

St. Kanzian am Klopeiner See

Carinthia · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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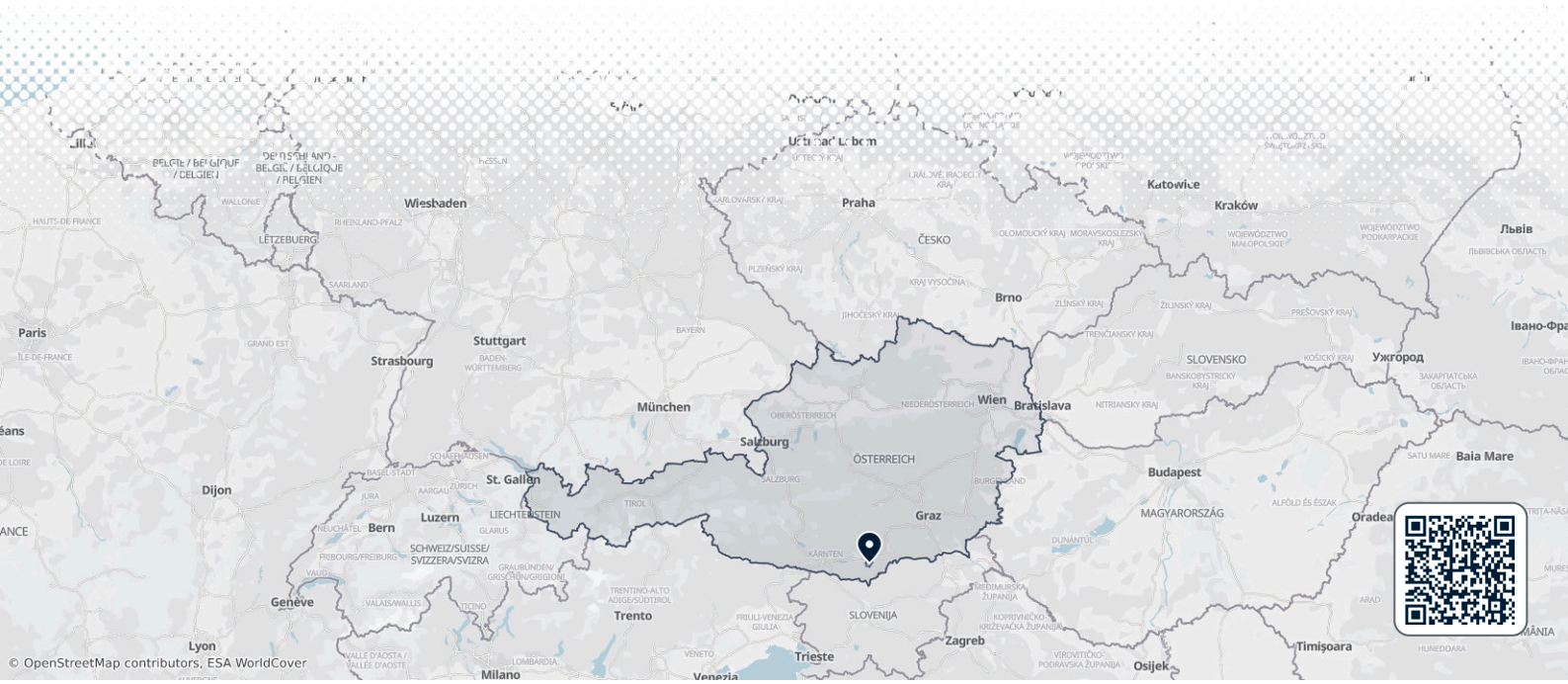

Overview

St. Kanzian am Klopeiner See is a lake municipality in southern Carinthia, close to the Slovenian border. It includes the Klopeiner See, one of the warmest swimming lakes in the Alps, together with the nearby Turnersee, Kleinsee and a nature reserve.

The area is relaxed and family friendly, with beaches, boat rentals and gentle cycling. It has a Slovenian-speaking minority, so signs and traditions mix two cultures.

