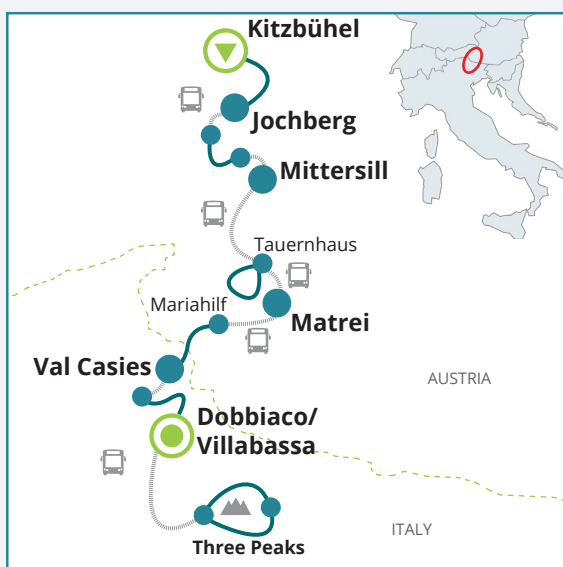




ON UNKNOWN TRAILS OVER THE ALPS

self-guided tour
8 days / 7 nights



DESCRIPTION

The hike leads over the Kitzbüheler Alps into the Hohe Tauern National Park with its glacially shaped valleys and extraordinary floral diversity. The area is getting rougher, the cliffs are steeper and in the distance the iron-covered summits of the three-thousanders and ever closer peaks of the Dolomites come nearer and nearer. Via the Gsieser Törl you finally cross from Austria to Italy. Past lush alpine meadows and huts, you descend into the Gsiesertal valley. Stately courtyards with sun-drenched balconies seem to be scattered randomly over the flower and herb meadows. The stage destination is not far away and another highlight awaits you at the end of the tour: the Three Peaks, located in the middle of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the "Dolomites".

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE

The hike runs along marked mountain and hiking trails. The tour is suitable for anyone with a good basic condition. Climbing skills are not necessary. Larger climbs are overcome by cable car and it is possible to shorten the stages by using public transport and/or taxi.

The hiking trip is suitable for children over 14 years.

A DAY BY DAY ACCOUNT OF THE ROUTE

DAY 1: Arrival in Kitzbühel

Individual arrival at the hotel in Kitzbühel.

DAY 2: Kitzbühel – Aurach – Jochberg; ascent approx. 600 m, descent approx. 425 m / approx. 4- 5 hours

Starting from Kitzbühel, you walk comfortably below the Kitzbüheler Südberge. You will pass small villages and rustic farms with wonderful floral decorations. The village character of Aurach in Tyrol, the various hamlets and settlements and the wonderful location at the foot of the Kitzbüheler Südberge make Aurach special. It is not for nothing that the great Kitzbüheler artist and painter Alfons Walde has chosen the church and the small village square of Aurach as motifs again and again, thus helping them to achieve worldwide fame. Overnight stay in Jochberg.

DAY 3: Jochberg – Gauxjoch – Hartkaserhöhe – Mittersill; ascent approx. 790 m, descent approx. 800 m / approx. 5 - 6 hours or ascent approx. 875 m, descent approx. 250 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours

A shuttle will take you to the starting point of your trip. Passing through lush alpine pastures below the valley heights, you will continue to hike up into the beautiful mountains. Enjoy the tranquility and the flora and fauna. Via the Gauxjoch you reach the Trattenbachalm and the Hartkaserhöhe. Along the hilltop runs the border between the two provinces of Tyrol and Salzburg. If you want to avoid the descent from the Resterhöhe, you can use the Panoramabahn Kitzbühler Alpen II to shorten some altitude meters (not included in the price). A bus will take you to Mittersill.

DAY 4: Mittersill – Tauernhaus - Venedigerblick - Matrei; ascent approx. 575 m, descent approx. 575 m / approx. 3-4 hours Alternative 1: Hintersee -St.Pöltener Hütte - Tauernhaus; ascent approx. 1225 m, descent approx. 1025 m / approx. 5.5 - 6.5 hours Alternative 2: Innergschleiß ascent approx. 225 m, descent approx. 225 m / approx. 3 hours

In the morning transfer from Mittersill to the Matreier Tauernhaus. If you like, you can also walk from lake Hintersee over the Felbertauern and the St. Pöltener Hütte to the Matreier Tauernhaus. At first, the trail climbs steadily through meadows and larch forests to the Venedigerblick. At the highest point you have a wonderful view of the glacier world of the Großvenediger. Over a well signposted hiking trail, the Großvenediger and the surrounding mountains always in view, you hike in the direction of Innergschleiß and over the beautiful alpine pastures back to the Matreier Tauernhaus. From there you can get to Matrei by public transport.

