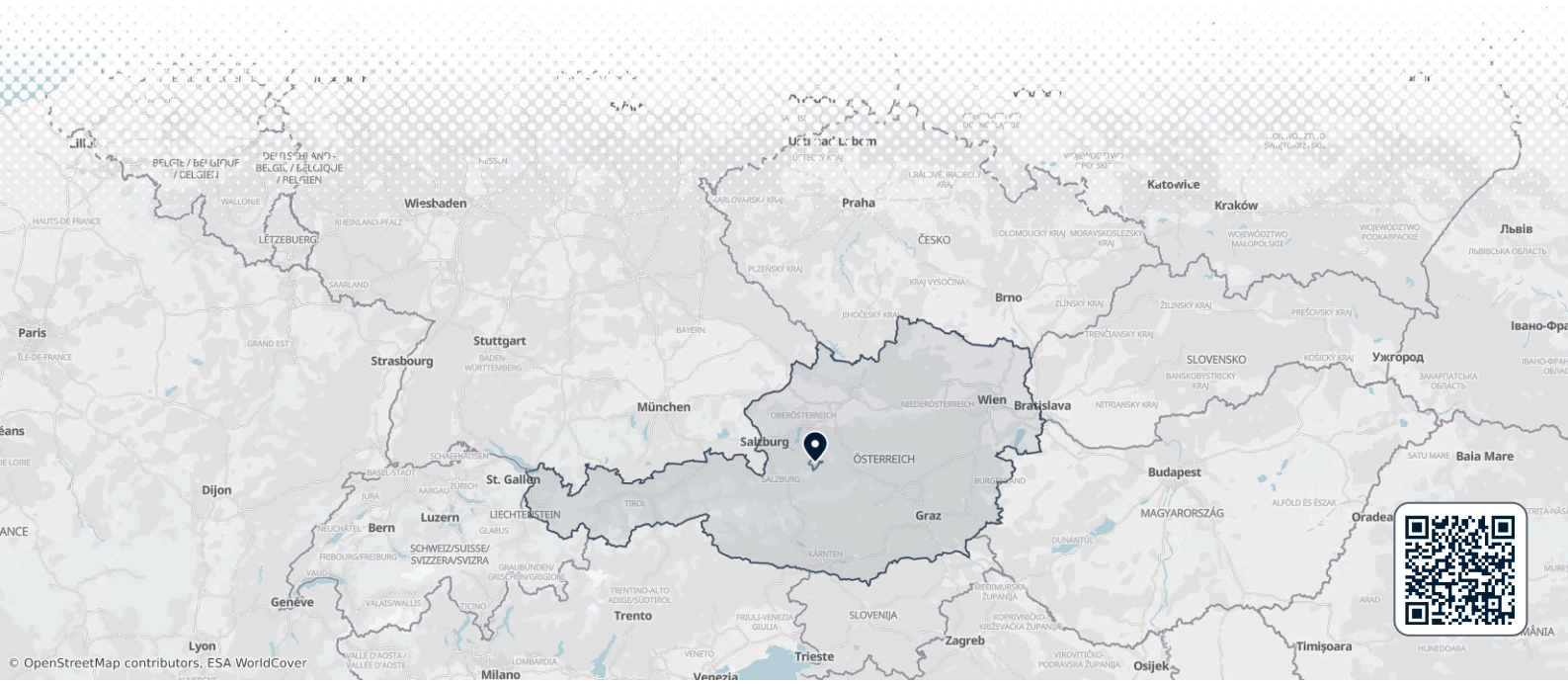


Bad Aussee

Salzkammergut · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Bad Aussee is a small spa town in the Styrian Salzkammergut, at the meeting point of three rivers. Mountains surround the valley, and several lakes lie nearby. The town is known for its salt history and for its Narzissus festival, a spring flower festival.

The town is calm and traditional. Many locals wear the local dress, the *Dirndl* and *Lederhosen*, on special days. It is a good base for lakes and walks.

