

Podersdorf am See

Seewinkel · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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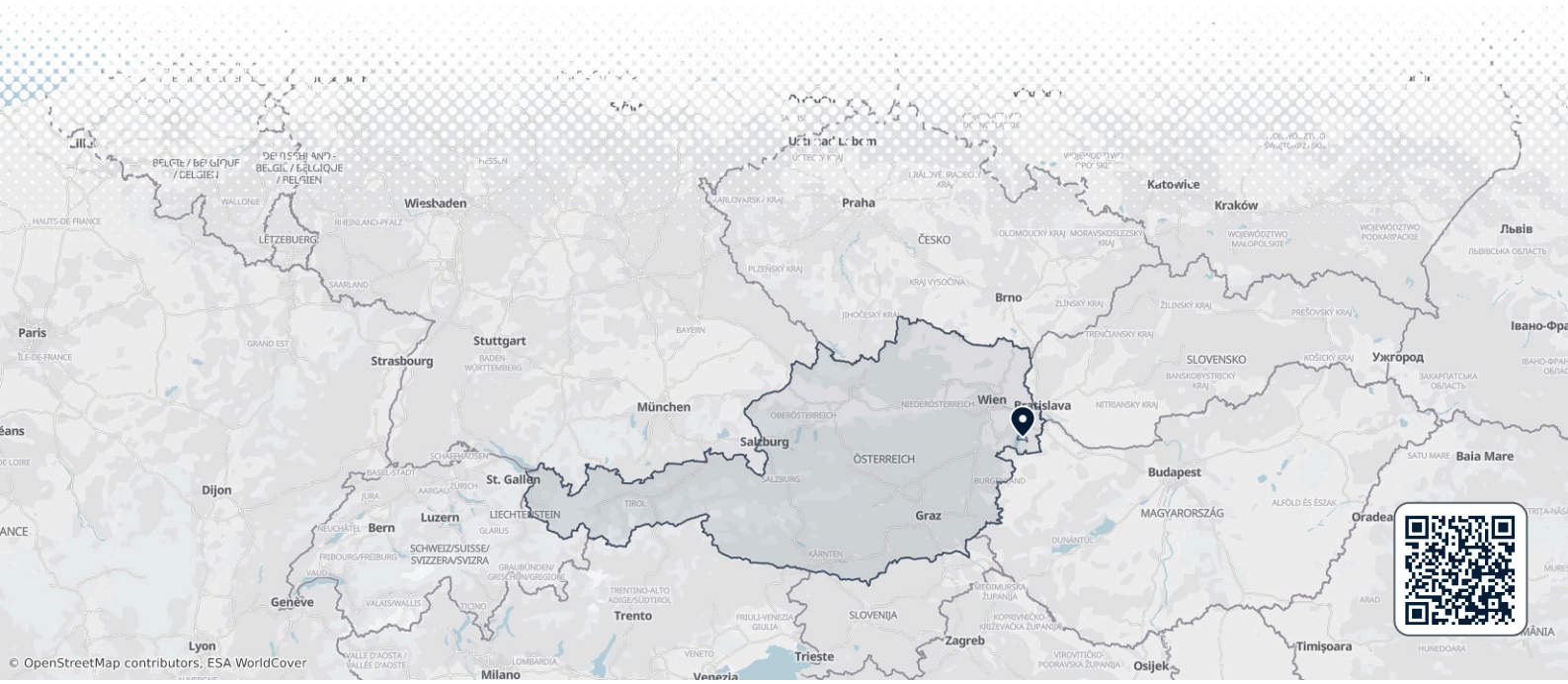


Overview

Podersdorf am See is a village on the eastern shore of the Neusiedler See, in the Seewinkel region of Burgenland. The lake is a large, very shallow steppe lake on the Hungarian border, and Podersdorf is its main summer resort. The lake and the surrounding landscape form a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The village is flat, calm and relaxed. It is known for windsurfing and kitesurfing, cycling, bird watching and local wine. A red and white lighthouse by the lake is its best known landmark.

