

Schladming

Styria · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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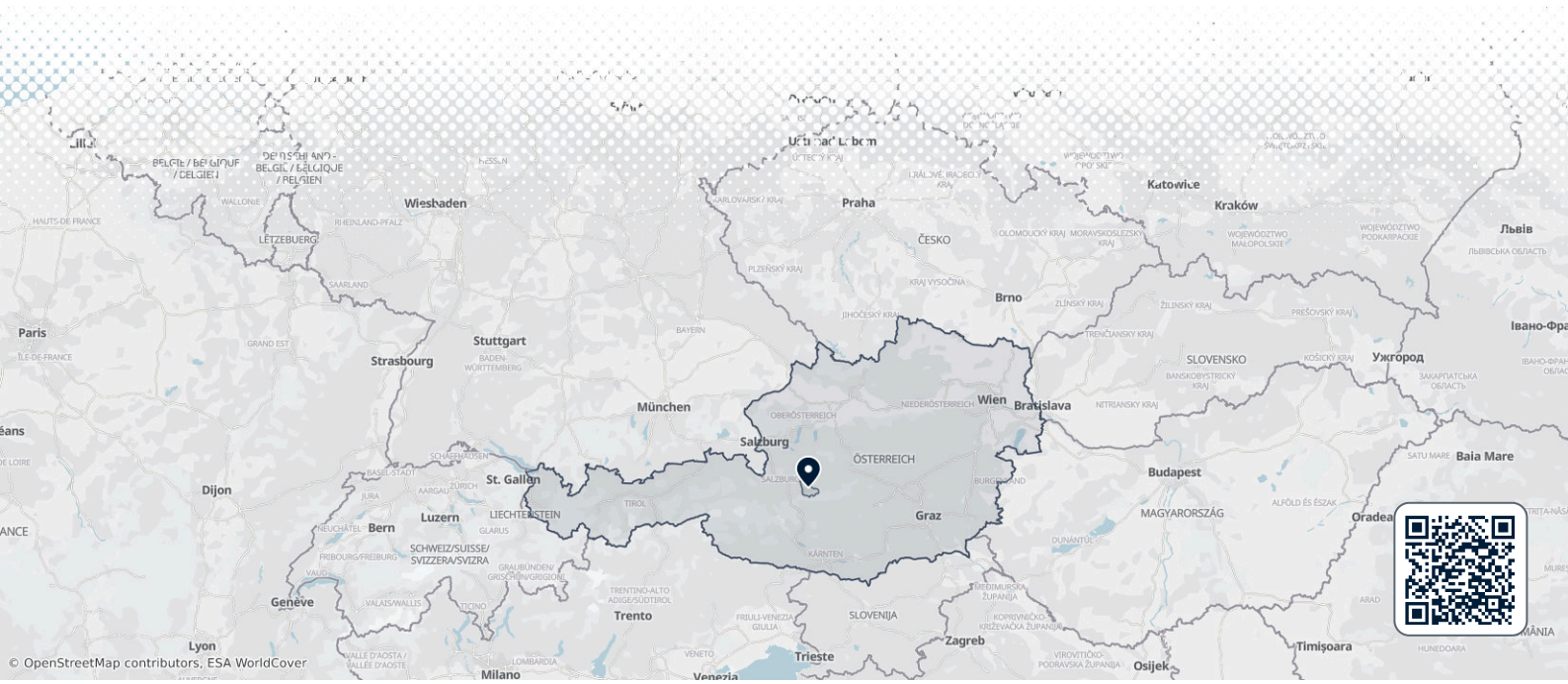


Overview

Schladming is an old mining town in the Enns valley in Styria, at the foot of the Dachstein massif. It is the centre of the Schladming-Dachstein region, one of Austria's largest ski and hiking areas. Four ski mountains surround the town: Planai, Hochwurzen, Hauser Kaibling and Reiteralm.

The town hosts a famous night slalom on the Planai every January. In summer it is a base for hiking, cycling and the Dachstein glacier.

