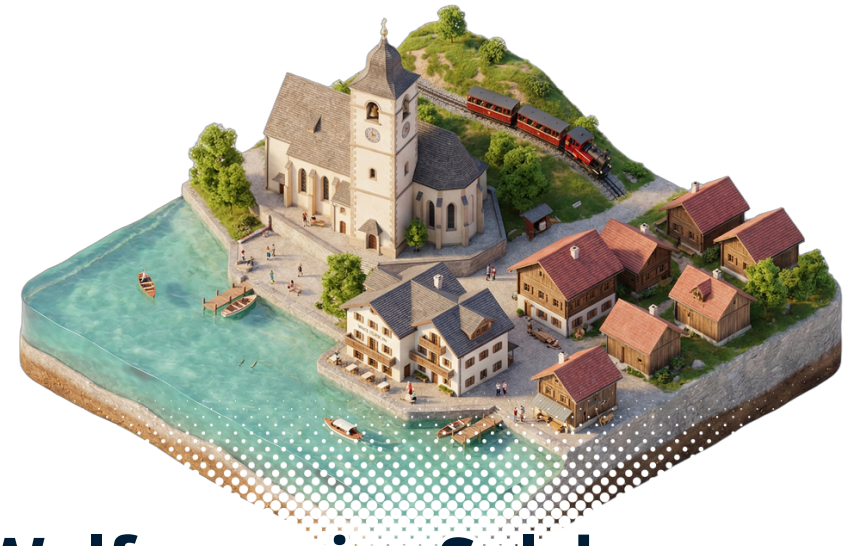

St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut

Salzkammergut · Austria

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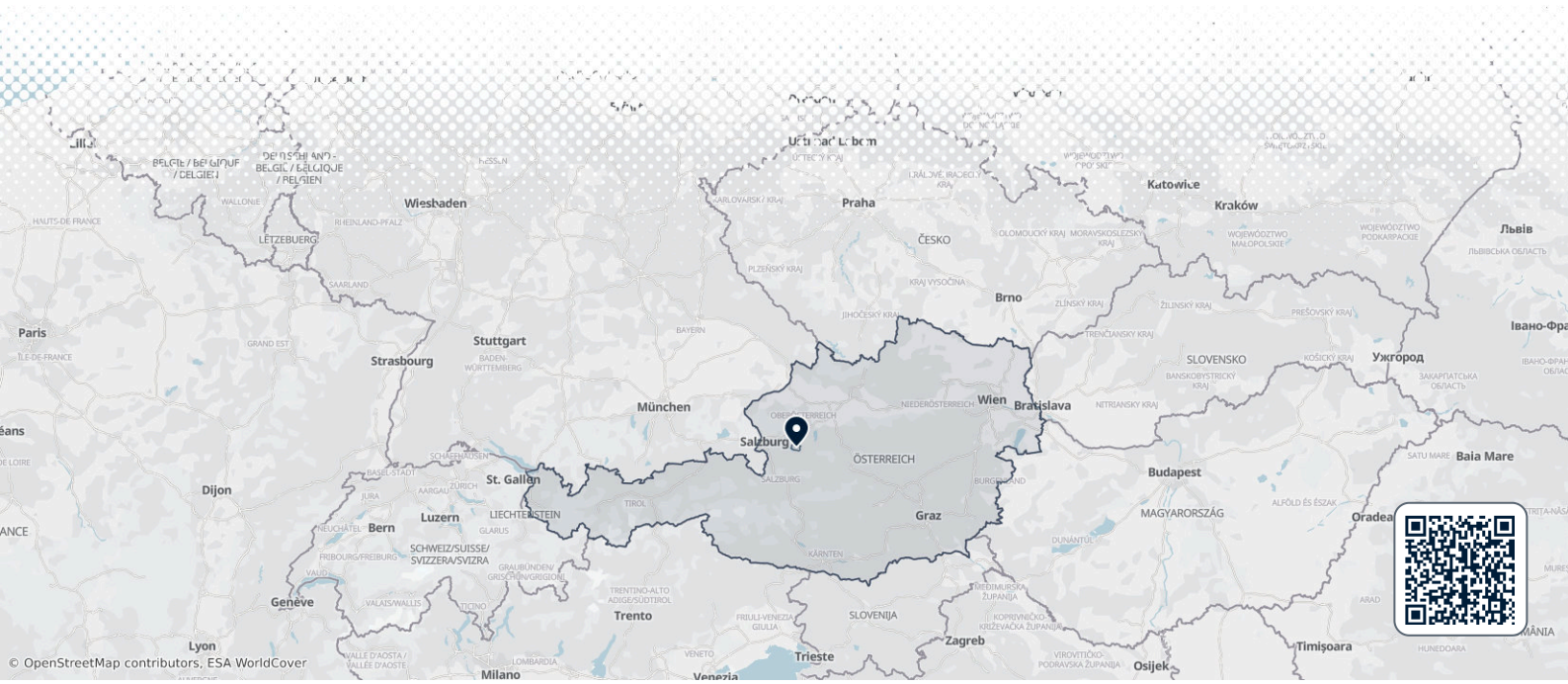


Overview

St. Wolfgang is a small, picturesque village on the northern shore of Lake Wolfgang in the Salzkammergut. It has been a pilgrimage place for centuries, and a church with a famous medieval altar is the centre of the village.

