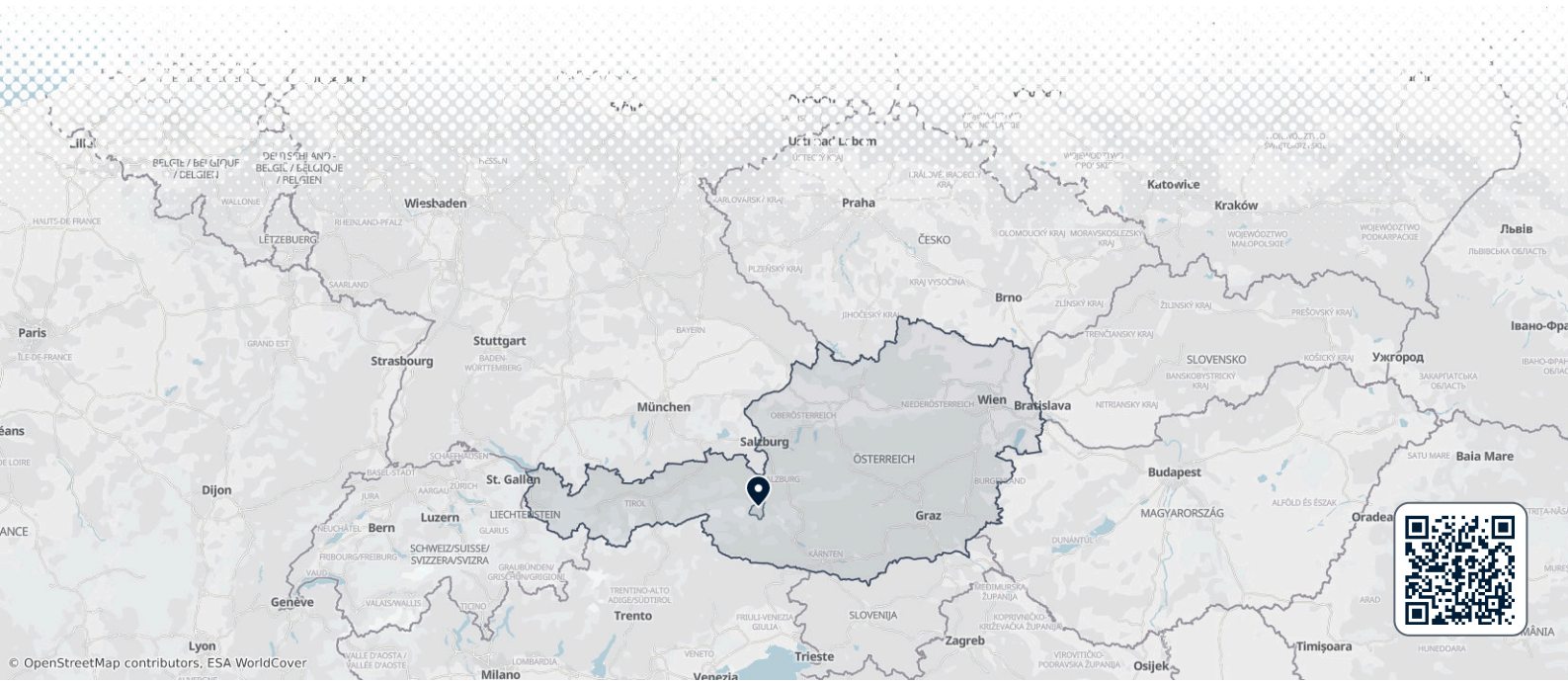


Rauris

Salzburg · Austria

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Overview

Rauris is a mountain village in the Rauris valley, a side valley of the Salzach in the Hohe Tauern National Park, in Salzburg province. The valley has a long mining history, and the village is the gateway to Kolm-Saigurn, an old mining settlement at the head of the valley, below the Sonnblick.

Rauris is quiet and authentic. It suits hikers, ski tourers and anyone who wants high-mountain scenery without a big resort.

