conversion fees and minimal ATM fees from Austria's major banks (ex. Bank Austria / Unicredit, Sparkasse, and Volksbank).

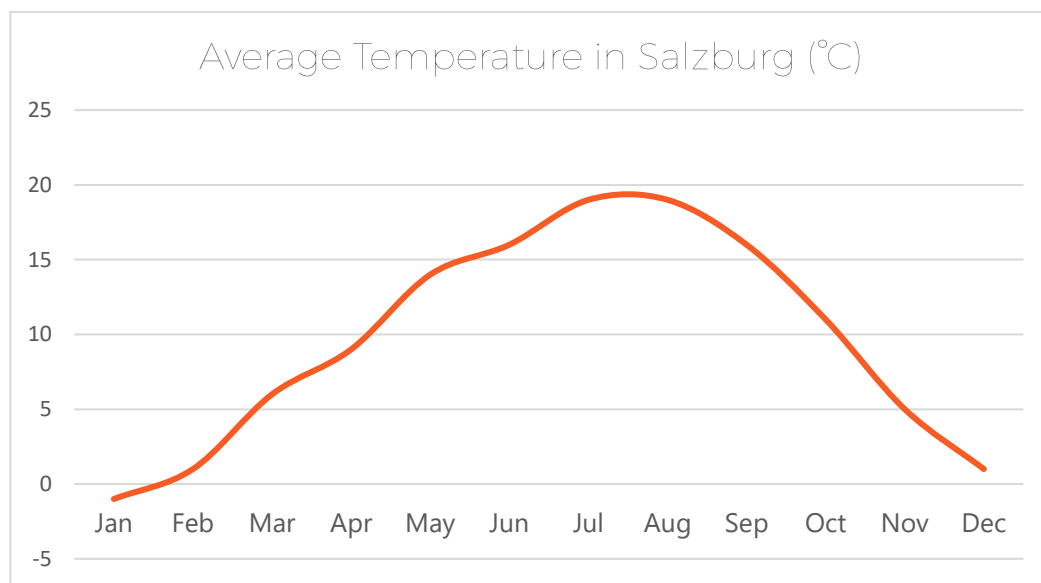
When to go

The weather is excellent for walking around Hallstatt from May to September, with average temperatures of 20°C.

Peak months are from July to August, so avoid these months if you don't like crowds.

September and October are great for mild, fall weather, fewer crowds, and better prices.

Winter is also a great time to visit Hallstatt, especially if you plan to visit the alps or love Christmas markets and magical European winters.



Sample itineraries

▶ 2 days

Day 1: Explore Hallstatt's historical center. Starting from the north viewpoint, walk along the boardwalk with stops at the cemetery and the market square. In the afternoon, go up the Salzberg mountain to visit the world's oldest salt mine and check out the views from the Sky Walk.

Day 2: Drive to Dachstein and go up to the 5 Fingers viewing platform. Take a short hike around the area then relax by the lake in Obertraun.

The view from **Hallstatt's** southern viewpoint.



► 5 days

If you have 5 days or more to spend in Austria, go on a [road trip itinerary from Vienna to Salzburg](#).

Day 1: Start your adventures in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital. Spend the morning at the Schönbrunn Palace, have lunch at the Naschmarkt, then spend the rest of the day walking around the Old Town.

Day 2: Begin your drive to the Lake District. Stop by the Melk Abbey, a Benedictine abbey complex perched on a hill above the Danube. Then walk around Steyr's beautiful medieval town square, before continuing to Hallstatt.

Day 3: Explore the storybook towns of Hallstatt and Dachstein. Start early to avoid the day trip crowds and take your Hallstatt photos in the early morning light. Visit the salt mine and the Sky Walk, then relax in Dachstein or Obertraun.

Day 4: Drive from Hallstatt to Salzburg with several stops along the Lake District. St. Wolfgang, St. Gilgen, and Mondsee are all historic towns with gorgeous lake views.

Day 5: Explore Salzburg's historical center. Start at the Mirabell Palace and Gardens, go up the Kapuzinerberg, follow the Mozart trail, then end the day in Mönchsberg.