The village is also known for the White Horse Inn, which inspired a popular operetta. The Schafberg mountain rises behind it, reached by a historic steam rack railway.

When to visit

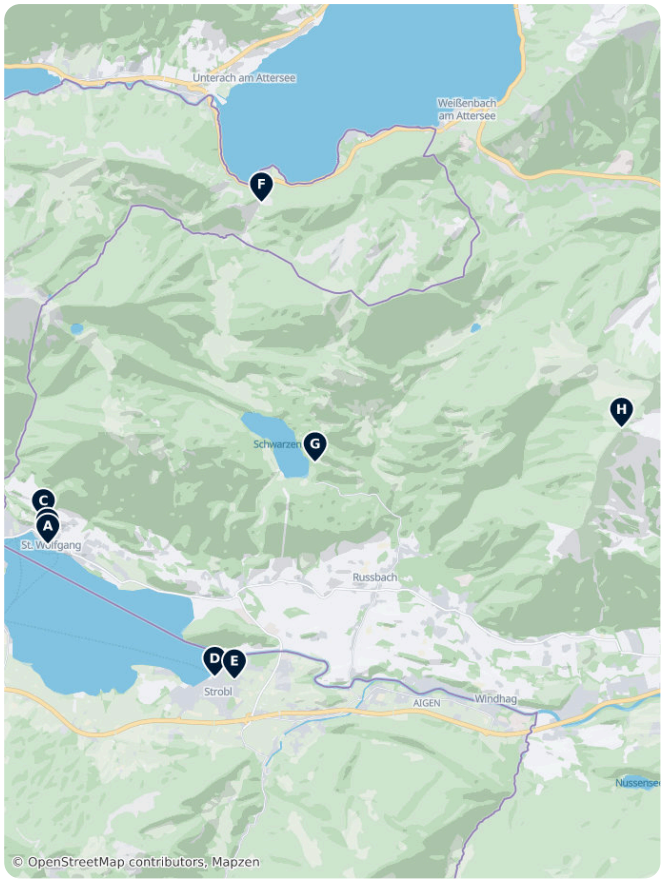
May to September is best for swimming, boat trips and hiking. The Schafberg railway runs in the summer season, usually from May to October. Spring and autumn are quiet. Advent brings a Christmas market by the lake. Winters are cold, and some attractions are closed.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	-3° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 18° Feels like 6°	1° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 23°	4° / -2°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	15° / 10°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	15° / 10°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	11° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	16° / 23°	7° / 0°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Poor Poor for hiking	10° / 17°	2° / -6°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-2° / -12°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Pfarrkirche St. Wolfgang is a Gothic pilgrimage church with the winged altar by *Michael Pacher*, finished in 1481.
- B Sankt Wolfgang im Salzkammergut is the village centre, by the lake.
- C Kalvarienberg is a hill with a chapel and views of the lake.
- D Pfarrkirche zum Hl. Sigismund is the parish church of the neighbouring village of Strobl.
- E Deutschvilla is an art villa in Strobl.
- F Burggrabenklamm is a gorge walk on the lake's northern shore.
- G Schwarzenseeblick is a viewpoint near the Schafberg.
- H Leonsberg is a peak above the lake, for a summit hike.
- The Schafberg, reached by the steam rack railway, gives views of the Salzkammergut lakes.



