

Gmunden

Salzkammergut · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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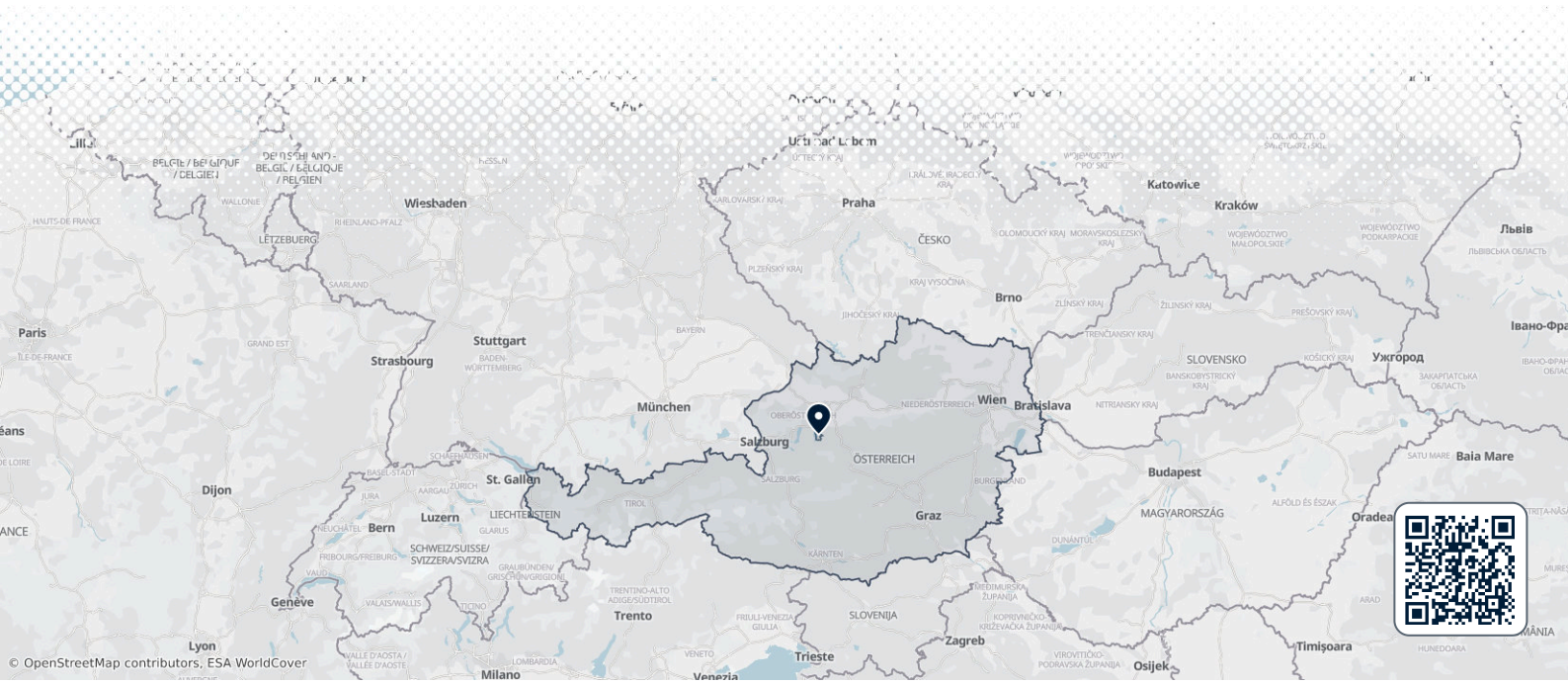

Overview

Gmunden lies at the northern end of the Traunsee, the deepest lake in Austria, and is surrounded by mountains. The town is known for its ceramics, its lakeside castles and the green Gmundner Keramik pottery.

Seeschloss Ort sits on a small island with a covered wooden bridge. Behind the town, the Traunstein rises steeply above the lake. Gmunden is a quiet, relaxed gateway to the Salzkammergut.