Typical costs



BUDGET

EUR 70/night

[Gasthof
Bergfried](#)

COMFORT

EUR 150/night

[Appartement
Emilia](#)

SPLURGE

EUR 300/night

[Seehotel
Grüner Baum](#)



EUR 5.50

[Maik's Heisse
Hutten](#)

EUR 15

[Taglich Frisch
Gebacken](#)

EUR 60

[Seewirt Zauner](#)



EUR 2.30

[Bus from
Obertraun to
Hallstatt](#)

EUR 60/day

[Rental car](#)

EUR 780/day

[Private tour for
a group of 8](#)



**FREE
ACTIVITIES**

EUR 34

[Salt mine tour](#)

EUR 65

[Walking tour
with
photographer](#)

Getting there

By plane

Salzburg is the nearest international airport to Hallstatt, and it serves flights to and from Schengen and international cities.

[Check flights to Salzburg](#)

By public transportation

From Vienna, you can catch a train that goes to Hallstatt via Attnang-Puchheim. Get your train tickets from the main train station (Wien-Hauptbahnhof) or the west train station (Wien-Westbahnhof). The fastest train would take about 3.5 hours.

Once at Hallstatt station (which is actually in Obertraun, across the lake from Hallstatt), you have to ride a ferry (Stefanie) into Hallstatt's old town. You can get your tickets from the ferry station that's just beside the train station.

From Salzburg, there are two ways to get to Hallstatt.

By bus: Go to the bus terminal outside Salzburg's main train station (Salzburg-Hauptbahnhof) and look for Bus #150 to Bad Ischl. Once in Bad Ischl, ride a train to Hallstatt, then the ferry to the old town.

By train: From the Salzburg-Hauptbahnhof, ride a train to Attnang-Puchheim, then switch to a train to Hallstatt. Once in Hallstatt station, ride the ferry to the old town.

Where to stay

Hallstatt is a small lakeside town that you can easily explore on foot. Stay by the lake if you plan to stay in the town and enjoy the ambiance. If you're planning a road trip around the Lake District, stay in a holiday home or apartment just outside the car-free center. For a more relaxed stay away from the crowds, stay in Obertraun instead.

Lakeside hotels

If you want to explore Hallstatt easily and take in all the town's charms, stay in one of these gorgeous lakeside hotels. You'll wake up to stunning panoramic views of the lake, enjoy a private beach area, be near all the best restaurants and cultural landmarks, and explore the town's lovely historical center easily.

- [Seehotel Grüner Baum](#)
- [Hallstatt Hideaway](#)
- [Heritage Hotel](#)



Holiday homes and apartments

If you're planning a road trip around the Lake District with your family or friends, stay in one of these cozy holiday homes and apartments just outside Hallstatt's car-free center. You can take a short scenic walk to Hallstatt's main attractions or go on hiking and biking trails around the town's outskirts.

- [**W&S Executive Apartments**](#)
- [**Appartements Wallner**](#)
- [**C.T.N. Loghouse**](#)

Hotels and apartments in Obertraun

If you want a relaxed stay away from the crowds, stay across the lake in Obertraun. You'll easily be able to ferry, bike, hike, or drive to Hallstatt – then enjoy a peaceful afternoon back in Obertraun.

- [**Seehotel am Hallstätter See**](#)
- [**Haus Salzkammergut**](#)
- [**Dormio Resort**](#)

Renting a car

Requirements

- **Age** – To rent a car, you must be at least 18 years old. If you're under 25, rental car companies may add a young driver surcharge and you may not be able to rent certain car models.
- **License** – If you plan to drive in Austria for a short time as a tourist, it is recommended to get a valid International Driving Permit (IDP) from your country's automobile association. Note that the IDP is only valid when accompanied by a valid local license, so make sure to bring both. Driving licenses issued within the European Union are valid in Austria.
- **Other documents** – Have your passport and a credit card under your name when picking up the rental car. The rental car company might authorize a deposit on your credit card to cover for any damages.

Renting a car

- **Reserve online** - Make sure to reserve your car online in advance. If you're flying into Salzburg airport, you can get your car from there.

Rental cars in Salzburg

[Other car hire locations in Austria](#)

- **Get a comprehensive car hire insurance** – For total peace of mind, get a [comprehensive personal car hire insurance](#) that will cover for damages and theft.

