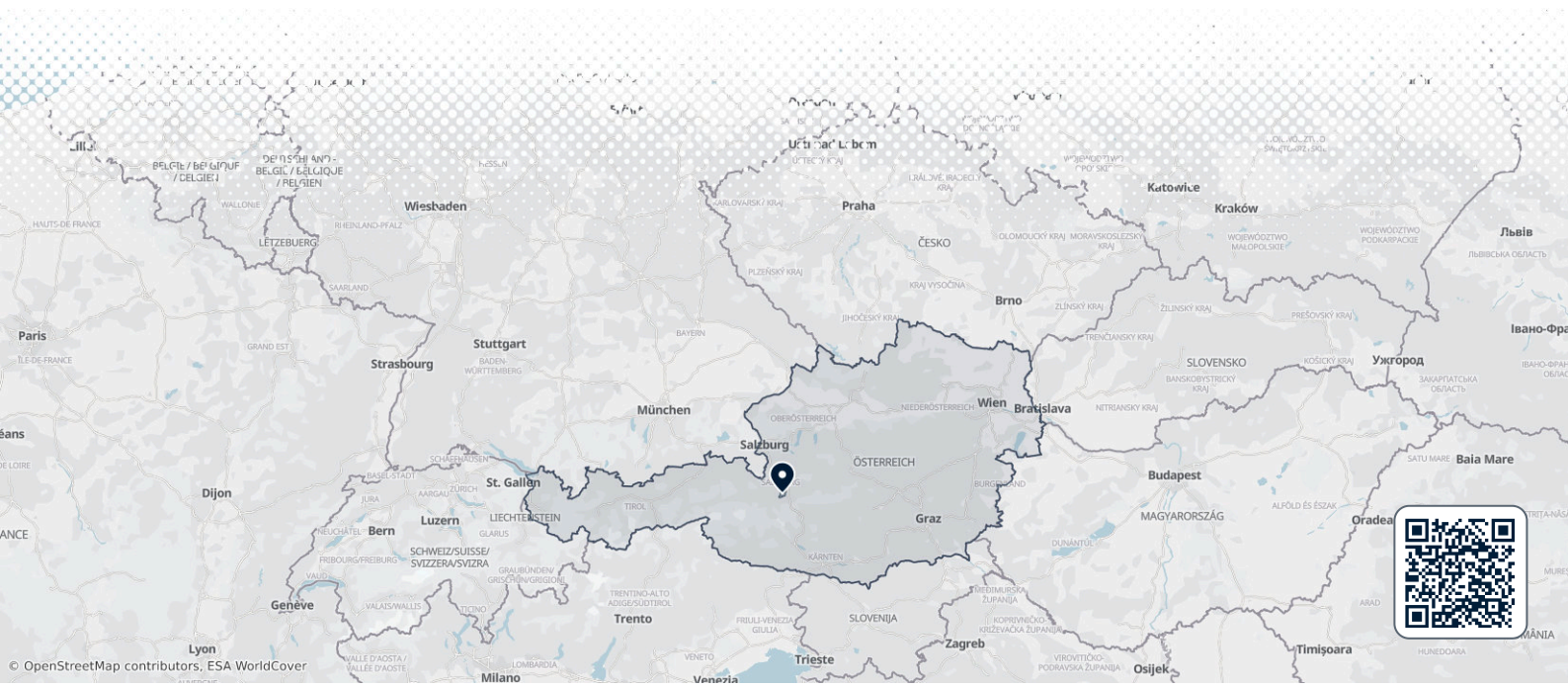


Wagrain

Salzburg · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Wagrain is a village in the Pongau region of Salzburg, in the heart of Ski amadé, one of Austria's biggest ski areas. It is known to many as the place where Joseph Mohr, the priest who wrote the words of the carol Silent Night, lived and is buried.

The village has a friendly alpine feel, with fast lift links to Flachau and Kleinarl. It suits families and skiers, with summer hiking and cycling, too.