When to visit

June to September is best for swimming and water sports. The lake is warm and shallow, and the wind is steady. April, May and September are good for cycling and for birds. Autumn is wine season, and winter is quiet, with a frozen lake in cold years.

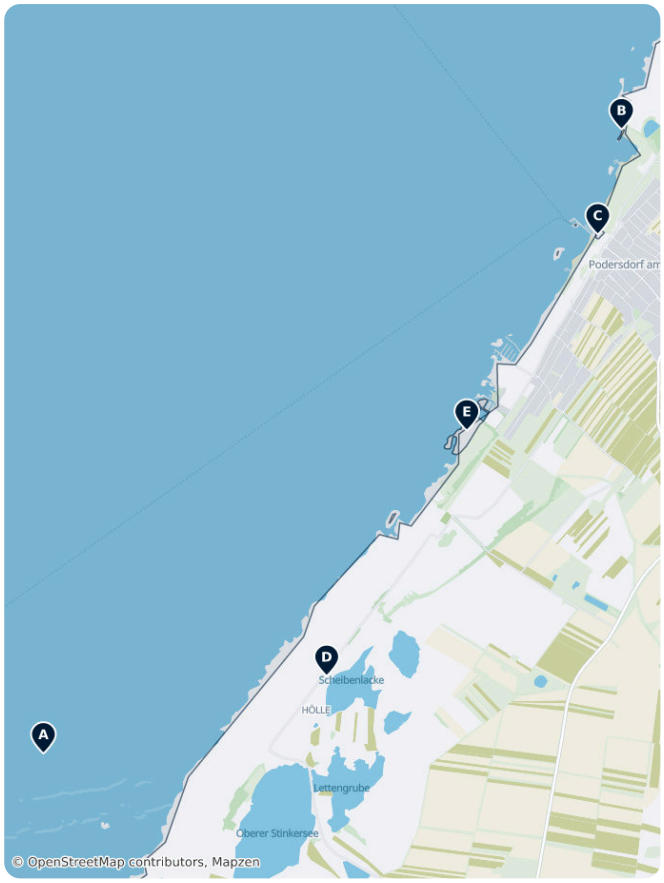
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 11° Feels like -3°	-4° / -13°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 14° Feels like 1°	-2° / -11°	Dry air
March	Good Good for cycling	11° / 19° Feels like 6°	1° / -5°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	17° / 24° Feels like 13°	5° / -1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for cycling	22° / 29°	10° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Good Good for wildlife watching	27° / 34°	15° / 10°	12 rainy days
July	Good Good for watersports	29° / 36°	17° / 12°	13 rainy days
August	Good Good for watersports	28° / 36°	17° / 11°	
September	Great Great for cycling	23° / 30°	12° / 6°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	17° / 24° Feels like 13°	7° / 0°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18° Feels like 5°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-2° / -10°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, September

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

Top sights

- A Neusiedler See / Fertő is the lake, with beaches, a promenade, sailing and surf schools.
- The lighthouse on the lake front is the village symbol.
- B Kitestrand is a beach for kitesurfing.
- C Freizeitpark Podersdorf is a leisure park for families.
- D Aussichtswarte Hölle is a lookout point south of the village.
- E Moorboden is a wetland area with a nature path.
- A small windmill stands on the edge of the village.
- The parish church of St. Katharina stands in the centre.