When to visit

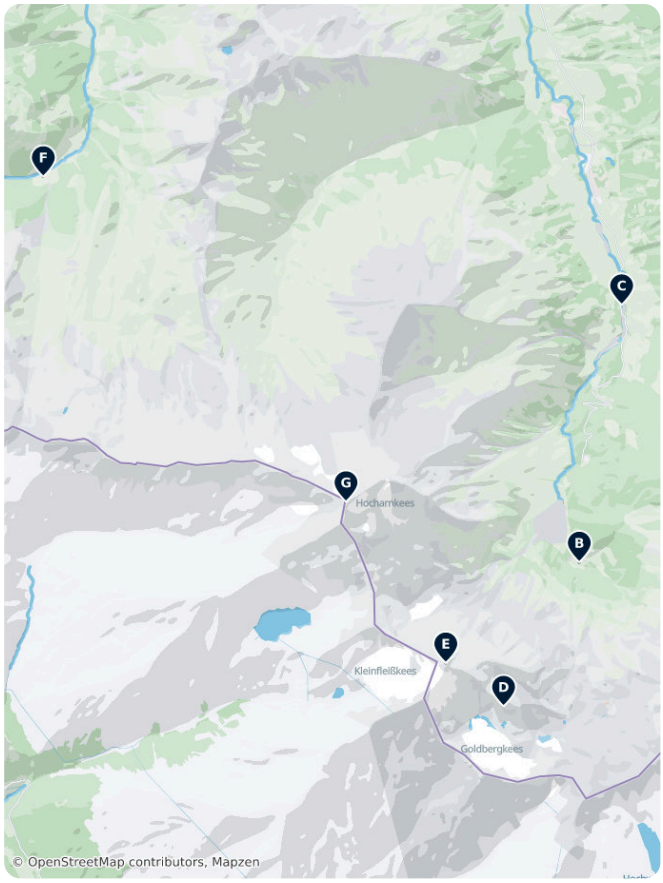
July to September is best for hiking, and huts are open. Autumn has clear light and quiet trails. December to March is for skiing, ski touring and snowshoeing. Spring is quiet.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 7° Feels like -2°	-7° / -15°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-6° / -16°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 15° Feels like 4°	-2° / -11°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	12° / 20°	3° / -5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	17° / 24°	7° / 2°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	22° / 28°	11° / 5°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 28°	13° / 7°	23 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 28°	13° / 8°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	18° / 25°	9° / 3°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21°	5° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 15°	1° / -9°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	3° / 8° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Hoher Sonnblick is a high peak with a weather observatory that has run since 1886, one of the highest in Europe.
- B Naturfreundehaus Kolm-Saigurn is a mountain hostel at Kolm-Saigurn, the old mining settlement.
- C Goldwaschplatz is a gold panning site for visitors, in a region once known for gold.
- D Rojacher Hütte and E Zittelhaus are high mountain huts.
- F Rauriser Tauernhaus is a mountain inn on a trail near the Hochalpenstraße side.
- G Hocharn is a high peak above the valley.
- The Rauris valley has quiet forest and a nature trail.