When to visit

May to September is best for swimming, boat trips and hiking. The Traunstein hike is for the summer months. Spring and autumn are quiet, and the autumn colours are good. Winters are cold and often foggy, and the Advent market is a draw. Rain is common all year.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 10° Feels like -1°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 13° Feels like 1°	-3° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 18° Feels like 6°	0° / -7°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23°	4° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	15° / 10°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 33°	15° / 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	16° / 23°	6° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 6°	2° / -5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 11° Feels like 0°	-2° / -11°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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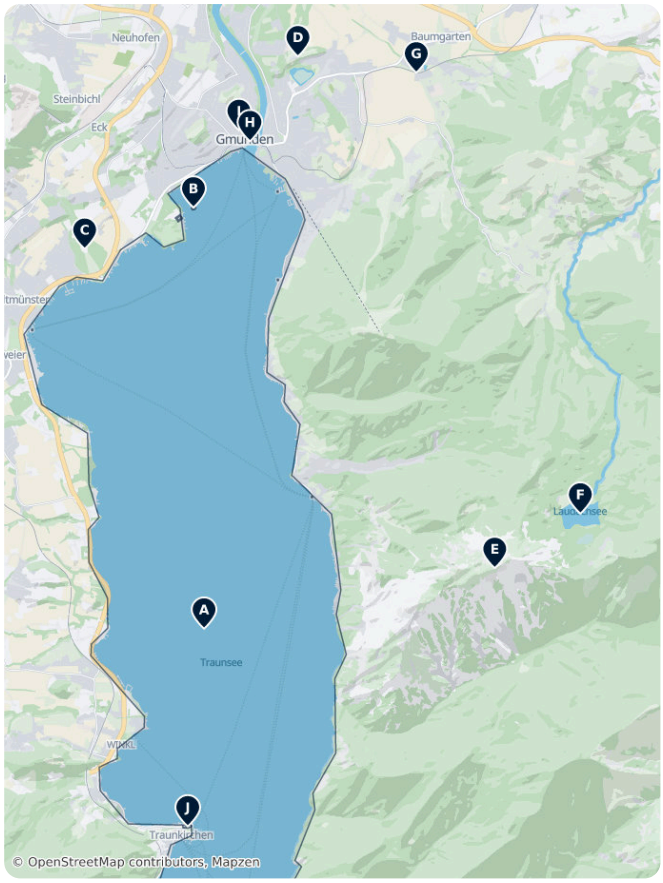
Top sights



- A Traunsee is the lake, with steep mountain shores, walking paths and boat trips.
- B Seeschloss Ort is a castle on a small island, reached by a wooden bridge. It is known from a TV series.
- C Schloss Traunsee is a castle complex on the lakefront.
- D Schloß Cumberland is a villa-style castle above the town.
- E Traunstein is the steep limestone mountain above the lake, with a challenging summit trail.
- F Laudachsee is a small mountain lake with a hut, reached on foot.
- G Traunseetram is a tram line that runs through the town.
- H Kammerhofmuseum covers local history and the Gmunden ceramics.
- I Stadtpfarrkirche Gmunden is the main parish church of the town.
- J Pfarrkirche Traunkirchen is a baroque monastery church across the lake in Traunkirchen.
- The Rathaus has a ceramic carillon that plays several times a day.

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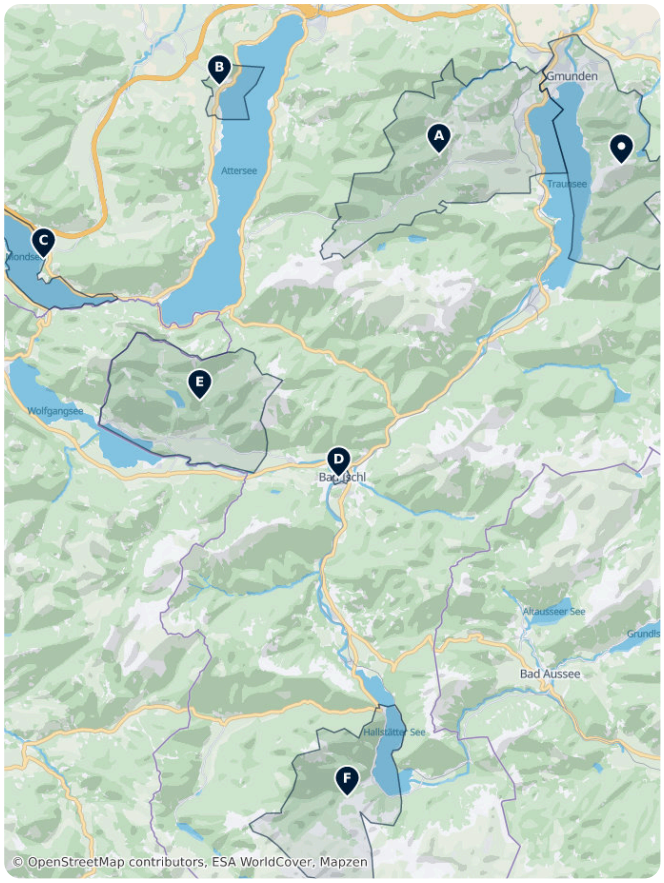
What to experience

