**Discover the magic of winter at Lake Achensee**

**Ballooning, snowshoeing, tobogganing and ice stock sports – Lake Achensee is a romantic winter wonderland**

**Floating in a hot-air balloon over Lake Achensee through the clear, cold air. Exploring the Nature Park Karwendel on snowshoes or on foot. Or maybe you fancy an exhilarating toboggan ride? Lake Achensee, Tirol’s Sports & Vitality Park, offers visitors a multitude of options to enjoy the cold season, for example going for a leisurely spin on the ice rink or trying out ice stock sports. After a day’s adventures, the Panorama-BAD and Penthouse-SPA at the Atoll Achensee leisure centre are wonderful for warming up.** [**www.achensee.com**](http://www.achensee.com)

**The perfect winter idyll: 150 kilometres of winter hiking trails**

The Achensee region boasts 150 kilometres of cleared winter hiking trails. Among the favourite routes of many pleasure hikers are the trails into the snow-covered Karwendel valleys starting in Pertisau. Gently undulating paths wind through the winter wonderland where quaint mountain huts invite to stop by. The mountain inns Gernalm and Alpengasthof Falzturn are within an hour’s walk from Pertisau. A two-hour excursion takes you to the Gramaialm where you can warm up by the fireplace enjoying Tirolean delicacies. In addition, the paths along the lakeshore from Pertisau to Maurach and in Achenkirch provide a beautiful setting for leisurely strolls. If you want to experience a storybook winter idyll, a visit to Steinberg am Rofan is a must. Located at an elevation of 1,000 metres above sea level, the small secluded village offers a one-hour circular hiking trail which is illuminated after dark.

Visitors who enjoy hiking in groups can participate in the region’s winter hiking programme from 21 December to 19 March. The Achensee region offers ranger-guided tours where visitors learn interesting facts about animal tracking, snow conditions, and the flora and fauna of the region. Tours occur daily from Monday to Friday on foot or on snowshoes, price per person is EUR 15 including snowshoeing equipment.

**A paradise for snowshoers: Where golden eagles circle in the sky**

Away from the winter hiking trails, visitors have the opportunity to discover pristine winter landscapes on snowshoes. Those who want to be safe in the terrain and learn more about nature can book an experienced mountain and hiking guide.

**Fun on the ice without doing pirouettes**

The Achensee holiday region also offers a choice of ice skating rinks where children and adults can go for a leisurely spin or try ice stock sports. Every Friday there is an ice disco at the Atoll Achensee leisure centre.

**Travelling through the snowscape of the Karwendel on horse-drawn sleighs**

Sleigh rides are a classically romantic way to enjoy the winter wonderland of the Karwendel valleys. Cuddled up beneath a fur blanket, visitors enjoy the breathtaking mountain panorama. The Posthotel Achenkirch offers sleigh rides drawn by Lipizzaner horses for those who are looking for a classy experience.

**Natural snow meets views of the lake: Tobogganing at Lake Achensee**

Family-friendly or fast-paced and demanding? At Lake Achensee, there are six natural toboggan runs between 0.8 to 4.8 kilometres long to choose from, providing downhill fun for all ages. There are several options for those who want to avoid the climb. The toboggan run in Achenkirch has lift access. In Pertisau, the “Rodlexpress” tractor takes visitors to the Rodlhütte from where a traffic light ensures a safe descent. The cable car provides easy access to the toboggan run on the Zwölferkopf, which is almost 5 kilometres long. Sporty visitors can hike uphill in about 2 hours; the climb over 650 metres of elevation will be rewarded with stunning views of the lake.

**Atoll Achensee: The pleasant warmth of water meets winter magic**

Located directly on the lakeshore in Maurach, the top modern leisure facility Atoll Achensee comprises over 6,500 square metres. Visitors can relax in the light-flooded Panorama-BAD, the spacious Penthouse-SPA and in the fun and outdoor pools. Those looking for sporting activities can work out in the Lakeside-GYM with unique vistas of the lake or test their climbing skills in the BOULDER-Halle. Further sporting highlights are the artificial ice rink, the ice stock sport lanes and the cross-country ski track which runs directly between the lake and the Atoll Achensee.

**Event tip: Ballooning days at Lake Achensee**

A balloon ride is a special nature experience with stunning 360-degrees panoramic views far away from the bustle and noise. There is no wind in the basket, and the heat emitted by the burner makes even a winter ride comfortable. Balloon rides only take place in good weather, and unique views are guaranteed. If you want to experience this special moment and enjoy the view from lofty heights over the snow-covered Rofan and Karwendel mountains and the winter landscape in the valleys around Lake Achensee, join the "6th International Achensee Ballooning Days 2022" from 7 to 13 March 2022. The colourful hot air balloons start daily for passenger rides into the winter sky. Tickets are EUR 280 per person (available at Achensee Tourism; [**www.achensee.com**](https://www.achensee.com/en/achensee-experiences/?re-product-id=104607)) and include setting up and deflating the envelope, the balloon ride, the transfer back to the starting point and the traditional certificate presentation and reception. Special event tip for romantics: The “nightglow” on the evening of 2 March when colourful balloons light up the sky, creating a stunning visual spectacle above the northern shore of Tirol’s largest lake.

**Lake Achensee - Tirol's Sports & Vitality Park**

Arrive, switch off, immerse yourself: The region surrounding Tirol’s largest lake attracts visitors with plenty of active recreation and leisure pursuits. Nestled between the Karwendel and Rofan mountains, Lake Achensee is a place to connect with nature, making it a popular destination for mountain enthusiasts and water lovers alike. The lakeshore, which can be approached from any point, and the impressive paths in the valleys of the Nature Park Karwendel offer amazing outdoor experiences in summer and in winter. Mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing – Lake Achensee inspires and is filled with magical moments! Achensee Tourism is the contact point for visitors and media representatives seeking information about tourist activities in Tirol's Sports & Vitality Park. Members of the media can download printable photos from the image database [**www.achensee.org**](http://www.achensee.org). To view the entire selection of photos and gain permission for downloading, please sign up and confirm your registration by clicking the link in the verification email. For an overview of the current Covid-19 related safety regulations and recommendations in Tirol visit [**www.achensee.com/en/achensee-holidays/current-information-on-coronavirus/**](https://www.achensee.com/en/achensee-holidays/current-information-on-coronavirus/)