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CROSSING OF THE ALPS: E5 FROM OBERSTDORF TO MERANO WITH CHARM

Along the European long-distance trail across the Alps

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DESCRIPTION

The E5 is one of the most popular long-distance hiking paths and is not called the ‚most beautiful of all crossings of the Alps' for nothing. You hike from the green Allgäu region through the endless mountain world of the Tyrol into the enchanting Passeiertal-valley in South Tyrol all the way to the Mediterranean spa town of Merano. Along the way you experience diverse mountain regions, mountain massifs and alpine landscapes. Divine nature spectacles featuring roaring waterfalls, very deep valleys, extensive alp scenery, high-altitude paths and impressive mountain passes await. Always accompanied by steep towering peaks, jagged rock needles, long-distance views and glistening white glacial areas. Again and again dairy alps and mountain huts invite for a break, the strenuous efforts of ascents and descents are rewarded by incredible mountain panoramas. The crossing of the Alps by foot: dream tour and desired destination for any mountaineering enthusiast!

HIGHLIGHTS

On your route across the Alps, you'll encounter the longest suspension bridge in Austria and climb up to spectacular high routes from peak to peak, past rustic mountain huts at 3,000m altitude at Pitztaler Jöchl. You will stay overnight amidst the impressive Alpine scenery, in the picturesque mountain valleys.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL TREKKING

In parts you hike in high-Alpine areas, for this hiking experience is necessary. Surefootedness, a head for heights and a good fitness level are prerequisite. The daily hiking days diplay an alpine terrain. In the event of bad weather, alternative routes are available, so you can always opt for a more leisurely route through the valley or shorten individual stages by using public transport.

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ARRIVAL / PARKING / DEPARTURE

- Arrival by train to Oberstdorf (www.bahn.de)
- Munich airport and by train to Oberstdorf, duration approx. 3,5 hours with 1 change in Pasing (www.bahn.de)
- Parking: Limited number of chargeable hotel parking spaces, costs approx. EUR 12 per day, public parking spaces approx. EUR 7 per day (www.parken-ok.com)
- Departure by train from Merano to Oberstdorf, duration approx. 9 hours with 3 changes in Bolzano, Munich and Memmingen (www.bahn.de)
- Departure by Flixbus from Merano to Munich and by train to Oberstorf, duration approx. 8,5 hours with 1 change in Munich (www.flixbus.at, www.bahn.de)

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Oberstdorf

Seize the afternoon for a stroll through Oberstdorf or already scent the alpine air at the Nebelhorn to get you in the right mood.

Day 2: Oberstdorf – Steeg

approx. 6 hours | 14 km | 1.090 m 980 m

Through the marvellous Allgäu Alps along on an impressive trail through the Sperrbachtobel ravine steadily ascending to the hut Kemptner Hütte. At the pass crossing Mädelejoch you cross the border into Austria, where a descent with great views awaits down into the Lechtal-valley. Via a spectacular chain bridge you reach Holzgau and there get to marvel at the colourful painted houses on the village square.

Day 3: Steeg - St. Anton am Arlberg

approx. 6 hours | 16 km | 890 m 1.080 m

Along remote alp roads you hike deep into the dairly alps area situated in the heart of the Lechtal Alps. The route takes you to the pass crossing at the hut Leutkircher Hütte, where you enjoy a break in the quaint mountaineers‘ base. Then you descend to the famous winter sports destination of St. Anton.

Day 4: St. Anton am Arlberg – Pitztal-Valley

approx. 3.5 hours | 11 km | 310 m 1.500 m

A short train ride to Landeck and then by cable car to an altitude of 2,000m. The ridgeway across the Venet is breathtaking, 360° panorama onto snow-capped mountains and jagged peaks. You climb two summits and then take a rest at the alp surrounded by cow bells. A stunning meadow- and forest path takes you to Wenns in the Pitztal-valley.