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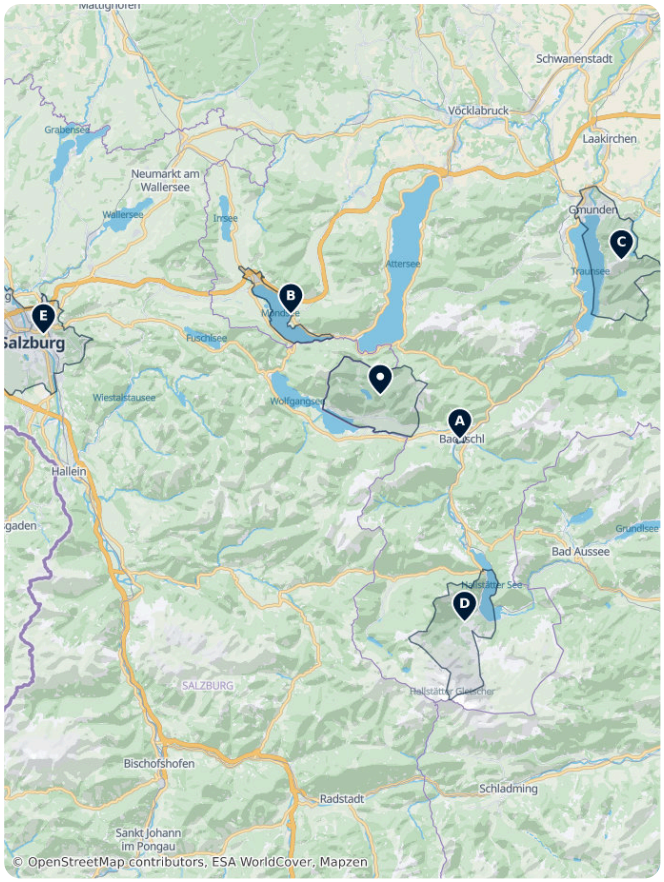
What to experience

- Ride the Schafberg steam railway to the top.
- Take a lake boat to St. Gilgen.
- Walk the lakeside path.
- Swim in the lake in summer.
- Visit the pilgrimage church and its altar.

Day trips

- A Bad Ischl is a spa town, about 20 minutes by car.
- B Mondsee is a lake town, about 30 minutes by car.
- C Gmunden is about 1 hour by car.
- D Hallstatt is about 45 minutes by car.
- E Salzburg is about 1 hour by car or bus.



Where to explore

- Bad Ischl and Mondsee are the closest preferred places.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour away by car. Linz and Munich are alternatives.
- By train: The closest station is Bad Ischl, about 20 minutes away by bus. Salzburg has bus connections to St. Wolfgang. Check train times on ÖBB.
- By boat: Ferries run across the lake from St. Gilgen and Strobl.
- By car: Take the A1 motorway and then the B158 and B154 roads.

Getting around

The village is small and best on foot. Lake boats link St. Wolfgang with other shore villages. Local buses connect the lake and Bad Ischl. The Schafberg railway starts at the village.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The village is small and mostly flat. The Schafberg is reached by rack railway.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Lakeside paths are scenic, with some hills.

Driving

A car is helpful for exploring the lakes. The village centre is partly closed to traffic. Parking is limited in summer. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Lake fish, especially char and whitefish, are a local speciality. Traditional inns serve dumplings and roast meats. The famous White Horse Inn serves *Kaiserschmarrn* and local dishes on its lake terrace.

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. Wolfgang is very safe. Be careful on the water in changing weather. Mountain weather changes quickly. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112.

History

St. Wolfgang grew around a pilgrimage site said to have been founded by Saint Wolfgang in the 10th century. The church became a major stop on pilgrim routes. The White Horse Inn operetta of 1930 made the village famous. The Schafberg railway opened in 1893.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