When to visit

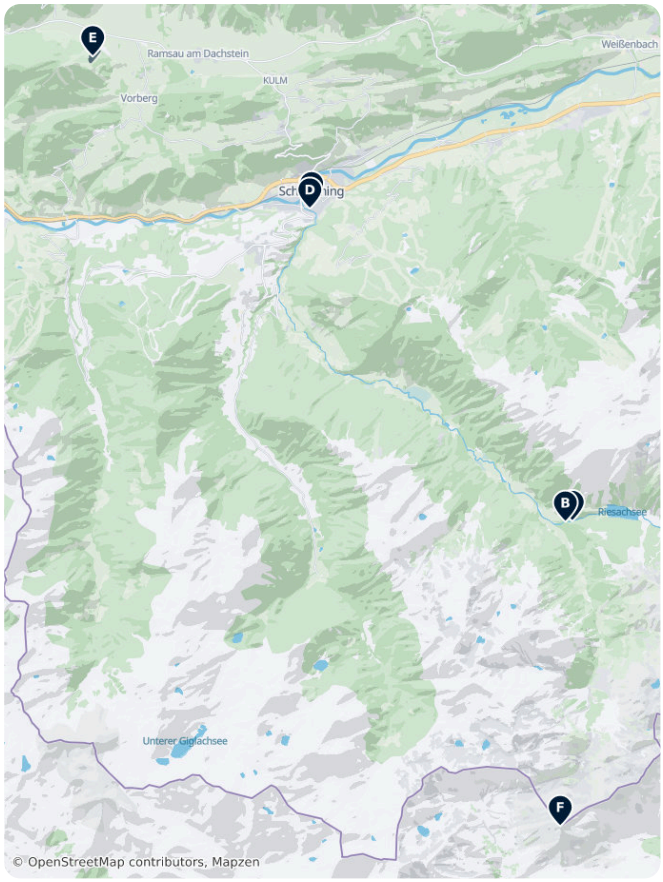
December to March is ski season, and the January night race draws crowds. June to September is best for hiking, mountain biking and glacier trips. April–May and October–November are quiet. Winters are cold and snowy.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -1°	-5° / -14°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	4° / 12° Feels like 0°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 16° Feels like 5°	-1° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	13° / 22°	3° / -3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	18° / 25°	8° / 3°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 30°	13° / 9°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 29°	13° / 8°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22°	6° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	8° / 16°	1° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-3° / -13°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Großer Riesachfall is the highest waterfall in Styria, in a valley south of town.
- B Kleiner Riesachfall is a smaller fall beside the main one.
- C Stadtpfarrkirche St. Achaz is the parish church of the old town.
- D Stadtmuseum covers local history and mining.
- E Rittisberg Coaster is a summer toboggan coaster on the Rittisberg.
- F Hochgolling is the highest peak of the Low Tauern range, a mountain for experienced hikers.
- The Planai is the town mountain and venue of the night race, reached by gondola.
- The Dachstein glacier is reached by cable car from Ramsau, with the Dachstein Skywalk and ice palace.



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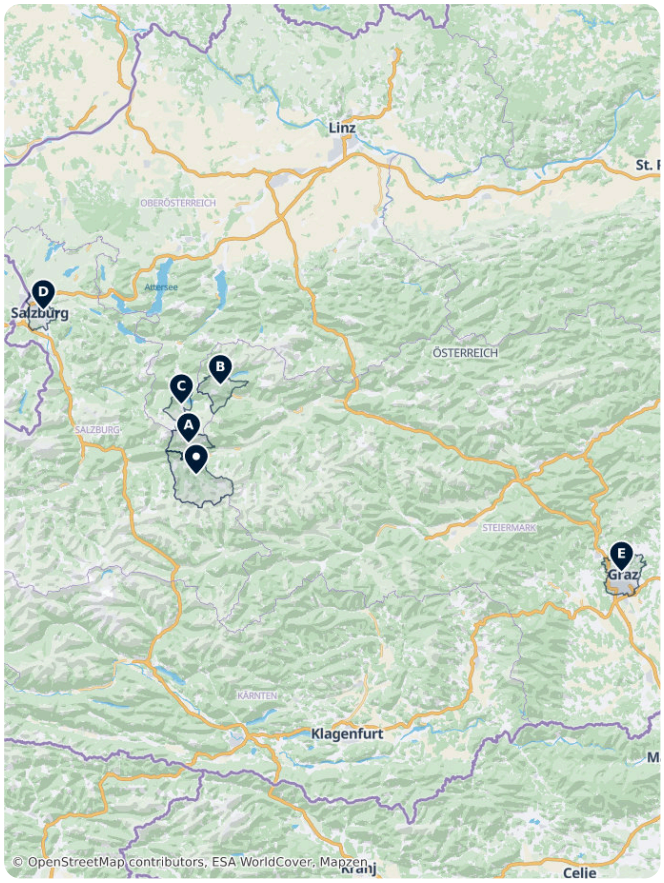
What to experience

- Ski the Four Mountain Skiing region.
- Watch the night race on the Planai in January.
- Hike to the Riesachfall.
- Ride the Dachstein cable car.
- Cycle the Enns valley path.

