

# Ausseeer Land



**The Magic of "Altaussee"** is even a part of its name. Everything here has tradition. There is the world of miners in the salt-mines like it was hundreds of years ago. The fishermen catch their salmons out of the crystal-clear lake like their ancestors did. And the guests love their Altaussee like the first foreigners that came more than hundred years ago and mentioned, that they were not foreigners but secure and at the finish of their dreams. Altaussee seduces creative people like painters, writers or musicians to stay or come back. Those, who follow their example, are well advised. The landscape surrounds their guests with calk light peaks, mountain forests and flower meadows or as a white area of snow. It presents a dark blue lake – in summer inviting for a bath, in the winter cold steaming or covered with ice – and gives the eyes new pictures all the time: for example the view from the lake-meadow over the surface of the water into the Salzkammergut until the glacier of the Dachstein or from the ruin Pflindsberg over the village and the lake. The deep- and far view from the sunny Loser over the "king" Dachstein to the far peaks of the Großvenediger is praised particularly. Altaussee tastes well: a fresh charr out of the smoking oven is a good catch for a gourmet. Altaussee is a pleasure for all senses: the traditional costumes here belong to the daily life like the folk music. Swimming, hiking, skiing, cross country skiing, enjoying, celebrating, just feeling well: all that is Altaussee.

## In Altaussee culture and tradition is part of the daily life.

The exciting mixture of high culture on the one side and deeply rooted awareness of tradition of the people on the other side is still pure alive. So the heart of Austria opens to its friends and neighbours in Europe by Altaussee.



## The Loser

Reaching the summit of the Loser at 1.838m altitude is an experience you will never forget.



- From here you have a bird's eye view of the Niederen Tauern & Dachstein Mountains to the Großvenediger.
- Feast your eyes on the panoramic view stretching from the Salzkammergut to Wolfgangsee.
- Get a close-up view of the distinctively shaped crown of the Loser mountain.

The vibrant colours of the surrounding countryside give you an inner glow.

The pure, fresh air is full of the fragrance of alpine pastures, sun-heated rock faces and deep blue lakes.

# Salzwelten

## Altaussee – the mountain of treasures for the whole family



“Glück Auf”

With the traditional miners’ salute we welcome you to the “Mountain of Treasures”, the Salzwelten Altaussee Salt Worlds. For over a century the public has been admitted to these mines, and even before that, guests like the famous explorer Alexander von Humboldt or Archduke Johann came here to satisfy their curiosity about the fascinating world below ground.

Salt is what provided the wealth of the Salzkammergut region; it is the treasure that has been found here for nearly 800 years. But the Altaussee Salt Mines also have a more recent dramatic history as a Treasury of Art.

During World War II, thousands of works of art were hidden here. Although seemingly well protected, they escaped destruction by a narrow margin only. Now they are back at the museums and churches where they belong. Nevertheless they left some traces and have become part of the secret of this mountain.



The Mountain of Treasures will tell you its tale of Man’s search for values and beauty and of everyone’s quest for their individual treasures.

## Meeting with "Man in th salt" at the salt mine Hallstatt



The World's Oldest Salt Mine 7000 years of salt mining in Hallstatt. The “Man in Salt” accompanies the visitors on their journey through time at the Salzwelten Hallstatt.

Since 2002, the “Man in Salt” is the central theme of the re-designed Salzwelten mines. In 1734, a corpse preserved in salt was discovered right in a salt deposit, a contemporary chronicle describing it as “pressed flat and tightly grown into the rock. Clothing and tools were quite strange but well preserved.”

The Dachstein-Hallstättersee region has been appointed UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

This honour is certainly closely connected to the salt mining history of Hallstatt that goes back 7,000 years. In the olden days, the miners lived on the elevated plain that you will reach comfortably with the cable-car in a few minutes. The story of the “Man in Salt” is true and we are certain that there still is the chance to find another “Man in Salt” any day.