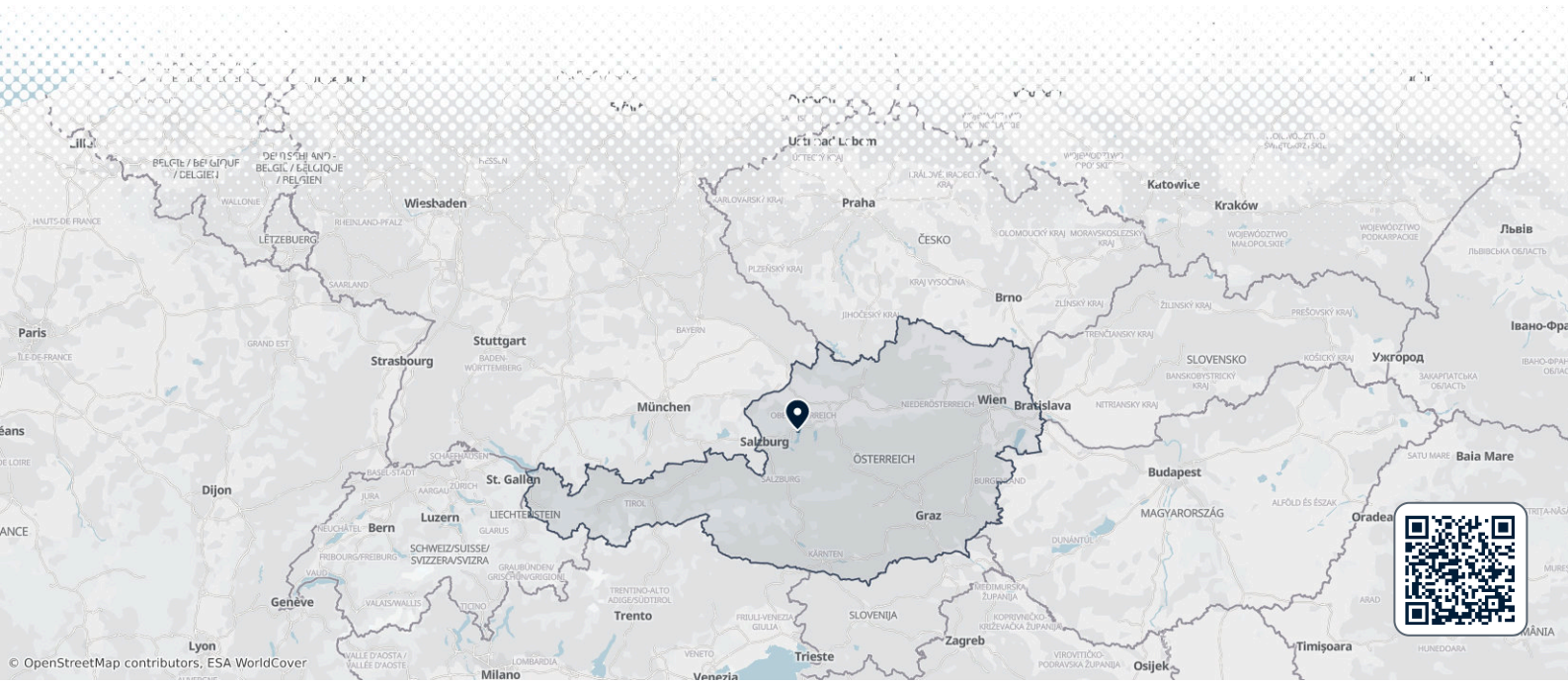


Attersee

Salzkammergut · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Attersee is the largest lake in the Salzkammergut, and a village of the same name sits at its northern end. The water is clear, and the lake is a centre for sailing, windsurfing and diving. The artist *Gustav Klimt* spent many summers here, painting lake and landscape scenes.

The area is relaxed and scenic, with small beaches, cycling paths and lakeside villages. It is a good base for water sports and for exploring the lake by bike.