When to visit

June to early September is best for swimming, as the Klopeiner See can reach about 28°C in summer. May and September are good for cycling and walking. Winter is quiet.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like 1°	-4° / -12°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 14° Feels like 3°	-2° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for cycling	11° / 18°	1° / -6°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	16° / 22°	5° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for cycling	20° / 26°	9° / 4°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for cycling	25° / 31°	14° / 8°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for watersports	27° / 33°	15° / 10°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for watersports	27° / 34°	15° / 10°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for cycling	22° / 28°	11° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	17° / 23°	7° / 0°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17°	3° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-2° / -10°	Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Klopeiner See is the main lake, with beaches and boat rentals.
- B Turnersee is a quieter lake, partly surrounded by reeds and woods.
- C Kleinsee is a small lake with a walking trail.
- D Strandbad Krainz is a beach on the Klopeiner See.
- E Naturschutzgebiet Sablatnigmoor is a protected wetland with walking paths.
- F Schloß Neudenstein is a small castle north of the lakes.
- G Vogelpark Turnersee is a bird park near the Turnersee.
- A forest adventure area is a short ride away, popular for children.
- H Georgikirche mit Wunschglocke is a hilltop church known for its wish bell.
- I Gracarca is a small hill with views.



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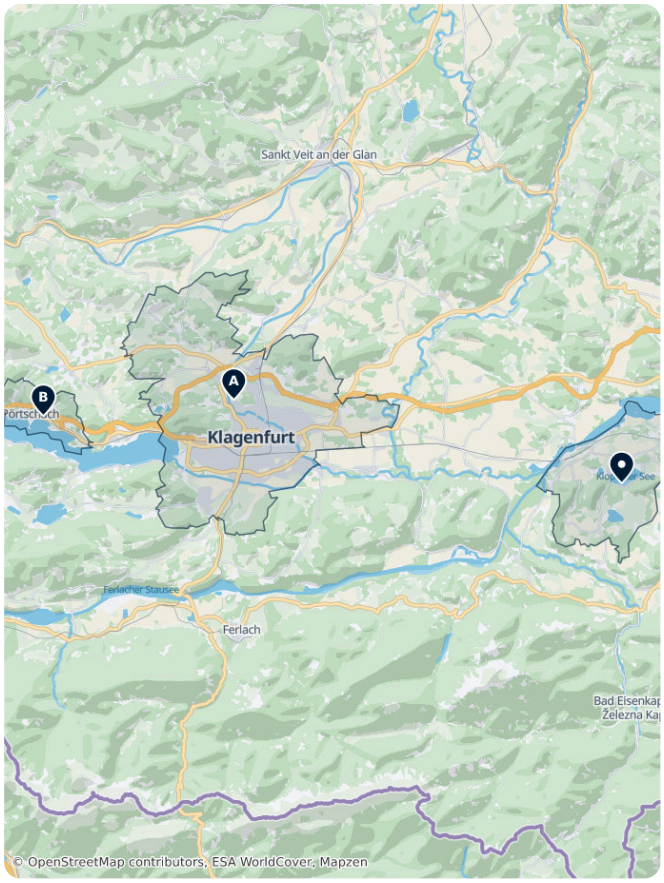
What to experience

- Swim in a lake.
- Rent a boat.
- Cycle the shore paths.
- Walk through the nature reserve.
- Visit Slovenia on a day trip.

Day trips

- A Klagenfurt is about 30 minutes away by car.
- Völkermarkt is about 15 minutes away by car.
- B Pörtschach is about 40 minutes away by car.
- Villach is about 55 minutes away by car.
- Lake Bled in Slovenia is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- Ljubljana in Slovenia is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Klagenfurt and Pörtschach are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Klagenfurt Airport is about 30 minutes away by car. Ljubljana is about 1 hour 30 minutes.
- By train: Take a train to Klagenfurt, then a bus to the lake of about 40 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A2 motorway at Klagenfurt-Ost or Völkermarkt and follow the road to the lake.

Getting around

The lake villages are spread out, so a car or bus helps. Paths and bike lanes link the shore. In summer boats and rental pedal boats are common.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The lake villages are spread around the shore, with paths linking them.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Flat lake paths and quiet roads suit cyclists.

Driving

A car helps for the wider region and for Slovenia. Parking can fill up near the beaches in summer. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. Slovenia has its own motorway vignette.

Food & drink

Carinthian food includes *Kärntner Kasnudeln*, filled pasta, and *Reindling*, a raisin yeast cake. The lakes offer fresh fish, and the Slovenian border brings dishes such as *potica*, a rolled nut cake.

