

Mondsee

Salzkammergut · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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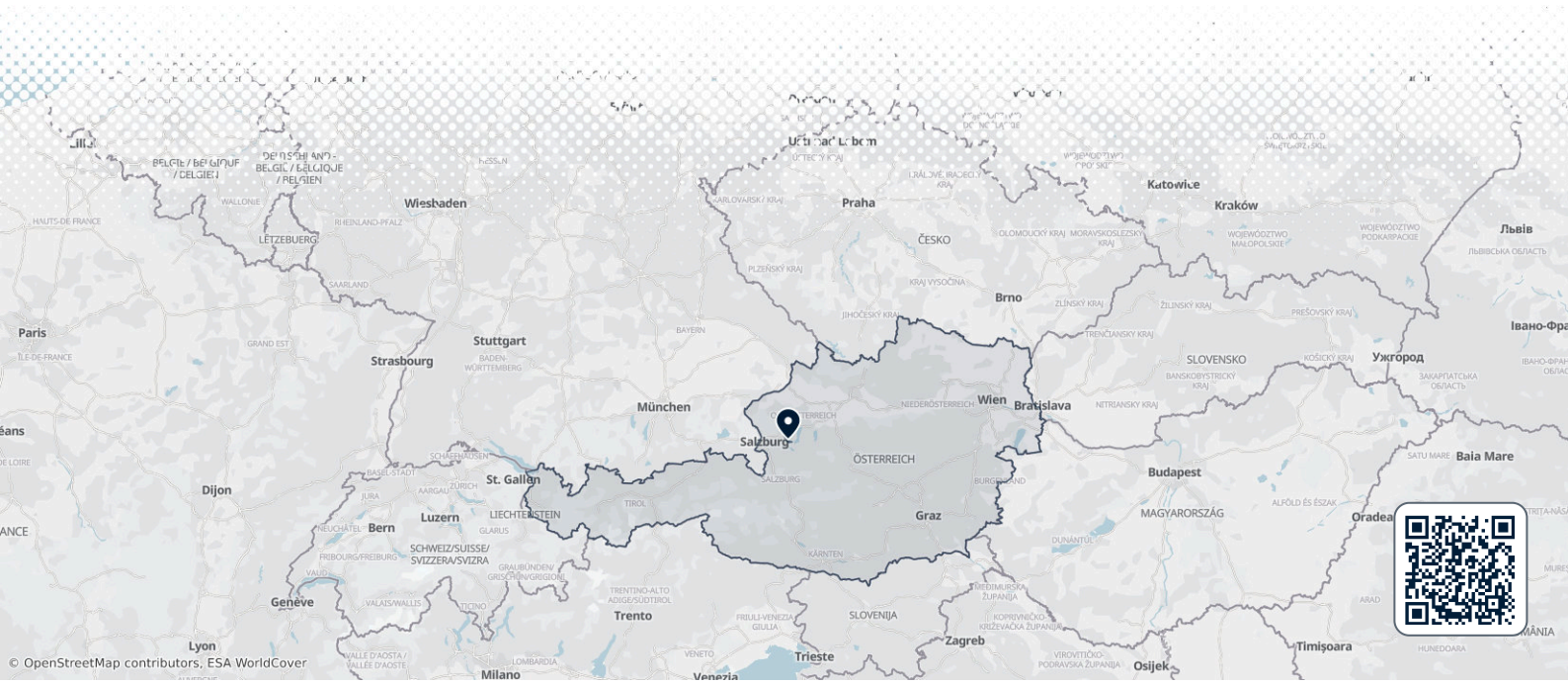


Overview

Mondsee is a lake town on the Salzkammergut's northern edge, east of Salzburg. The town sits on a warm lake surrounded by gentle hills. The yellow baroque church at its centre was used as the wedding location in the film *The Sound of Music*.

The town is small and pretty, with colourful houses, cafes and a lakeside path. It suits swimming, sailing and easy day trips.

