



Bad Ischl, October, 2026

Dear Guests!

On Sunday, 18th October, the 54th International Race Around Lake Wolfgangsee will be getting underway. This classic Austrian race, first held in 1972, starts at 10.30 a.m. – in St. Wolfgang (27 km) and Strobl (5.2 km) and at 10.34 a.m. in Gschwendt (10 km). The route leads around Lake Wolfgangsee via St. Gilgen, Gschwendt and Strobl. The organizers expect 7.500 participants in total from 55 nations.

As well as this, at 9.15 a.m., the starting pistol will signal the start of the 15th Salzkammergut Marathon in Bad Ischl. By the way: in winter 2025/2026, the event was named one of the 22 most beautiful Austrian races by the renowned running platform “HDsports”!

Because we are also expecting thousands of people to accompany the participants, we ask your understanding for the traffic disruption that will inevitably occur in all locations on the 18th October (especially in Bad Ischl, St. Wolfgang, St. Gilgen and Strobl); and for any possible diversions or hold-ups. We also ask that you follow the directions of the police, the fire brigades and track marshals.

For Bad Ischl, the following traffic measures will be in force:

- Some roads will be closed on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. (inward or outward travel only possible outside these times).
- One lane of the public road from St. Wolfgang to Pfandl will be closed from 9.10 a.m. to 11 a.m..
- **Please note:** 10k runners are going to run on the one lane closed L 546, because of safety reasons. The L 546 is going to be closed from 10.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. from 7.2–9.5k (5.2 entrance near by the soccer field in Schwarzenbach up to the tourism office St. Wolfgang). Traffic towards St. Wolfgang isn't going to be restricted. Traffic towards Bad Ischl will be redirected from the tourism office St. Wolfgang via Aschau towards junction Schwarzenbach within this period. Police will be directing buses on St. Wolfgang Landesstraße.
- If at all possible, on Sunday 18th October, please avoid using your motor vehicle altogether!
- Better to encourage the racers from all over the world along the roadside, thus contributing to the success of this unique international sporting event.
- **Tip:** You can cheer on the runners repeatedly in different places along the route by using the Lake Wolfgangsee boats. Boarding the boats is possible at all Lake Wolfgangsee landing stages. The special “Race-day boat timetable” for the 18th October, 2026 will help.
- If possible, please keep off all foot and cycle paths on the route around the lake on 18th October between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.. Thousands of runners say, “THANK YOU” in advance!

The centres of Bad Ischl (9 a.m.–9.45 a.m.), St. Wolfgang (7 a.m.–5 p.m.), St. Gilgen (10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.) and Strobl (10 a.m.–3 p.m.) are also closed to traffic during the aforementioned times. Race comperes will be giving information and entertaining throughout.

- By the way: It's easy to take part in “Austria's most beautiful race” yourself!
There is the perfect distance for everyone on 18th October – 5.2k | 10k | 27k or 42.195k.

You prefer to walk? Then the „5th Walk the Lake” (8.5 | 14 | 18.5 | 27k) on 17th October, starting (9 a.m.) in St. Gilgen, is perfect.

- For the youngsters, the running weekend kicks off on Saturday, October 17th from 2 p.m. on the Strobl lake promenade with the 17th Junior Marathon for those born from 2013–2023.
- Registration and further details (also for boat times) on our website: www.wolgangseelauf.at

We thank you for your understanding and your support
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