Get a rental car insurance

- **Add-ons** – A GPS unit and child seats can be added to your reservation if needed.
- **One-way rentals** – Many rental car companies in Austria allow domestic one-way rentals for an extra fee. This means you can pick up your car from one city and drop it off in another.

Costs – 3-day road trip (2022 prices and estimates)

- **Rental car** – A 5-seat sedan ranges from EUR 300-350 for 3 days.

- **Gas** – Estimating 600 kilometers over 3 days, gasoline could cost you up to EUR 100.
- **Tolls** – You'll need a highway toll sticker or vignette to use the motorways. Most rental car companies will include this with the car, but if not, it costs EUR 9.60 for a vignette with 10-day validity.
- **Parking** – Within cities, you can look for blue zones where parking is free for a certain period (indicated as a number of minutes on a sign within the vicinity) or for paid parking spaces. "Park and Ride" garages are cheap options when spending a day in the city – you can park here for the whole day for EUR 4-5.

Road rules and safety

Emergency numbers

- 112 – General emergency number
- 133 – Police
- 144 – Ambulance

Austria drives on the right side of the road.

Usual speed limits

- Highways – 130 km/hr (80 miles/hr)
- Country roads – 100 km/hr (62 miles/hr)
- Towns and cities, urban areas – 50 km/hr (30 miles/hr)

Follow posted speed limit signs in motorways and villages.

Things to watch out for

- Don't drink or use mobile devices while driving.
- Always wear a seatbelt.
- Don't drive during winter without snow chains.
- Don't park on a white line at a bus stop and in front of yellow/red lines or within 3 meters of a fire hydrant.
- Don't turn right on red.

Navigating

Useful apps

- [Google Maps](#)
- [Waze](#) – add “Vignette AT” to your Toll and HOV Passes (Settings – Navigation) so the app can give you the best routes
- [Maps.me](#)

Connectivity

- [4G Wi-Fi](#)

Resources

- [A guide to driving in Austria for tourists](#)
- [RentalCars](#) – Online rental car booking platform
- [Comprehensive car hire insurance](#)

Transportation options

Local transportation

You can go from Hallstatt to nearby destinations using trains, buses, and ferries.

For train travel, you can check routes and buy tickets online using the [OBB app](#). For bus travel, check [OOVV](#).

Tours and activities

[Walking tour with a local photographer](#)

For the most fantastic holiday photos in Hallstatt, book a 2-hour walking with a local photographer.

[Sound of Music Tour](#)

Experience the world of “The Sound of Music” and visit set locations and beautiful places in and around Salzburg.