Day 5: Pitztal-Valley – Ötztal-Valley

approx. 6 hours | 13 km | 1.250 m 960 m

After a bus ride you hike along the panorama path steadily ascending to the hut Braunschweiger Hütte. After a break there you proceed to the highest point of the holiday, the Pitztaler Jöchl on an altitude of just under 3000 metres. A nice hiking path leads you through the Rettenbach further downhill, until you master the final metres in altitude into the Ötztal-valley by bus or cable car. Alternatively to the alpine route you can explore the Pitzenklamm-ravine along the Luis Trenker-trail, along the river Inn into the area prone to rock falls Sautner Forchet. Via the idyllic Lake Piburger See and the spectacular bridge Wallner Brücke along the roaring river Ötztaler Ache into the valley.

Day 6: Ötztal-Valley – Passeiertal-Valley

approx. 5 hours | 15 km | 980 m 1.000 m

Along the old smugglers‘ trails via the Timmelsjoch to Italy. Stunning paths lead you through the sunny Timmelstal-valley to the pass on an altitude of 2500 metres. A marvellous descent through the impressive alpine scenery and flower meadows, surrounded by steep, towering rockfaces. Steadily headed for the valley you hike across the upper Passeiertal-valley and enjoy South Tyrolean hospitality over a well-earned dinner.

Day 7: Passeiertal-Valley – Merano

approx. 7 hours | 14 km | 1.520 m 230 m

Along the footsteps of the freedom fighter Andreas Hofer you ascend to the alp Pfandleralm. Along forest trails to the Riffel, where a breathtaking high-altitude path starts: panoramic views as far as the eye can see. After a break at the hut Hirzerhütte you descend by cable car towards the valley and take the bus to Merano.

Day 8: Departure or extension

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Oberstdorf: Filser Hotel 4****

The hotel is in a very quiet location and offers a fantastic view of the mountains. The hotel rooms are stylishly and comfortably furnished and exude a special charm. In the wellness area, you can relax in the Finnish sauna and swimming pool and round off the day perfectly. Numerous delicacies are prepared freshly and with passion in the hotel restaurant.

https://www.filserhotel.de/en/

Steeg: Hotel Stearawirts Hauserei

In the idyllic landscape of the Lech Valley, the herb and design hotel delights guests with its 'genuinely rustic' charm and natural atmosphere. The hotel offers a unique feel-good concept centred around local herbs and stylish architecture. Guests enjoy the highest level of comfort in the tastefully furnished rooms, while the hotel spoils them with creative culinary dishes. A retreat for nature lovers and design enthusiasts seeking relaxation at the highest level.

https://www.hauserei.at/

St. Anton am Arlberg: Hotel Schwarzer Adler 4****S

The traditional and luxurious hotel, which combines Alpine hospitality with modern comfort, has been family-owned for generations. It charms guests with its warm ambience, first-class service and ideal location in the heart of the Tyrolean Alps. Guests can look forward to stylishly furnished rooms, excellent gourmet cuisine and a spacious wellness area with an infinity pool and breathtaking panoramic views.

https://www.schwarzeradler.com/en

Pitztal: Biohotel Stillebach 3***

The 3-star hotel is located at 1,400 meters above sea level and is surrounded by an impressive mountain landscape. Located directly on the lake and with its own wellness area with infrared cabin, panorama sauna and hydrotherapy pool, you can enjoy a pleasant break from everyday life. The spacious rooms are partly furnished with Swiss pine wood and promise heavenly nights. The hotel is the only 100% certified organic hotel in Pitztal and enchants its guests with a nature experience that begins right outside the front door.

https://www.stillebach.at/en/home-en

Ötztal: Hotel Grauer Bär 4****

Nature takes centre stage here. Inspired by the Ötztal Alps, the rooms are furnished with lots of wood, stone and other natural materials. The dreamlike natural setting creates a space where relaxation and having a good time comes easily. The spa, a slow paced oasis, nicely rounds off the offerings here. You can easily spend an eventful day here enjoying your time in one of the saunas or Turkish baths.

