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ARRIVAL

Arrival by train

Express and long-distance trains also stop at the train station in Schladming - detailed information can be found at www.oebb.at. From the train station, the hiking bus will take you to the starting point in Ramsau am Dachstein.

Public transportation in Schladming

Take the bus from Schladming to Ramsau am Dachstein - get off at your booked accommodation.
www.rvb.at

How to get there

From Schladming in the direction of Ramsau am Dachstein

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE / SHORTCUT

Along the Dachstein circuit from the Südwandhütte it is possible to take an alternative route via the Austriahütte to Ramsau Ort. This allows you to skip or avoid individual stages. From here, a hiking bus will take you to the rest of the starting point.

ANIMALS

Never leave the marked trails. Respect the habitat of the animals, grazing areas and flora.

B

BOOK TIP for preparation

"The great book of hiking" by Christian Hlade.

https://www.thalia.at/shop/home/artikeldetails/ID143558607.html?ProvID=10907922&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIImqPi8YrG5QIVjqiaCh3HCwBjEAAAYAAAEgIH8fD_BwE

BUS

See GETTING THERE (Public transportation)

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CONDITION / PREREQUISITE

Only "Fit in the mountains" and not "Fit through the mountains"!

The trails in the Dachstein mountains are certainly among the most beautiful hikes in the Schladming-Dachstein region, but they also place corresponding demands on mountaineers. Sure-footedness, sufficient basic fitness, a head for heights and the right equipment are prerequisites for getting to know the mountain world from its most beautiful side.

CANCELING THE TOUR

If you cancel the tour and therefore do not need the hut reservations you have already made, please be sure to inform the hut keepers. This gives the hosts planning security and prevents unnecessary searches. **ATTENTION:** extremely high additional costs (helicopter flight minutes, etc.) may be incurred even if the mountain rescue service is not alerted.

If the hike is broken off prematurely or you descend in between and take a bus or cab, for example, you will have to pay the transfer costs yourself. The Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard is only valid on days when you stay overnight in accommodation in the valley that is a partner of the Sommercard (the hut owners are not partners!).

We kindly ask for your understanding that there may be cancellation costs if the tour is canceled. Cancellation costs can be found in the offer and in the booking confirmation.

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DOGS

Dogs are allowed on the hike and at the huts. Dogs also need to be in very good physical condition to complete the hike. The dog pays a fee per night at a hut, which is not included in the price. Please always inform us about dogs when booking

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EQUIPMENT

A compact rucksack is helpful and for routes in alpine terrain, a hat, gloves, a warm jacket and trousers are part of the basic equipment. Waterproof shoes, sunglasses, sun protection and sufficient drinks are also essential. A flashlight, maps, a knife and a small first aid kit are also essential.

ENVIRONMENT / PROTECTED AREA

The nature reserve "Nordwestlicher Teil der Gemeinde Ramsau am Dachstein" is a conservation area for plants and is located on the southern slope of the Dachstein massif. To preserve it, we ask you to observe the following rules:

- Do not walk off the paths.
- No camping in the protected areas!
- Do not make any noise.
- Do not collect stones or minerals.
- Do not pick mushrooms or plants.
- Do not leave any garbage lying around.
- Do not feed animals.
- Do not make an open fire.
- Do not remove any plants or animals.
- Do not let dogs run free.
- Do not fly hang gliders, model airplanes or drones.
- In any case, follow the local instructions for the protection of nature.

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GPS DATA

Available GPS data - like hiking maps - are only an orientation aid, as they can never provide an exact representation or the level of detail of a route in reality. Particularly in the case of danger spots, it is therefore always necessary to decide whether to continue and what the further route will look like based on the conditions on site.

GONDOLA

Dachstein cable car

Starting point of the second stage

Operating times: <https://www.derdachstein.at/de/dachstein-aktuell/oeffnungszeiten>

H

HUTS

The following huts are located along the Dachstein circuit:

- Hofpürglhütte +43 6453 8304
- Südwandhütte +43 3687 81509
- Dachstein Panorama Restaurant +43 3687 22042800
- Guttenberghaus +43 3687 81345
- Silberkarhütte +43 3687 813770
- Jausenstation Fliegenpilz +43 3687 81490

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KIDS

We recommend that you only go on this hike with children who are at least 15 years old. A good level of fitness, surefootedness and a head for heights are also required for this difficult multi-day tour. The Dachstein circuit leads through alpine terrain in large parts and is partly exposed with scree. These passages are usually very exposed and should only be tackled by sure-footed mountaineers with sufficient mountain experience.

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LUGGAGE TRANSPORTATION

For logistical reasons, luggage transport between the individual huts is not possible.

LUNCH PACKAGE

The lunch package isn't included in the package price.
You only can buy it directly at the huts, when you need one.

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MONEY

Please note that you can only pay in cash at the huts.

MOUNTAIN GUIDES

The following mountain guides and mountain hiking guides are available in Ramsau am Dachstein:

- Alpinschule Dachsteinguides +43 664 23 34 399
- The mountain station +43 664 59 53 320
- Mountain guide office Ramsau am Dachstein +43 664 52 20 080
- Alpine School Dachstein +43 3687 81223
- Alpine Center Dachstein +43 3687 81430

MARKING

The Dachstein circuit is part of the Dachstein circular hike and from the glacier to the wine.
The signposting is well marked and trail no. 616 continues over the "Am Stein" plateau to the Krippenstein in the north of the Dachstein plateau.

