

Altaussee

Salzkammergut · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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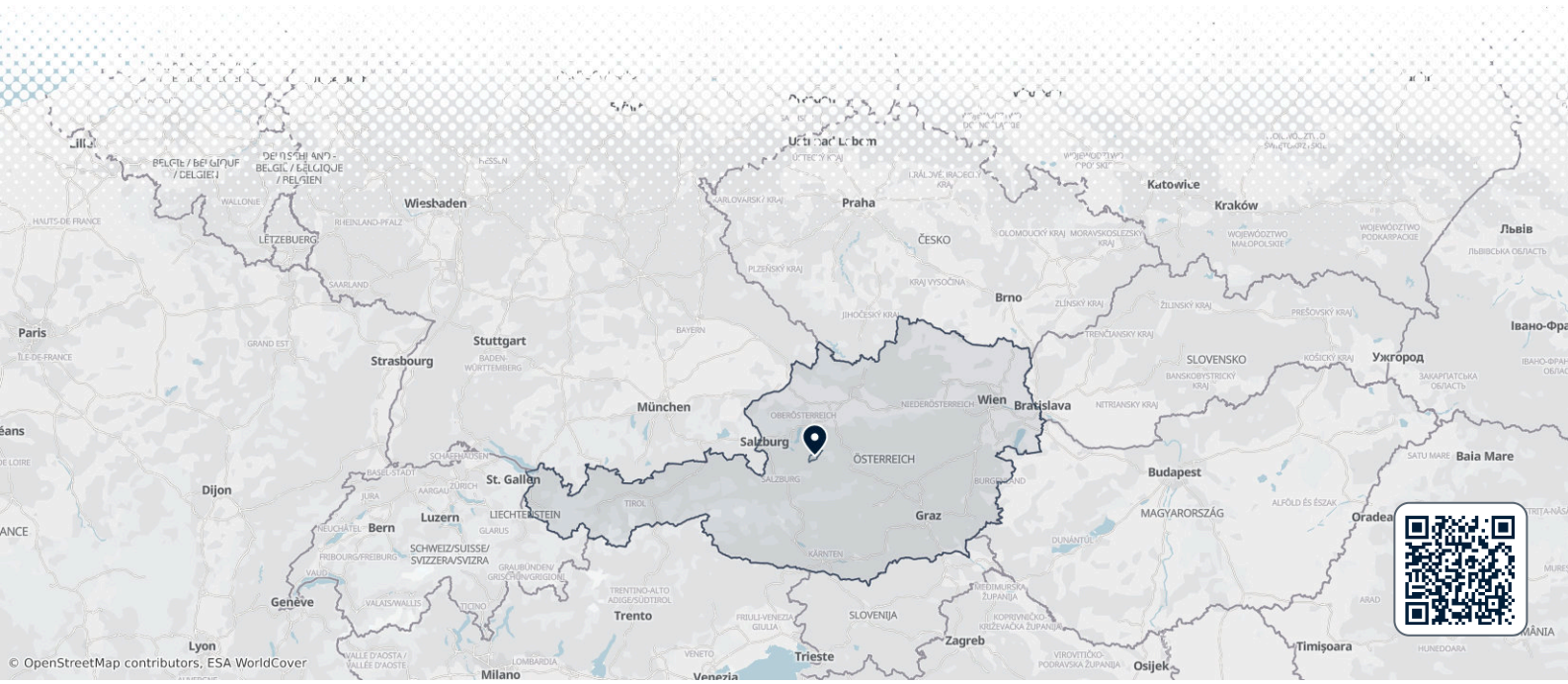


Overview

Altaussee is a small village on a deep green lake in the Styrian Salzkammergut, below the cliffs of the Totes Gebirge. It is a quiet place, long loved by writers, composers and painters.

The lake, the mountain paths and the old salt mine are the main draws. The village feels calm and traditional, and it is a short drive from Bad Aussee and Hallstatt.