https://www.grauer-baer.com/en

Passeiertal: Hotel Wiesenhof Garden Resort 4****

Pure vacation enjoyment awaits you here. Immerse yourself in a relaxed atmosphere with a family ambience. The family-run hotel offers pleasurable moments as well as a place to relax in the over 3,000 m² wellness landscape. In the lovingly furnished rooms, guests will find an oasis of well-being, the element of wood provides a pleasantly perceived warmth in the rooms.

https://www.wiesenhof-passeier.com/en/

Meran: Hotel Adria 4****

Hotel Adria Merano is situated within a listed building, which will take you back to the times of the "Belle Époque". This was Merano's first hotel and is a jewel with true historical charm. Each room is unique and impresses with its sophisticated art nouveau architecture. At this hotel, real gormets get their money's worth: South Tyrolean specialities are served in the restaurant whilst the bathing pavilion, which includes a swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and Turkish bath, ensures ultimate relaxation.

https://www.hotel-adria.com/en

ARRIVAL DATES 2027

13.06. - 12.09.

Arrival Thursday and Sunday
Season 1: 13.06. - 23.06. | 29.08. - 12.09.
Arrival Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
Season 2: 24.06. - 28.08.

PRICES 2027

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Booking code	**DE-ALWOM-**	**08D**
Season 1		1,829
Season 2		1,999
Surcharge single room		419

EXTRA NIGHTS

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Merano	
Basic price season 1	189
Basic price season 2	219
Surcharge single room	39
Oberstdorf	
Basic price season 1	199
Basic price season 2	199
Surcharge single room	59

SERVICES

Included

- Accommodation in hotels with charm
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- 1 train ride St. Anton – Landeck
- 1 ascent by cable car Venet
- 1 descent by cable car Hirzer
- 1 original „Lechweg-cheese“
- Welcome briefing
- Digital travel documents incl. navigation app, GPS-data, route book
- Service hotline

Optional extras

- Printed route book, per person EUR 20
- Shared transfer with a central pick-up and drop-off point (passengers are responsible for taking their own luggage to the bus) from Merano to Oberstdorf, daily, costs per person EUR 65, booking necessary, to be paid for in advance

Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price.
- Bus rides to the start of the hike or to the hotel accommodation, costs per person approx. EUR 10 (longer travel times: Wenns - Pitztal (depending on hotel accommodation, approx. 15 to 30 min).

SUSTAINABILITY ON THE WAY

With every decision we make - be it in the selection of our hotel partners, the resource-saving realisation of your travel documents or the promotion of local value creation - we are consciously taking steps towards a more sustainable future. Our commitment has already been officially confirmed and certified by Travelife - a significant milestone that we are proud of. But our journey is just beginning. Only by traveling mindfully today can we still experience the beauty of unspoiled nature up close in the future.

With an active holiday, you are opting for an extremely climate-friendly form of travel. We are aware that even this generates a certain amount of CO2 emissions. The emissions caused are calculated using the internationally recognised ‘Carmacal’ CO2 calculator and offset by supporting carefully selected climate protection projects. An overview of emissions in the areas of transport, accommodation, activities and on-site catering can be found on our website.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For a stress-free start to your travel, arriving at the start point by early evening the day before is recommended. The individual return journey takes place on the last day of travel. For any costs incurred locally (children, local taxes, dogs etc.), as well as excluded transport and services, please refer to the itinerary or the section “Services/Things to note”. If a minimum number of participants is necessary for the trip to take place, this is defined under “Arrival dates”. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour by the time specified under the heading “Arrival dates” before the planned travel date. We recommend organising your arrival and departure only after this deadline has passed. The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance. The language in which the listed services are provided, as far as this is relevant for the provision of services, can be found under the heading “Services”. If special passport or visa requirements are needed for EU citizens, this is indicated under “Arrival/Parking/Departure”. This trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility. Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended. Information on insurance options to cover the cost of assistance during the journey, including transport in case of accident, illness or death can be found at https://www.eurobike.at/travel-insurance

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