When to visit

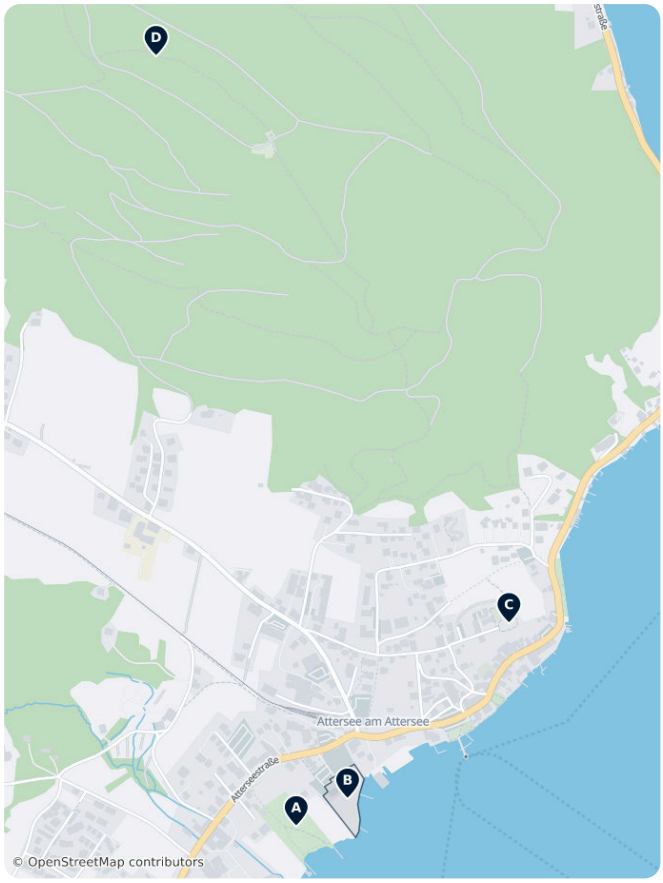
June to September is best for swimming, sailing and cycling. May and October are quieter and cooler. Winters are cold, with limited services. The lake can be windy, which suits sailors.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 10° Feels like -2°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 13° Feels like 0°	-3° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Poor Poor for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 5°	0° / -7°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	4° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 7°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 9°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	14° / 10°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	10° / 5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23°	6° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 6°	1° / -6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-2° / -11°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- The lake itself is the main attraction, with beaches, boat rental and sailing schools.
- A Badeplatz Attersee is a public swimming spot in the village.
- B Erlebnisbad Attersee is a lakeside pool for families.
- C Maria Attersee is a church on the shore.
- D Buchberg is a small hill with views.
- The Klimt Documentation Centre in Kammer is a short walk along the shore.
- Unterach and Nußdorf are other lake villages with beaches.



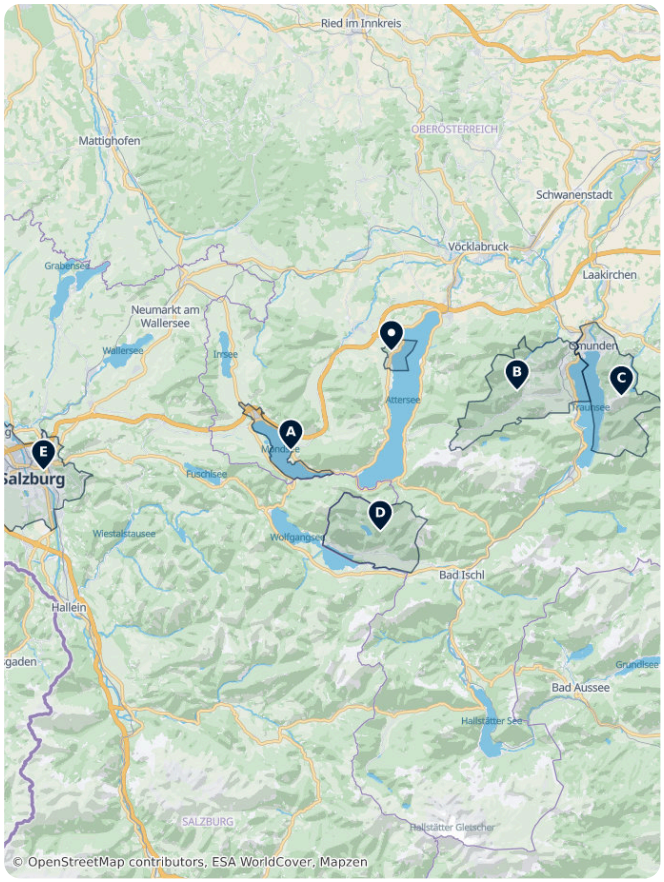
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What to experience

- Swim and paddle in the lake.
- Cycle part of the lake path.
- Learn to sail or windsurf.
- Dive in the clear water.
- Visit the Klimt centre.

Day trips

- A Mondsee is about 20 minutes away by car.
- B Altmünster is on the Traunsee, about 30 minutes away by car.
- C Gmunden is about 35 minutes away by car.
- D St. Wolfgang is about 35 minutes away by car.
- E Salzburg is about 50 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Mondsee, Altmünster and Gmunden are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 50 minutes away by car.
- By train: The nearest stations are Attnang-Puchheim and Vöcklabruck, with buses to the lake. Check times on ÖBB.
- By bus: Regional buses run around the lake.
- By car: The A1 motorway leads to the lake via local roads.