- Take a lake cruise on the Traunsee.
- Hike the Traunstein or a lower lake trail.
- Visit a pottery workshop.
- Walk to Seeschloss Ort across the wooden bridge.
- Swim at a lido in summer.

Day trips

- A Altmünster lies on the western shore of the Traunsee, about 15 minutes by car.
- B Attersee is a large lake, about 40 minutes by car.
- C Mondsee is a lake town where parts of *The Sound of Music* were filmed, about 45 minutes by car.
- D Bad Ischl is a spa town, about 45 minutes by car.
- E St. Wolfgang is about 1 hour by car.
- F Hallstatt is about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.



Where to explore

- Altmünster, Attersee and Bad Ischl are the closest preferred places in the Salzkammergut.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes away. Linz and Munich are alternatives.
- By train: Gmunden is on a branch line. Trains from Attnang-Puchheim take about 30 minutes. Vienna to Attnang-Puchheim is about 2 hours 15 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Take the A1 motorway to the Regau exit, then the B145 road.

Getting around

The town and lakefront are small and walkable. Local buses cover the rest. Lake boats connect the shores. Cycling is easy along the lake.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town centre and lakefront are flat and compact. Mountain sights are reached by bus or on foot.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Lakeside paths and the Traun cycle route are mostly flat.

Driving

A car is helpful for the other lakes. The lakeside road is busy in summer. Parking near the centre is limited. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Lake fish are a local speciality, and *Reinanke*, a whitefish, is common on menus. The Salzkammergut also offers dumplings, *Kaiserschmarrn* and local beer. Gmundner Keramik is sold in shops around the town.

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

Gmunden is very safe. Be careful on the water in changing weather. The Traunstein summit trail is steep and exposed, and not for beginners. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Gmunden was a salt-trading town from the Middle Ages, since salt from the mines was shipped across the lake and down the Traun river. The town became a summer retreat for the Habsburgs and nobles in the 19th century. Gmundner Keramik has been made here since the 15th century.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

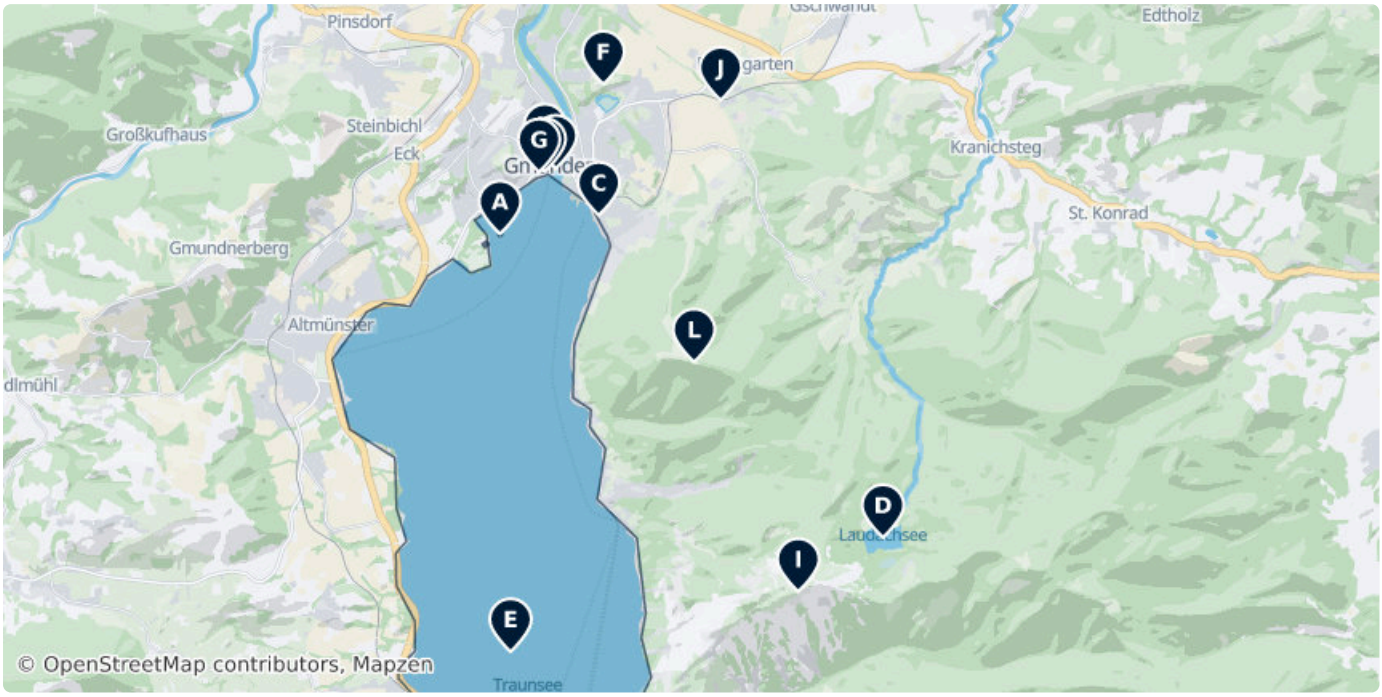
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Gmunden Essentials

