

AUSTRIA – OETZ VALLEY GUIDED WALKING

8-day / 7-nights - centre-based guided walking based at Sölden – a choice of graded walks each day



The Oetz Valley in the heart of the Austrian Tyrol is an area of spectacular scenery. Surrounded by high peaks and glaciers, Sölden offers outstanding walking at all levels.

- Spectacular high peaks
- Friendly, family-run, 4-star hotel Oetztal Alps
- Choice of magnificent mountain walks

Our centre-based or one-hotel walking holidays offer a choice of two guided walks each day – usually an easier walk or a more challenging option. There is usually a free day midweek

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights
Costs: \$1195 per person (twin share) \$180 Single room supplement
Departs: 30 June; 7, 14, 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1 September 2012

Tour includes: 7-nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms where available, 7-breakfasts, 7-evening meals, experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks & free-day activity.

Not included: Airport transfers from Munich (these can be pre-booked at extra cost – we recommend you take these – from Munich airport the onward journey by coach takes approximately 3-hours - please ask for details when booking), meals & drinks not mentioned & personal expenses.

Where you will stay: The Erhart is a family run, friendly four-star hotel situated in a peaceful setting, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of the resort. The hotel has 28 en-suite rooms, all with balconies and mountain views. At the end of your walks relax in the spa pool or sauna, or enjoy free use of Sölden's superb indoor swimming pool.



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Suggested itinerary: (an alternative group of day walks is offered on alternate weeks for those who want a two-week holiday)

Day 1: Arrival day – plan to arrive mid-afternoon before dinner

Day 2: Discover the grandeur and rugged beauty of the Oetz Valley by ascending the gondola onto the slopes of Gaislachkogel for fabulous walks with breathtaking views.

Day 3: Today we plan to visit the idyllically located village of Vent, complete with its traditional Tyrolean church, to walk in this unspoilt area of high peaks and glaciers.

Day 4: A walk to the spectacular Stübenfall waterfall, a huge single cascade of water, and the small village of Niederthai, before descending through the trees to Längenfeld.

Day 5: Free day today with time to relax, explore by yourself or with your guide experience the mighty glaciers above Sölden; a truly awe-inspiring alpine experience.

Day 6: Follow the river through the gorge from Obergurgl to Zwieselstein or enjoy a magnificent high-level traverse above the Gurgler Valley.

Day 7: take the chairlift high above Hochsölden to sample the area's high meadows, perhaps heading for the rocky 3,016-metre summit of Schwarzkogel.

Day 8: Tour ends after breakfast - departure transfer available at extra cost

Please Note: The program shown above should give you a good feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programmes. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of walks each day will be made by your walking leaders.

Local transport to and from walks: Local transport is not included in the cost of your holiday. Please allow 65 € per week for transport during the week, excluding your free day. Payable locally.

Footpath information



Easier Walks: 8 to 15km on good paths, which can be rough or stony. 190m to 500m of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: 10 to 20km with some steeper and rougher routes. 420m to 1060m of ascent in a day

How to get to the hotel: To transfer to Sölden, one option is to join our Munich airport transfer (cost @ AUD\$70 one-way). Please contact our Reservations Dept to book your place and to find out the latest times. Alternatively Munich Airport has its own railway station from where you should take a train to Ötztal station (probably requires changes at Munich Ost and Innsbruck). See <http://www.bahn.de>. There are regular buses from Ötztal station to Sölden, from where it is just a few minutes' walk to the hotel. Bus times are available at <http://www.oebb.at>

Other famous trail walks available in the Europe and the UK include the **Zillertal Alps** in Austria, the **Tour de Mont Blanc** in Switzerland, the **Polish Tatras** or the **Camino de Santiago** from France or Spain through the Pyrenees, the **Via Francigena** in Italy, Wainwright's **Coast-to-Coast**, the **West Highland Way**, **Cornish Coastal Path** or the spectacular **South Downs Way** in southern England

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