

Bad Kleinkirchheim

Carinthia · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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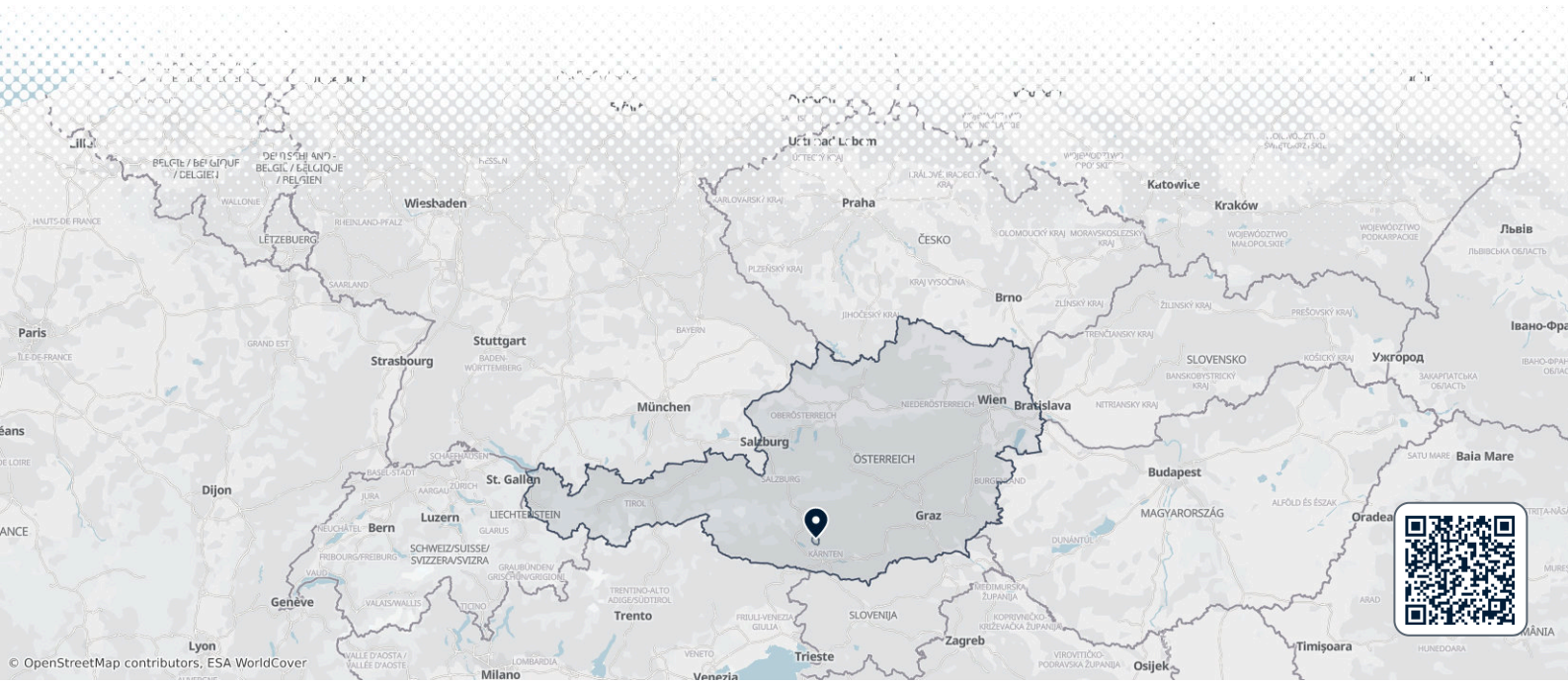


Overview

Bad Kleinkirchheim is a spa and ski village in the Nock Mountains of Carinthia. Its thermal springs have been used since Roman times, and two large spas sit in the village today. The Nockberge, a rolling mountain range, forms a biosphere reserve around it.

The village mixes relaxed spa days with skiing in winter and gentle hiking in summer. It is calm and family-friendly.