Gmunden, situated at the northern end of Lake Traunsee, is defined by its centuries-old ceramic heritage and imperial architecture. This collection highlights the 11th-century Seeschloss Ort island castle and the neo-Gothic Cumberland Castle. The town's history is preserved in the Kammerhofmuseum and the Stadttheater, while the Grünberg cable car provides access to the Alpine landscape of the Salzkammergut. Nearby, the Traunstein peak and Laudachsee offer rugged terrain for hiking, complemented by the historic Traunseetram connecting the town to the surrounding region.





A Ort Castle

Schloss Ort is an Austrian castle situated in the Traunsee lake, in Gmunden, 19 kilometres from Vöcklabruck, the gate to Salzkammergut.

Ort 1, 4810 Gmunden, Austria (47.91141, 13.79223)

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B Town of Gmunden

Probably the most picturesque town in the area best known for its three palaces. Here you can still buy traditional pottery.

4810 Gmunden, Austria (47.91809, 13.79939)

Mo–Tu	07:00–12:00, 12:30–17:00
We	07:00–13:00
Th	07:00–12:00, 12:30–17:00
Fr	07:00–12:00

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C Grünberg-Seilbahn

Cable car system transporting passengers from the lakeside to the 984-meter summit of the Grünberg mountain, providing access to hiking trails and the treetop walk.

Im Gsperr, 4810 Gmunden, Austria (47.91342, 13.80799)

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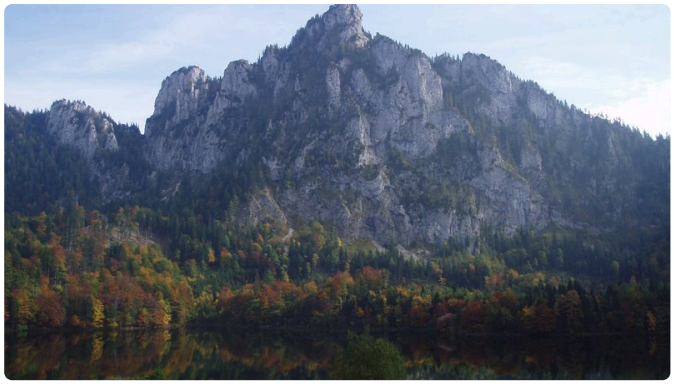


D Laudachsee

Laudachsee is a lake between the mountains in the Upper Austrian part of the Salzkammergut and neighbour to the larger Traunsee.

4810, Austria (47.87897, 13.85332)



E Traunsee

Traunsee is a lake in the Salzkammergut, Upper Austria, Austria. Its surface is approximately 24.5 km2 and its maximum depth of 191 metres...

