



The Salzkammergut

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Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Heritage Hotel Hallstatt (p213)
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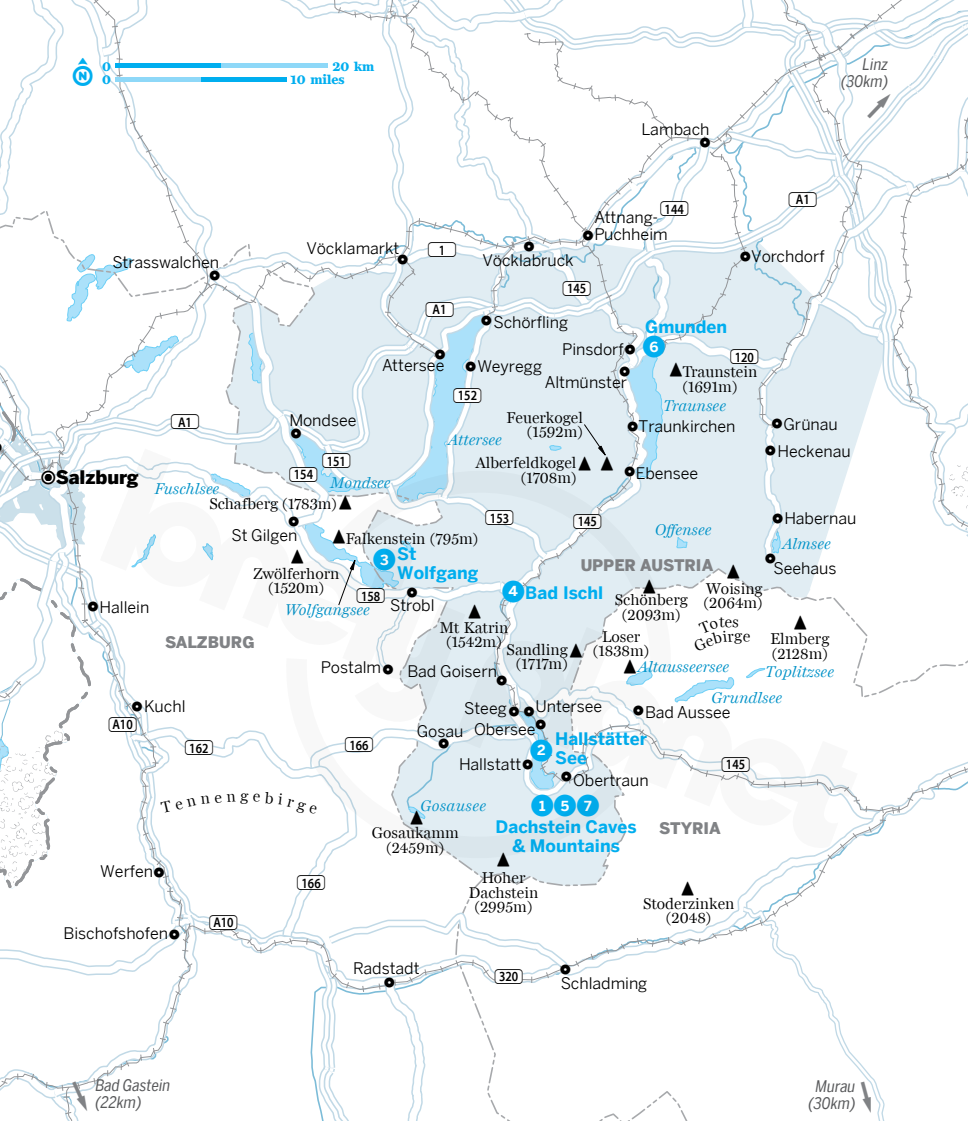
Why Go?

The Salzkammergut is a spectacular region of alpine and subalpine lakes, picturesque valleys, rolling hills and rugged, steep mountain ranges rising to almost 3000m. Much of the region is remote wilderness, and even in the heavily visited parts, such as the Wolfgangsee and Mondsee, you'll always find isolated areas where peaceful, glassy waters provide limitless opportunities for boating, swimming, fishing or just sitting on the shore and chucking stones into the water. The popular Hallstätter See, flanked by soaring mountains that offer great hiking, is arguably the most spectacular of the lakes.

Salt was once the 'white gold' of the Salzkammergut, and the mines that made it famous now provide an interesting journey back in time to the settlers of the Iron Age Hallstatt culture, and to the Celts and Romans.

When to Go

- ➔ Head to the mountain lakes from July to early September for lake swimming. Lakes can be chilly or cold outside these months; the Wolfgangsee and Mondsee are warmest.
- ➔ The shoulder season (spring and autumn) has changeable weather, and in mid-summer short, sudden rain showers are not unusual.
- ➔ There's good skiing on the Dachstein mountains once the snow settles, from December to March. With the right experience, equipment and maps you can ski to the Schladming side of the range on a cross-country trail.



The Salzkammergut Highlights

- 1 5Fingers Viewing Platform** (p214) Reeling from views high up in the Dachstein Mountains.
- 2 Hallstätter See** (p211) Hiking lake-edge from Obertraun to Hallstatt and cooling off in the crystal waters between trails.
- 3 St Wolfgang** (p223)

- Discovering Wolfgangsee's remarkable pilgrimage church, filled with priceless works of art.
- 4 Kaiservilla** (p209) Strolling through Franz Josef's summer residence in Bad Ischl.
 - 5 Dachstein Caves** (p213) Plunging into the chilling

- depths to marvel at masterfully illuminated towers of ice.
- 6 Gmunden** (p217) Hunting for vintage ceramics in the backstreets and market squares of this charming town.
 - 7 Krippenstein** (p215) Winter skiing on the 11km downhill piste in the Dachstein Mountains.