When to visit

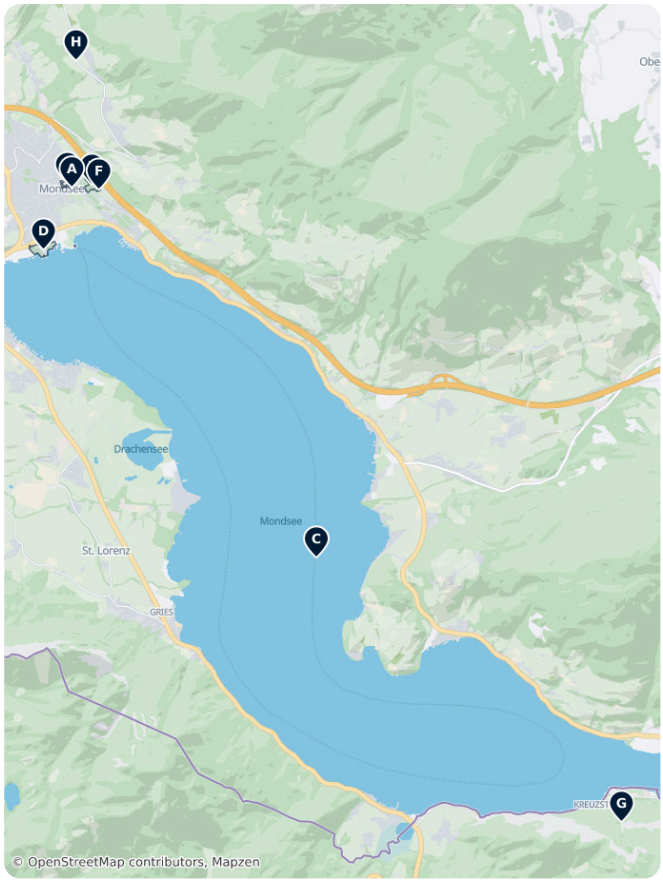
June to September is best for swimming, boating and cafe terraces. May and October are quieter. Winters are cold and gentle, with fog and some snow. The Christmas market is small and charming.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 10° Feels like -2°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 13° Feels like 0°	-3° / -12°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Poor Poor for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 5°	0° / -7°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22° Feels like 11°	4° / -3°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 26°	9° / 3°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	13° / 7°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	14° / 9°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 31°	14° / 9°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	10° / 4°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22°	6° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	8° / 17° Feels like 5°	1° / -6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 11° Feels like 0°	-2° / -11°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Basilika St. Michael is the church used in *The Sound of Music*, with a baroque interior.
- B Schloss Mondsee is the former abbey building beside the church.
- C Mondsee is the lake itself, with swimming and boat rental.
- D Alpenseebad Mondsee is a lake pool and beach.
- E Mondseer Rauchhaus is an open-air museum of old farmhouses.
- F Bauernmuseum Mondseeland covers farm life in the region.
- G Kreuzsteiner Wasserfall is a small waterfall in the woods.
- H Mondseeberg Aussicht is a viewpoint over the lake.
- The Drachenwand cliff, above the lake, has a via ferrata.



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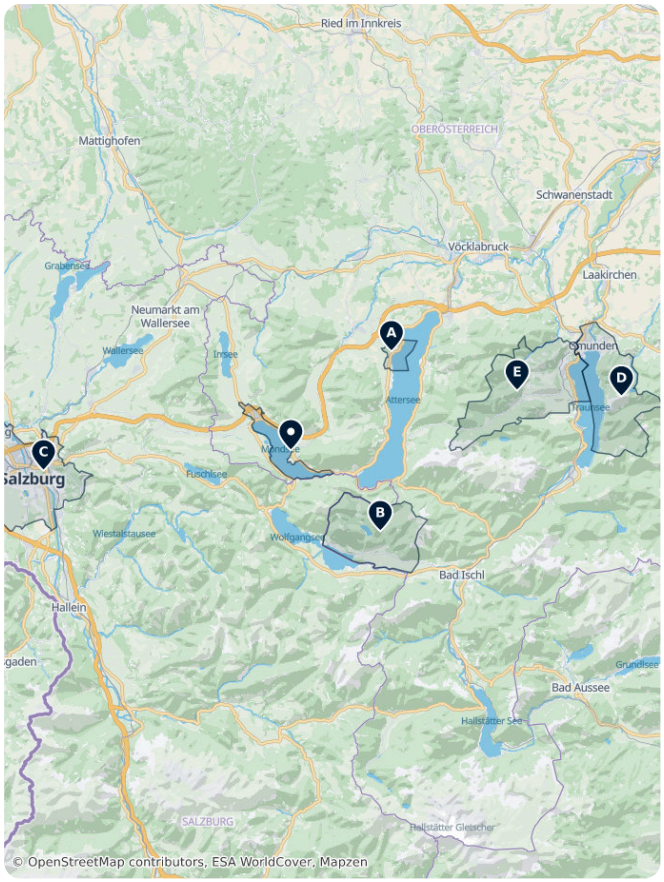
What to experience