When to visit

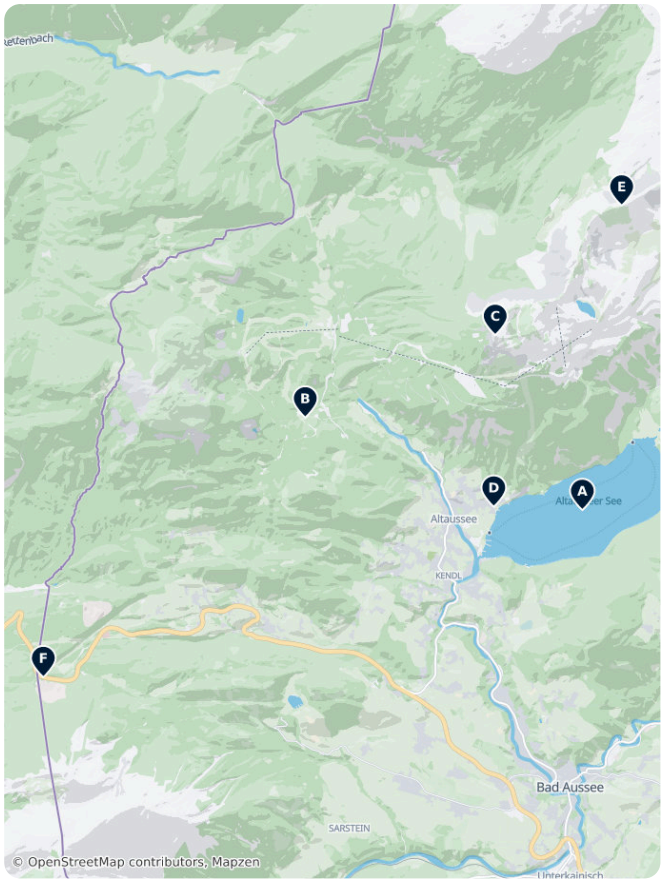
June to September is best for swimming, lake walks and mountain hikes. The Narcissus flowers bloom in late May and early June. Autumn colours are strong. Winter is cold and snowy, with ski days on the Loser.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-5° / -14°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 12° Feels like 0°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Poor Poor for watersports	8° / 17° Feels like 5°	-1° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for hiking	13° / 22°	3° / -3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	8° / 3°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 9°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	15° / 22°	6° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Poor Poor for hiking	8° / 16°	1° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-3° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Altausseer See is a clear lake with a flat path around it and views of the peaks.
- B Salzwelten Altaussee is a working salt mine that offers tours underground, including a salt lake and slides.
- C Loser is a mountain reached by a toll road, with views over the lake and Dachstein.
- D Pfarrkirche St. Ägid is the village church.
- E Bräuningzinken is a peak above the lake for experienced walkers.
- F Pötschenpass is a mountain pass road toward Bad Goisern.



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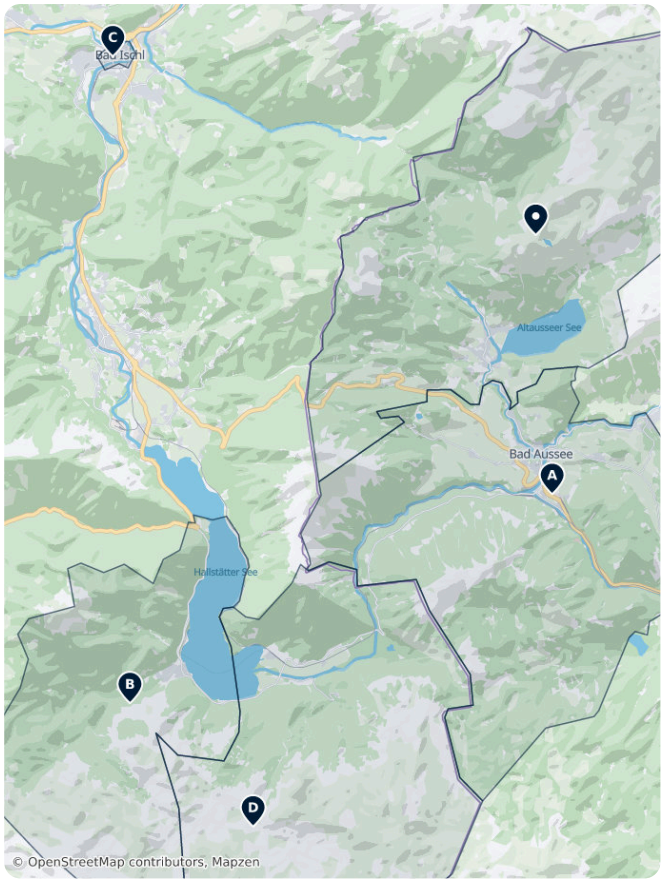
What to experience