When to visit

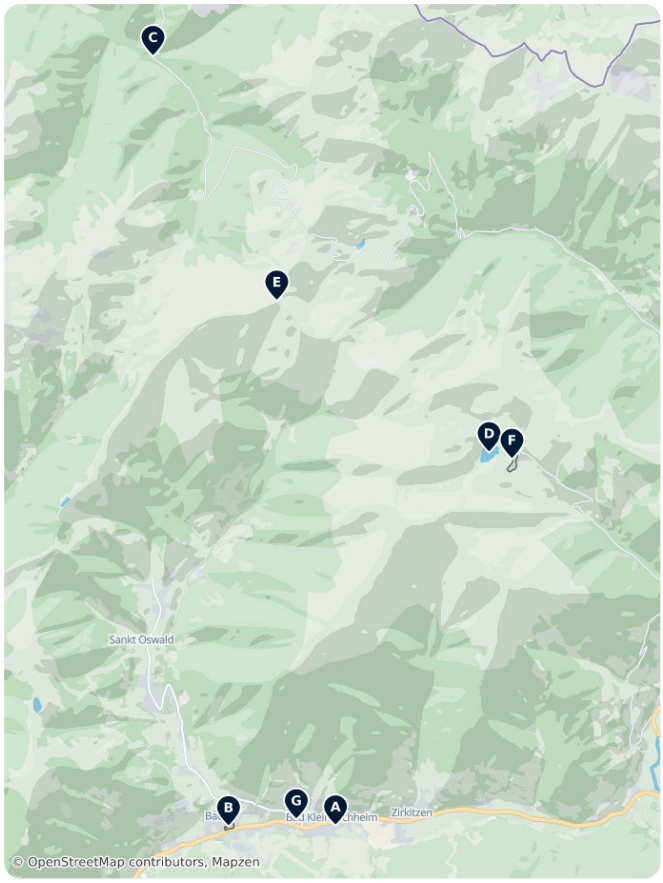
December to March is ski season, and the thermal baths are pleasant in cold weather. June to September is best for hiking and lakes. Autumn is colourful and quiet. Some mountain roads close in winter.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-7° / -15°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	3° / 10° Feels like -1°	-6° / -16°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 3°	-3° / -11°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	12° / 19°	2° / -5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	17° / 23°	6° / 1°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 27°	10° / 4°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	22° / 28°	12° / 6°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	22° / 28°	12° / 6°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	18° / 24°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	13° / 20°	4° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 14°	0° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -1°	-5° / -14°	Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Thermal-Römerbad is a large thermal complex with pools and saunas, on the site of old Roman baths.
- B Therme St. Kathrein is a second thermal spa with pools and slides.
- C Nockalmstraße is a scenic toll road across the Nockberge, with views and trailheads.
- D Falkertsee is a mountain lake for walks and swimming.
- E Klomnock is a gentle peak with wide views.
- F Heidialm is a family mountain area.
- G Evangelische Kirche Bad Kleinkirchheim is a local church.



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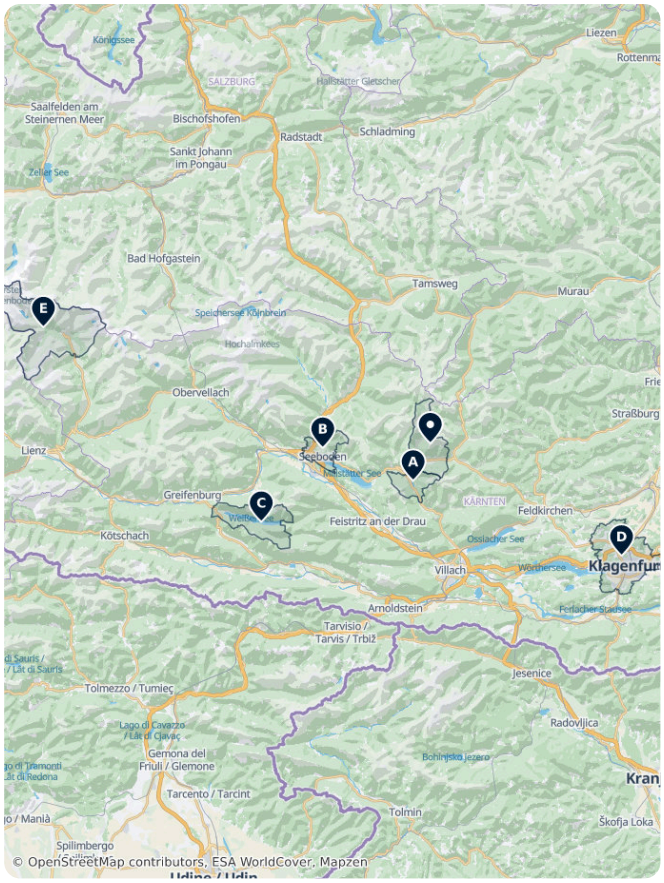
What to experience