- Swim and paddle in the lake.
- Walk or cycle the shore path.
- See the church from the film.
- Climb the Drachenwand via ferrata.
- Take a boat trip.

Day trips

- A Attersee lies on the largest lake in the Salzkammergut, about 20 minutes away by car.
- B St. Wolfgang is about 30 minutes away by car.
- C Salzburg is about 30 minutes away by car.
- D Gmunden is about 45 minutes away by car.
- E Altmünster is about 40 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Attersee, St. Wolfgang and Salzburg are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 30 minutes away by car. Munich is about 2 hours away.
- By train: The nearest main station is Salzburg, with a bus to Mondsee taking about 45 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By bus: Regular buses run from Salzburg.
- By car: The A1 motorway passes close by.

Getting around

The town centre is small and best on foot. Cycling around the lake is easy. Local buses reach nearby villages. Boats cross the lake in season.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is compact and flat, with a lakeside path.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

A flat cycle path follows the lake, and bicycle hire is easy.

Driving

A car helps for exploring the lakes. Parking in the old town is limited. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. The A1 can be busy in summer.

Food & drink

Lake fish such as whitefish and char are common. The region serves *Kaiserschmarrn* and *Salzburger Nockerl*. Cafes sell pastries with views of the lake.

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

Mondsee is very safe. Watch for sudden storms on the lake. The via ferrata needs equipment and experience. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112.

History

A Benedictine abbey was founded here in 748, and it shaped the town for a thousand years. The lake was home to prehistoric lake dwellers, whose remains are part of a World Heritage listing. The abbey was closed in 1791, and the town developed as a lake resort.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