Getting around

A car or bicycle is the easiest way to move around the lake. Local buses link the main villages. Boats run in the summer season.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The lake town is small, but the lake is large and villages are spread out.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

A cycle path circles most of the lake.

Driving

A car helps to see the whole lake. The lakeside roads can be busy in July and August. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Parking at beaches can be limited.

Food & drink

Lake fish, especially char and whitefish, are the local speciality. Many lakeside restaurants serve fish grilled or smoked. *Kaiserschmarrn* and cakes are common in cafes.

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

Attersee is very safe. Sudden storms can hit the lake, so check forecasts when sailing or swimming. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112.

History

Prehistoric lake dwellers left traces around the Salzkammergut lakes. The area was farmland and a salt-trade route for centuries. *Gustav Klimt* painted here from 1900 to 1916, and the lake developed as a summer resort.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

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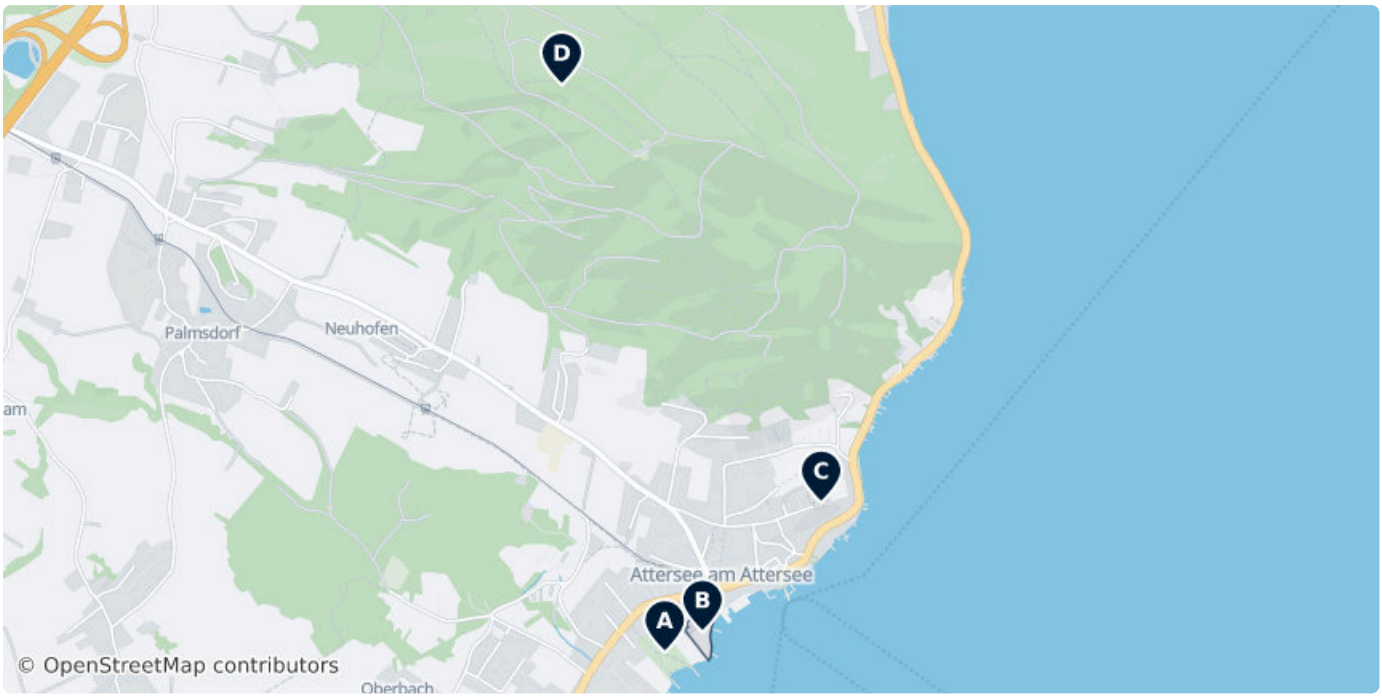
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights



A Badeplatz Attersee

17 Nußdorfer Straße, Attersee am Attersee 4864, Austria (47.91230, 13.53332)

B Erlebnisbad Attersee

Nußdorferstraße 13, 4864 Attersee am Attersee (47.91285, 13.53485)

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C Maria Attersee

30 Kirchenstraße, Attersee am Attersee 4864, Austria (47.91636, 13.53965)

D Buchberg

(Unnamed Road), 4880, Austria (47.92767, 13.52916)

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