

Where crystal-clear waters meet breathtaking mountains: holiday on Lake Achensee

5 picturesque towns, the crystal-clear waters of Lake Achensee and the impressive Karwendel and Rofan Mountains are all lying in store for sporty, active guests, as well as for those who prefer to enjoy the tranquillity of a unique natural setting. Lake Achensee, Tyrol's Sport & Vital Park, bids you welcome...

Hiking, mountain biking, golf or water sports: the range of relaxation and leisure activities on offer around Tyrol's largest lake ensures that everyone gets the holiday experience they desire. There are some impressive figures to back up this variety of activities: **450 km of wellkept, signposted hiking routes** ranging from flat and gentle paths to tours at an altitude 2,500 m take hikers through the region's wonderful natural scenery. This includes hikes through the largest nature reserve in the northern Alps, the Karwendel Alpine Park. Anyone wanting to climb a little higher can head for the climbing areas, high rope courses and via ferrata. e.g. **Austria's only five peak via ferrata climbing route**. Lake Achensee has long since made a name for itself as a perfect sailing and surfing area right in the heart of the Alps: At 9 km in length, the lake offers ideal wind conditions for sailors, surfers, kite surfers and more recently fans of SUP (Stand Up Paddle Boarding). The lake also has more than enough room to accommodate the Achensee cruise ships, pedaloes and rowing boats, divers, fishermen and of course all the sun-worshipping visitors. You can make out some brightly coloured dots against the radiant blue summer sky – these are the wings of paragliders, who are equally in their element here. The Achensee region is one of the most popular biking destinations in Tyrol, with **more than 250 km of impeccably signposted and approved cycle and mountain bike routes**. The range of activities on offer also includes family cycle tours around the lake, along with demanding and action-packed mountain bike routes covering all levels of difficulty. Fans of running and Nordic Walking will also be at home in the Achensee region: **with more than 180 km of dedicated running paths** and 23 signposted routes of varying degrees of difficulty (which can be combined at certain points), Tyrol's Sport & Vital Park provides ambitious beginners and amateur athletes with an ideal starting point for both running and walking. In addition, this region will be hosting the 11th Achensee Run, the most beautiful panoramic run in the Alps. Achensee can also offer keen golfers two courses on which to play the perfect round of golf. The Achensee Golf and Country Club in Pertisau, which has an 18-hole golf course, and the Posthotel golf complex in Achenkirch complete with 9-hole course.

The Achensee Adventure Card

The Achensee Adventure Card fully equips guests for their holiday at Lake Achensee. Costing just 54 euro, it provides access to a wealth of leisure activities. It entitles holders to unlimited free daily access to the Rofan cable car and Karwendel railway. In addition, guests who are in possession of an Achensee Adventure Card can enjoy cruises on the lake on an Achensee steamer, and also travel on the Achensee railway. It also provides free entry to the Achensee Museum World in Maurach, the Museum of Local History in Sixenhof, the Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens, and the Notburga Museum in Maurach/Eben.

Event highlights

- 4 June 2011: Maurach is the destination for the Craft Bike Trans Germany 2011 cycle race: www.biketransgermany.de
- 9 - 11 June 2011: European Senior Golf Championships in Pertisau: www.golf.achensee.info
- 27 Juni 2011: 24-hour hike around Lake Achensee: www.24-stunden-wanderung.at
- 13 July - 7 August 2011: Up-and-coming opera stars train on the TOP Opera programme at Lake Achensee: www.topopera.com
- 6 August 2011: Achensee Attack – Lake Achensee plays host to a pirate battle: www.achensee-attack.at
- 27 August 2011: Karwendel March: www.karwendelmarsch.info
- 4 September 2011: International Achenseelauf running event: www.achenseelauf.at
- 30 September 2011: Tractor festival

For further information

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