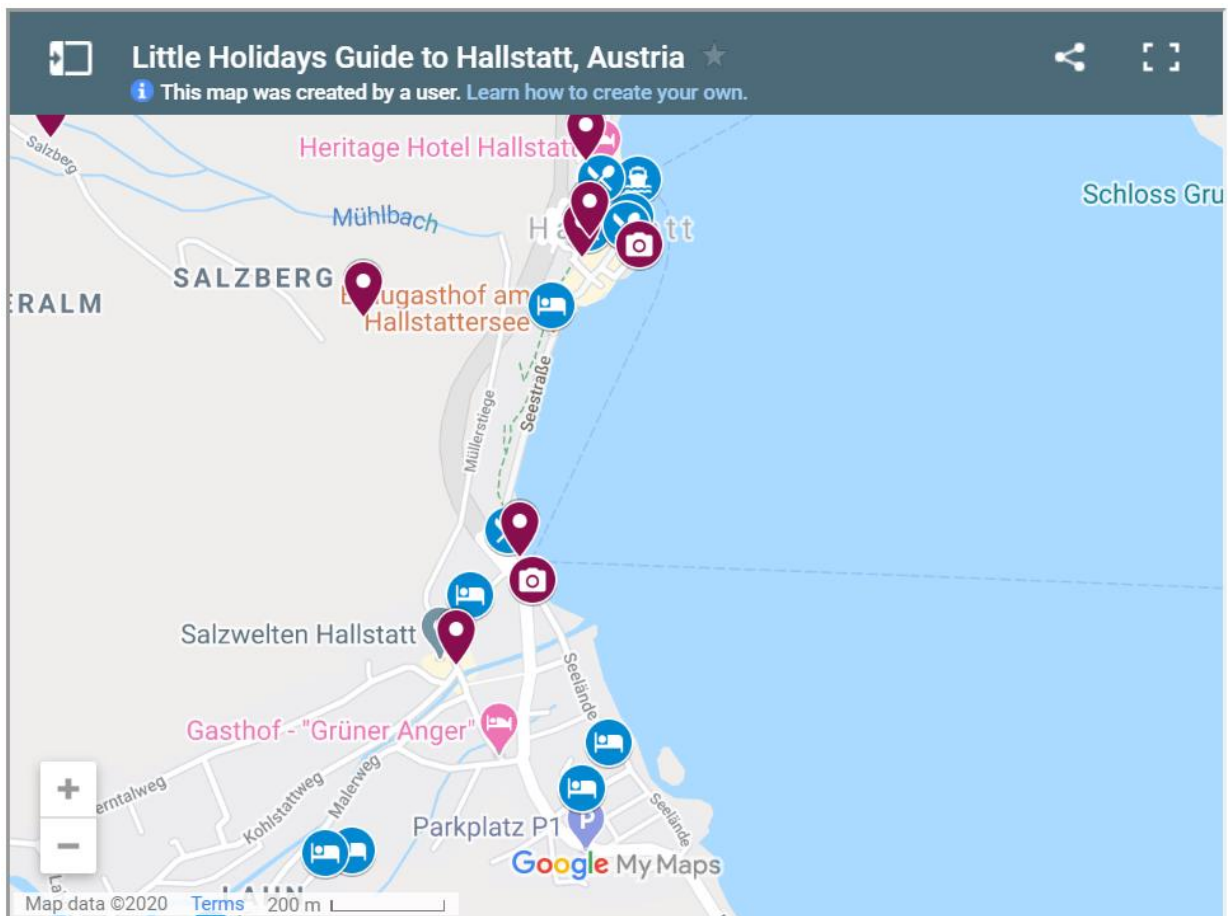
[Day tour of Salzkammergut from Salzburg](#)

See more of the beautiful Lake District with stops at St. Gilgen and St. Wolfgang.

Wi-Fi and SIM cards

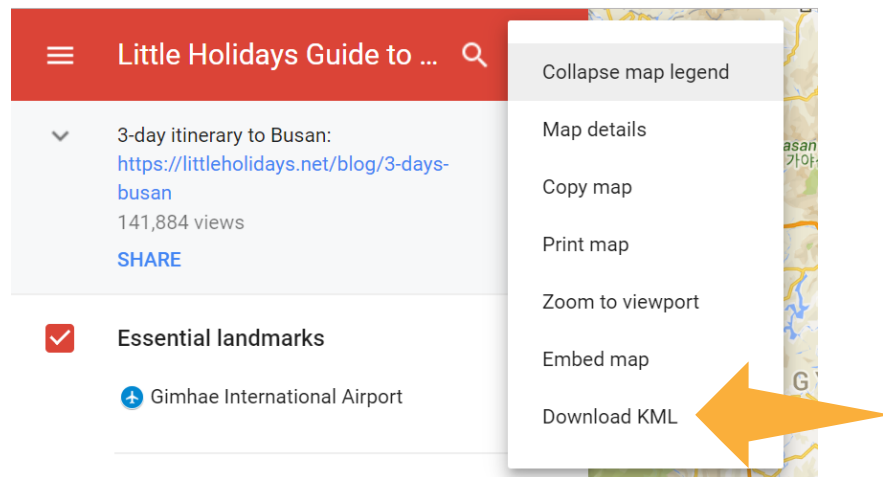
Wi-Fi device

Use this [Google Map](#) to get around and plan your trip.



