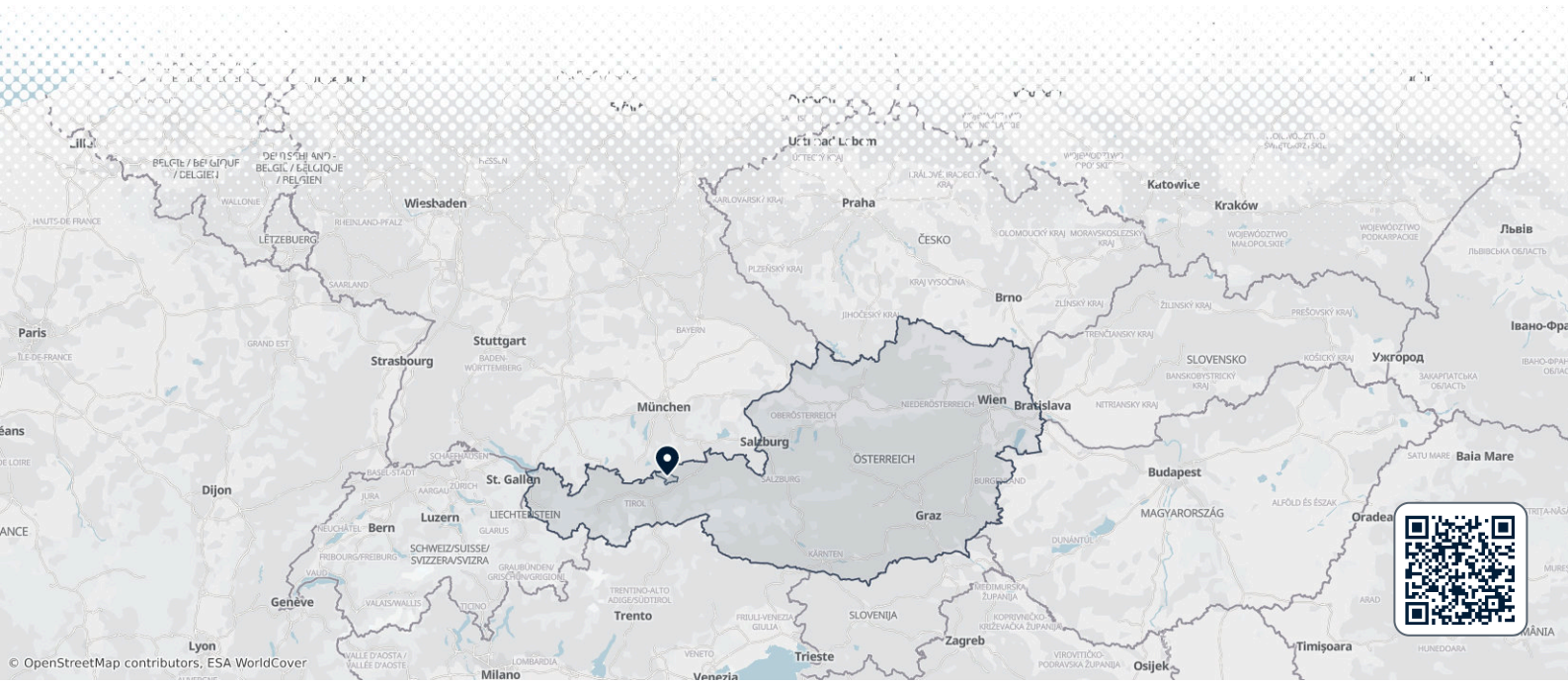


Eben am Achensee

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Eben am Achensee is a village at the southern end of the Achensee, the largest lake in Tyrol, between the Karwendel and Rofan mountains. The region is called the Achensee holiday region, and the lake villages of Pertisau, Maurach and Achenkirch are all part of it.

The lake is deep blue and good for swimming, sailing and windsurfing. The village is quiet, and a base for hiking, cycling and gentle skiing.

