

Wattens

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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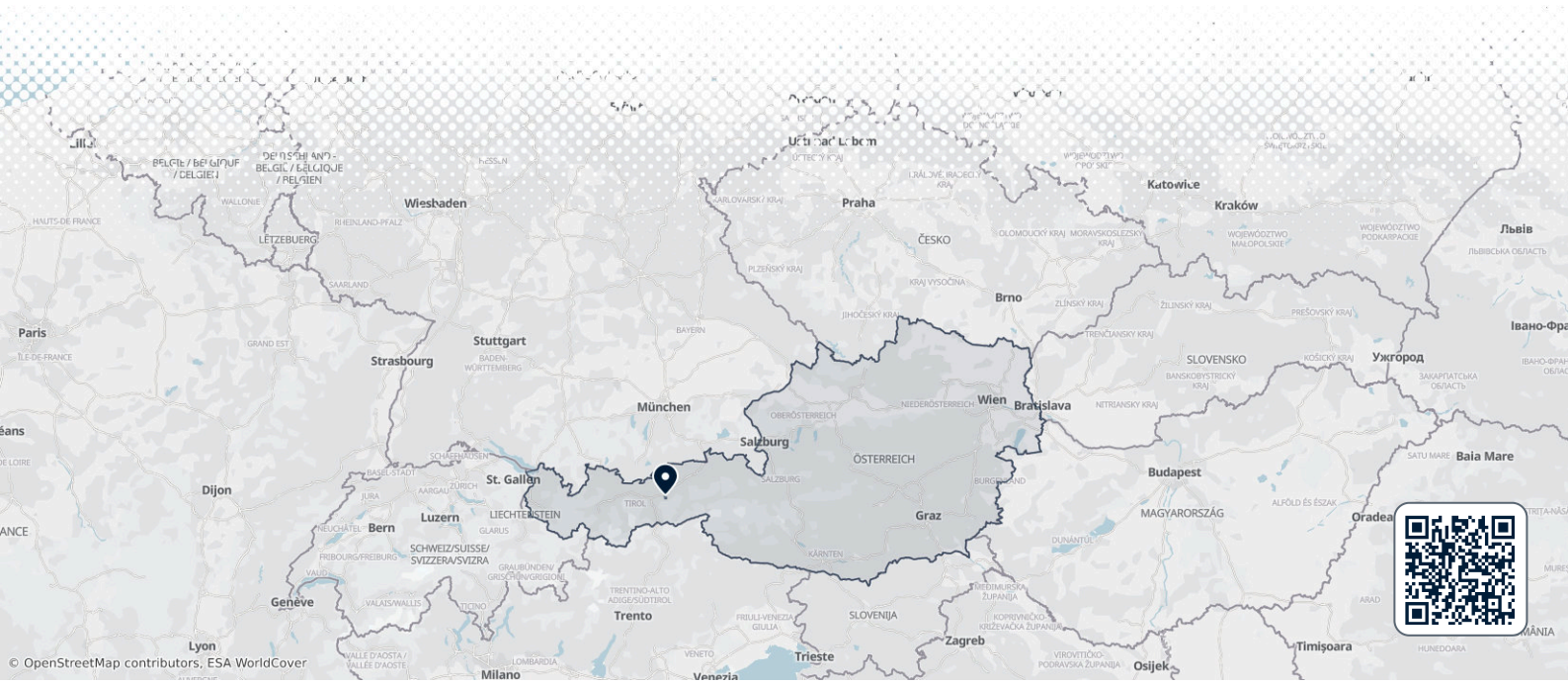


Overview

Wattens is a small industrial town in the Inn valley, about 15 km east of Innsbruck. It is the home of Swarovski, the crystal maker, and the company shapes the town and its main attraction.

The town works well as a short stop on the way between Innsbruck and the Zillertal. The mountains of the Tux Alps rise to the south and the Karwendel to the north.