- Soak in a thermal spa.
- Ski the Kaiserburg and Königswiese slopes.
- Drive the Nockalm road.
- Hike to a mountain lake.
- Visit Lake Millstatt for a swim.

Day trips

- A Feld am See is a small lake village, about 15 minutes away by car.
- B Seeboden lies on Lake Millstatt, about 30 minutes away by car.
- C Weißensee is a clear alpine lake, about 1 hour away by car.
- D Klagenfurt is about 1 hour away by car.
- E Heiligenblut is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Feld am See, Seeboden and Weißensee are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Klagenfurt Airport is about 1 hour away by car. Salzburg is about 2 hours.
- By train: The nearest station is Spittal-Millstättersee, with a bus to the village. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The A10 Tauern motorway, then a regional road via Feld am See.

Getting around

Free ski buses connect the lifts and spas in winter, and local buses run in summer. The spas are walkable from parts of the village. A car helps for the Nockalm road and lakes.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is spread along the valley, and lifts and baths are a short bus ride apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Mountain bike routes are plentiful, and the roads are hilly.

Driving

A car is helpful for the Nockalm road, which is a toll road and closes in winter. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Carinthian cooking includes *Kasnudeln*, cheese dumplings, and *Reindling*, a yeast cake. Local huts serve hearty stews and dairy dishes. Regional cheese and cured meats are common.

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 Kleinkirchheim is very safe. Thermal waters can be tiring, so drink water. Mountain weather changes quickly. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

The thermal springs were used by the Romans, and the village grew around a medieval church. Its name comes from a saint, Kathrein, who gave the second spa its name. Modern tourism and spa development began after World War II, and the Nockberge became a national park in 1987, later a biosphere reserve.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

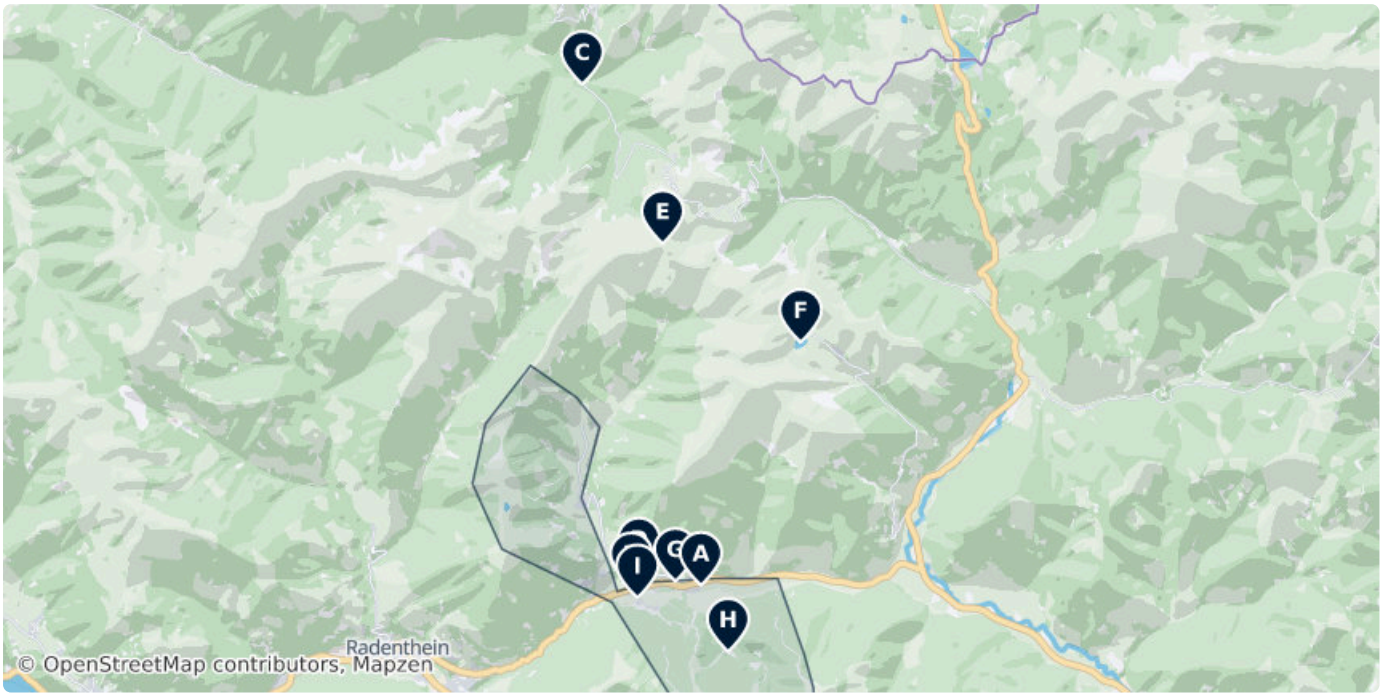
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Bad Kleinkirchheim Essentials