When to visit

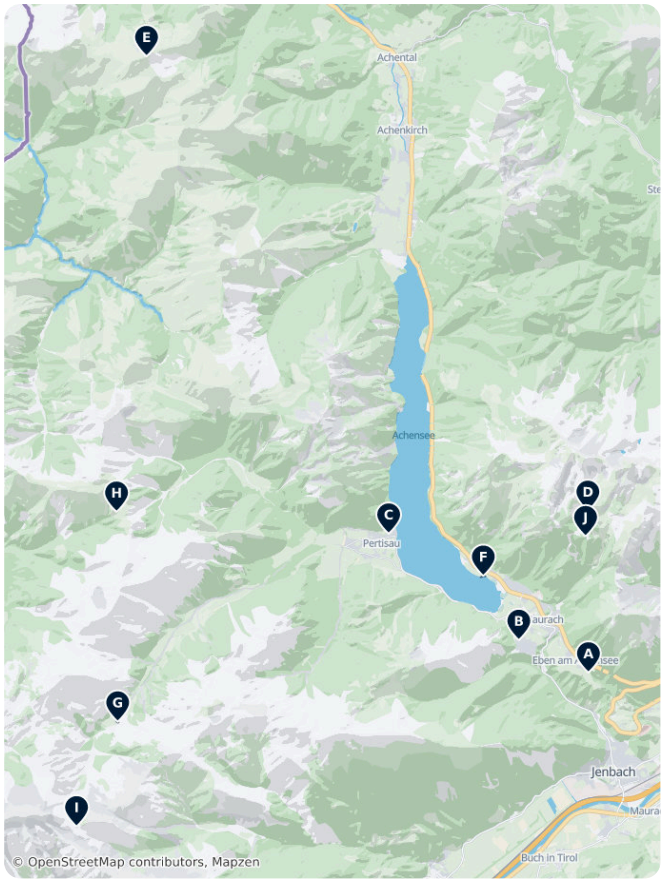
June to September is best for swimming, sailing and hiking. The lake is warm enough for a swim from July. Autumn is calm and colourful. Winter has ski slopes, cross-country trails and sleigh rides.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 7° Feels like -2°	-7° / -16°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	3° / 11° Feels like -1°	-6° / -16°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 4°	-2° / -11°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	12° / 20°	2° / -5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	17° / 24°	6° / 1°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 28°	10° / 5°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for hiking	22° / 29°	12° / 7°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	22° / 29°	12° / 7°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	18° / 25°	8° / 2°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21°	4° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 4°	-1° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -1°	-5° / -15°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- The Achensee is the main attraction, with a shore path and boat trips by steamship in season.
- A Museum Sankt Notburga is a church and museum devoted to Saint Notburga, a local patron of servants and farmers.
- B Achenseer Museumswelt presents the region's history and the lake.
- C Tiroler Steinöl shows how a local rock oil was made.
- D Adlerhorst is a viewpoint above the lake.
- E Juifen is a peak above Achenkirch with wide views.
- F Seewiese Buchau is a lakeside meadow for swimming.
- G Barfußweg is a barefoot trail for families.
- H Plumsjoch-Hütte, I Lamsenjochhütte and J Erfurter Hütte are mountain huts on popular hiking routes.
- The Achenseebahn is Europe's oldest cog railway still running on steam, linking Jenbach and the lake.