When to visit

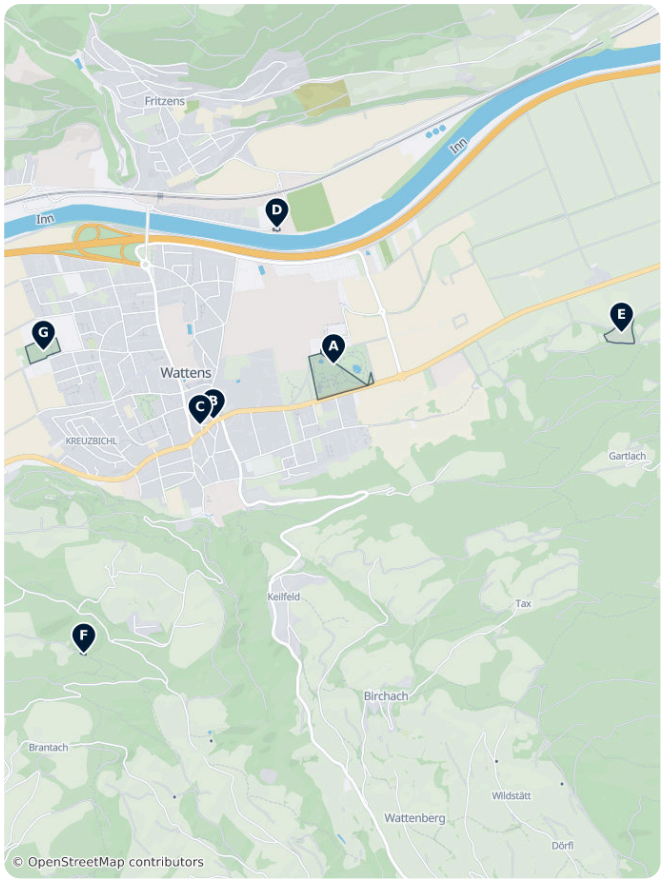
Wattens is open all year. Spring to autumn is best for walking and cycling in the valley. The crystal attraction is an indoor visit and suits rainy days. Winter brings snow to the hills, and ski areas near Innsbruck are close.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like 1°	-4° / -13°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 13° Feels like 2°	-3° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	0° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23°	4° / -2°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 27°	9° / 4°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 31°	13° / 7°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 31°	14° / 10°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 32°	15° / 10°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	11° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 24°	7° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	2° / -6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-2° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Swarovski Kristallwelten is the town's main attraction, a crystal-themed underground world with a giant head and fountain at the entrance, opened in 1995.
- B Museum Wattens is the local museum.
- C Schreibmaschinenmuseum shows old typewriters.
- D Brennerei Rochelt is a distillery known for fruit brandies.
- E Wildgehege is a small game park with local animals.
- F Eppensteiner Weiher is a small pond for a quiet walk.
- G Alpenbad Wattens is the town swimming pool.
- Two parish churches, the Marienkirche and the Laurentiuskirche, stand in the old part of town.



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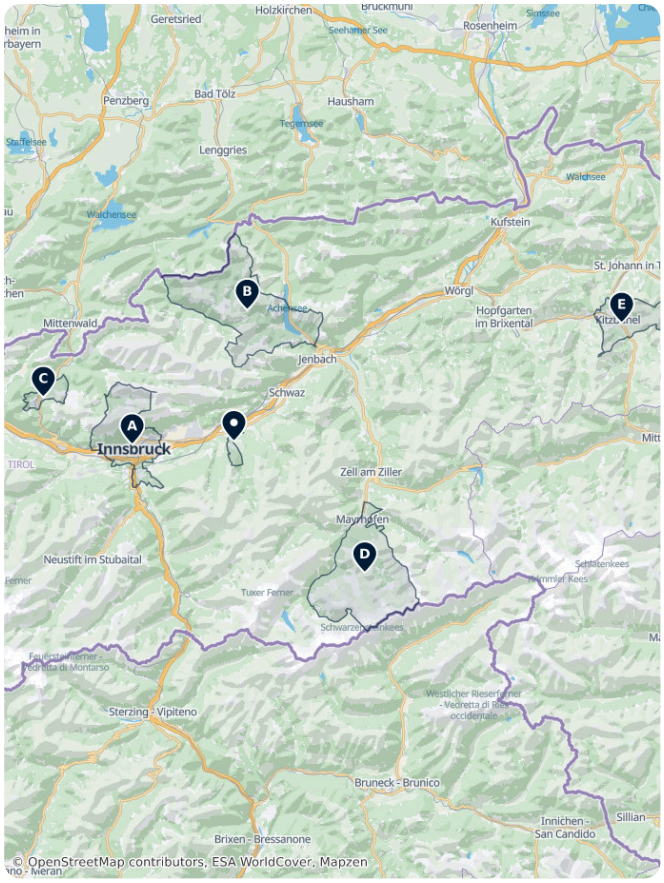
What to experience

- Visit the crystal attraction.
- Cycle along the Inn.
- Hike on the hills above town.
- Taste local fruit brandy.
- Take the train to Innsbruck.