4801, Austria (47.86677, 13.79391)



F Cumberland Castle

Cumberland Castle is a former royal palace in Gmunden, Austria. After the House of Hanover lost the throne of the Kingdom of Hanover, they...

36 Cumberlandstraße, Gmunden 4810, Austria (47.92743, 13.80872)



G Stadttheater

Historic municipal theater inaugurated in 1911, hosting a variety of stage performances, concerts, and cultural events in its traditional auditorium.

Theatergasse 7, 4810 Gmunden, AT (47.91804, 13.79846)

stadttheater.gmunden.at

H Kammerhofmuseum

Located in the former imperial salt office, this museum documents local history with a significant collection of Gmunden ceramics, archaeological finds, and salt trade exhibits.

(47.91844, 13.80115)



I Traunstein

Traunstein is the highest mountain on the east bank of Traunsee in the district of Gmunden, Austria.

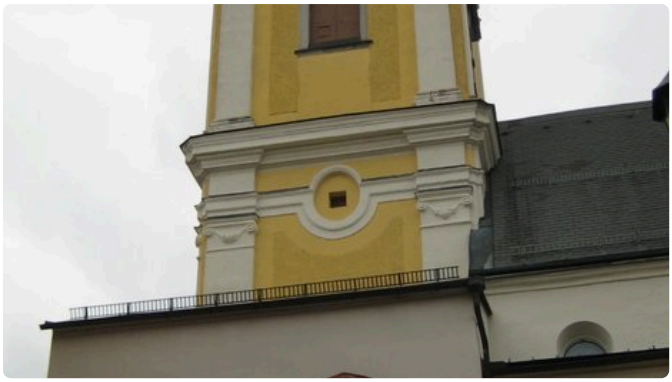
4810, Austria (47.87320, 13.83980)



J Traunseebahn

The Traunseebahn is a historic railway in Austria, running from Vorchdorf to Gmunden.

15 Müllerbachstraße, 4816, Austria (47.92572, 13.82743)



K Stadtpfarrkirche Gmunden

Roman Catholic parish church featuring a prominent Baroque high altar carved by Thomas Schwanthaler in 1678, depicting the Adoration of the Magi.

Kirchenplatz, 4810 Gmunden, Austria (47.91963, 13.79940)