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

St. Kanzian is very safe. Watch children near the water, and check the weather when boating. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

The area was settled in the Middle Ages by Slovenian-speaking farmers, and local place names show it. Tourism began in the 1950s, as the lakes' warm water and mild climate drew visitors. Slovenian traditions are still part of local life.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

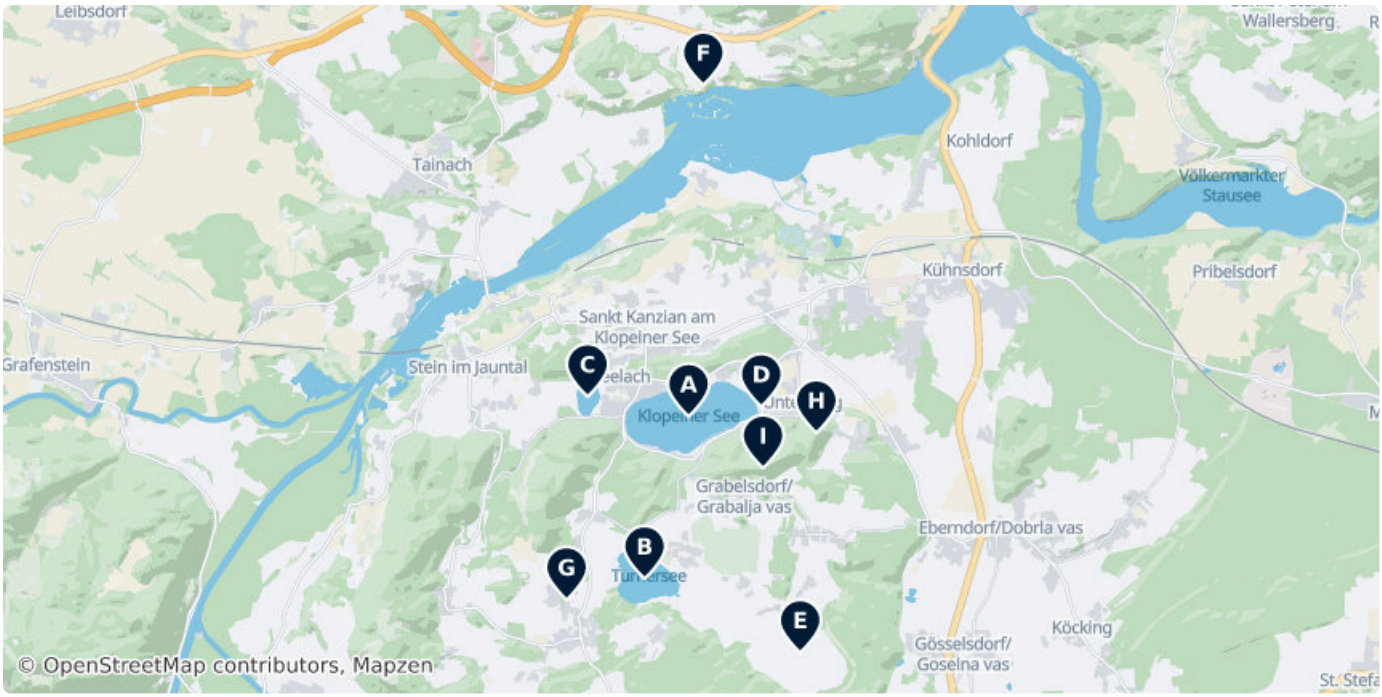


Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights



A Lake Klopein

Lake Klopein is a lake near the town of Völkermarkt located within the municipality of Sankt Kanzian in Carinthia, Austria.

9122, Austria (46.60441, 14.58360)

B Lake Turner

Lake Turner is a lake in the municipality of Sankt Kanzian in Carinthia, Austria.

9122, Austria (46.58438, 14.57568)



C Kleinsee

The Kleinsee is a lake in the municipality of Sankt Kanzian in Carinthia, Austria.

9122, Austria (46.60685, 14.56543)



D Strandbad Krainz

22 Ostuferstraße, 9122, Austria (46.60563, 14.59666)

strandbad.krainz.at



E Naturschutzgebiet Sablatnigmoor

9141, Austria (46.57526, 14.60366)



F Schloß Neudenstein

(46.64531, 14.58623)

G Vogelpark Turnersee

(46.58179, 14.56166)

H Georgikirche mit Wunschglocke

(Unnamed Road), 9122, Austria (46.60240, 14.60657)



I Gracarca

9122, Austria (46.59804, 14.59698)

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