

## Summer at Lake Weissensee: Pure Nature in Real Time

**Immerging into the lake paradise: lake Weissensee is a real playground of nature. Holidays at the highest bathing lake of the Alps mean pure joy of life. Embedded in an impressive mountain scenery, the Carinthian lake Weissensee reflects a Caribbean flair in its colours and grants a holiday full of moments of happiness. The lake is a real Eldorado for all kinds of sports, like swimming, mountain biking and hiking. Gentle tourism, devoted landlords, family-friendly accommodation facilities and a particular sense of culinary art make lake Weissensee a homely holiday destination.**

### **Lake Weissensee: Nature's Play of Colours**

At the most unpolluted bathing lake in Austria you may experience calmness and recreation in their purest form. The crystal-clear water of the Carinthian lake reflects all colour nuances depending on the season: from Caribbean turquoise to almost black. Situated at an altitude of 930 metres, lake Weissensee is one of the highest bathing lakes of the Alps. Nevertheless, in summer its waters can reach a temperature of up to 24 degrees. Due to this blaze of colours the 6,5 square metres large and nearly 12 km long fjord-like alpine lake has been named „The Caribbean of the Alps“.

### **Tourism & Mobility: Gentle and „Green“**

Gentle tourism and sustainability are the centre pieces of the philosophy of life at lake Weissensee. Because the residents know how to protect what they love: two thirds of the lake are completely unspoilt. The region around the lake was declared Nature Park in 2006 on a surface of 76 square metres. Environmental protection is a matter of honour at lake Weissensee: the residents protect their natural jewel with numerous initiatives. Even the navigation on the lake does not leave any ecological footprint. Austria's first electric hybrid boat „Alpenperle“ is completely devoted to gentle mobility and floats through the crystal-clear water in absolute silence and without any emissions.

No wonder that lake Weissensee has received numerous awards: among others the „European Award for Tourism and Environment“ or the „European Village Renewal Award“. So, also the mobility development around the „Nature Park Bus“ has been repeatedly awarded. The brilliant concept brings tourists to any place by bus, boat and cable car making the private car superfluous. This saves the environment and the tourists' wallets as well.

### **Activities from A to Z: Slow Down Actively**

Holidays in the mountains and at the lake. Who spends his holidays at lake Weissensee will experience crystal-clear moments of joy. The lake offers anything your heart may desire throughout the year. But above all: calmness amidst a paradise. Embedded in the Gailtal valley Alps, the lake is starting point to nearly unlimited leisure time possibilities: swimming, mountain biking, hiking, boat tours, sailing, surfing, fishing, diving, horseback riding, carriage rides and much more. Particularly unique: no matter what your choice is, you will never lose sight of the lake. Let the lake get in contact with you and just pause.

### **Mountain Biking and Panoramic Hiking: Let the Mountain be Your Home**

Lake Weissensee is a real paradise for mountain bikers: 13 MTB routes featuring over 150 km of length and all difficulty levels wait to be explored. Particularly spectacular are three **MTB Trails at lake Weissensee** from Naggler Alm over 370 metres of difference in altitude.

Who likes to explore the mountains on foot enjoying the stunning view to the lake will feel particularly at ease at lake Weissensee: 200 km of marked hiking trails lead from the valley (930 metres of altitude) to a sea level of 2.300 metres. From the gentle promenade walk to the rocky summit – there are plenty of possibilities for every taste.

### **The Accommodation Facilities: Arriving and Feeling at Home**

Between lake and mountain every guest will find a homely accommodation to feel at ease. Whether private accommodations, family hotel, spa oasis or camping ground at the lake: people here are devoted landlords. They have loved to share their beloved lake with the tourists for generations – hospitality and cordiality are inherent in their way of living. You will feel it.

Vacationers will be pampered with numerous goodies. A particular highlight: every accommodation facility disposes of a private lake access offering relaxing and idyllic bathing days even in midsummer. Because it is the undisturbed jump into the crystal-clear water that will give you the greatest pleasure.

### **Families: Where the Little Ones are the Most Important**

Family is precious! This is a deeply lived philosophy at lake Weissensee and many family-run businesses give an example of how family bounds can work harmoniously. Of course children receive an additional portion of attention. Here in southern Austria the youngest guests are particularly respected: family-friendly accommodation facilities, well-planned child-friendly

recreational offers and numerous particularities. Lake Weissensee is a real playground of nature and invites children to research and explore.

### **Culinary Art at Lake Weissensee: Moments of Pleasure**

The inns and hotels around the lake cook with passion. The tasty ingredients are: traditional and regional food, love and a touch of longing for the original. You will taste it. Moments of pleasure can be experienced anywhere around the lake in many ways. From traditional taverns to awarded restaurants, from traditional snacks in an alpine cabin to a breakfast on the raft and a gala dinner on board of a boat. Numerous events like „„Aufwãrt'n am Weissensee““ in May or the „Lake Weissensee Cocktail Days“ in June are special treats. Lake Weissensee is singularly different also in its culinary offer.

### **Insiders' Tip for Pure Joy of Life**

At lake Weissensee you may experience unforgettable moments of happiness throughout the year. In summer you should absolutely land in a lonely bay with one of the original lake Weissensee wooden boats, enjoy the panoramic view from one of the comfy wood swings at „Gosariawiese“, discover rare flowers at Stampfer's meadow, watch the brave cliff divers at „Kleine Steinwand“ from the raft, float over the lake in absolute silence and without any emissions on board of Austria's first electric hybrid boat „Alpenperle“ or listen to Almbach brook murmuring into lake Weissensee.

### **An Overview of Lake Weissensee**

- Facts: surface of 6,5 km<sup>2</sup>, 11,6 km long, deepest spot: 99 metres
- Highest situated bathing lakes of the Alps, sea level of 930 metres
- Austria's purest bathing lake
- Since 2006: Nature Park with a surface of 76 km<sup>2</sup>
- Two thirds of unspoilt surface around the lake
- Awards:
  - o 1995: European Award for Tourism and Environment
  - o 2012 European Village Renewal Award
  - o Since 2013: Alpine Pearls Member
  - o 2013: Winner of VCÖ Carinthian Mobility Award
  - o 2014: Award „Nature Park of the Year“
  - o 2016: Winner of VCÖ Carinthian Mobility Award
- 22 fish species

## **TOP Events at Lake Weissensee**

May 21<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Angling Competition „Golden Trout“

May 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Culinary Event „Aufwort'n am Weissensee“  
([www.weissenseekulinarik.at](http://www.weissenseekulinarik.at))

June 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Cocktail Days at lake Weissensee ([www.weissenseekulinarik.at](http://www.weissenseekulinarik.at))

July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Handcraft Market at lake Weissensee ([www.boutdumonde.at](http://www.boutdumonde.at))

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