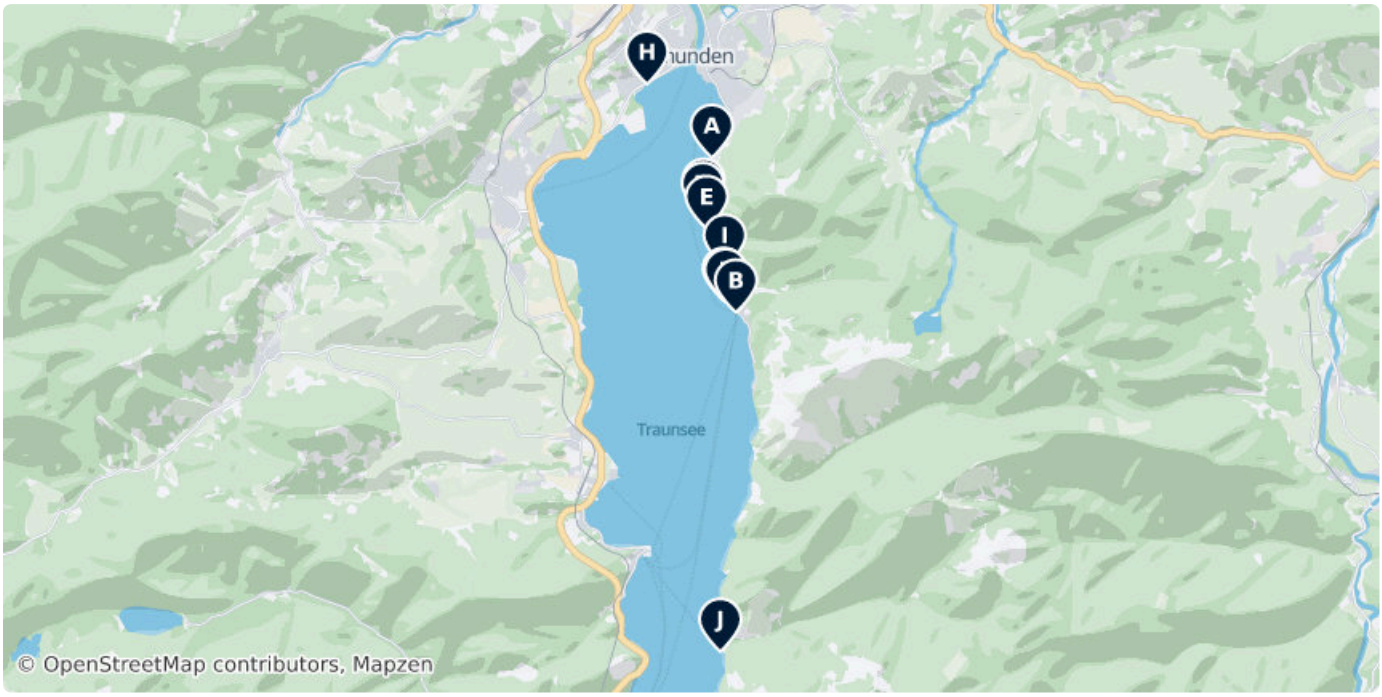
L Aussichtsturm Grünberg

A 39-meter-high wooden observation tower located at the summit of Grünberg mountain, offering 360-degree views of Lake Traunsee and the Traunstein peak.

(47.89773, 13.82319)

Gmunden Lakeside Promenades

Gmunden's lakeside is defined by the historic Esplanade and the rugged Ostuferweg, a trail tracing the eastern shore of Traunsee. These piers and landing stages serve as vital docking points for the Traunsee shipping fleet, including the 19th-century paddle steamer Gisela. They provide direct water access to traditional guesthouses like Hoisn'wirt and Grünberg am See, while offering clear views of the 1,691-meter Traunstein mountain. Many of these wooden structures are essential transit points for hikers navigating the Salzkammergut's waterfront paths.



A Gh Grünberg

Landing stage for Gasthof Grünberg am See on the eastern shore of Traunsee.

(47.90363, 13.80560)

B Gh Hoisn

Wooden pier at the Hoisn'wirt guesthouse, a regular stop for Traunsee ferry services.

(47.88067, 13.81097)

C pier

Public jetty located along the scenic Ostuferweg walking path.

(47.89563, 13.80378)

D Pier

Small landing stage situated on the eastern bank of Traunsee.

(47.89505, 13.80362)

E Pier

Wooden jetty on the eastern shore, providing lake access for hikers on the trail to Karbach.

(47.89308, 13.80448)

F Pier

Mooring point along the Traunsteinstraße on the eastern side of the lake.

(47.88223, 13.80869)

G Pier

Lakeside pier offering views of the Feuerkogel mountain range across the water.

(47.88243, 13.80825)

H Pier

Central landing stage located near the Gmunden Esplanade and the town's main square.

(47.91457, 13.79124)

I Pier

Jetty on the eastern shore, positioned directly beneath the Traunstein mountain.

(47.88735, 13.80848)