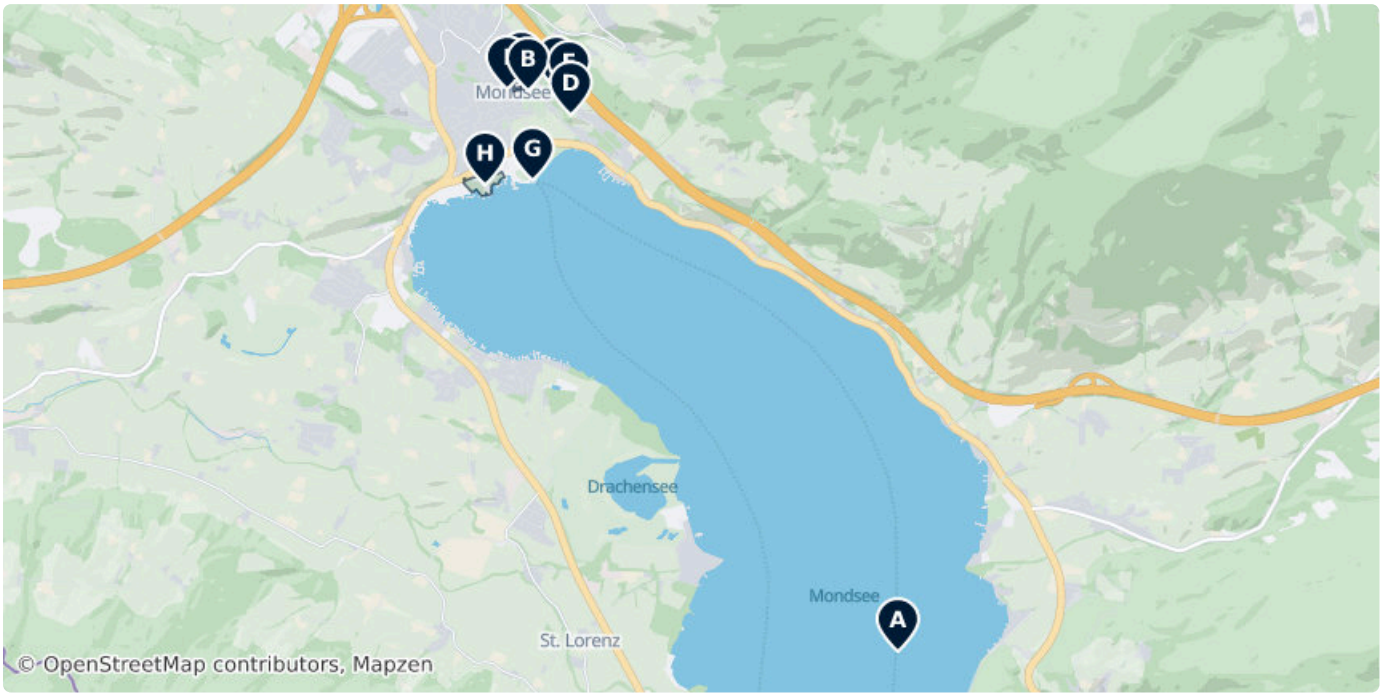
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Mondsee Essentials

Mondsee is centered around its crescent-shaped alpine lake and the twin-towered Basilica of St. Michael, famously featured in 'The Sound of Music.' This selection highlights the town's Benedictine heritage at the former abbey, the rural history preserved at the Rauchhaus open-air museum, and recreational spots like the Alpenseebad. Visitors can explore the historic town center, view the lake from the Hilfberg church, or take boat tours across the water toward the Drachenwand cliff.





A Mondsee

Mondsee is a lake in the Upper Austrian part of the Salzkammergut and near the larger Attersee.

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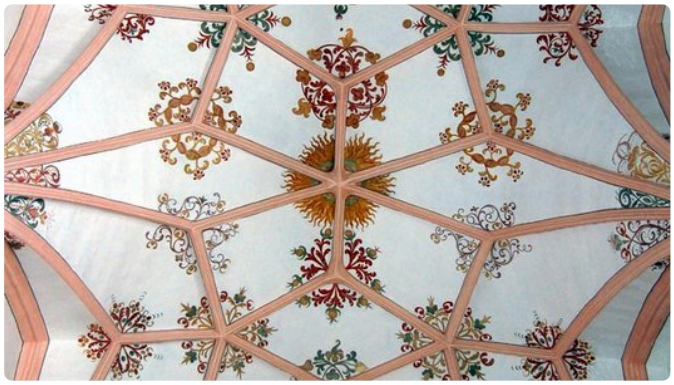

B Basilika St. Michael

Former Benedictine abbey church featuring a Baroque interior and seven altars. It gained international fame as the filming location for the wedding scene in 'The Sound of Music.'

3 Wredeplatz, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85616, 13.35144)



C Mondsee Abbey

Founded in 748, this was one of Austria's oldest Benedictine monasteries. The complex now houses a museum and hotel, reflecting centuries of monastic and architectural history.

8 Schlosshof, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85655, 13.35083)

D Hilfberg Kirche

A small pilgrimage church located on a hill above the town, providing panoramic views of the lake and the surrounding Salzkammergut mountains.

(47.85469, 13.35528)



E Bauernmuseum Mondseeland

Museum documenting the agricultural history of the region, featuring traditional farming tools, machinery, and insights into local rural life.

1 Hilfberg, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85596, 13.35513)



F Mondseer Rauchhaus

An authentic 15th-century open-hearth smokehouse. This open-air museum demonstrates traditional wooden construction and historic cooking methods used without a chimney.