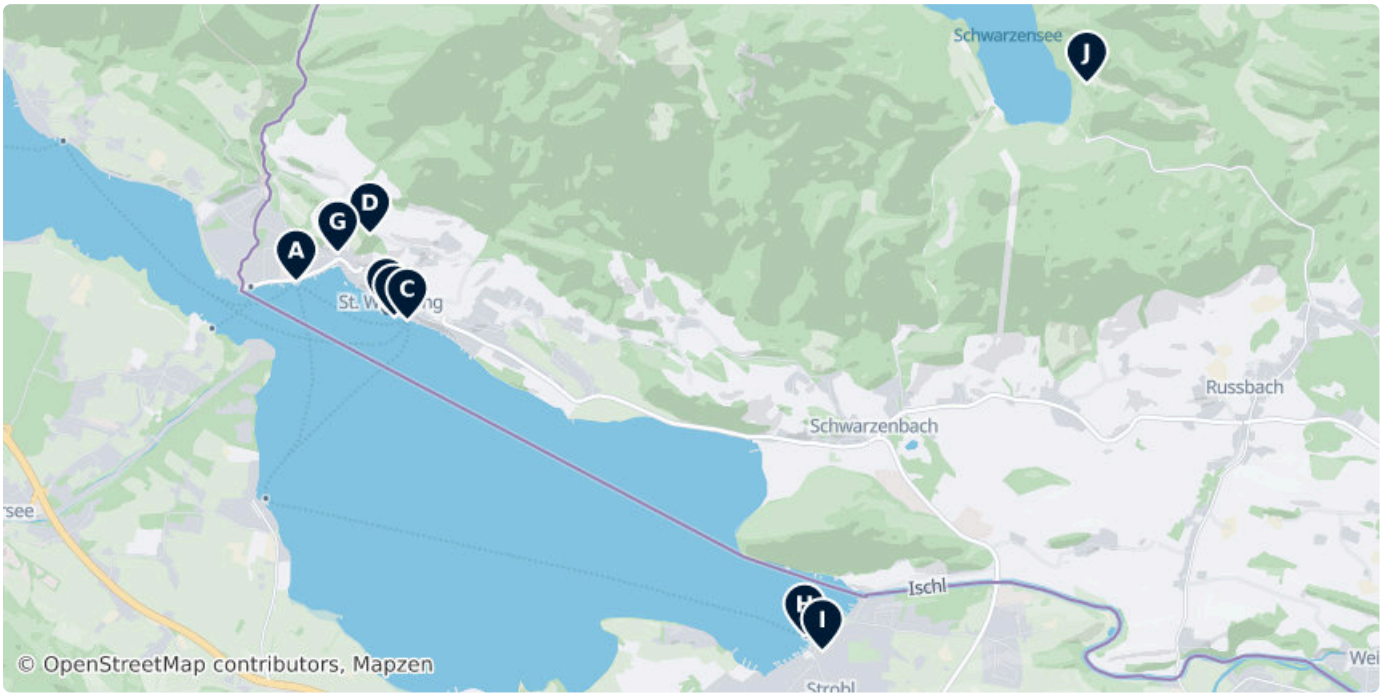
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

St. Wolfgang Essentials

St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut is defined by its centuries-old pilgrimage tradition and 19th-century Alpine tourism. This selection features the Schafbergbahn, Austria's steepest steam cog railway, and the historic Romantik Hotel Im Weissen Rössl, the setting of the famous operetta. The list covers essential transport links like the Wolfgangsee ferry piers, cultural sites including the Puppenmuseum, and panoramic viewpoints such as Kalvarienberg and Schwarzenseeblick.





A Schafbergbahn Cog Railway

The Schafberg Railway is a metre gauge cog railway in Upper Austria and Salzburg leading from Sankt Wolfgang im Salzkammergut up to the...

Robert-Stolz-Straße, Saint Wolfgang im Salzkammergut 5360, Austria (47.73900, 13.44070)

schafbergbahn.at, +43 6138 22 32 0

B Romantik Hotel Im Weissen Rössl

Famous lakeside hotel and setting for Ralph Benatzky's operetta. It features a heated floating pool in Lake Wolfgangsee and a 1,500 m² spa area.

(47.73749, 13.44793)

weissesroessl.at, +43 6138 2306-0

C Schiffsanlegestelle

The central docking point for the WolfgangseeSchifffahrt fleet, connecting St. Wolfgang with St. Gilgen and Strobl by water.

(47.73691, 13.44958)

D Kalvarienberg

A hilltop station of the cross featuring a small chapel and elevated views of the St. Wolfgang village and the surrounding Salzkammergut mountains.

(47.74156, 13.44660)

E Puppenmuseum St. Wolfgang

Collection of more than 1,000 dolls, including antique porcelain dolls, character dolls, and teddy bears, showcased in a historic building.

Markt 123, 5360 St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut, AT (47.74065, 13.44383)

Mo	11:00–18:00
Tu	08:00–12:00
We–Su	11:00–18:00

dorf-alm.at

F Seeterrasse "Zum weissen Hirschen"

Lakeside dining terrace specializing in regional Salzkammergut cuisine and fresh fish caught directly from Lake Wolfgangsee.

Ufer Platz, 5360 St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut, Austria (47.73711, 13.44854)

weisserhirsch.at

G Dorf-Alm zu St. Wolfgang

A rustic, Alpine-style restaurant featuring traditional wooden architecture, an open fireplace, and a menu of regional Austrian specialties.

Robert-Stolz-Straße, 5360 St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut, Austria (47.74054, 13.44401)

H Strobl

Ferry terminal on the eastern shore of Lake Wolfgangsee, serving as a primary transport link for the village of Strobl.

5350, Austria (47.71993, 13.48141)



I Pfarrkirche zum Hl. Sigismund

Late Baroque parish church in Strobl, completed in 1761, featuring notable interior frescoes and a historic organ.

19 Bürglstraße, Strobl 5350, Austria (47.71912, 13.48283)

J Schwarzenseeblick

A scenic viewpoint overlooking the Schwarzensee, a high-altitude lake situated in the mountains above the Wolfgangsee valley.

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