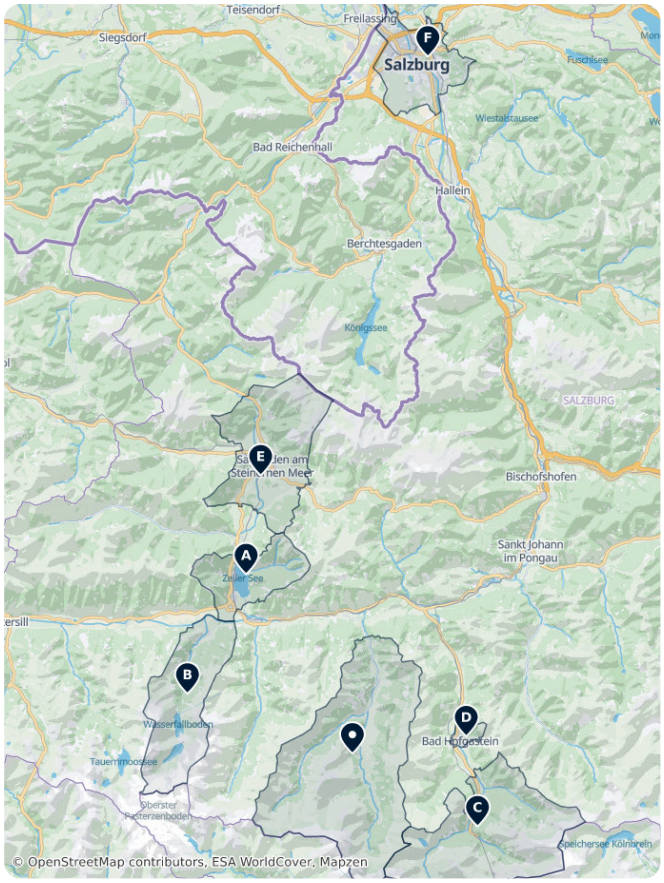
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What to experience

- Hike to a mountain hut.
- Try gold panning.
- Explore Kolm-Saigurn.
- Ski tour or snowshoe in winter.
- Walk in the national park.

Day trips

- A Zell am See is about 40 minutes away by car.
- B Kaprun is about 45 minutes away by car.
- C Bad Gastein is about 1 hour away by car.
- D Bad Hofgastein is about 1 hour away by car.
- E Saalfelden is about 1 hour away by car.
- F Salzburg is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Zell am See, Kaprun and Bad Hofgastein are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- By train: The nearest station is Taxenbach-Rauris, on the Salzach valley line, then a bus up the valley. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the B311 at Taxenbach and follow the valley road to Rauris.

Getting around

The village is walkable. A local bus runs up the valley to Kolm-Saigurn, and a shuttle is useful in summer. Cycling is easy in the lower valley.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is small, but sights and trailheads are spread along the valley.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley roads are quiet, and mountain bike routes climb into the Hohe Tauern.

Driving

A car helps for the valley. The upper valley road can be closed in winter. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Salzburg-region food includes *Kasnocken*, cheese dumplings, and *Rauriser Almkäse*, mountain cheese from the pastures. Huts serve soups, dumplings and cakes.

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

Rauris is very safe, but the high mountains are serious. Weather changes fast, 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

Rauris was a mining valley, with gold and silver mined from the Middle Ages, and the area was once among the richest in Europe. Mining ended in the 20th century. The observatory on the Sonnblick, built in 1886, makes the valley a centre of high-alpine research.

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

Rauris Essentials

Rauris, known as the 'Valley of Gold,' offers a diverse range of high-alpine experiences within the Hohe Tauern National Park. This list features the historic Sonnblick Observatory, established in 1886, and its neighboring Zittelhaus at 3,106 meters. Explore the valley's mining heritage at dedicated gold panning sites or hike to the multi-tiered Barbarafall. The selection also includes key landmarks along the Grossglockner High Alpine Road, such as the Hochtor pass and the Alpine Naturschau museum, highlighting the region's ecological and historical significance.





A Hoher Sonnblick

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B Sonnblick Observatorium

Established in 1886, this is one of the world's highest and oldest high-altitude meteorological stations, located at 3,106 meters on the summit of Hoher Sonnblick.

(47.05406, 12.95768)

sonnblick.net/portal/



C Edelweißspitze

The Edelweißspitze is a summit in High Tauern, located in Salzburg, Austria north of the Alpine divide.

Edelweißstraße, 5672, Austria (47.12377, 12.83142)

D Rauriser Tauernhaus

A 500-year-old alpine inn and former pack animal station situated on the historic trade route over the Hochtor pass.