Hilfbergstraße 7, 5310 Mondsee, AT (47.85625, 13.35400)

G Schifffahrt Meindl Mondsee

Passenger ferry service offering sightseeing cruises and boat tours across the lake, departing from the town's lakeside promenade.

(47.85072, 13.35184)

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H Alpenseebad Mondsee

Large lakeside bathing facility with 20,000 square meters of green space, featuring water slides, diving towers, and children's pools.

Seebadstraße 3, 5310 Mondsee, AT (47.85045, 13.34756)

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Mondsee

Historic administrative building located in the central square, characterized by its traditional Austrian architecture.

17 Marktplatz, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85624, 13.34954)

Mo	08:00–12:00
Tu	08:00–12:00, 17:00–19:00
We–Fr	08:00–12:00

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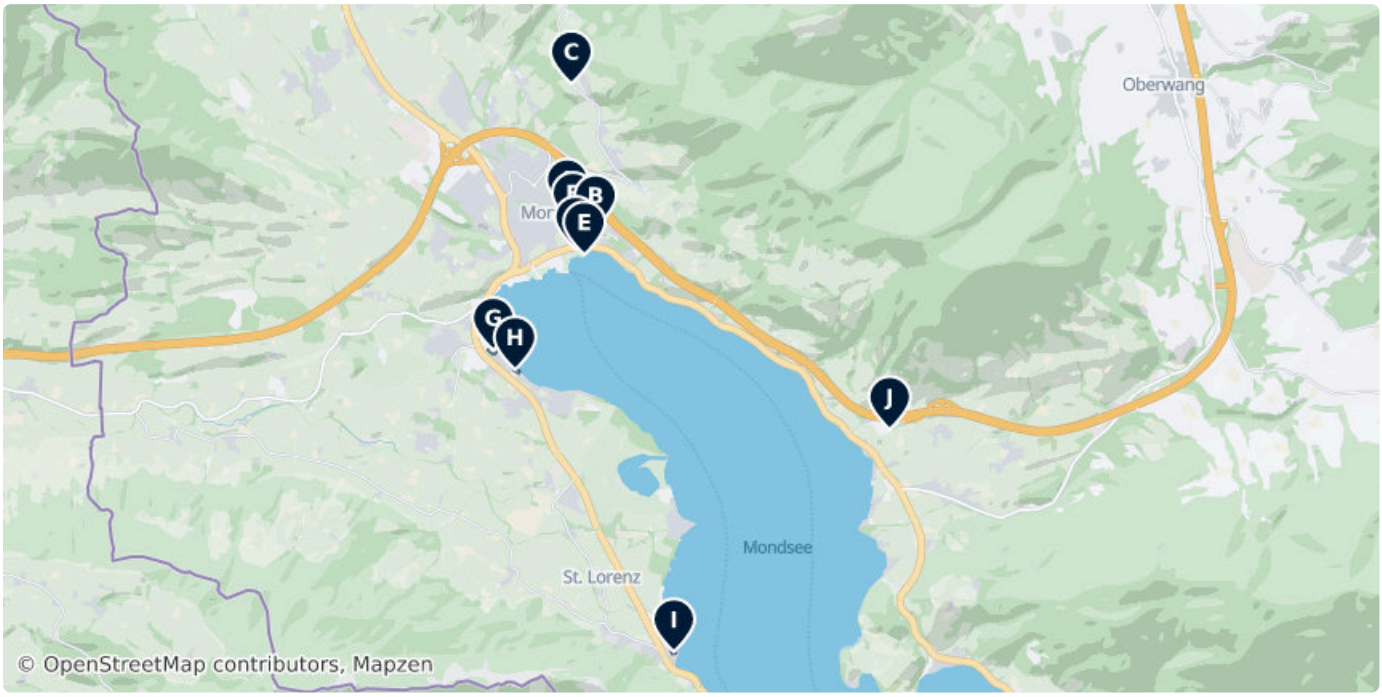
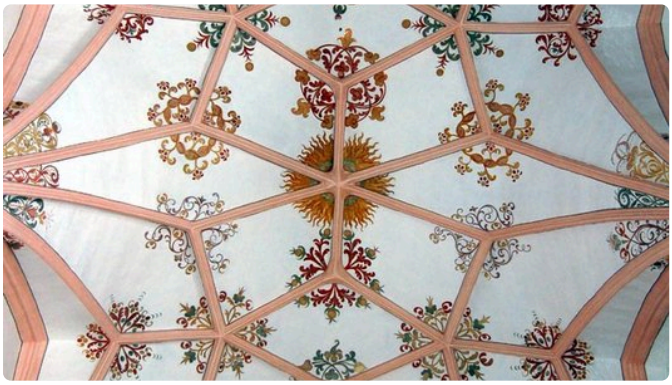
Best of Mondsee

