

Seeboden am Millstätter See

Carinthia · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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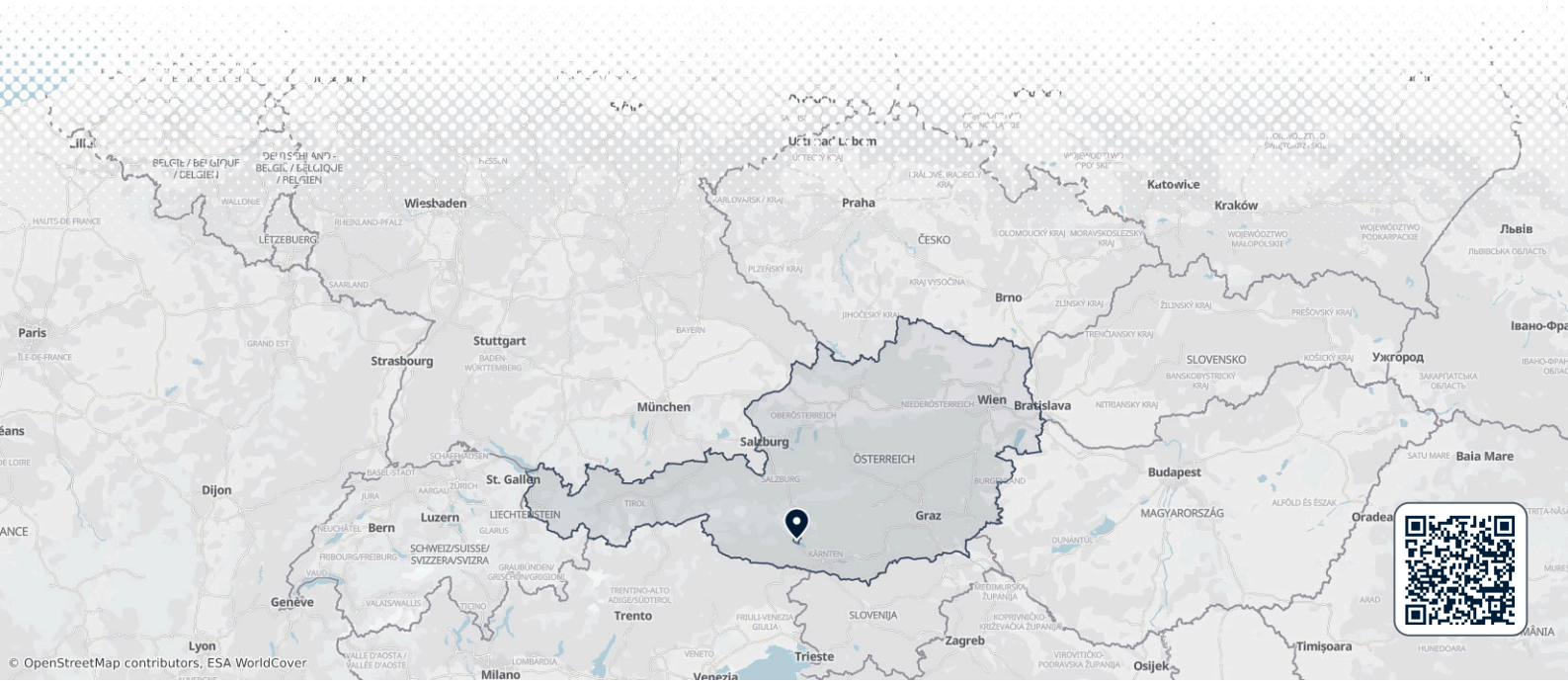

Overview

Seeboden is a lakeside town on the western end of the Millstätter See, one of Carinthia's largest and deepest lakes. A medieval castle stands at the edge of the village, and the Nock Mountains rise behind it.

The town is lively in summer, with a promenade, parks, beaches and boat trips, and calmer in other seasons. It is a good base for swimming, cycling and hiking, with Spittal an der Drau and the Gmünd valley nearby.

When to visit

June to early September is best for swimming and the lake. May and September are good for walking and cycling. Winter is quiet, with ski areas such as Bad Kleinkirchheim nearby.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 9° Feels like 0°	-4° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	-4° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 6°	0° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	4° / -2°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 29°	13° / 7°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 30°	14° / 9°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 31°	15° / 9°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 26°	11° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 23°	7° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17°	2° / -6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 10° Feels like 2°	-3° / -12°	Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Burg Sommeregg is a castle above the village, with a view of the lake and a torture museum.
- B Foltermuseum Burg Sommeregg is the torture museum inside the castle.
- C Bonsai Museum shows miniature trees in a Japanese-style garden.
- D 1. Kärntner Fischereimuseum tells the story of fishing on the lake.
- E Kulturhaus Seeboden is a cultural venue in the centre.
- F Klingerpark is a lakeside park.
- G Millstätter Hütte 1880 m is a mountain hut at 1,880 m.
- The Millstätter See is the main attraction, with boat trips and bathing spots.