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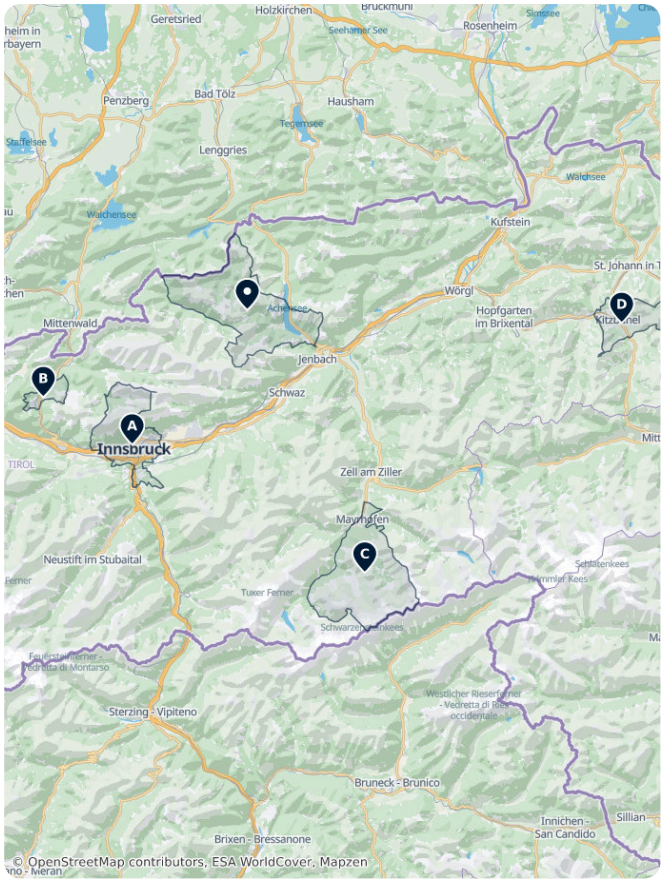
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What to experience

- Swim and sail on the lake.
- Take a lake steamship.
- Ride the steam cog railway.
- Hike a Karwendel trail.
- Ski or cross-country ski in winter.

Day trips

- A Innsbruck is about 50 minutes away by car.
- B Seefeld is about 1 hour away by car.
- C Mayrhofen is about 1 hour away by car.
- D Kitzbühel is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- Pertisau and Achenkirch, other lake villages, are 10 to 20 minutes away.



Where to explore

- Innsbruck and Seefeld are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 1 hour away by car. Munich is about 1 hour 45 minutes.
- By train: The nearest station is Jenbach, on the Inn Valley line, with a bus or steam train to the lake. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The A12 motorway, then the road from Jenbach, reach the lake.

Getting around

Buses and boats link the lake villages. The village is walkable, and a cycle path follows the lake. Cycling is easy.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is small, and the lake villages are a bus or boat ride apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Cycle paths run along the lake, and mountain bike routes climb into the Karwendel.

Driving

A car helps for other lake villages and trailheads. The lake road can be busy in summer. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food is hearty. Try *Tiroler Gröstl*, a pan of potatoes and meat, and *Kaiserschmarrn*. The lake offers char and trout. Mountain huts serve soups and dumplings.

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

Eben is very safe. The lake is cold, and storms can arrive quickly. Mountain paths need care in changing weather. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Eben grew around a pilgrimage site for Saint Notburga, who lived nearby in the 13th century. The Achensee area was a route for farmers and traders. The steam cog railway opened in 1889 and helped turn the lake into a holiday area.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