Seidlwinkltal 116, 5661 Rauris (47.12023, 12.87703)

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E Alpine Naturschau

High-altitude museum on the Grossglockner High Alpine Road focusing on alpine ecology, marmots, and the unique flora of the Hohe Tauern.

(Unnamed Road), 5672, Austria (47.12231, 12.82113)

F Goldwaschplatz

Dedicated gold panning sites where visitors can learn traditional techniques used during the valley's historic gold mining era.

(47.10281, 12.99248)

G Naturfreundehaus Kolm-Saigurn

Alpine refuge at the head of the Rauris Valley at 1,598 meters, serving as a primary starting point for ascents to Hoher Sonnblick and Hocharn.

Kolmstraße 22, 5661 Rauris, AT (47.06779, 12.98402)

sonnblickbasis.at, +43 6544 8103

H Hochtor

The highest point of the Grossglockner High Alpine Road at 2,504 meters, marking a historic trans-alpine pass used since Roman times.

(47.08122, 12.84303)

I Blick zum Fuscher Törl

Scenic overlook providing views of the Fuscher Törl pass and the winding curves of the Grossglockner High Alpine Road.

(47.11603, 12.82362)



J Hocharn

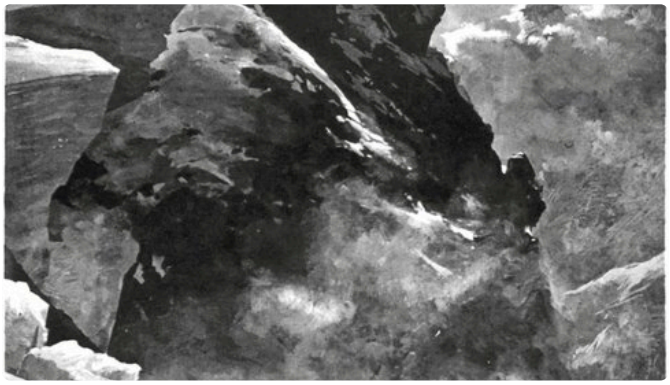
Hocharn is the highest mountain of the Goldberg Group in the High Tauern range of the eastern Alps.

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K Barbarafall

A multi-tiered waterfall located near Kolm-Saigurn, accessible via the Rauris Primeval Forest trail.

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L Zittelhaus

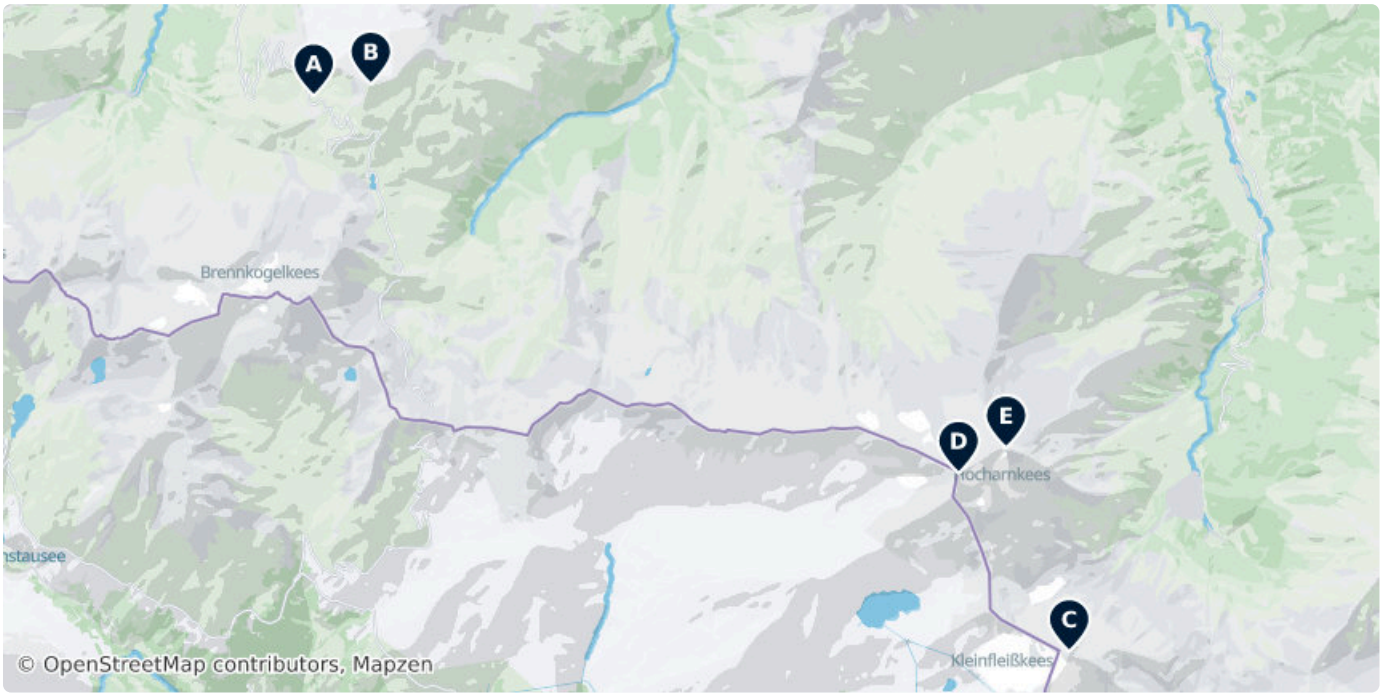
High-alpine refuge situated directly on the summit of Hoher Sonnblick at 3,106 meters, adjacent to the meteorological observatory.