When to visit

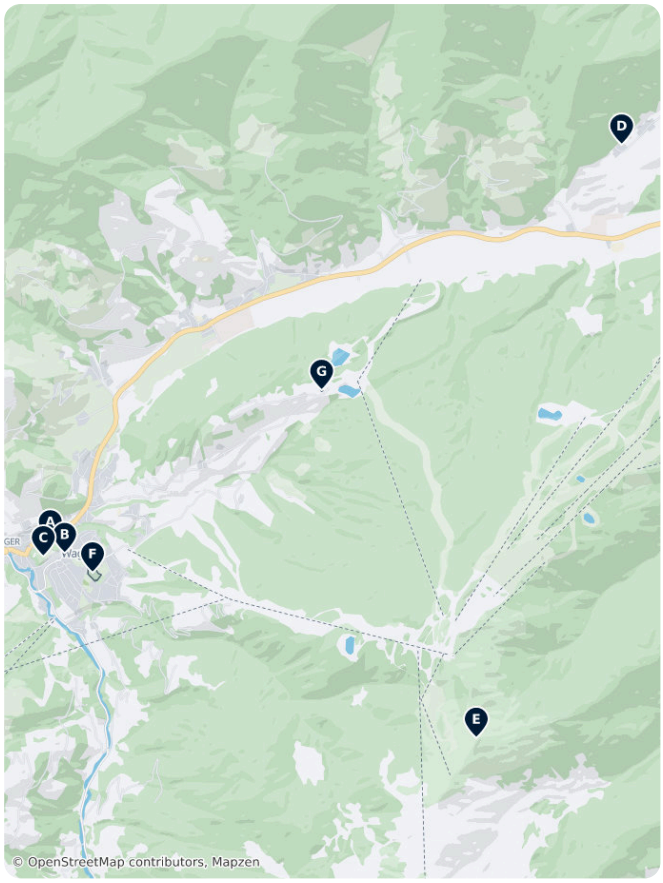
December to April is ski season. June to September is best for hiking, cycling and swimming. Advent has a small market and the Silent Night story. Spring and late autumn are quiet.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -2°	-6° / -15°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	3° / 11° Feels like 0°	-5° / -15°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	7° / 16° Feels like 4°	-2° / -10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	13° / 21°	2° / -4°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	17° / 25°	7° / 2°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	22° / 29°	11° / 5°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	18° / 26°	9° / 3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	5° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 16°	0° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Stille Nacht Museum im Pflegerschlössl tells the story of Joseph Mohr and the carol, in a small castle in the village.
- B Waggerl Haus Museum is the home museum of the writer Karl Heinrich Waggerl, who lived here.
- C Ruine Burgturm is a tower ruin above the village.
- D Schloss Höch is a castle near the edge of town.
- E Grießenkareck is a mountain with ski slopes and summer walking routes.
- F Wasserwelt amadé is a pool and leisure complex.
- G Bauerhofmuseum Edelweißalm is a farm museum on a mountain pasture.
- The village church holds the grave of Joseph Mohr.



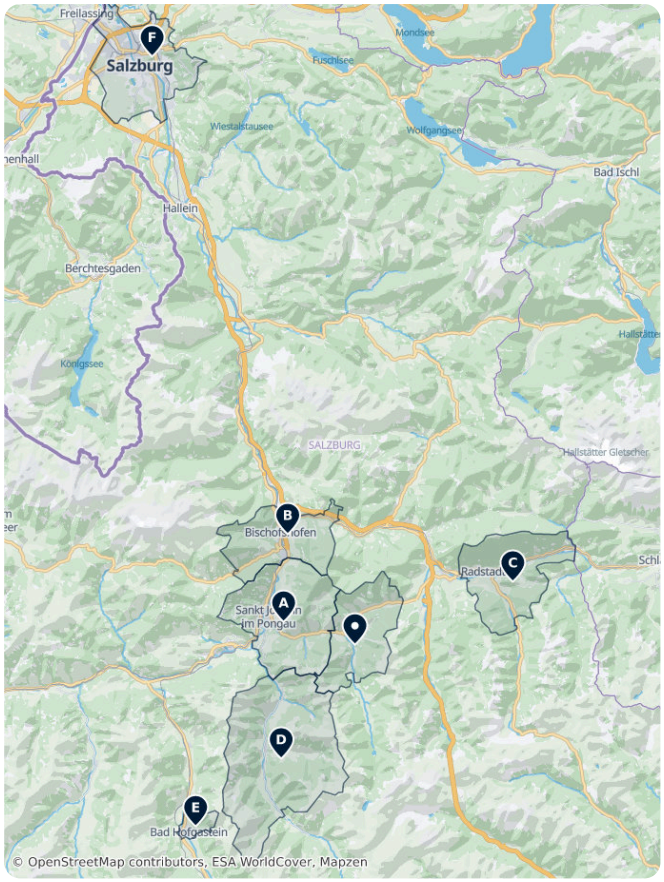
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What to experience