Day trips

- A Ramsau am Dachstein is a high plateau village and the base for the Dachstein glacier cable car, about 15 minutes by car.
- B Bad Aussee is a lake town, about 45 minutes by car.
- C Hallstatt is about 1 hour by car.
- D Salzburg is about 1 hour 15 minutes by car or train.
- E Graz is about 2 hours by car.



Where to explore

- Ramsau am Dachstein is the closest preferred village and the base for the Dachstein.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes away. Graz and Munich are alternatives.
- By train: Schladming is on the Ennstal line. Salzburg takes about 1 hour 30 minutes and Graz about 2 hours 30 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Take the A10 and the B320 road via Radstadt.

Getting around

The town is small and walkable. Ski buses and local buses run in the valley. Gondolas leave from the town centre. Guest cards often include cable cars and public transport in summer.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town centre is flat and compact. The mountains are reached by cable car.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Valley paths along the Enns are easy, and mountain bike trails are well marked.

Driving

A car is helpful for the side valleys and Dachstein. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Styrian and Salzburg food is hearty. Try *Ennstaler Steirerkas*, a local cheese, and *Kaspressknödel*, cheese dumplings. Mountain huts serve simple dishes, and local inns brew beer.

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

Schladming is safe. Check avalanche and weather reports before going up. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Schladming was a silver and copper mining town from the Middle Ages. It was hit hard during the Reformation. Skiing came in the 20th century, and the town hosted the Alpine Ski World Championships in 1982 and 2013.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

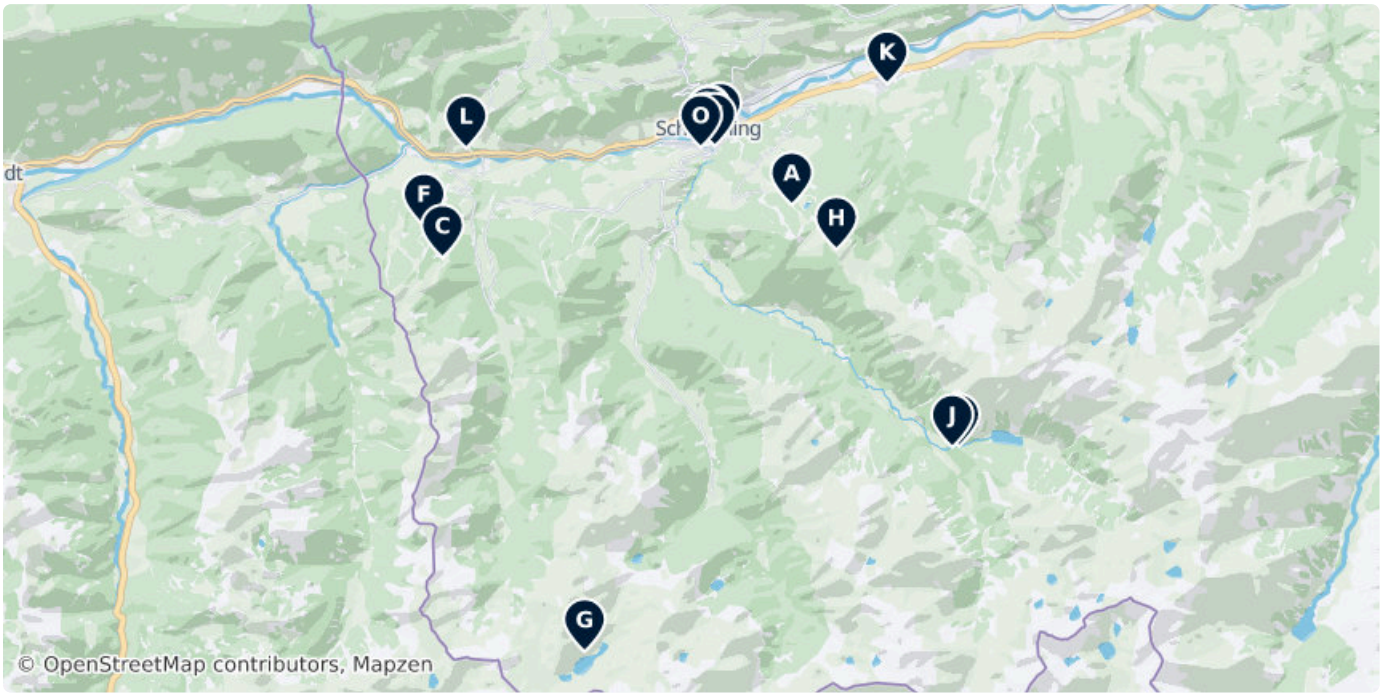
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Schladming Must-Sees