Mondsee's landscape is defined by its architectural heritage and alpine lake setting. This selection features the 15th-century Basilica of St. Michael, renowned for its late Gothic architecture and role in cinema history. The list includes historic chapels like Johannes von Nepomuk and the Strindberg-Villa, alongside elevated viewpoints on Hilfberg and Mondseeberg. For recreation, public bathing areas such as Schwarzindien and Plomberg offer direct access to the water with views of the surrounding Salzkammergut mountains.





A Basilika St. Michael

Former collegiate church featuring a pink facade and late Gothic architecture. It is famously the site of the wedding in the film The Sound of Music.

3 Wredeplatz, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85616, 13.35144)

B Hilfberg Kirche

Small pilgrimage church situated on a hill, providing views of the Mondsee lake and Drachenwand cliff.

(47.85469, 13.35528)

C Mondseeberg Aussicht 1

Observation point on the Mondseeberg offering views of the lake and the surrounding Salzkammergut mountains.

Mondseeberg, 5310, Austria (47.86779, 13.35200)

D Johannes von Nepomuk Kapelle

Baroque-style chapel located near the town center.

(47.85274, 13.35258)

E Judas Thaddäus Kapelle

Small religious heritage site dedicated to Saint Jude Thaddeus.

(47.85225, 13.35377)

F Villa Uhl, Strindberg-Villa

Historic villa notable for hosting the Swedish author August Strindberg in the late 19th century.

(47.85493, 13.35222)

G Badeanlage Schwarzindien

Public lakeside park and swimming area with large lawns and shallow water access.

1 Schwarzindien, Schwarzindien 5310, Austria (47.84355, 13.34138)

H Badeplatz Weiße Taube

Public beach area on Lake Mondsee.

38 Schwarzindien, Schwarzindien 5310, Austria (47.84179, 13.34435)

I Badeplatz Plomberg

Lakeside bathing area situated near the Plomberg climbing crag.