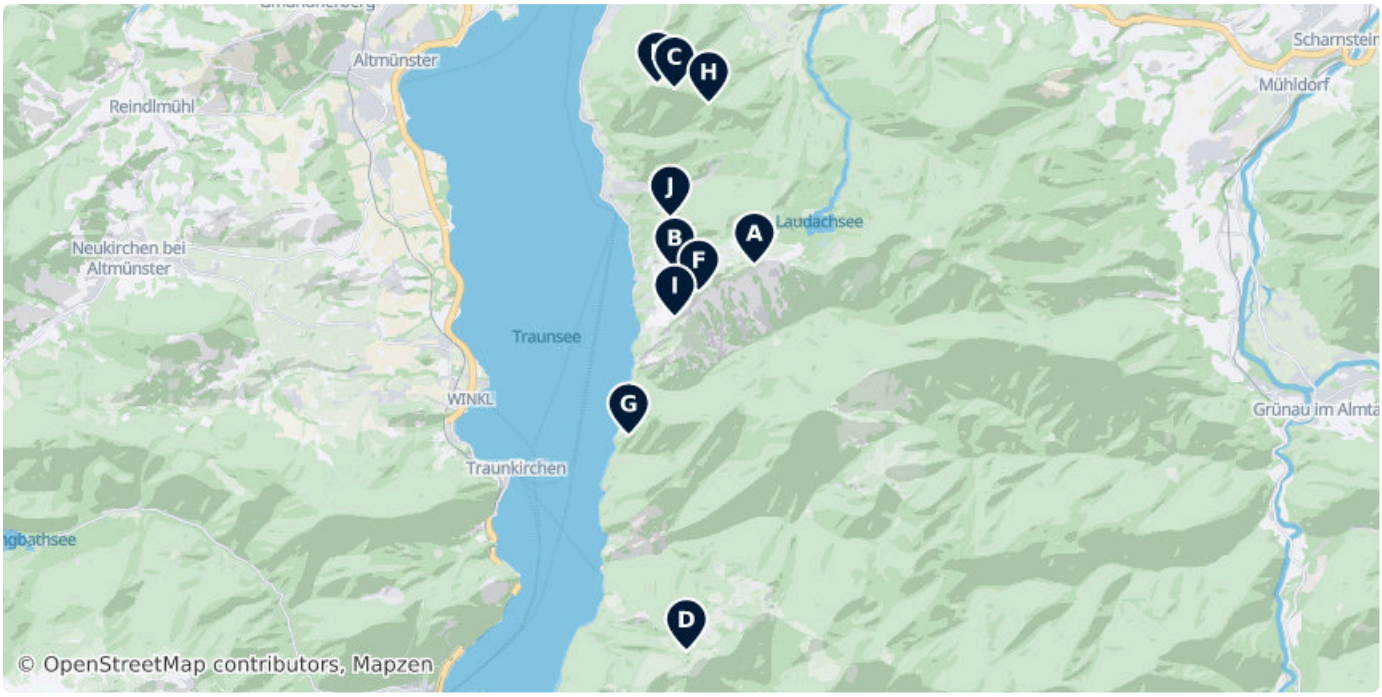
J Pier

Landing stage located at the southern end of Traunsee, near the town of Ebensee.

(47.83031, 13.80751)

Gmunden Mountain Views

Explore the prominent peaks and vantage points surrounding Lake Traunsee in Upper Austria. This selection includes the Traunstein, often called the 'Guardian of the Salzkammergut,' and the family-friendly Grünberg, accessible via cable car. The list features a range of elevations, from the 1,575-meter Erlakogel to the 39-meter-high observation tower on the Treetop Walk, providing diverse perspectives of the Dachstein glacier and the Totes Gebirge mountain range.





A Traunstein

Traunstein is the highest mountain on the east bank of Traunsee in the district of Gmunden, Austria.

4810, Austria (47.87320, 13.83980)

B Dachsteinblick

A scenic vantage point offering clear views across the Salzkammergut landscape toward the Dachstein glacier.

(47.87254, 13.82326)

C Aussichtsturm Grünberg

A 39-meter-high, wheelchair-accessible wooden observation tower at the summit of Grünberg, featuring a 75-meter tunnel slide and 360-degree alpine views.

(47.89773, 13.82319)

D Erlakogel

Standing at 1,575 meters, this peak is known locally as the 'Schlafende Griechin' (Sleeping Greek Woman) due to its distinct profile when viewed from the south.

4802, Austria (47.81937, 13.82566)

E Grünberg

A 984-meter mountain accessible by cable car from Gmunden, featuring hiking trails to Lake Laudachsee, a summer toboggan run, and a treetop walk.

4810, Austria (47.89840, 13.81958)

F Terrasse Traunsteinhaus (TVN)

The outdoor terrace of the Traunsteinhaus alpine hut, situated at 1,580 meters, offering panoramic views of Lake Traunsee and the surrounding limestone peaks.

4810, Austria (47.86945, 13.82826)

G Traunsee Panorama

A panoramic viewpoint overlooking the deep blue waters of Lake Traunsee and the steep western slopes of the Traunstein massif.

(47.84943, 13.81367)

H Traunseeblick

Elevated viewpoint providing a direct line of sight over the Gmunden bay and the northern edge of the Alps.

(47.89565, 13.83029)

I Hohe Rast

A traditional resting point located along the hiking ascent of the Traunstein mountain, offering views of the lake below.

(47.86590, 13.82324)

J Überraschung

A specific vantage point on the mountain trails near Gmunden known for its sudden, expansive views of the alpine scenery.

4810, Austria (47.87975, 13.82236)

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