- Walk the path around the lake.
- Tour the salt mine.
- Drive or hike up the Loser.
- Swim in the lake in summer.
- Join the Narcissus festival in nearby Bad Aussee.

Day trips

- A Bad Aussee is about 10 minutes away by car.
- B Hallstatt is about 45 minutes away by car.
- C Bad Ischl is about 40 minutes away by car.
- D Obertraun is about 40 minutes away by car, with the Dachstein caves.
- Grundlsee, a nearby lake, is about 15 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Bad Aussee, Hallstatt and Obertraun are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- By train: The nearest station is Bad Aussee on the Salzkammergut line, and a local bus covers the last few kilometres. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The B145 road leads to Bad Aussee, then a local road to the village.

Getting around

The village and the lake path are walkable. A local bus links Altaussee with Bad Aussee. A car or bike helps for the mountain roads.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The village is small, and a lakeside path leads around the lake.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Quiet roads and forest tracks suit cyclists, with some hills.

Driving

A car is helpful but not essential. Parking in the village is limited in summer. The Loser road is a toll road and closes in winter. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Local specialities include lake fish and *Kaiserschmarrn*. Mountain inns serve dumplings and hearty soups. Local dress is worn on festival days.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Wiener Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet, traditionally served with potato salad or parsley potatoes and a wedge of lemon.

Tafelspitz
Boiled beef in broth, served with roast potatoes and a sauce of apples and horseradish — a favourite of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Viennese Goulash · Wiener Saftgulasch
A rich beef stew slow-cooked with onions and paprika, typically served with a bread dumpling or bread roll.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Käsekrainer
A grilled pork sausage studded with melty cheese, a classic order at Vienna's ubiquitous Würstelstand (sausage stands).

Sausage Stand Snack · Würstel vom Würstelstand
Grilled or boiled sausages (Bratwurst, Frankfurter, Bosna) served with mustard, bread and a pickle from street kiosks.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Apfelstrudel
Thin pastry rolled around spiced apples, raisins and breadcrumbs, usually served warm with vanilla sauce or cream.

Sachertorte
A dense chocolate cake with a thin layer of apricot jam under a dark chocolate glaze, famously served with unsweetened whipped cream.

Kaiserschmarrn
A fluffy shredded pancake caramelised with sugar and dusted with icing sugar, served with plum or apple compote.

Marillenknödel
Apricot dumplings wrapped in potato or quark dough, rolled in buttery breadcrumbs — a Wachau and Viennese summer specialty.

DRINKS

Viennese Melange · Wiener Melange
The signature Viennese coffee: espresso topped with steamed milk and milk foam, the centrepiece of coffeehouse culture.

Grüner Veltliner
Austria's flagship crisp, peppery white wine, widely poured in Vienna's Heuriger (wine taverns).

Sturm
A cloudy, lightly alcoholic partially-fermented grape must, available only for a few weeks in autumn.

