

# EUROPEAN WALKING HOLIDAYS 2025

## AUSTRIA – SEEFELD PLATEAU

8-day / 7-night one-hotel centre-based GUIDED walking tour from Weidach



A walking holiday on the Seefeld plateau offers an easy and relaxing way to enjoy Austrian Alpine scenery – majestic looming peaks, high meadows carpeted with colourful flowers, story-book cottages and picture-postcard valleys – with far less effort than other Alpine centres. This tranquil valley near to the German border offers a variety of gentle walks and rambles on the high plateau. Visit pretty Alpine hamlets and enjoy peaceful rest stops at welcoming almhouses, both in Austria and just over the border in neighbouring Bavaria. On your free day there is the opportunity to take a scenic trip by mountain train to the historic city of Innsbruck.

**Cost from:** \$3665 per person (twin share) Single supplement on request

Departures: 27 May, 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 1 July, 2, 9 September, 2025

**Includes:** 7 nights' accommodation in comfortable 4-star hotel, 7 breakfasts, 7 evening meals, local transport to/from the walks, experienced walks leaders offering a choice of two levels of walking on 5 days, Seefeld PlateauCard (local discount and transport card).

**Not Included:** Meals and drinks not mentioned, any personal expenses, transport and/or excursions on your free day. Transfers from Munich Airport at set times can be pre-booked at extra cost (the journey from Munich Airport takes about 2½ hours). Ask for details and costs.

Accommodation: We stay at the 4-star Hotel Kristall (or similar), a superb hotel located close to the centre of the quiet hamlet of Weidach in the Leutasch Valley. The hotel is run by the Pfeffel family who are proud to share its special Tyrolean ambience with our guests. Most of the hotel's bedrooms have balconies offering lovely views over the valley and mountains. The hotel has a lounge with fireplace, wellness centre with steam bath, sauna and spa, and a sunny terrace on which you can enjoy a glass of homemade schnapps at the end of the day. Complimentary afternoon tea with a variety of house-made traditional cakes (*Kaffe und Kuchen*) is served daily, and the hotel is renowned for its Tyrolean feasts and its Italian-style *lasagne al forno*.



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**Trip grading:** Walk moderate or longer distances, some sections of rough or steeper terrain. Choice of easier walks of 8-11km generally on good paths through valleys and meadows with up to 300m ascent in a day, or harder walks of 11-16km on good paths through valleys and meadows with up to 460m of ascent in a day.

### Suggested itinerary (routes are determined by the walk leaders each day and are subject to change):

#### Day 1: Arrive in Weidach

Make your own way to the hotel at Weidach in time for dinner. Transfers at a set time from Munich Airport can be pre-booked (at extra cost – ask for details). Meet your fellow guests over dinner, and your walks leaders will offer a briefing on the week ahead in the evening.

#### Day 2: The Leutasch Valley and villages

We walk from the hotel and explore the local area. Both the easier and the more challenging walks are a delightful introduction to this pretty region and a chance to enjoy the varied terrain and views on offer in the Ober and Unter Leutasch. We see Weidachsee, with its plentiful fish and fishermen, and then carry on through the woodland which cloaks many of the hills. From here we emerge into the wide-open valley around Platzl, moving on to Kirchplatzl and its pretty church. We continue down the valley with beautiful, flat green pastures on one side and the Wettersteinberge Mountains looking down on us from the other side. We take afternoon tea either back at our hotel or at one of the other charming establishments in the area.

#### Day 3: Mösern and Möserer-See

Mösern is one of the five villages that make up the Olympia Region Seefeld. It is known as the swallows' nest and lies 600 metres above the Inn Valley, offering many wonderful viewpoint opportunities. Our walk starts in Seefeld, offering us our first glimpse of the main village in the region, with its lovely churches, shops and hotels. The idyllic Möserersee offers a tranquil resting place, or a spot for a refreshing swim. A short, steep descent brings us to Mösern, where we have time to explore and to view the Peace Bell.

#### Day 4: Gaistal Valley

The Leutascher Ache (river) flows through this wild, quiet valley, with the sharp, rocky peaks of the Wettersteinberge Mountains on one side and the Mieminger mountains to the south. We walk following the river and along old hunting and riding trails and stop in at a traditional Alpine hut for refreshments.

#### Day 5: Free day

No walks are offered today. You may like to take the scenic mountain train to Innsbruck, with its beautiful Hapsburg palace and Baroque cathedral, its well-preserved medieval Altstadt, and Olympic ski jump with a backdrop of towering mountains. Alternatively, book yourself in for a wellness treatment at the hotel spa, wander around Seefeld's shops and restaurants, or take the funicular up the mountain to Rosshutte.

#### Day 6: The Leutasch Spirit Gorge

We head to the German border, to walk in the Unter-Leutasch Valley. We follow a meandering river path, gradually descending and passing by many of the small hamlets, with their flower-decked chalets. We cross flower-filled meadows never far from the Leutascher Ache and finish at the spectacular gorge. Here there is an 800-metre-long man-made section of metal walkways, with the river far below in the gorge. This is an amazing feat of engineering, truly breath-taking and well worth a photo stop. After the gorge walk, we descend to the foot of the waterfalls and walk into the attractive town of Mittenwald, before returning to the hotel by local bus.

#### Day 7: The Wildmoos Plateau and Wildmoosalm

These walks explore the high plateau of Wildmoos, with the beautiful lakes of Lottensee and Wildmoossee taking centre stage. We visit Ropferstub'm which has wide-ranging views of the Inn River Valley, then walk along the lake and golf course to and through forest to finish at the Wildmoosalm Hut, famous for its schnapps fountain and apple strudel. Here, we can soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the hospitality of a typical Tyrolean hut for the remaining afternoon, before we return to Weidach.

#### Day 8: Tour ends

Tour arrangements end after breakfast – transfer to Munich airport available (at extra cost).

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