

Grossarl

Salzburg · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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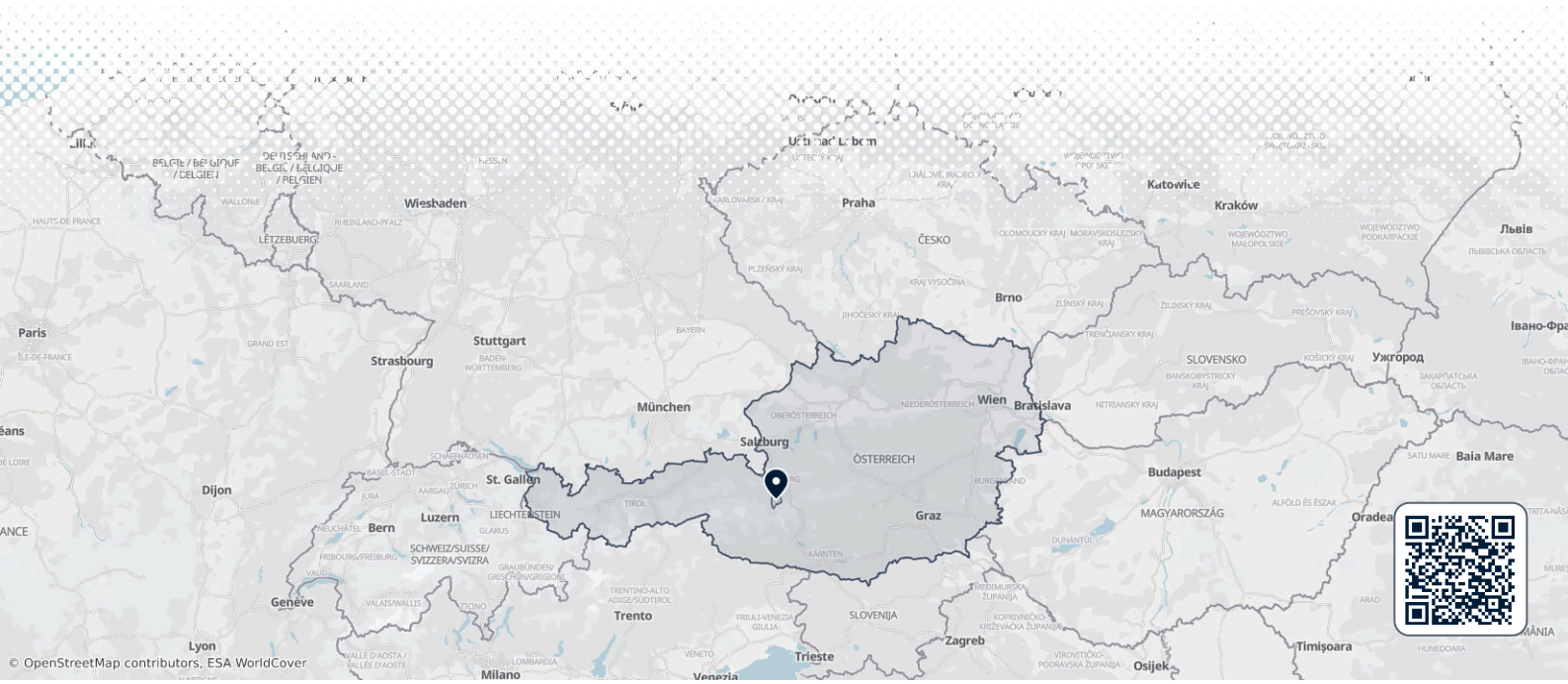

Overview

Großarl is a village in the Großarltal, a quiet side valley in Salzburg's Pongau region. It is known as the Valley of the Alpine Pastures, with many traditional huts on its slopes, and it sits at the edge of the Hohe Tauern.

The valley is green, calm and still working-farm country. It suits families, hikers and skiers who like a quieter base linked to the Ski amadé area.

When to visit

June to September is best for hiking and hut stays. Autumn has colourful larches and cattle drives from the pastures. December to March is ski season.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	0° / 5° Feels like -4°	-8° / -17°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-8° / -17°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	1° / -6°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	15° / 22°	5° / 0°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	10° / 4°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 26°	11° / 6°	23 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 27°	11° / 6°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	17° / 23°	7° / 1°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	12° / 19°	4° / -3°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	6° / 13° Feels like 3°	-1° / -10°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -2°	-6° / -16°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Gamskarkogel is a peak above the valley with wide views, and a popular hiking goal.
- B Gamskarkogelhütte is a mountain hut near the peak.
- The Liechtensteinklamm, a deep gorge near St Johann, is a short drive away.
- The village church stands in the middle of the village.
- Alpine pasture huts across the valley serve fresh dairy in summer.