- Ski in Ski amadé.
- Visit the Silent Night museum.
- Hike on the pasture trails.
- Swim at the leisure centre.
- Cycle the Ennstal.

Day trips

- A St Johann im Pongau is about 15 minutes away by car.
- B Bischofshofen is about 25 minutes away by car.
- C Radstadt is about 25 minutes away by car.
- D Großarl is about 30 minutes away by car.
- E Bad Hofgastein is about 45 minutes away by car.
- F Salzburg is about 1 hour away by car.



Where to explore

- St Johann im Pongau, Radstadt and Großarl are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour away by car.
- By train: The nearest station is St Johann im Pongau, then a bus of about 15 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The A10 and the Wagrain road reach the village.

Getting around

The village is small, and a ski bus and local bus link the lifts and neighbouring villages. Cycling is easy in the valley.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village centre is small, but lifts and trails are spread around it.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The Ennstal and Wagrain cycle routes are easy, with mountain bike trails above.

Driving

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

Food & drink

Salzburg-region food includes *Kasnocken*, cheese dumplings, and *Kaiserschmarrn*, a shredded pancake. Pasture huts serve butter, cheese and fresh milk. *Salzburger Nockerl* is a sweet specialty.

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

Wagrain is very safe. Ski and bike with protection, and check avalanche warnings. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Wagrain was a farming and mining village. Joseph Mohr served here as vicar late in life and died in 1848. The writer Waggerl made the village known in the 20th century, and ski lifts brought tourism in the 1960s.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

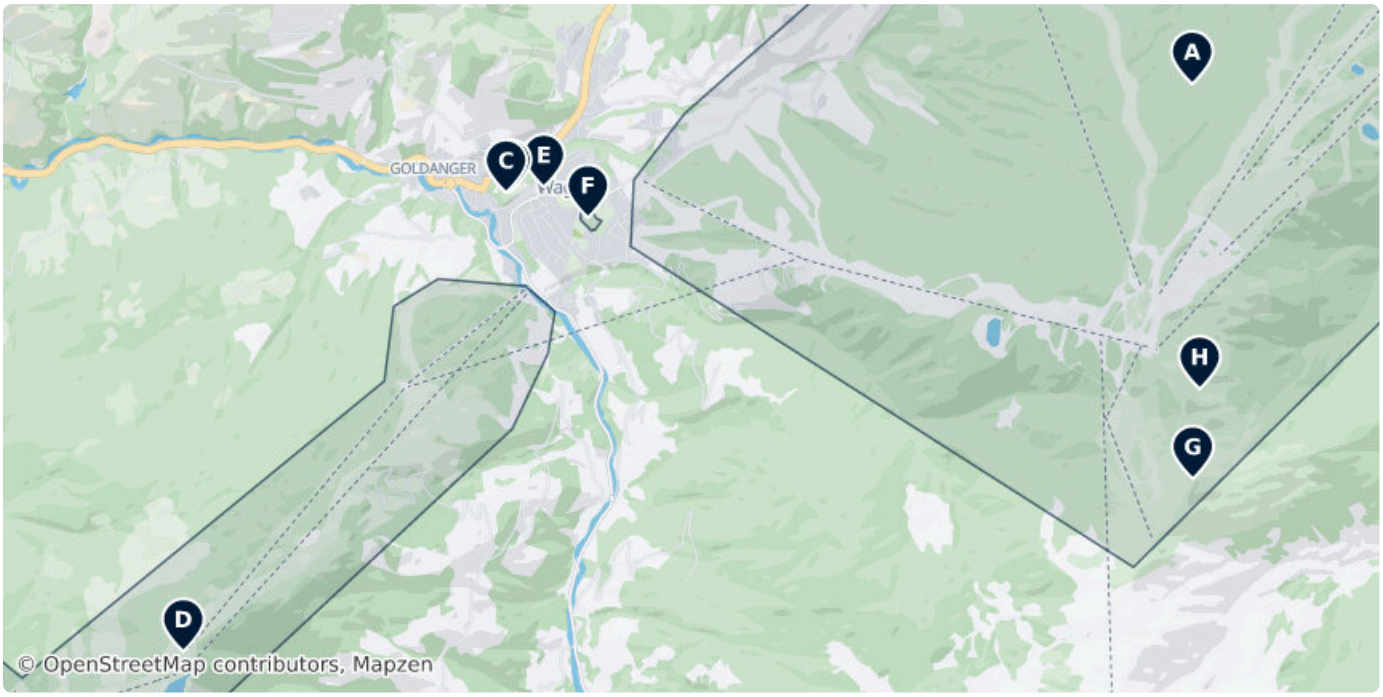
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Wagrain's Unmissable Highlights