To get an offline version of this map –

1. Download maps.me to your phone
2. Open the [Google map \(click\)](#) on your desktop web browser
3. Click on the **⋮** icon on the right side of the map name
4. Select **Download KML**



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6. Send the file to your mobile via email or messaging app
7. Open the KML file using maps.me
8. Download the Austria map on maps.me when prompted while you have an internet connection
9. You'll then be able to use maps.me offline – you'll find this map saved in your **Bookmarks**

Where to go

Hallstatt – walking itinerary

Start at either end of the town. If your hotel is near the market square, the north end is nearer. If you're staying outside town along Malerweg, you can start at the south end. This walking guide of Hallstatt starts at the north end – check out the Google map to help you find your way!

Northern viewpoint

Walk to the north, past the ferry station. When the road bends, look back, and you'll see one of the iconic views of Hallstatt.

A postcard-perfect photo of **Hallstatt** taken from the north viewpoint.





Beautiful houses decked with flower boxes line the boardwalk along **Lake Hallstatt**.

Market square

Walk along the boardwalk and slowly make your way to the market square. Remember that Hallstatt is small (just under 1 KM from end to end), so there's no need to rush through.

Lake Hallstatt

Almost every flower-decked house along the lake is photogenic. Just remember that these are residences and private properties, so don't climb up someone's balcony!

Salt mine and Sky Walk

From the south viewpoint, walk down a road to the left to get to the funicular. You can take a ride up and down the funicular to get to the top of the 1,030-meter tall Salzberg (Salt Mountain).

Once you're up on Salzberg, check out the "World heritage" views from the Skywalk. It extends over a sheer drop with the Hallstatt old town directly below.

Visit the 7,000-year-old salt mine, which tells the story of Hallstatt and takes you back to the pre-historic era. You'll also get to wear overalls and slide down wooden slides like a miner, so it's a pretty exciting experience. [Find out more about the salt mine and nearby attractions here.](#)

Dachstein

[Hallstatt shares its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Dachstein.](#) You'll find more breathtaking views in Dachstein, including the glass-bottom 5 Fingers viewing deck and the Dachstein Ice Cave. It's also ideal for skiing in the winter and hiking in summer as the mountains are famous for their massive glaciers. You'll also find a network of caverns and frozen waterfalls – a natural theme park of all amazing landscapes.

Salzkammergut

If you're passing by Hallstatt on the way from Vienna to Salzburg, [check out these other great stopovers to add to your road trip.](#)

Head out and explore the gorgeous **Salzkammergut** – visit lovely lakeside towns and villages, drive along winding mountain roads, and see more of the beautiful Austrian countryside.



What to eat and where

For the best fish dishes, eat at [Seewirt Zauner](#) – try their grilled whitefish, which they catch fresh from Lake Hallstatt.

For yummy Austrian desserts like apple strudels and other pastries, visit Cafe Bäckerei Konditorei Maislinger. For ice cream fixes, visit Gelateria Giovanni.

If you don't mind going for a short 10-minute drive out of Hallstatt, [Gasthaus Koppenrast](#) is an amazing restaurant away from the tourist crowds.

Day trips

Add these day trips from Salzburg to your itinerary.

[Eagle's Nest](#)

The Bavarian Alps are a scenic bus ride away from Salzburg and is home to dramatic cliffs and views of snow-covered mountain summits.

[Berchtesgaden salt mine](#)

See the history and impact of Alpine salt mining in the Berchtesgaden salt mine.

Where to go next

If you love fairytale towns and beautiful natural landscapes, here are more destinations to add to your European itinerary.

[Salzburg, Austria](#)

Salzburg is by no means as a small town, but despite being one of Europe's most popular destinations, the city has managed to remain charming and rustic. Make sure to spend at least two days exploring Salzburg and the rest of the Lake District.

[Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic](#)

Lying between Prague and Salzburg, Cesky Krumlov is a magnificently restored medieval castle town built on the meanders of the Vltava River. If you want to drive from Vienna to Prague (or vice versa), follow this loop: Vienna – Hallstatt – Salzburg – Cesky Krumlov – Prague. Make sure to stop by the little towns along the way!

[Giethoorn, Netherlands](#)

If you're headed to Amsterdam, take a fun side trip to Giethoorn, a beautiful village with lots of picturesque canals, flower-decked houses, and scenes that look straight out of a painting.



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NOT LIKELY AT ALL

EXTREMELY LIKELY

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