Schladming serves as a gateway to the 4-Mountain Ski Swing, encompassing the Planai, Hochwurzen, and Reiteralm resorts. Beyond winter sports, the town preserves its mining history in the City Museum and features significant religious landmarks, including the late Gothic Stadtpfarrkirche St. Achaz and the 19th-century Peter-und-Paul-Kirche. Natural attractions like the Riesach waterfalls, Styria's highest cascades, are accessible via the Untertal valley. The local brewery and historic Rathaus further highlight the region's cultural and industrial heritage.





A Planai-Hochwurzen Ski Area

Planai is a ski area in central Austria, the main mountain in the Schladming area in Styria.

Coburgstraße 5, 8970 Schladming, Austria
(47.37823, 13.71259)

planai.at, +43 3687 22042



B Stadtpfarrkirche St. Achaz

Late Gothic Catholic parish church featuring historical interior artwork and a prominent steeple.

(47.39189, 13.68686)

C Preunegg Jet

High-speed eight-person gondola lift with heated seats, providing direct access to the Reiteralm ski slopes.

8973, Austria (47.36721, 13.60475)



D Großer Riesachfall

The upper section of Styria's highest waterfalls, descending through the Schladminger Tauern mountains in the Untertal valley.

8971, Austria (47.32774, 13.76420)

E City Museum Schladming

If you want to learn more about the region, head here. The exhibitions will take you through the history of the town and mining.

Talbachgasse 110, Schladming, AT (47.39063, 13.68631)

museum.schladming.at, +43 664 244 4201



F Ski Reiteralm

Reiteralm is part of the Schladminger 4-Berge-Schaukel, a network of four mountains. It is located in Austria.

Gleiming 34, 8973 Pichl/Enns, Austria (47.37380, 13.59907)

reiteralm.at/de/winter/reiteralm, +43 6454 73570



G Ignaz-Mattis-Hütte

Alpine mountain hut situated at 1,791 meters near the Giglachseen lakes, offering food and accommodation for hikers.

8971, Austria (47.28484, 13.64859)

alpenverein.at/ignazmattishuette/



H Planai

Planai is a ski area in central Austria, the main mountain in the Schladming area in Styria.

8971, Austria (47.36892, 13.72637)

I Rathaus

Historic administrative building in the town center, recognized as a protected monument for its cultural and architectural value.

(47.39275, 13.69051)



J Kleiner Riesachfall

The lower falls of the Riesach cascades, located along a scenic hiking trail approximately 10 kilometers from the town center.

(47.32760, 13.76215)

K Filialkirche St. Margarteha

Traditional historic church located in the rural Pichl-Preunegg area.

(47.40352, 13.74206)

L Pfarrkirche hl. Jakobus der Ältere

Catholic parish church in the village of Pichl, serving as a local landmark near the Reiteralm ski area.

(47.39012, 13.61203)

M Annakapelle

Small Roman Catholic chapel located in the town center, designated as a protected heritage site.

(47.39216, 13.68708)

N Evang. Peter-und-Paul-Kirche

One of the largest Protestant churches in Austria, featuring a 19th-century facade and significant local heritage status.

71 Martin-Luther-Straße, Schladming 8970, Austria
(47.39055, 13.68887)



O Brewery Schladming

If you are a fan of this alcoholic beverage, come here and take a guided tour through the local brewery. Beer tasting included!

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