



HIKING WEEK FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE LAKES

self-guided tour
8 days / 7 nights



DESCRIPTION

The typical carinthian huts line the path along this beautiful and varied itinerary taking you from the top of the mountains down to the Ossiachersee and further to the Wörthersee. One reached one of the greatest among the Carinthian lakes, the emerald green Wörthersee, you will join the famous seaside resorts of Velden and Pörtschach. Via the Hohe Gloriette observation tower above Pörtschach you will reach the capital Klagenfurt with the wellknown Minimundus and the Planetarium right on the lake; and do not forget the particularly worth seeing Old town. The last stage will finally take you past the famous places Maria Wörth and Reifnitz where a detour to the Pyramidenkogel with the highest wooden tower in the world is a highlight you shouldn't miss!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The hiking route runs along well marked mountain paths and hiking trails. The tour is suitable for anyone in good, basic physical condition. The stages around the Lake Wörthersee can be shorten with a boat trip. The tour is suitable for children from the age of 16.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Villach

Individual arrival at the starting-hotel in Villach. Parking place close to the hotel available.

DAY 2: Villach - Gerlitzten - Ossiach/surrounding; ascent approx. 150 m, descent approx. 1.525 m / approx. 5 hours

In the morning a short transfer and then a cable car ride will take you to Gerlitzten, the starting point of your first hiking day. Passing on typical carinthian huts and with a breathtaking view on the city of Villach - surrounded by the mountains Dobratsch and Nockberge - you join the Lake Ossiach and your destination for today.

DAY 3: Ossiach/surroundings - Velden a. Wörthersee/surroundings; ascent approx. 475 m, descent approx. 550 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours

Today the stage leads you over the Ossiacher Tauern to the largest Carinthian lake, the Wörthersee, welcoming you with its emerald green water. Before you arrive your today's destination - Velden a. Wörthersee/surroundings - you hike through a protected landscape along the Lake Saissensee. Idyllic situated in the mountains of Gurktal this small lake 593 above sea level invites you for a bath stop.

DAY 4: Velden a. Wörthersee/surroundings - Pörtschach/surroundings; ascent approx. 300 m, descent approx. 300 m / approx. 3 - 4 hours

Along the Lake Wörthersee and through cool woods you reach another small lake, the Forstsee, another popular swimming lake inviting you to a jump into the clear refreshing water. Continuing your hikingway you pass under a rock block of marble, extending over about 8 km length and 2 km breadth: this is well-known as the „Pörtschacher Marmor“. Not far away you see your today's destination Pörtschach.

DAY 5: Pörtschach/surroundings - Klagenfurt/surroundings; ascent approx. 275 m, descent approx. 275 m / approx. 3 - 4 hours

Past the Ostermann chapel (also known as Marienkapelle) you hike today on small forest and meadow paths under the Pirken Kogel to join Klagenfurt. During this pleasant hiking stage you get by small lakes, the castle Drasing and Hornstein before you finally reach the lakeside and your destination.

DAY 6: Klagenfurt/surroundings - Keutschacher Seental valley; ascent approx. 350 m, descent approx. 275 m / approx. 3 - 4 hours

The day takes you far from the Lake Wörthersee and leads you to Lake Keutschacher See, another large carinthian lake. This is the place where a palafitte settlement from the Neolithic Age was discovered, the oldest known in Austria: since 2011 this is part of the World Heritage. The idyllic lake Spitnik, situated in a protected landscape, is also on your way. The upper one is also a popular swimming lake inviting you for a short break.

DAY 7: Keutschacher Seental valley - Velden a. Wörthersee - Villach; ascent approx. 700 m, descent approx. 475 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours

Through meadows and forests your last hiking day leads you along the viewing tower on Pyramidenkogel: 100 metres tall, this is the highest wooden viewing tower in the world. Enjoy the unforgettable view over the lake Wörthersee. Last but not least the Lake Trattnigteich, another small lake along your way, invites you for a break before you reach Schiefing am See and Velden a. Wörthersee. After a short train journey (ticket incl.) you arrive in Villach, end point of this beautiful hiking week.

DAY 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Starting point:** Villach
- **Arrival:**
By car: Villach is easily accessible on the motorways A2, A10 or A11 (depending on the point of origin).
By train: Good train connections to Villach. Timetable on: www.deutschebahn.de, www.oebb.at, www.trenitalia.com
By plane: Airport Klagenfurt, Salzburg or Ljubljana. There are good train connections from all these cities to your starting point.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation in guesthouses or hotels 3*** category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Depending on the first hotel, unattended parking facilities are available, either directly at your hotel or nearby (for the first night). Public parking garage at a cost of approx. € 35.00 per week.
Reservation of the parking area/parking garage not possible; payable on the spot.

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in guesthouses or hotels 3*** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Personal tour information
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Tickets for transfers according to the program
- Wörthersee PlusCard
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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STARTING DATES 2021

ARRIVAL	every Saturday 24/04/2021 (first available date) to 02/10/2021 (last available date)
NO DEPARTURE POSSIBLE	no starts possible from 01/08/2021 to 08/08/2021 (incl.) and from 07/09/2021 to 12/09/2021 (incl.)
NON SCHEDULE ARRIVAL DATES	minimum of 5 persons upon request!

PRICES 2021

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 729.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 159.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 69.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLACH

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 59.00
Surcharge single room per night	€ 17.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VELDEN A. WÖRTHERSEE/SURROUNDING

Per person and night in a double room incl. breakfast	on request
Surcharge single room, per night	on request

*High season: arrival dates from 19/06/2021 to 11/09/2021(incl.)

We suggest travel insurance.

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