Kolmstraße 100, 5661 Rauris, AT (47.05406, 12.95737)

zittelhaus.at, +43 664 75199527

High Tauern Highlights

This collection highlights the rugged topography of the Goldberg Group and the Grossglockner High Alpine Road. It features the Edelweißspitze, the highest vantage point on the road, and the 3,106-meter Hoher Sonnblick, which houses Europe's highest permanent meteorological observatory. The list also includes the Hocharn, the Goldberg Group's highest summit at 3,254 meters, and the Alpine Naturschau museum, which documents the unique ecological adaptations of flora and fauna within the Hohe Tauern National Park.





A Alpine Naturschau

Located at 2,260 meters on the Grossglockner High Alpine Road, this museum focuses on alpine ecology. Exhibits detail the survival strategies of high-altitude flora and fauna and the geological history of the Hohe Tauern range.

(Unnamed Road), 5672, Austria (47.12231, 12.82113)



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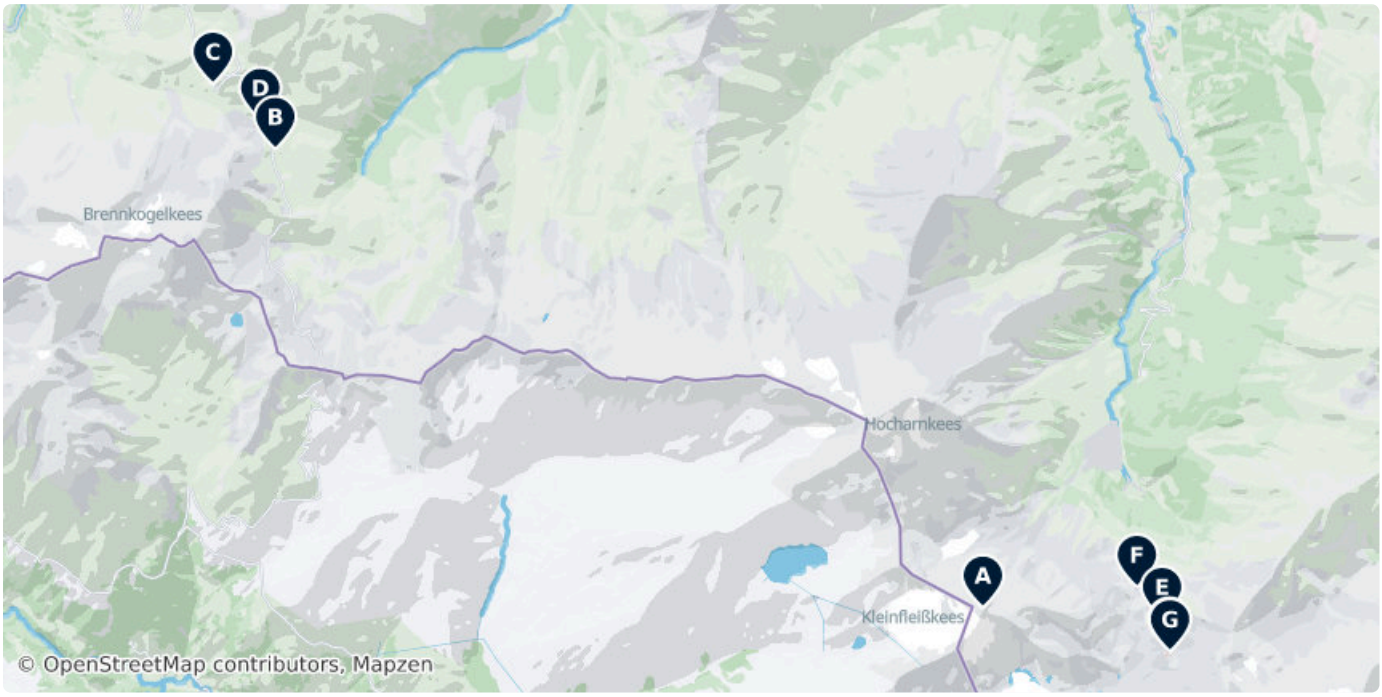
E Grieswies-Schwarzkogel

A 3,116-meter peak in the Goldberg Group of the High Tauern, located along the ridge between the Hoher Sonnblick and the Hocharn.

5661, Austria (47.07912, 12.94605)

Alpine Hidden Gems

This collection explores the high-altitude landscape of the Goldberg Group and the Grossglockner High Alpine Road. It features the Hoher Sonnblick, home to Europe's highest permanent weather station at 3,106 meters. The list highlights the region's industrial heritage through the ruins of the Bremserhäusl, Radhaus, and Knappenhaus, remnants of historic gold mining operations. Natural landmarks include the Tauern Window geological site and the Fuscher Lacke pond, offering insights into the tectonic formation and glacial geography of the Hohe Tauern range.