Wagrain offers a mix of high-altitude adventure and local heritage in the heart of the Salzburg region. As part of the extensive Ski Amadé network, the village provides access to the Snow Space Flachau resort and the Grießenkareck peak, popular for both skiing and hiking. Cultural sites include the former home of poet Karl Heinrich Waggerl and the medieval ruins of Wagrain Castle. Families can explore the interactive WAGRAINi's Grafenberg nature trail or visit the Wasserwelt water park, featuring multiple pools and wellness facilities.





A Snow Space Flachau

This very well run ski resort is home to the famous alpine skier Hermann Maier who also runs a ski school there.

Hauptstraße 159, 5542 Flachau, Austria (47.33903, 13.35067)

flachau.at, +43 6457 22210



B Wagrain Castle

Medieval hill castle ruins situated at an elevation of 840 meters on the Burghügel. The site preserves the remains of the historic fortification that once overlooked the Wagrain market town.

31 Markt, Wagrain 5602, Austria (47.33342, 13.29847)



C Wagrain Castle

The ruins of this medieval hilltop fortification sit at 840 meters above sea level on the Burghügel. Historically, the castle served as a defensive structure for the surrounding market community.

Wagrain 5602, Austria (47.33340, 13.29815)



D WAGRAINi's Grafenberg

This "Natural Mountain World" will take you for a themed walk with entertaining stations where you will always learn something new.

Markt 59, 5602 Wagrain, Austria (47.30959, 13.27344)

wagraini.info/en/wagrainis_grafenberg/... , +43 6413 82380



E Waggerl Museum

Karl Heinrich Waggerl was a significant Austrian poet and writer. See the house where he lived, worked, and died in 1973.

K.H.Waggerl-Straße 1, 5602 Wagrain, AT (47.33369, 13.30104)

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waggerl.at, +43 6413 8203



F Wasserwelt Wagrain

Numerous attractions await you in this wonderful water world. Slides, pools, kids' areas and a wellness facility - just relax.

Joseph Mohr-Weg 5, 5602 Wagrain, Austria (47.33209, 13.30441)

wasserwelt.at, +43 6413 7430



G Grießenkareck

This mountain is popular not only with skiers, but also hikers, as it's surrounded by numerous hiking paths.

5542, Austria (47.31855, 13.35072)

H Ski Amadé

The Ski Amadé region of Austria is a network of 28 ski areas and towns that combined, make up the second largest ski area in Europe.

Schwarzenbach, 5652, Austria (47.32322, 13.35124)

skiamade.com/en/winter

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