Bad Kleinkirchheim combines high-altitude skiing with historic thermal wellness in the Carinthian Nockberge. This selection features the Thermal-Römerbad, located directly at the slopes, and the family-focused Therme Sankt Kathrein. Outdoor exploration centers on the 34-kilometer Nockalmstraße alpine road and the 2,331-meter Klomnock peak. Winter sports enthusiasts have access to over 100 kilometers of groomed runs, including the Franz Klammer World Cup descent. Local culinary traditions are represented at rustic huts like Trattler's Einkehr, specializing in regional trout and Carinthian specialties.





Ⓐ Thermal-Römerbad

Thermal baths right next to the slope with a magnificent view over the ski slopes from the heated outdoor pools.

74 Dorfstraße, 9546, Bad Kleinkirchheim
(46.81340, 13.79913)



Ⓑ Therme Sankt Kathrein

Family-oriented wellness center featuring an 86-meter water slide, multiple indoor and outdoor thermal pools, and a large sauna area.

47 Dorfstraße, Bad Kleinkirchheim 9546, Austria
(46.81329, 13.77886)

therme-kathrein.at



C Nockalmstraße

A 34-kilometer scenic toll road with 52 hairpin bends, reaching elevations of 2,042 meters through the UNESCO Biosphere Park Nockberge.

Nockalmstraße, 9546, Austria (46.91321, 13.76454)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

nockalmstrasse.at

D Skigebiet Bad Kleinkirchheim

Ski resort featuring 103 kilometers of slopes, 24 lift facilities, and the 3.2-kilometer Franz Klammer World Cup run.

1 Parkweg, Bad Kleinkirchheim 9546, Austria (46.81628, 13.78108)

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E Klomnock

A 2,331-meter peak in the Nockberge mountains, accessible via hiking trails from the Nockalm Road.

9546, Austria (46.88150, 13.78800)

F Falkertsee

Falkertsee is a lake of Carinthia, Austria.

9564, Austria (46.86183, 13.82824)



G Evangelische Kirche Bad Kleinkirchheim

Protestant church building located in the district of Spittal an der Drau, serving the local parish in the village center.

67b Dorfstraße, Bad Kleinkirchheim 9546, Austria
(46.81420, 13.79169)



H Bergrestaurant Waldtratte

Alpine restaurant situated at the middle station of the Kaiserburgbahn cable car, serving traditional Carinthian dishes at 1,544 meters.

(46.80020, 13.80707)

waldtratte.at

I Trattler's Einkehr

Rustic mountain hut and restaurant specializing in regional Carinthian cuisine and fresh trout from their own pond.

(46.81091, 13.78063)

Mo–Su	10:00–23:00

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