Day trips

- A Innsbruck is about 20 minutes away by car or 15 minutes by train.
- B Eben am Achensee is about 30 minutes away by car.
- C Seefeld in Tirol is about 40 minutes away by car.
- D Mayrhofen is about 45 minutes away by car.
- E Kitzbühel is about 1 hour away by car.



Where to explore

- Innsbruck is the nearest preferred destination.
- Mayrhofen, Eben am Achensee and Seefeld in Tirol are the other Tyrol options nearby.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 25 minutes away by car. Munich is about 2 hours.
- By train: Regional trains on the Inn valley line link Wattens with Innsbruck in about 15 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A12 Inn valley motorway at Wattens.

Getting around

The centre is small, and the crystal attraction is a short bus ride or walk from the station. Local buses link nearby villages. Cycling along the Inn is easy.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The town is compact, but the main sights sit a short walk or bus ride apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The Inn cycle path runs flat through the valley, with mountain routes above.

Driving

A car is not needed for Innsbruck, but it helps for the hills. The A12 can be busy in summer and on winter weekends. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food includes *Tiroler Gröstl*, fried potatoes with meat and egg, *Kaspressknödel*, cheese dumplings in broth, and *Kaiserschmarrn*, a sweet shredded pancake. Mountain huts serve simple, hearty meals.

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

Wattens is very safe. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Wattens grew from a small Inn valley village into a company town after Daniel Swarovski founded his crystal business here in 1895. The firm brought work, housing and later tourism. Today the town mixes industry with the nearby Tyrolean mountains.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

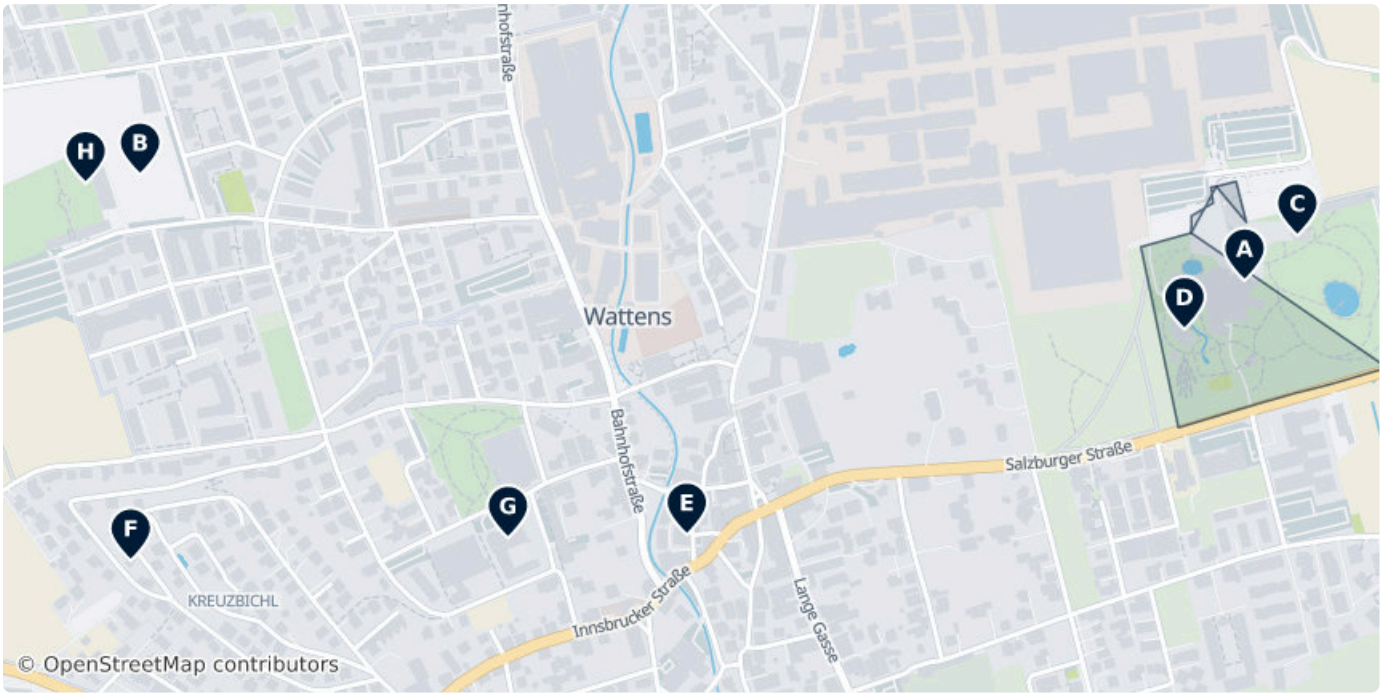
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Wattens Essentials