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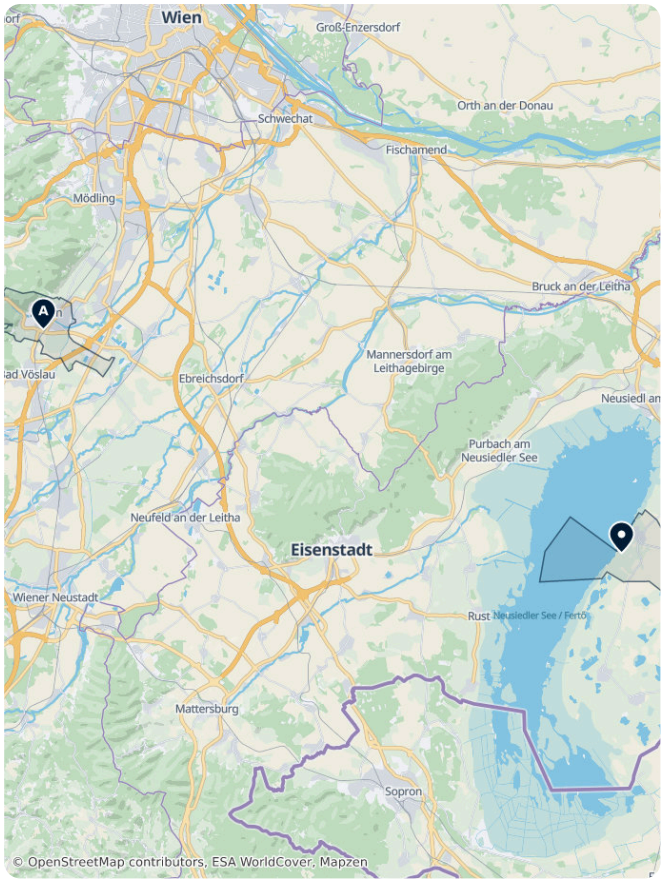
What to experience

- Windsurf or kitesurf on the lake.
- Cycle the lake route.
- Watch birds in the Seewinkel.
- Taste local wine.
- Swim from the beach.

Day trips

- Rust, a town known for its storks and wine, is about 40 minutes away by car.
- Illmitz and the Seewinkel National Park are about 20 minutes away by car.
- Eisenstadt, the home of Joseph Haydn, is about 45 minutes away by car.
- Bratislava in Slovakia is about 50 minutes away by car.
- Vienna is about 1 hour away by car.
- A Baden bei Wien is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.



Getting there

- By air: Vienna Airport is about 45 minutes away by car. Bratislava is about 1 hour.
- By train: Take a train to Neusiedl am See, then a bus to Podersdorf of about 20 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A4 motorway at Neusiedl am See or Gols and follow the road to the lake.

Getting around

The village is flat and walkable. Cycling is the best way to see the shore and the wine villages. A car or bus helps for the wider region.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is flat and compact, with the lake front a short walk from the centre.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The terrain is flat, and a marked cycle route circles the whole lake.

Driving

A car helps for the wider region. Roads are flat and quiet, but summer weekends bring traffic near the lake. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Winter tyres are required in snow.

Food & drink

Burgenland food includes lake fish such as pike-perch, *Gulasch*, and in autumn roast goose, *Martinigansl*. The region is known for wine, including sweet wines from the Seewinkel. Look for *Zweigelt*, a local red.

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

Podersdorf is very safe. The sun and wind are strong, so protect yourself on the water. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

The Neusiedler See has attracted settlers since ancient times, and Podersdorf was a farming and wine village. Tourism began in the 20th century, as the shallow, warm lake became a family and water sports destination. The region is shared with Hungary and is protected as a cultural landscape and national park.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