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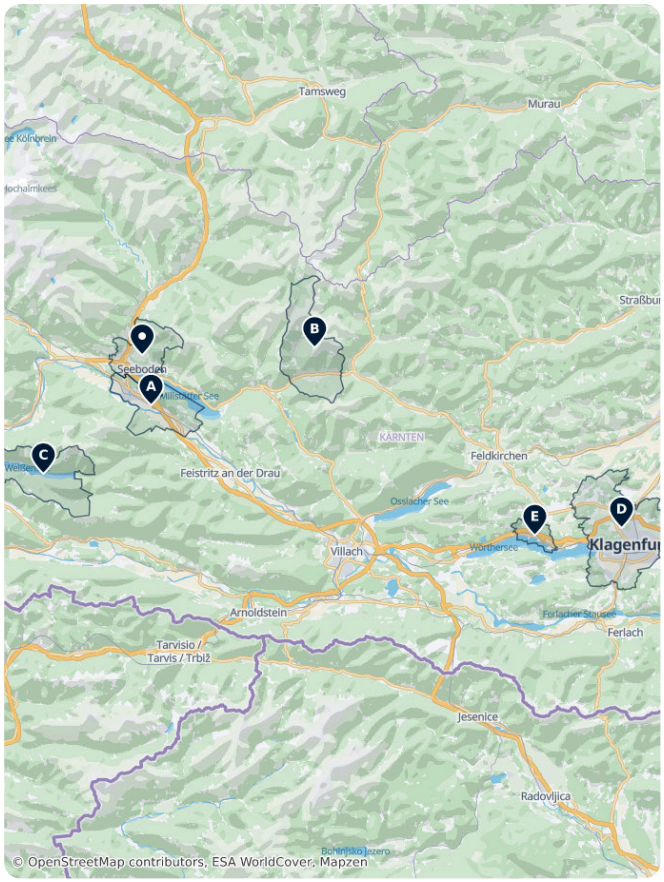
What to experience

- Swim in the lake.
- Take a boat trip.
- Cycle around the lake.
- Visit the castle.
- Hike to a mountain hut.

Day trips

- A Spittal an der Drau is about 15 minutes away by car.
- Millstatt, a pretty lakeside town with an abbey, is about 15 minutes away by car.
- B Bad Kleinkirchheim is about 40 minutes away by car.
- C Weißensee is about 45 minutes away by car.
- D Klagenfurt is about 1 hour 10 minutes away by car.
- E Pörtschach is about 1 hour 10 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Spittal an der Drau, Bad Kleinkirchheim and Weißensee are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Klagenfurt Airport is about 1 hour 10 minutes away by car. Salzburg is about 1 hour 45 minutes.
- By train: The nearest station is Spittal-Millstättersee on the Tauern line, then a bus of about 20 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A10 Tauern motorway at Seeboden.

Getting around

The centre is walkable, and a lake path links the villages. Buses and lake boats link the shore. Cycling is easy around the lake.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The lakeside centre is flat and compact, with a promenade and the castle close by.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

A lake path and valley routes make cycling easy, with mountain bike trails above.

Driving

A car helps for the wider region. Parking is busy in summer. The A10 has toll tunnels. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Carinthian food includes *Kärntner Kasnudeln*, filled pasta, and *Reindling*, a raisin yeast cake. The lake offers fresh fish. Lakeside restaurants serve local wine and 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

Seeboden is very safe. Watch the weather when swimming or sailing. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Seeboden lies near the old Roman road across the Alps, and Sommeregg castle was built in the Middle Ages. The Millstätter See grew into a holiday area in the 19th century, with the railway to Spittal and lake steamers. Today it is a lake resort and a quiet base for the Nock Mountains.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