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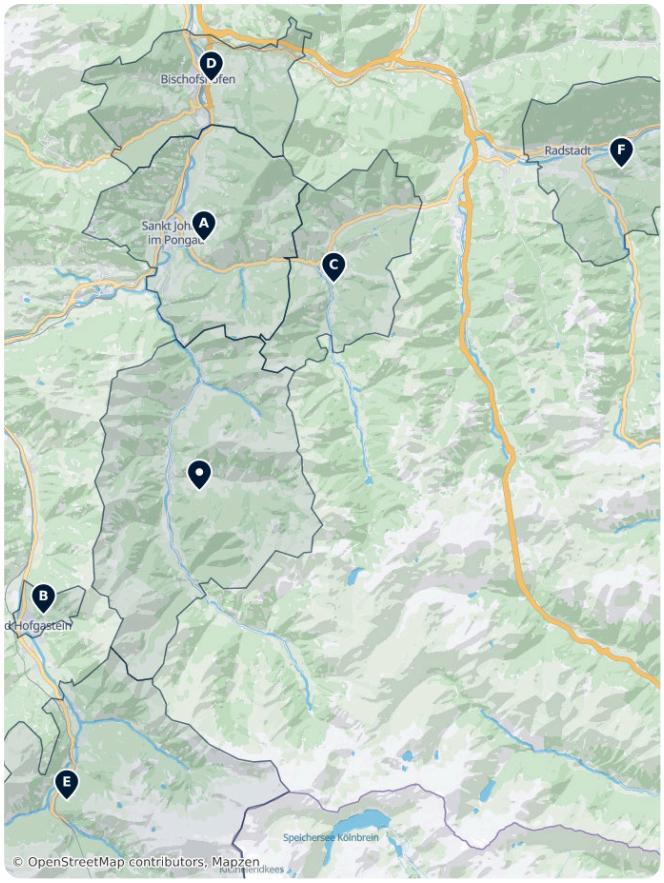
What to experience

- Hike to an alpine hut.
- Taste fresh dairy on a pasture.
- Ski in the valley.
- Visit the Liechtensteinklamm.
- Watch the autumn cattle drives.

Day trips

- A St Johann im Pongau is about 20 minutes away by car.
- B Bad Hofgastein is about 35 minutes away by car.
- C Wagrain is about 30 minutes away by car.
- D Bischofshofen is about 30 minutes away by car.
- E Bad Gastein is about 45 minutes away by car.
- F Radstadt is about 50 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- St Johann im Pongau, Wagrain and Bad Hofgastein are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- By train: The nearest station is St Johann im Pongau, on the Salzburg–Villach line. A bus runs up the valley. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A10 motorway at St Johann and follow the road up the valley.

Getting around

The village is small and walkable. A bus runs along the valley, and ski buses link the lifts.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is small, but the valley is long and trails start outside the centre.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley roads are quiet, and mountain bike routes climb to the alpine pastures.

Driving

A car helps for reaching trailheads and the nearby gorge. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Some pasture roads are private or closed to cars.

Food & drink

Salzburg-region food includes *Kasnocken*, cheese dumplings. Huts serve fresh butter, cheese and *Almkaffee*. *Kaiserschmarrn* is 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

Großarl is very safe. Mountain routes need good shoes and weather checks, and avalanche risk applies in winter. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Großarl was a farming valley, and mining and cattle rearing shaped life for centuries. Many protestants left the valley in the 1730s under the Salzburg expulsion. Tourism began in the 20th century, and the valley stayed small and rural.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

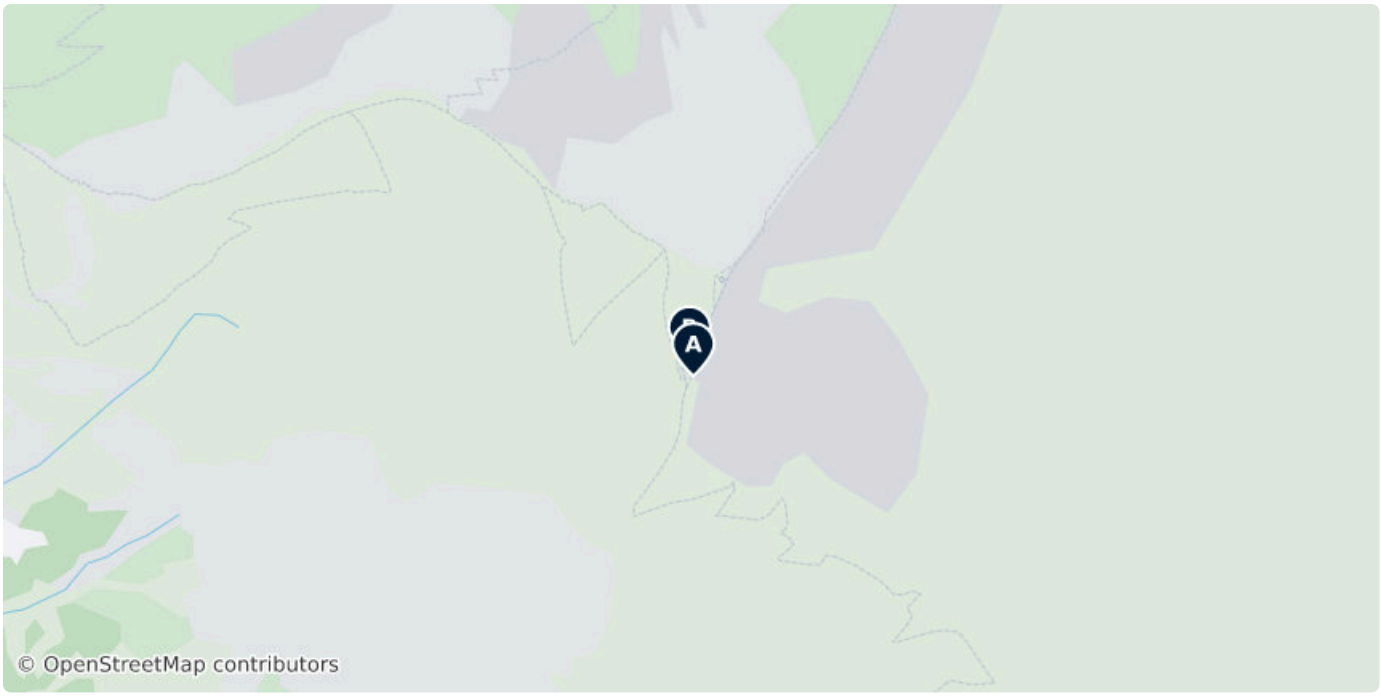
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights





A Gamskarkogel

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