

Hallstat - Fairytale Town on a Lake

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Hallstatt, Upper Austria, Austria
Saturday, June 11, 2016

You have shown your usual cunning in getting up just in time for a meal. — J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings

Friday 10th of June 2016

Today was a day trip from Salzburg to Hallstatt, a beautiful little town set on the bank of a lake in Upper Austria. The train trip took about 2.5 hours each way, but that in itself was a feature of the day due to the magnificent scenery enroute.

Hallstatt has been the centre of salt mining for about 3,500 years. In fact, nearby Salzburg gets its name from the fact that its wealth began due to the salt trade. Hallstatt became famous a few decades ago when an archeology dig discovered a prehistoric burial ground which had been well preserved due to the high salt content. A number of valuable artifacts and human remains were found which helped to increase knowledge of the prehistoric salt trade. The salt trade based in Hallstatt was so important that the period between 800 to 400 BC is known as the "Hallstatt Period". Traders from all over Europe and the near east purchased salt from Hallstatt.

As for Hallstatt itself, it is stunning. The photos will demonstrate the beauty much better than I can describe. A gem.

Cloudy start with mostly fine day. 20 degrees. Walked 8.6 km

Comments

So beautiful. I should have gone there!

— From Steph, on Jun 12, 2016 at 12:37AM

Pictures & Video



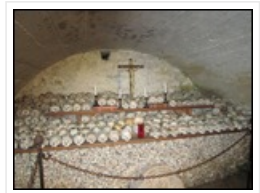
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Idyllic view of Hallstat



Hallstat Town Square
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Ossary
Story and comments!



Back street view of
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Hallstat Town Square

Comments:

What a dream location and setting. Can I retire there? Although, it maybe a tad cold (and dark) in winter with those amazingly steel mountainous.

— From Craig McArthur, on Jun 12, 2016 at 05:59PM

Enjoy. Austria was my favourite country. You can't stop looking at the beautiful scenery.

— From Jennie, on Jun 14, 2016 at 01:03AM

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Ossary

The grave yard was getting full. Not much flat ground around here, so graves are temporary. After a set period, remains were dug up and if you were important, your bones were processed, painted and placed in this crypt next to the church yard.

Comments:

Sorry, that is just icky! Dead is dead. How do you tell which one is Aunt Gemima?

— From Craig McArthur, on Jun 12, 2016 at 06:03PM

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Back street view of Hallstat

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View across lake from Hallstat

Comments:

'I will just nip out and get some eggs and milk. See you in 4 days or so'.

Seems a touch isolated. Mobile and Internet connectivity probably poor, That is gonna detract from the rentability.

— From Craig McArthur, on Jun 12, 2016 at 06:11PM

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