When to visit

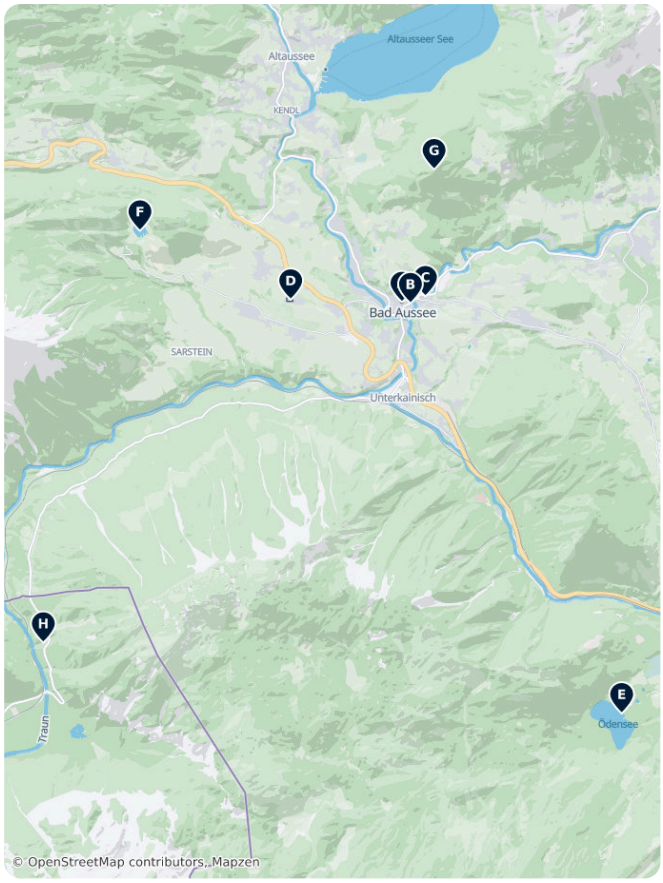
May to September is best for walking and lakes. The Narzissus festival in late May and early June is a highlight. Autumn is colourful, and winter has ski days and quiet trails. Rain is common in summer.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-5° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	4° / 12° Feels like 1°	-4° / -13°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 17° Feels like 5°	0° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	4° / -3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	8° / 3°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	12° / 7°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 30°	14° / 9°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 30°	14° / 9°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	10° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23°	6° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17°	2° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	4° / 10° Feels like 1°	-3° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Kammerhof is a historic building that houses the town museum and salt history.
- B Lössl-Uhr is a historic clock on the town square.
- C Pfarrkirche Pauli Bekehrung is the parish church in the centre.
- D Narzissentherme is a thermal spa with pools.
- E Ödensee is a small, clear lake a short walk from town.
- F Sommersbergsee is a lake for swimming.
- G Tressensteinwarte is a lookout tower above the valley.
- H Koppenbrüllerhöhle is a cave in the nearby mountains.
- Grundlsee is a large lake close by with boats and walking paths.



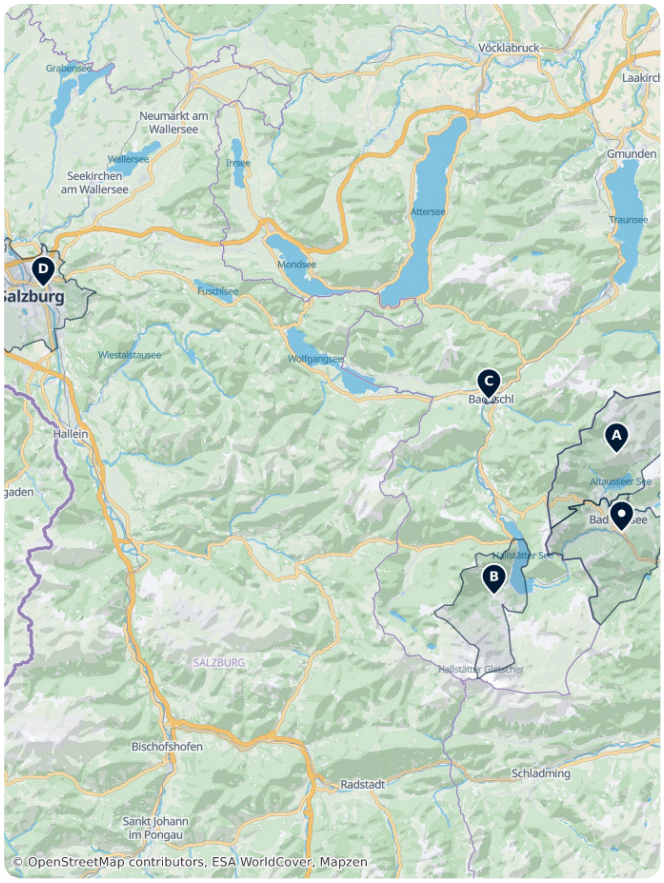
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What to experience

- Walk to a lake and swim in summer.
- Soak in the thermal spa.
- Attend the Narzissus festival.
- Hike a mountain trail.
- Visit the salt mine at Altaussee.