Wattens is defined by its industrial legacy and artistic innovation. The town center features the Museum of Typewriters and the regional Wattens Museum, which displays archaeological finds from the Rhaetian period. The landscape is dominated by the Swarovski Crystal Worlds, featuring the iconic Giant and the Snøhetta-designed Daniels restaurant. Local landmarks include the modern Marienkirche and the Gernot Langes Stadion, while the Alpenbad offers a unique diving tower with an integrated underwater viewing window.





A Swarovski Crystal World

Swarovski Kristallwelten is an experience attraction created by André Heller for the crystal glass manufacturer Swarovski, consisting of a...

Kristallweltenstraße 1, 6112 Wattens, Austria
(47.29400, 11.60124)

Jul-Aug Mo–Su	08:30–22:00
Sep-Jun Mo–Su	08:30–19:30

kristallwelten.swarovski.com, +43 5224 51080



B Gernot Langes Stadion

Home stadium of the WSG Tirol football club, named in honor of the long-time Swarovski executive and club president.

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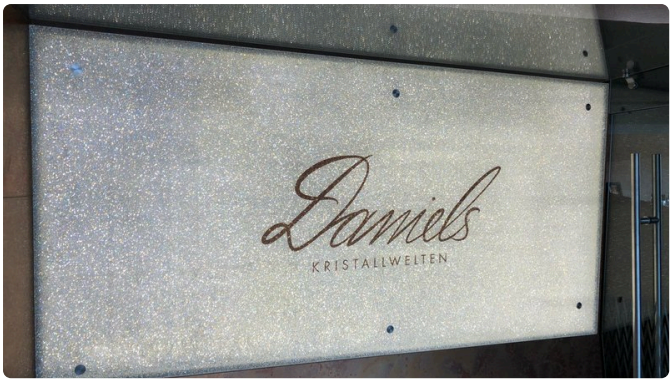

C Daniels. Café & Restaurant

A Snøhetta-designed restaurant located within Swarovski Crystal Worlds, serving international and Tyrolean cuisine with an in-house patisserie.

(Unnamed Road), Wattens 6112, Austria (47.29453, 11.60214)

Mo–Su 08:00–18:30

+43 5224 51080

D Observation Tower

Elevated viewpoint located in the gardens of Swarovski Crystal Worlds, providing panoramic views of the Giant and the surrounding Tyrolean mountains.

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E Museum of Typewriters

If you are passionate about typewriters and old memorabilia, don't miss this cute little museum. There are some really amazing pieces!

Andrä-Angerer-Gasse 1, 6112 Wattens, Austria (47.29107, 11.59174)

wattens.com/museen/

F Wattens Museum

If you want to learn about the history of Wattens and its region, then pop in to this museum which shows plenty of archaeological finds.

Kreuzbichlstrasse 27, 6112 Wattens, Austria (47.29077, 11.58227)

museum-wattens.at, +43 522 454 012

G Marienkirche

Modern Catholic parish church consecrated in 1958, featuring distinctive mid-20th-century ecclesiastical architecture.

8 Marienplatz, Wattens 6112, Austria (47.29103, 11.58869)

pfarre-wattens.at/kirchen/marienkirche.html

H Sprungturm mit Unterwasser Schaufenster

A unique diving tower at the Alpenbad Wattens public pool featuring an integrated underwater viewing window.

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