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NATURE PROTECTION

See ENVIRONMENT/PROTECTION AREA.

O

OVERNIGHT STAY on the mountain

If you reach a hut and would like to spend the night there, please register immediately for overnight accommodation, even if you have booked in advance. This will help the hut keepers with their planning and avoid misunderstandings, especially if there are several huts during the stage.

Overnight stay in the valley

If you will be arriving after 18:00, please inform your accommodation. Contact details can be found in your booking confirmation. Please also inform the hut warden if you arrive at the hut after 6.00 pm.

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PARKING

You can leave your car in Ramsau Ort at the Dachstein Event Center for a daily fee for the hiking days. The parking permit is deposited directly at the accommodation. Please pay at the Dachsteinbad (indoor pool) when you return to your accommodation for the last night.

The hiking bus will then take you from your destination back to your car.

PLANNING

No mountain hike without careful tour planning. Get enough information about what to expect on the tour. (trail conditions, difficulty, etc.). The hut keepers at the mountain huts are also a good source of information, as they know the area well and can give you tips. Always ask if you are unsure about the rest of your tour!

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ROPE SAFETY

Some sections along the Dachstein Tour are secured with ropes. However, you do not need your own rope or climbing equipment.

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STAGES / INTERACTIVE HIKING MAPS

Stage 1: from the Hofpürglhütte to the Südwandhütte

Stage 2: to the Guttenberghaus

Stage 3: Descent via the Silberkarklamm gorge to Ramsau Ort

A detailed description of the individual stages can be found under the following link:

https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/de/Service/Infos-von-A-Z/Package-Dachstein-Sonnen-Runde_az_1074143

Alternative routes: Hike from the Südwandhütte to the Austriahütte (overnight accommodation must be booked via the

Schladming-Dachstein tourist office) and on to Ramsau Ort. From here, the bus will take you to the next starting point for the second overnight stay at the Guttenberghaus. Descent via the Silberkarklamm gorge.

SCHLADMING-DACHSTEIN APP

Use the extensive service of the Schladming-Dachstein app. After downloading the tours, they can also be used extensively in offline mode.

<https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/de/service/digitale-services/schladming-dachstein-app>

SLEEPING IN THE HUTS

The use of a sleeping bag is mandatory!
However, you can borrow blankets directly at the huts.

SCHLADMING-DACHSTEIN SUMMERCARD

If you book the entire package through the Schladming-Dachstein Tourist Office (accommodation on the mountain and in the valley), you will receive the Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard at your accommodation in the valley. This is valid for the time you are staying in the valley, but not while you are on the mountain. On the day of arrival in the valley, the card is valid from 13:00, on the following days it is valid for the whole day.

If you have not booked an overnight stay in the valley after the hut hike, the costs for the hiking bus are not included.

ATTENTION:

If you break off the hike and take the bus or cab, you will also have to pay the costs yourself.

SNOWFIELDS

Especially at the beginning of the season, you can still expect old snowfields. In certain locations, sometimes even throughout the summer. Therefore, always inform yourself about the current weather conditions and take them into account when planning your tour. Please also remember that in the high mountains, sudden weather changes can occur within a short period of time.

SAFETY ON THE MOUNTAIN

For multi-day tours in alpine terrain, a good level of fitness and experience in alpine terrain are a basic requirement. Especially in late summer, it is important to pay attention to the weather conditions. Before you start your tour, we therefore recommend that you contact the Schladming-Dachstein Tourist Office and get an update on the current weather and trail conditions.

Weather changes, rapid drops in temperature, thunderstorms, wind, fog and snow fields are objective dangers and require the right behavior on the way. Hut keepers are experienced mountain experts and can give good tips on the weather and the route. A lack of equipment, carelessness, overestimating your own abilities, poor fitness and incorrect assessment can lead to critical situations. In thunderstorms: Avoid summits, ridges and rope belays at all costs.

In an emergency, please dial the following emergency numbers:

No. 140 - for alpine emergencies - Austria-wide
No. 112 - Euro emergency call GSM emergency call service

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WALKING TIMES

The walking times given are calculated on the basis of the DIN 33466 formula.

A hiker covers in one hour

- 300 m ascent
- 500 m on the descent
- 4 km horizontal distance

The actual walking time for a route can be calculated by halving the smaller value of the times calculated for the horizontal and vertical distances and adding it to the larger value.

Example

Difference in altitude: 900 900 m/300m >>3 h

Horizontal distance: 8 km/4 km >>2h

Approach: $2.0h \times 0.5 = 1.0 + 3.0h = 4.0h$

Result: The walking time is therefore 4h

Source: AV route concept, November 2009 version

WASHING ON THE MOUNTAIN

Showers are available at the huts. Costs may be incurred, these are to be paid directly on site in cash at the hut.

WEATHER

Find out about the general weather conditions before starting the hike. In the mountains, the weather can often change very quickly. Do not hesitate to cancel your tour due to the threat of bad weather.