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B Tauern Window (Geology)

A geological site providing a view into the Tauern Window, a tectonic structure where deep-seated rock layers are exposed through the surrounding mountain range.

Geologischer Lehrweg, 5661 Rauris, Austria (47.10835, 12.83447)

C Blick zum Fuscher Törl

A scenic lookout offering views of the Fuscher Törl, a 2,428-meter mountain pass located along the Grossglockner High Alpine Road.

(47.11603, 12.82362)

D Fuscher Lacke

A small alpine pond situated at approximately 2,262 meters above sea level, located near the Mankeiwirt hut on the Grossglockner High Alpine Road.

(47.11175, 12.83185)

E Bremserhäusl

Ruins of a historic braking station used for the transport of gold ore in the high-altitude mining region of Kolm Saigurn.

5661, Austria (47.05274, 12.98859)

F Radhaus

Stone ruins of a former wheelhouse that powered mining machinery during the peak of gold extraction in the Rauris Valley.

5661, Austria (47.05654, 12.98420)

G Knappenhaus

The remains of a historic miners' residence located in the high-altitude gold mining district of the Goldberg Group.

5661, Austria (47.04892, 12.98997)

H Knappenhaus

Stone ruins of a historic miners' dwelling, once part of the extensive gold mining infrastructure in the Rauris mountain range.

5661, Austria (47.04902, 12.98983)

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