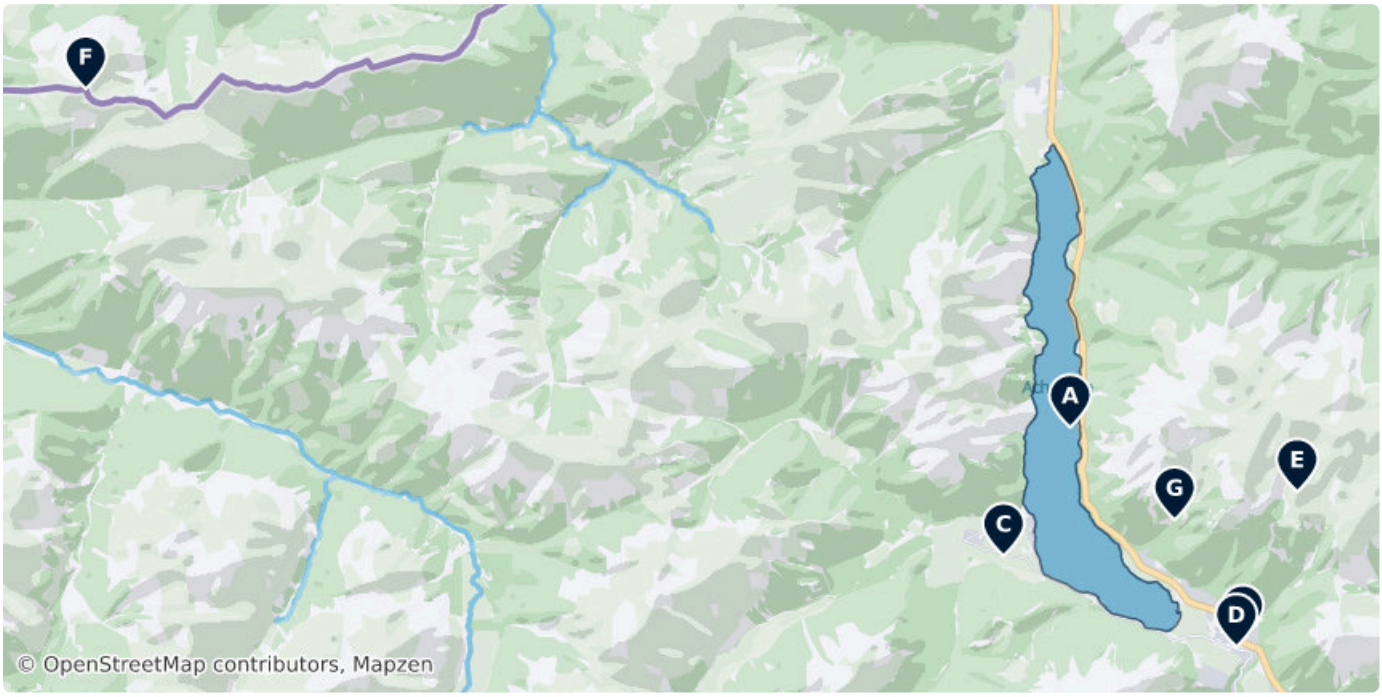
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Eben am Achensee's Absolute Essentials

Eben am Achensee serves as the gateway to Tyrol's largest lake, the Achensee, often referred to as the 'Fjord of the Alps' due to its steep mountain backdrop. The region provides access to two major mountain ranges, the Karwendel and the Rofan, both reachable via dedicated cable cars. Visitors can explore the 60-meter Dalfazer Waterfall or take in 360-degree views from the Adlerhorst viewing platform. The area is a hub for high-altitude hiking, windsurfing, and exploring the alpine border at the Schafreuter peak.





A Achen Lake

Lake Achen is a lake in Austria, north of Jenbach in Tyrol. Lake Achen is also called "Fjord of the Alps" and "Tyrolean Sea".

6213, Austria (47.45690, 11.71196)

achensee.info/en/, +43 5246 53000

B Rofanseilbahn

This cable car ascends from Maurach to the Rofan Mountains at 1,840 meters. It provides access to the AirRofan skyglider and a network of hiking trails leading to the Rofanspitze and various alpine huts.

10 Achenseestraße, Maurach 6212, Austria (47.42449, 11.75132)

C Karwendel-Bergbahn

Located in Pertisau, this cable car transports passengers to the Zwölferkopf at 1,500 meters. The summit area offers views of the Achensee and serves as a starting point for paragliding and hiking in the Karwendel Nature Park.

31 Naturparkstraße, 6213, Austria (47.43711, 11.69679)

karwendel-bergbahn.at, +43 5243 5326



D Eben am Achensee

Eben am Achensee is a municipality in the Schwaz district in the Austrian state of Tyrol.

30 Dorfstraße, Maurach 6212, Austria (47.42312, 11.74985)

Mo	07:30–12:00, 14:00–19:00
Th–Fr	08:00–12:00

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E Adlerhorst

A viewing platform on the Gschöllkopf mountain in the Rofan range. Designed to resemble an eagle's nest, the metal structure offers a 360-degree panorama of the Achensee and the surrounding Karwendel, Rofan, and Zillertal Alps.

6212, Austria (47.44702, 11.76372)



F Schafreuter

Schafreuter or Schafreiter is a mountain at the border of Bavaria, Germany and Tirol, Austria in the Karwendel range.

83661, Germany (47.50901, 11.48760)

G Dalfazer Wasserfall

A 60-meter-high waterfall located near Maurach. It is accessible via a hiking trail from the Rofanseilbahn valley station and features a wooden viewing platform with relaxation loungers at its base.

(47.44267, 11.73575)

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