DAY 5: Matrei – Mariahilf – Gsieser Törl – Gsiesertal; ascent approx. 775 m, descent approx. 750 m / approx. 4.5 – 5.5 hours

After a drive to Mariahilf you start today's hiking day. Over shady forest paths you go higher and higher up to the first alpine pastures and the Gsieser Törl around which many old smuggler stories rank. It was a smuggler route between Italy and Austria, especially in the 1920s and 1930s. The view sweeps over the valley to the Pragser Dolomites. On your way to the contemplative Gsiesertal, one hut joins the next: Oberberg-, Kradorferalm or Messnerhütte to name just a few. Almost everywhere the local food is amazing. The many traditional dishes are simply too tempting to resist: bacon dumplings on cabbage, cheese dumplings, Kaiserschmarrn, apple strudel ...

DAY 6: Gsiesertal – Frondeign – Wahlen – Toblach/Dobbiaco;
ascent approx. 475 m, descent approx. 450 m / approx. 3 - 4 hours
Alternative: ascent approx. 825 m, descent approx. 800 m / approx. 5 - 6 hours

The tour continues to the south and the Dolomites are only a stone's throw away. From the Gsiesertal, you continue uphill to Frondeign. The hike is mostly in the shady woods. If you want you can choose the more sporty variant direction „Schuieralm“. The path meanders down to Wahlen. The valley widens and offers a view of the Neunerkofel, Haunold, Dürrenstein and the Höhlensteintal.

DAY 7: Toblach – Höhlensteintal – Drei Zinnen (Three Peaks)– Toblach;
ascent approx. 350 m, descent approx. 350 m / approx. 3 - 4 hours or
ascent approx. 1.025 m, descent approx. 125 m / approx. 4.5 - 5.5 hours

You start your tour at the Auronzo hut, which is reachable by public transport (ticket included in the price). Along the south side of the Drei Zinnen you first walk towards the Lavaredohütte and then up a path to the Paternsattel. Here, at 2,454 m above sea level, you can enjoy a magnificent view of the 500 m high north walls of the Drei Zinnen. Arrived at the famous Drei Zinnen hut you can enjoy the view of the northern walls. A hiking trail leads you to the Lange Alm and past the west side you get back to the starting point.

Those who want to finish the trip with a sporty end can climb up from Rienzboden to the Lange Alm, circle the Drei Zinnen and take the bus from Auronzo to Dobbiaco (ticket included in the price).

DAY 8: Departure

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Classification of the tour:** Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Starting point:** Kitzbühel
- **Arrival:**

By car: Coming from the north (D, NL, B, GB, ...): A8 direction Salzburg - Inntal - Dreieck direction Kufstein A93 - exit Kufstein South - Loferer federal road B178 direction St. Johann in Tirol - Pass Thurn federal road B161 direction Kitzbühel. Coming from the west (CH): Inntalautobahn A12 - Exit Wörgl Ost - Loferer Bundesstraße B178 direction St. Johann in Tirol - Pass Thurn Bundesstraße B161 direction Kitzbühel.

Coming from the east: Westautobahn A1 direction Salzburg - A8 direction Munich first exit Bad Reichenhall - B20 direction Lofer - Loferer federal road B178 direction St. Johann in Tyrol - Pass Thurn federal road B161 direction Kitzbühel

By train: Tyrol can be reached quickly and easily by train, eg via Munich with one of more than 25 daily direct connections to Tyrol.

By plane: Airport Munich, Salzburg or Innsbruck. There are many taxi companies that offer trips from all these cities to your starting point..

- **Accommodation:** Guesthouses or hotels 3***category
Attention: Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on the spot.
- **Parking:** Unattended parking facilities near the hotel.
- **Trasfer:** Return transfer from Dobbiaco to Kitzbühel on Saturday at the price of € 69,00 per person. Min. 4 persons. It is also possible to take public transport from Tolbach to Lienz and from there to Kitzbühel by post bus.

INCLUDED SERVICES; SELF-GUIDED TOUR:

- Accommodation in guesthouses or hotels 3*** category
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Transfers according to the program (tickets for bus)
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner
- Not mentioned entries
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

STARTING DATES 2020

ARRIVAL	every Saturday 20/06/2020 (first available date) to 12/09/2020 (last available date)
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PRICES 2020

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Package price per person in a double room incl. breakfast	€ 739.00
Single room surcharge, per person	€ 169.00
High season* surcharge, per person	€ 49.00

EXTRA NIGHTS IN KITZBÜHEL

Per person and night in a double room, incl. breakfast	on request
Single room surcharge, per night	on request

EXTRA NIGHTS IN VILLABASSA/DOBBIACO

Per person and night in a double room, incl. breakfast in May/June/September/October	€ 59.00
Per person and night in a double room, incl. breakfast in July/August	€ 79.00
Single room surcharge, per night	€ 17.00

*High season: arrival dates from 15/07/2020 to 12/09/2020 (incl.)

We suggest travel insurance.

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