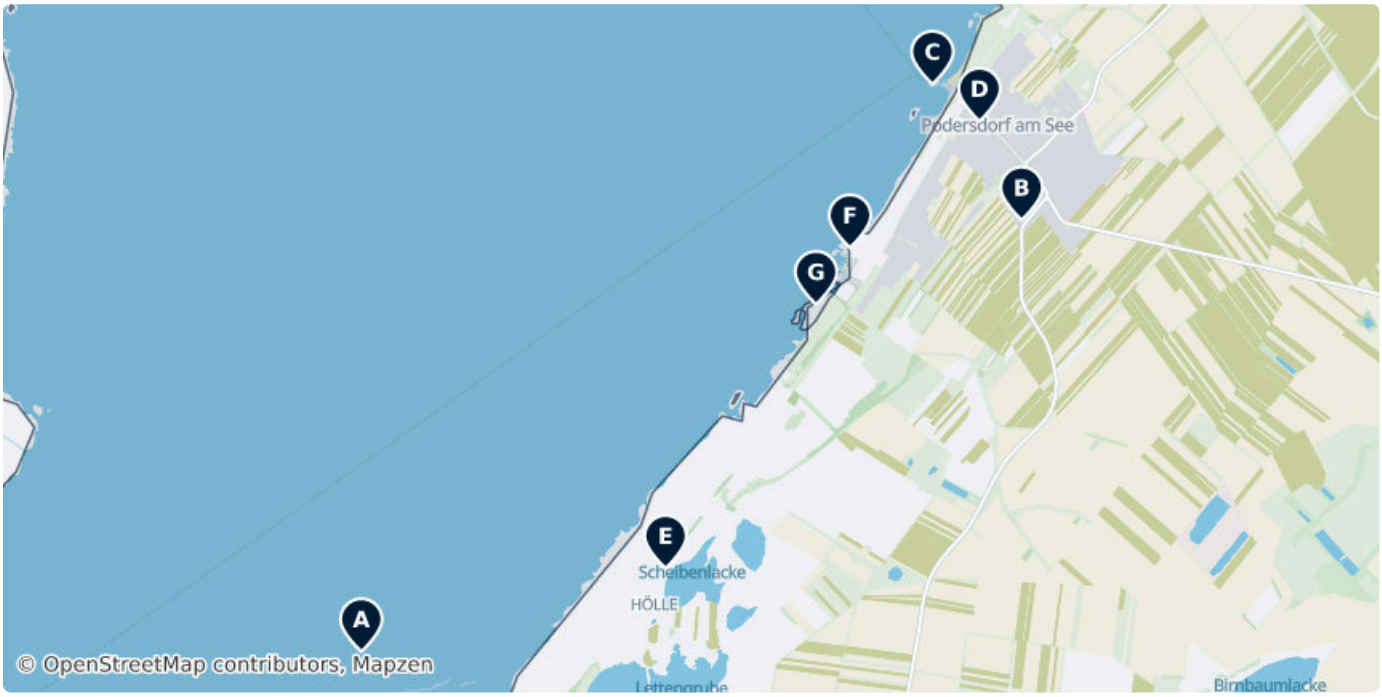
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Podersdorf am See Essentials

Podersdorf am See is located on the eastern shore of Lake Neusiedl, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its shallow waters and extensive reed beds. This selection features the town's prominent 19th-century windmill and the late-Baroque parish church of St. Catherine. The area serves as a major hub for water sports, specifically kitesurfing, and offers birdwatching opportunities at the Aussichtswarte Hölle and Moorboden wetlands, with ferry links connecting the town to the lake's western shore.





A Lake Neusiedl

Lake Neusiedl, or Fertő is the largest endorheic lake in Central Europe, straddling the Austrian–Hungarian border.

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B Windmühle

A fully preserved 19th-century post mill, this is one of the last remaining functional windmills in Austria, still containing its original internal machinery.

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C Podersdorf

The main ferry terminal on the eastern shore, providing scheduled boat services across Lake Neusiedl to Rust and Breitenbrunn.

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D Pfarrkirche hl. Katharina

Late-Baroque Roman Catholic parish church situated on Seestraße, featuring traditional regional ecclesiastical architecture and dedicated to Saint Catherine.

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E Aussichtswarte Hölle

A wooden observation tower providing elevated views of the 'Hölle' area, a landscape characterized by salt ponds and diverse bird populations within the national park.

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F kitesurfing.at

Specialized sports shop and center offering equipment rentals and training for kite surfing on the lake's shallow waters.

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G Moorboden

A protected wetland and reed-bed ecosystem providing a natural habitat for various migratory bird species on the edge of the lake.

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