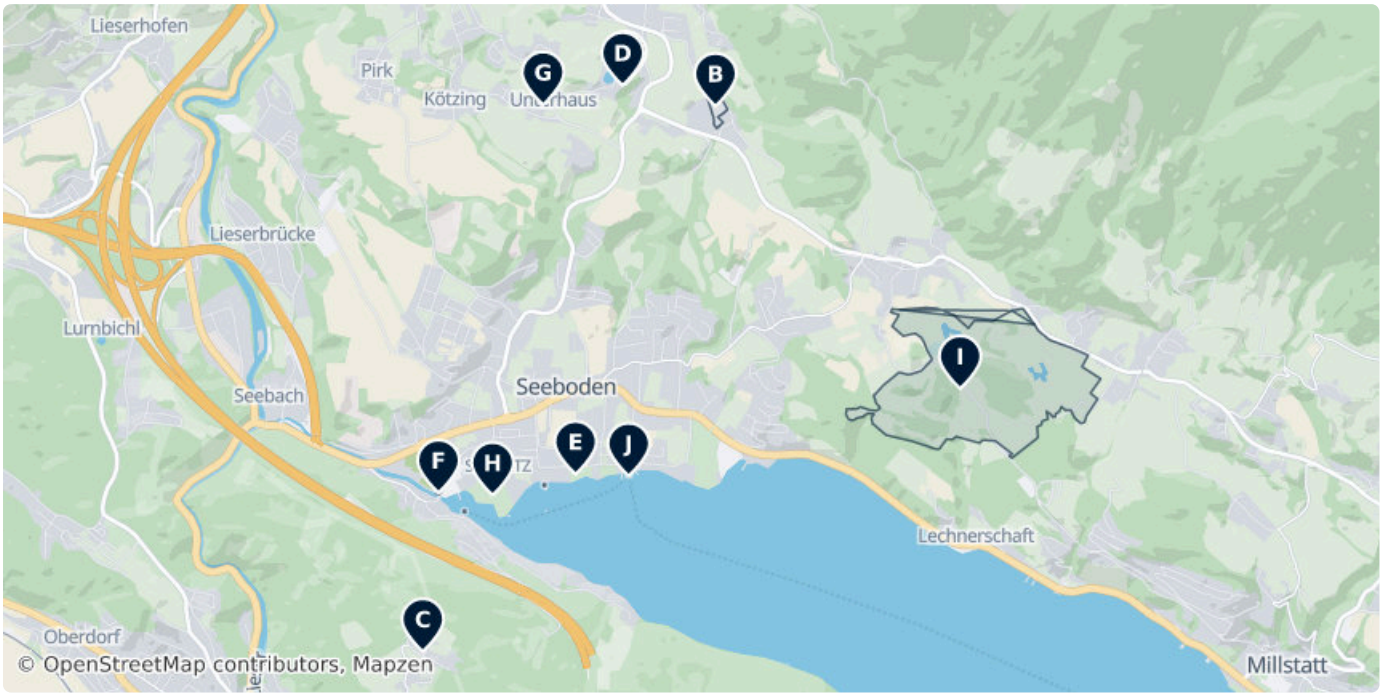
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Seeboden am Millstätter See Essentials

Seeboden am Millstätter See serves as a historical and recreational hub on the western shore of Carinthia's second-largest lake. The area is anchored by the medieval Burg Sommeregg, home to a significant torture museum and annual knights' festivals. Cultural highlights include one of Europe's largest Bonsai Museums and the 1st Carinthian Fishing Museum. Lakeside recreation is centered around the Blumenpark and Klingerpark, while the surrounding hills offer sites like the Wolfgangskirche and an 18-hole golf course overlooking the water.





A Burg Sommeregg

Sommeregg is a medieval castle near Seeboden in the Austrian state of Carinthia, Austria.

Schloßau, 9871 Seeboden am Millstätter See, Austria (46.83430, 13.52300)



B Bonsai Museum

One of Europe's largest collections of miniature trees, featuring over 120 exhibits across 3,000 square meters of Zen-inspired gardens.

24 Liedweg, 9871, Austria (46.83319, 13.52961)

May-Sep Mo–Fr	10:00–17:00
May-Sep Sa	10:00–16:00
Apr Tu–Fr	10:00–16:00

bonsai.at



C Sankt Wolfgang

Roman Catholic church situated on the Wolfsberg hill, offering panoramic views of the Millstätter See ridge.

(46.80585, 13.50817)

D Foltermuseum Burg Sommeregg

Located within the castle, this museum houses over 100 exhibits detailing medieval jurisprudence and historical torture instruments.

7 Schloßau, 9871, Austria (46.83423, 13.52281)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:00

sommeregg.at

E Blumenpark

Manicured lakeside park featuring diverse floral displays and walking paths along the shore of Millstätter See.

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F 1. Kärntner Fischereimuseum

Exhibits detailing the history of fishing on Millstätter See, including historical equipment, a large aquarium, and a 400-year-old smokehouse.

Fischerweg 1, 9871 Seeboden am Millstätter See, AT (46.81381, 13.50931)



G Evangelische Kirche Unterhaus

Protestant parish church located in the Unterhaus district of Seeboden.

4 Unterhaus, Unterhaus 9871, Austria (46.83326, 13.51697)

H Klingerpark

Public park on the lakefront offering shaded areas, sculptures, and direct access to the water.

(46.81370, 13.51328)

I Golfclub Millstätter See

An 18-hole golf course located on a sunny plateau above the lake, featuring a driving range and clubhouse.

Am Golfplatz 1, 9872 Millstatt (46.81903, 13.54754)

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J Strandhotel Pichler

Landing point for the Millstätter See shipping line, facilitating lake crossings and scenic boat tours.

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