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Safety & health

Altaussee is very safe. Mountain weather changes quickly, so check forecasts. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Salt mining has shaped Altaussee since the Middle Ages. In the 19th century writers and composers, including *Hugo von Hofmannsthal* and *Jakob Wassermann*, came for the summer. During World War II the mine was used to hide looted art, which was found by Allied soldiers in 1945.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

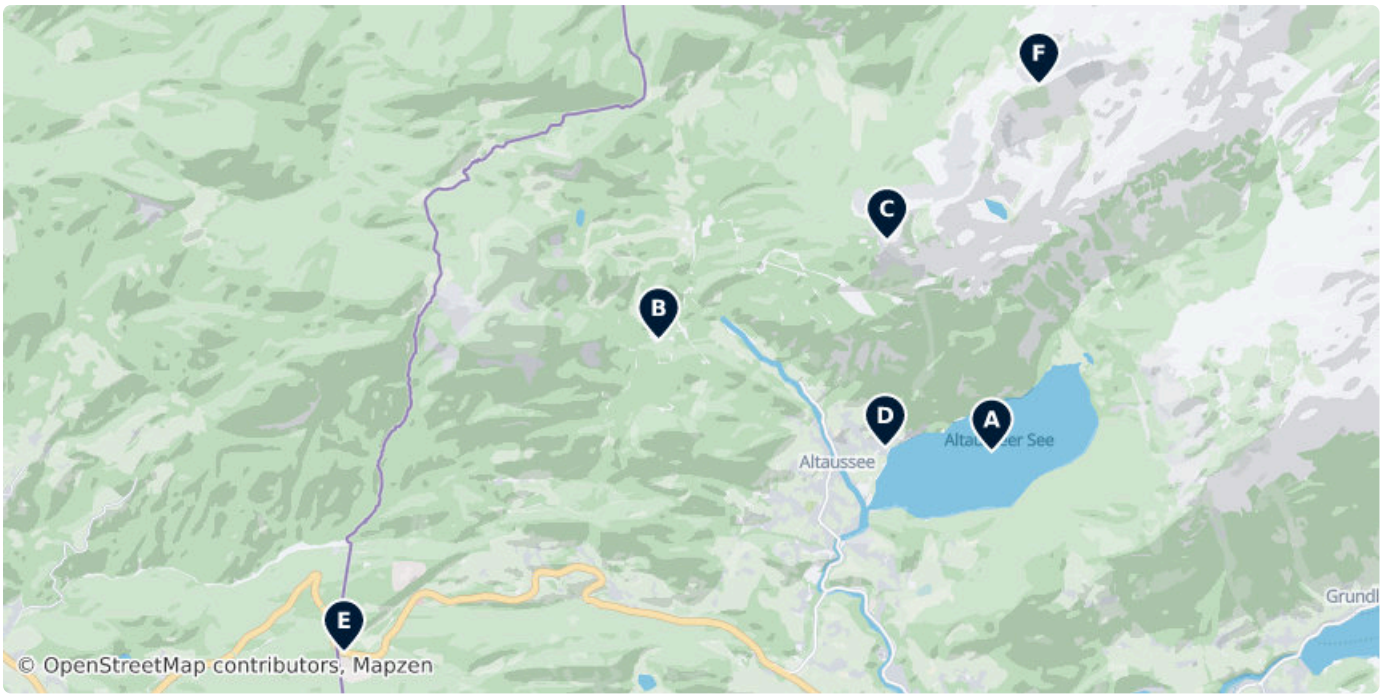
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights





A Altausseer See

Promenadenweg, 8992 Altaussee, Austria
(47.64094, 13.78565)



B Salzwelten Altaussee

Lichtersberg 25, 8992 Altaussee, AT
(47.65141, 13.73916)

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C Loser

Loser is the name of a mountain in the Ausseerland in Austria which has an elevation of 1,838 metres above sea level.

8992, Austria (47.66074, 13.77103)



D Kath. Pfarrkirche St. Ägid

Fischerndorferstraße, 8992 Altaussee, Austria (47.64133, 13.77078)



E Pötschen Pass

Pötschen Pass is a high mountain pass in the Austrian Alps between the Bundesländer of Upper Austria and Styria.

Lupitsch, 8992, Austria (47.62203, 13.69522)



F Bräuningzinken

8992, Austria (47.67538, 13.79224)

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