

Lake Achensee: for carefree family holidays

Young and old alike will be enchanted by Tyrol's largest lake and the fantastic variety of activities on offer in the region. The incredibly diverse programme of events guarantees fun and adventure for children and young people. The Achensee region impressively demonstrates that it places great value on quality: it has now been a member of the Family Tyrol scheme for four years.

Water lovers and little mountaineers will be completely at ease in the Achensee region. A fantastic weekly programme with new sporty, creative and varied adventures every day is available for the "little grown-ups". The educational activities on offer are led by 4 qualified childcare workers and there is certainly no room for boredom. The Verein der Tiroler Familiennester [Tyrolean Association of Family Nests] guarantees proven family-friendly quality in Family Tyrol villages: membership is restricted to regions that have an above-average range of activities aimed specifically at families, as well as basic services and accommodation that cater specifically for the youngest of guests.

Set off around the lake with Wusel Wassergeist & Kuno the crafty goblin.

From Monday to Friday, kids aged from 4 to 11 years can explore the region's unique natural landscape and spend their holiday having fun.

Children can look forward to hours of outdoor fun with Kuno the crafty goblin, the mascot of this year's Family Tyrol scheme. Kuno ensures a varied programme of fun and games! When Kuno is let loose on starting a fire, puffing and blowing, splashing around or model making, all the children gather round him. They go climbing with him, they play with him, and at night they enjoy a torchlight walk along the lake with him.

Water also plays a central role on two days: mum and dad aren't allowed to know exactly what real buccaneers and pirates get up to all day long – things will really start to get lively on the bathing beach!

And the Wusel Academy is open to all guests on the children's programme for one day. In Karwendel Alpine Park, Wusel the Water Spirit teaches children how to tell the age of a tree, and how to easily measure their own height.

Action-packed programme for 11 to 16 year olds

The "bigger kids" obviously have very different interests, and action is part of a successful holiday for them. Travelling on a Segway, an environmentally friendly two-wheeler controlled only by shifting body weight, they head off into the unique mountain scenery. They do some climbing in the Achensee "Climbers Paradise", as well as trying out the new trend sport of "slacklining" and trying the high rope course, which requires complete concentration and a good sense of balance. The kids also go canyoning, which provides them with a unique ravine adventure. By the way, mum and dad are not allowed to attend – this is a "parent-free zone".

Fun with the whole family

There are numerous other activities on offer to ensure that the family can share some holiday highlights together. The unique natural setting provides plenty of fun and variety: families can go on leisurely walks through the surrounding valleys, around the lake, or even travel "up, up and away" on the cable cars. Cycle tours along the shores of the lake, or even slightly more sporty tours to the Alpine lodges further up the mountainside are also perfect for a fun family outing. The new farm-themed adventure playground in Pertisau is an additional draw for children.

Action-packed & exciting: Adventure Park Achensee

There is another new attraction at Lake Achensee that will excite not just family groups: the adventure park, a forest rope course, will invite visitors to go on a treetop adventure. This exciting trip takes visitors across swaying bridges, unstable nets, swinging tree trunks and adventurous obstacles. The forest rope-climbing courses offer exciting challenges and guarantee pure climbing fun for everyone, with heights ranging from two to fifteen metres off the ground. Visitors can then embark upon a rapid zip line descent back to the ground, where tiny tots can play to their heart's content in the exciting adventure playground.

Fact Box

Children's Programme:

When:

27 June to 9 September 2011 from MON to FRI

Price:

The children's programme is free of charge. There is just a small charge of 5 Euro for food and drink at lunchtime.

Children's games festivals:

20 July 2011 on the bathing beach in Achenkirch, and on 6 August on the Buchau bathing beach in Maurach (the Achensee Attack is also taking place – once again Jack Lago is searching for the most courageous pirates he can find for his crew)

Teenage Programme:

When:

27 June to 9 September 2011 on MON, TUES, THURS & FRI

Price:

The programme for young people costs Euro 20 to 30 per day per teenager, including equipment.

Additional information:

www.familien.achensee.info or in the current brochures

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