5 Plomberg, Plomberg 5310, Austria (47.81608, 13.36592)

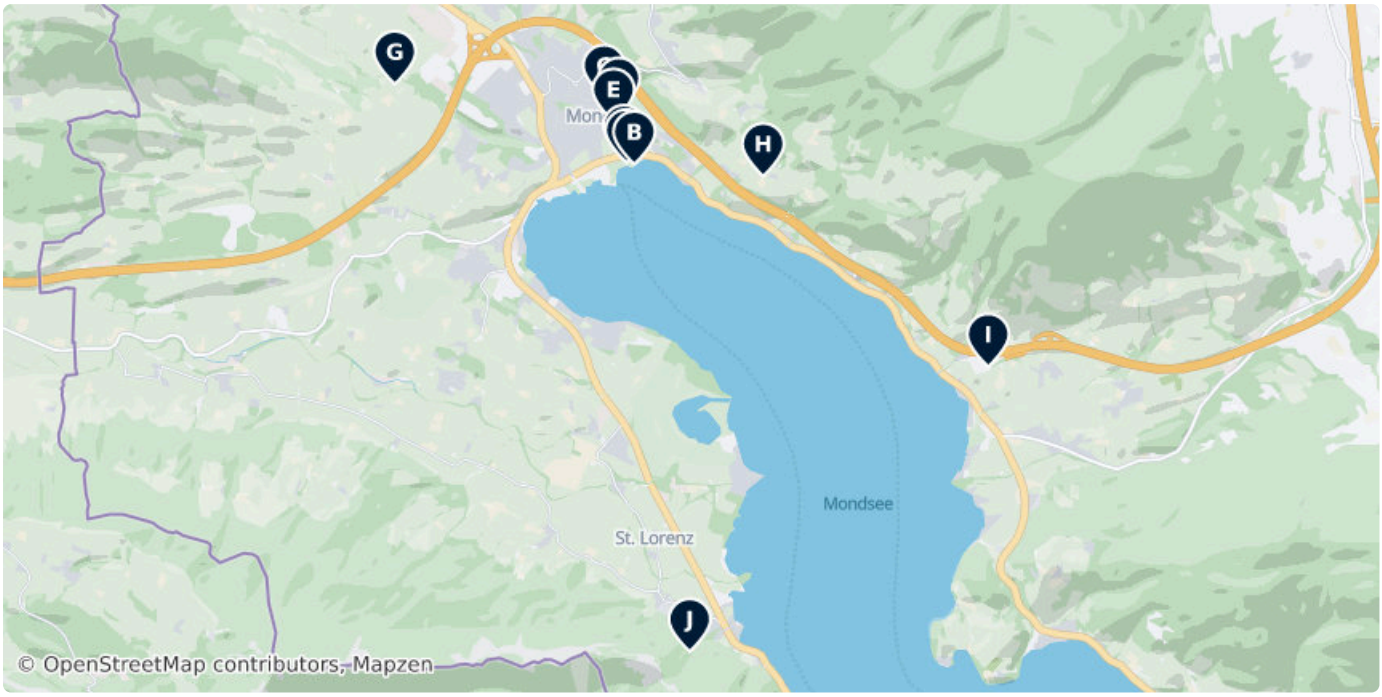
J Christophoruskapelle

Small chapel dedicated to Saint Christopher, the patron saint of travelers.

(Unnamed Road), 5311, Austria (47.83634, 13.39523)

Hidden Gems: Chapels & Parks

This collection highlights the smaller-scale cultural and natural landmarks around Mondsee. It features a series of traditional Austrian chapels and shrines, including the lakeside Johannes von Nepomuk Kapelle and the rural Hölzlbauerkapelle. Complementing these spiritual sites are historic green spaces like the Karlsgarten and Almeida Park, which offer insights into the region's horticultural heritage and community history. The list also includes the ZENtrum, a dedicated space for local art and cultural events.



A Johannes von Nepomuk Kapelle

A small chapel dedicated to the patron saint of bridges and water, located near the Mondsee lakefront.

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B Judas Thaddäus Kapelle

A traditional religious chapel dedicated to Saint Jude Thaddaeus.

(47.85225, 13.35377)

C ZENtrum

A local center for arts and cultural events, hosting exhibitions and creative workshops.

5 Schloßhof, Mondsee 5310, Austria (47.85747, 13.35022)

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D Almeida Park

A public park situated near the town center and the lake, featuring mature trees and walking paths.

(47.85240, 13.35283)

E Karlsgarten

A historic garden area providing a quiet green space within the town of Mondsee.

(47.85559, 13.35134)

F Pfarrgarten

The parish garden associated with the local church, known for its peaceful atmosphere and well-kept grounds.

(47.85647, 13.35196)

G Kapelle Erlachmühle

A small roadside shrine located near the historic Erlachmühle mill and bakery.

(47.85855, 13.32570)

H Hölzlbauerkapelle

A traditional rural chapel or shrine located on the outskirts of Mondsee.

(47.85131, 13.36887)

I Christophoruskapelle

A Catholic chapel dedicated to Saint Christopher, the patron saint of travelers.

(Unnamed Road), 5311, Austria (47.83634, 13.39523)

J Thekla Kapelle

A small place of worship dedicated to Saint Thekla, reflecting local Christian heritage.

5310, Austria (47.81395, 13.36027)

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