

Austria Zell am See

The hills are alive with the sounds of laughter at Piesendorf, home of Village Camps in Austria. This pretty, traditional village is 90 minutes from Salzburg and four hours from Munich's international airport. The family run Notburgahof Chalet is a wonderful base with its own sports hall, two tennis courts, playing field and a brand new ropes course! High standard rooms comfortably accommodate 2-5 campers and all have full en-suite facilities. The family atmosphere of the cosy chalet and the fact that this is a relatively small camp (capacity is for 75 campers) make Village Camps Austria a very personalised experience, ideal for meeting new friends and having an exceptional time!

Very close to the chalet are great facilities like a swimming pool, trampoline, beach volleyball, more tennis courts, soccer pitch, 'snooker-golf' course, inline skating park and climbing tower. The famous resort of Zell am See with its beautiful lake is just 15 minutes away and campers have the opportunity to try an exciting choice of water sports. Moreover, the scenic mountains that tower above the village offer an even greater variety of challenging outdoor activities, making this camp endless fun! For the morning sessions campers choose the speciality programme they want to join: German or English Language, Mountain & Lake Adventure or the renowned Film Academy. Each afternoon a wonderful selection of sports and activities is planned while the fun continues in the evenings when the whole camp joins in the special events. Irrespective of the chosen morning programme, everyone is at some stage involved in the Film Academy projects. The Zell am See camp offers an exceptional two-week schedule of activities, excursions and events in a magnificent setting assuring a wonderful summer experience!



Facilities include

An Olympic-style within easy walking distance, with superb facilities available to campers including:

- ◆ Swimming pool
- ◆ Water slides
- ◆ Beach volleyball court
- ◆ Football pitch
- ◆ Four clay tennis courts
- ◆ Outdoor snooker
- ◆ Trampolines
- ◆ Evening campfire site
- ◆ Great hiking and biking trails

Chalet equipment includes an ample supply of mountain bikes.



Afternoon Activities

These activities are the core of the Austrian Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp and are also available to the Language and Film Camps:

- ◆ Abseiling
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Badminton
- ◆ Banana boat
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Mini golf
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Mountain hut overnight
- ◆ Rodelbahn
- ◆ Rock climbing
- ◆ Ropes course
- ◆ Sailing
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis

- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Volleyball

Evening Activities

- ◆ Bowling
- ◆ Talent Night
- ◆ Disco
- ◆ Movie Madness
- ◆ Egg Drop
- ◆ Super Team challenge
- ◆ Go-karting
- ◆ Capture the Flag

Excursions

- ◆ Salzburg – Birthplace of Mozart
- ◆ Bishop's Palace at Hellbrunn
- ◆ Shopping in Salzburg
- ◆ Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse – through woods and pastures with the final view of the Grossglockner,

- ◆ Austria's highest mountain (3798m)
- ◆ Krimml Waterfalls – dropping 380 metres in three stages
- ◆ Mountain Hut Overnight – a hike through the Austrian Alps finishing with an overnight stay in a mountain hut

English Language Camp

Ages 10-16

The goal is to ensure that campers learn English in an engaging and fun way with the emphasis being on comprehension and conversational skills. Thirty hours of instruction in the two weeks are constantly reinforced in the hours outside the classroom, as the main camp language is English. Following a placement test, small groups for different levels are formed and the instruction is personalised to the needs of each student. Students are encouraged to work hard, participate enthusiastically and make progress but the idea is for them to also enjoy a really fun time in a warm and friendly environment. This is a very successful and popular way of teaching campers to appreciate the learning process and the results have been unprecedented. At the end of the summer a progress report is sent to the parents. In the afternoons and evenings the English Language students join the rest of the campers for a variety of exciting sports, activities, excursions and special events.



German Language Camp

Ages 10-16

The main objective is for the students to improve their speaking skills and comprehension while attention is also given to vocabulary development. Like in all the language courses at Village Camps, the philosophy is based on learning a new language by enjoying the experience. Games, field projects, video and music exercises are often a part of lessons in an effort to maximise interest and involve the students as much as possible. In the two-week session, there are thirty hours of practical instruction in small groups of 8-12 students.

Whenever the opportunity is there, language campers are encouraged to use their German during other activities and visits while instructions from activity leaders are frequently given in German as well. Of course the main camp language in this international environment is English.

After the morning lessons, campers from the different programmes join together to enjoy a variety of activities, some planned by staff members and others chosen by the campers themselves from our list of suggestions. In addition, everyone has the chance to take an active part in the Film Academy's movie making projects.





Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp

Ages 10-16

This is an extraordinary programme with a wide range of exciting and challenging activities that take place in spectacular surroundings. A non-stop adventure based around the resort of Zell, its beautiful lake and stunning mountains dominated by the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier with its year-round snow.

Under the watchful guidance of specialist instructors and with the caring, friendly Village Camps counsellors working alongside, campers enjoy exciting water sports and outdoor adventure activities including sailing, climbing, kayaking, trekking, mountain biking, ropes course and an overnight stay at a mountain hut. In addition, the choice of sporting activities, which take place on site and at nearby facilities, includes football, tennis, swimming, basketball, badminton, volleyball and team games.

Zell am See is an exceptional starting point for wonderful excursions, like the unforgettable day in Salzburg, the Krimml Waterfalls and a trip to the top of the Grossglockner Pass, one of Europe's best summertime drives. The evening programme lives up to the daytime activities with special events such as the Mystery Night at a castle, International Night, Treasure Hunt and Prom Night. The bottom line is that campers enjoy a fascinating two-week programme in an idyllic setting!



The Rodelbahn





COMBOCAMPS

Combine the Zell am See experience with another two great weeks in Leysin, York or the Ardèche and travel between the camps **for free!** All the expenses such as bus/train transfers, night at a hotel and the plane ticket for the group flight are offered without charge to campers choosing a four-week Combo Camp.

Film Academy

Ages 10-16

Campers are inspired to learn what it takes to make a film from script writing to shooting, editing, directing, and organising sound and light. Film Academy director Edward McDougal is a renowned producer and director of a number of award-winning films as well as a university professor who travels worldwide to deliver expert seminars in screenwriting and production. Campers are taught the technical side of filming, production, editing and special effects. Their involvement is total, first developing a script and then modifying a story board, selecting locations, shooting, editing and dubbing. The cast of the final film consists of the entire camp community and each participant in this programme

receives a DVD of their very own short movie after returning home! Traditionally, mornings, and occasionally afternoons and evenings, are devoted to the film project.

Using the group's creativity skills, an existing script will be modified, locations investigated and campers interviewed to determine individual roles. This is an inspiring camp which encourages enthusiasm, energy, dedication and real creativity. During the afternoons there is a choice of other activities, always provided that campers are able to finally tear themselves away from their cameras and computers! Incidentally, these are all iMACs with first class editing capabilities.

“ I just wanted to make sure I express our deep appreciation and thank you on behalf of my family for such a GREAT and SUPERB camp and for being so supportive from the day we reserved till the day they left the camp. You have been a wonderful team, caring, fun and attentive.... Mary and Taj had a blast in both camps and they were happy every single day of the camp. They both want to go back next summer so please keep a place for them from now!!! Once again MILLION thanks for everything and we look forward to next summer. Have a great year!!! ”

Kamil, Lebanon

