

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee – the summer hit in the south!



Klagenfurt am Wörthersee has a very special charm at any time of the year, but it is the summer that makes this city a true experience.

The direct location at Lake Wörthersee and the Mediterranean climate provide southern flair. In the eastern bay of the lake (drinking water quality), sun-seekers can enjoy themselves at the largest lakeside lido in Europe with three large wooden piers for sunbathing, water slides and large sunbathing lawns. White passenger boats and colourful sailing boats cruise on the turquoise water. If you want to be active, you can play football, beach volleyball and loads more.

The well-known Austrian composer Gustav Mahler, who composed some of his most famous works at Lake Wörthersee, often spoke about leisurely swimming in the lake, which can be enjoyed at three well-kept, wonderful public lakeside lidos in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee: the large “Strandbad” with the fun factor, the idyllic lido on the Wörthersee peninsula near Loretto Palace and the family-style Maiernigg lido.



Fancy a walk to the Eiffel Tower or a picture in front of the Statue of Liberty? Minimundus, the miniature world at Lake Wörthersee, is a fascination for visitors with 140 models of the world’s most famous buildings and structures. The miniature models are created in painstaking detail from original materials.

Klagenfurt has the best events!

In summer, the best and largest events are held in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee. In July and August the two most important sport events of the region take place here: the Beach Volleyball Grand Slam and the Carinthia Ironman Austria. Beach volleyball players from all over the world attract thousands of visitors every year. When the enthralled spectators in the beach volleyball arena against the scenic backdrop of Lake Wörthersee euphorically make the Mexican wave, then a great sports and party mood is guaranteed.



The Carinthia Ironman Austria is Europe’s biggest long-distance triathlon with more than 2,000 participants who are required to swim 3.8 km, cycle 180 km and run 42.2 km. Thousands of fans, just as excited as the iron athletes, cheer on the participants along the marathon route in and around Klagenfurt.

Also the fitness event entitled ‘Carinthia Runs’ (Kärnten Läufer) has hundreds of participants. Lovers of horse riding and golf will find satisfaction at the romantic setting of Seltenheim Castle. Those who love sports combined with enjoyment should try leisurely running – Klagenfurt provides one of the most scenic half marathon routes in Austria.



Moreover, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee was one of the host cities of the European Football Championship in 2008 and looks back on this major sport event with pleasure. Whether live in the new Wörthersee stadium or watching the matches in the fan zone, the mood was great! Right after the stadium’s inauguration, this masterpiece of contemporary architecture became the new symbol of Klagenfurt. Experts call the Wörthersee stadium one of the most modern and beautiful stadiums in Europe.



Enchanted old town

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee is also great at celebrating: The Old Town Magic Festival (Altstadtzauber) is a big, cheerful city festival with arts, entertainment and culinary delicacies that attracts more than 100,000 locals and guests alike every year. For two days, the entire old town turns into a market and a large stage where visitors in all the alleyways and squares are amazed by the magic of the spectacle provided by dozens of bands, musicians and jugglers. Concerts and theatre performances in the picturesque inner courtyards heat up the atmosphere. In the course of this festival, you can also browse and rummage around at Austria's largest inner-city flea market with jumble sale rarities and enjoy shopping at night.

Literature and musicals



Every year, the Ingeborg Bachmann Literature Competition with live readings and discussions constitutes a centre of attraction for people on a culture trip and interested in literature, publishers, editors, writers and reviewers from the entire German speaking area. A cultural speciality is the Wörthersee Festival on the lake stage floating in Klagenfurt's eastern bay. On balmy summer evenings you can enjoy outstanding productions in a unique open-air atmosphere and with views of Lake Wörthersee.

Summer nights in Klagenfurt

Among the very special nightly activities is a stroll through the atmospherically lit old town of Klagenfurt am Wörthersee. At night, the wonderful historic facades gleam in the bright lights. The numerous pubs and trendy bars in the city centre are perfect meeting points for a glass of sparkling Prosecco or a fruity summer cocktail; those who prefer Carinthian hospitality are at the right place at one of the rustic beer gardens.



Sunshine, the wonderful water of Lake Wörthersee, the flair of an old town and unforgettable events – you will find all this in Klagenfurt, the Renaissance gem at Lake Wörthersee.



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