Day trips

- A Altaussee is a small lake village about 10 minutes away by car.
- B Hallstatt is about 40 minutes away by car.
- C Bad Ischl is about 35 minutes away by car.
- Grundlsee is about 10 minutes away by car.
- D Salzburg is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Altaussee, Hallstatt and Bad Ischl are the closest preferred towns.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car. Linz and Graz are alternatives.
- By train: Bad Aussee is on the Salzkammergut line. Trains from Attnang-Puchheim take about 1 hour 30 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By bus: Regional buses link the lakes.
- By car: The B145 road passes the town.

Getting around

The town is small and best on foot. Local buses connect the lakes and nearby villages. The station is a short walk from the centre. Cycling is a good way to reach the lakes.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The centre is small and flat, with river paths.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Cycle paths lead to the nearby lakes, and the hills are steep.

Driving

A car helps for the outlying lakes. Parking in the centre is limited. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Mountain roads can be narrow.

Food & drink

The region is known for lake fish, game and *Kaiserschmarrn*. *Ausseer Mehlspeisen*, local sweets and cakes, are served in cafes. Mountain inns serve dumplings and roast meat.

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

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

History

Salt mining shaped Bad Aussee from the Middle Ages. The salt trade made the town rich and gave it special rights. In the 19th century it became a spa and a summer retreat for writers and artists.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

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ELECTRICITY

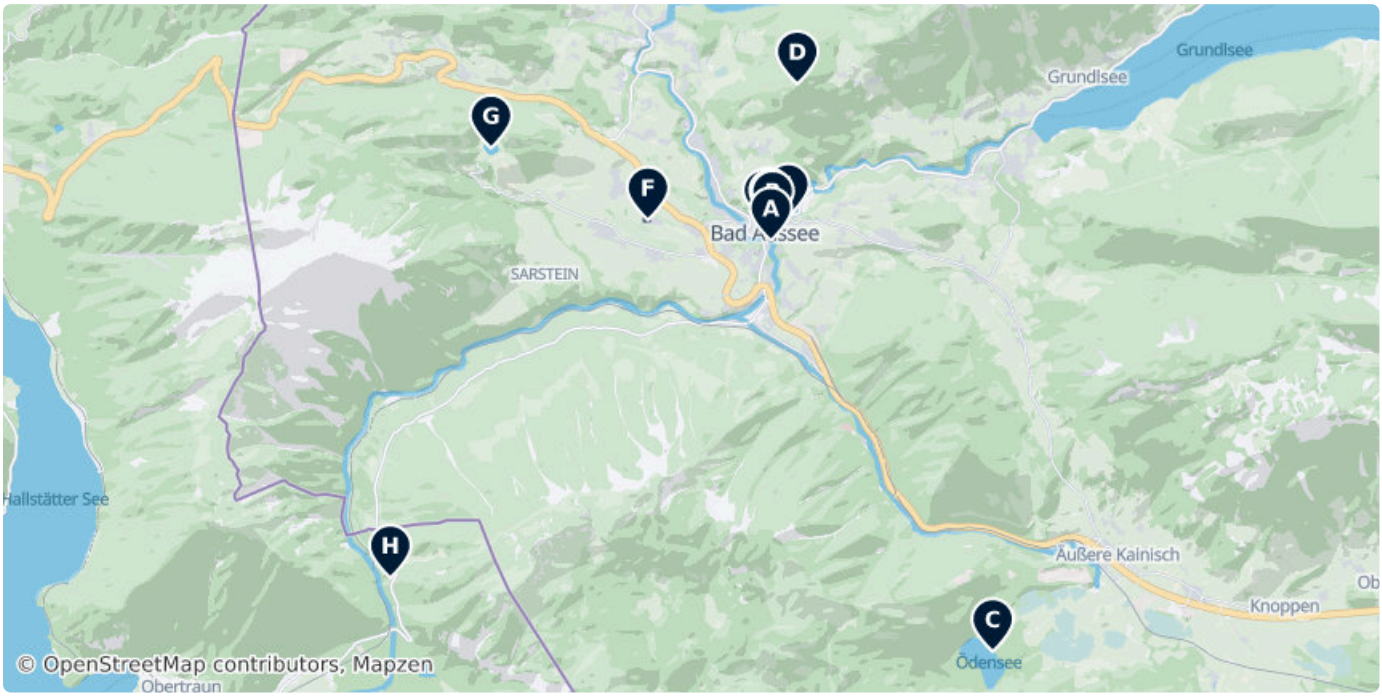
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Bad Aussee Essentials

