

Action on the water and in the air at the largest lake in Tyrol

Lake Achensee attracts water sports enthusiasts and sun seekers alike. At 9 km in length this is the only lake in Tyrol that offers beautiful waters and ideal wind conditions for sailors, surfers and kite surfers. The countless paragliders who float around in the skies above the lake are also grateful for the breeze.

Impressive mountains and crystal-clear waters – it is this unique combination that is guaranteed to quicken the pulse of water sports fans at the very mention of Lake Achensee. A perfect area for sailing and surfing located right in the heart of the Alps, with unparalleled turquoise waters, unique panoramic views and a perfect infrastructure - Lake Achensee is a summer paradise for sports enthusiasts, people who just want to relax, and fun-seekers.

With ideal wind conditions, Lake Achensee is a meeting point for fans of all kinds of water sports. The light south wind in the morning (1-2 Beaufort) and a strong north wind in the afternoon (3-5 Beaufort) challenge sailors and surfers to steer their boats and surf boards across the lake using a combination of strength, coordination and strategy. The unique location of the lake and the perfect weather conditions are ideal for water sports enthusiasts, and new challenges are constantly on offer, even for expert sailors, surfers and fans of the new water sport trend of kite surfing.

Have you heard of SUP?

The Achensee snow kite school is offering a new and still relatively unknown water sport in Achenkirch: It is called SUP (Stand up Paddle Boarding). The idea is to paddle a special board (similar to a large surfboard) while standing up on it. SUP provides an intense workout for the whole body while you glide across the water at your leisure. You will find your own pace after the first few strokes of the paddle – this makes SUP a sport for everyone who enjoys having some fun while they exercise.

Water that is good enough to drink

On sunny days when the thermals create ideal wind conditions between Karwendel and Rofan, the sails of surfers, sailors and kite surfers form an impressive colour scheme on the lake. All types of vessels are permitted on Lake Achensee, with the exception of motorboats: alongside the Achensee cruise ships, the pedalos, rowing boats, divers and fishermen, the largest lake in Tyrol also offers plenty of room for bathers. They will be completely in their element in the numerous sunbathing areas provided. This mountain lake also offers water that is clean enough to drink, and there is unrestricted access from all sides.

Paragliding

It is worth casting a glance skywards in the Achensee region, and not just because of the mountains: countless paragliders turn the blue sky into a bright sea of colours. You are in just the right place if you want to have a go yourself and enjoy the scenery from a birds' eye perspective. There are plenty of certified tandem flight organisers and paragliding schools in the region to help you feel like a bird in flight.

Fact Box

Achensee:

10 km long, 1.3 km wide
133 m deep (at the deepest point)
Water is clean enough to drink
Water temperature is between 19° and 22° in summer.

Boat hire

In Maurach, Pertisau and Achenkirch

Achensee cruises

The fleet of Lake Achensee cruise company consists of four vessels of differing capacities: www.tirol-schiffahrt.at

Sailing, surfing and kite schools:

Schwaiger Yachting School, Achenkirch
Tel. +43(5246)6263 or +43(676)6374550

Offers taster lessons, basic certificate lessons, trapeze sailing, sailing lessons for children, surfing lessons, Canadian canoe hire.
More information on: www.schwaigernautik.com

Achenkirch-Schwarzenau Surfing School, Achenkirch
Tel. +43(5224)52565 or +43(664)3508066

Offers lessons, simulators, surf board hire and wetsuits for beginners and experts.
More information on: www.kite-surfen-achensee.at

Achensee Buchau Kite School, Maurach
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Offers taster lessons along with beginner and advanced lessons. More information on www.learn2kite.at

The Sailing School, Pertisau
Tel. +43(650)5155850

Offers taster lessons, basic certificate lessons, advanced lessons, spinnaker training
More information on: www.diesegeleschule.eu

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