Bad Aussee, the geographical center of Austria, is defined by its salt mining heritage and alpine landscapes. This collection highlights the town's architectural curiosities, such as the three-way Mercedes Bridge and the autodynamic Lössl-Uhr clock. Natural landmarks include the moor-fed Sommersbergsee and the active Koppenbrüllerhöhle water cave. Cultural sites like the Kammerhof Museum and the Gothic Parish Church of St. Paul provide insight into the region's historical salt administration and religious art.





A Mercedes Brücke

A three-way pedestrian bridge spanning the confluence of the Altausseer and Grundlseer Traun. Its unique design forms a 27-meter wide Mercedes-Benz star.

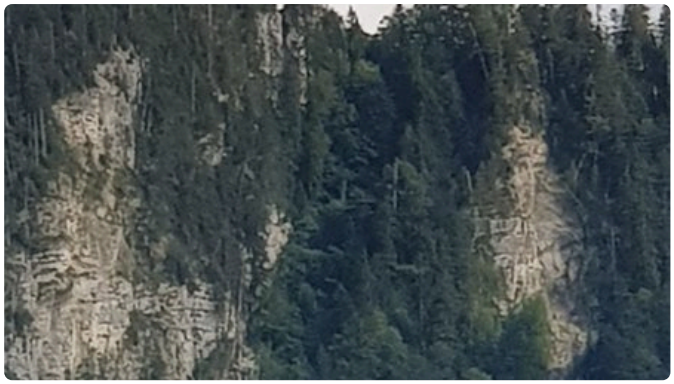
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B Lössl-Uhr

An autodynamic clock designed by engineer Friedrich Ritter von Lössl. It operates without manual winding, powered by changes in atmospheric pressure and temperature.

252 Parkgasse, Bad Aussee 8990, Austria
(47.61069, 13.78495)



C Ödensee

A protected moor lake surrounded by dense forest. The area features a flat hiking loop and is known for its diverse alpine flora and peat-rich waters.

8984, Austria (47.56210, 13.82201)

D Tressensteinwarte

A wooden observation tower atop the Tressenstein mountain. It provides panoramic views of the Ausseerland region, including the Grundlsee and Altausseer See lakes.

8990, Austria (47.62654, 13.78909)

E Kammerhof

Housed in a former salt administration building, this museum explores the history of salt mining, regional archaeology, and traditional Styrian costumes and crafts.

Chlumeckyplatz 1, 8990 Bad Aussee, AT (47.61082, 13.78347)

F Narzissentherme Bad Aussee

A wellness complex utilizing local saltwater. It features indoor and outdoor pools, a salt crystal sauna, and views of the surrounding Loser and Dachstein peaks.

Pötschenstraße 172, 8990 Bad Aussee, AT (47.61112, 13.76393)

Mo–Su 09:00–21:00

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G Sommersbergsee

A natural moor lake situated at 640 meters. Due to its dark, peaty bottom, the water reaches higher temperatures than other alpine lakes in the region.

8990, Austria (47.61928, 13.73749)

H Koppenbrüllerhöhle

An active water cave in the Dachstein massif featuring impressive stalactites and underground streams that swell significantly during snowmelt.

Obertraun, 4831, Austria (47.57048, 13.72053)

Mo–Su 09:00–16:00

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I Pfarrkirche Pauli Bekehrung

A 15th-century Gothic parish church featuring a late-Gothic "Schöne Madonna" statue and a Baroque high altar.

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J Dreifaltigkeitssäule Chlumeckyplatz

A Baroque Holy Trinity column located in the central Chlumeckyplatz square, serving as a historic religious monument and focal point of the town center.

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K Rathaus

The historic town hall of Bad Aussee, located in the central square. It is a protected monument reflecting the town's traditional administrative architecture.

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