

Kratzenbergkopf

Crossing the Tauern from East Tyrol to Salzburg

- Level of difficulty:** Special tour that requires good physical condition and surefootedness.
- Equipment:** Backpack, sun protection, ankle-high hiking boots, drink and snack, change of clothes, hat and gloves, possibly trekking poles, harness, crampons (can be rented upon announcement)
- Costs:** €40; plus taxi costs.
- Dogs:** The presence of dogs is not allowed during excursions out of consideration for other participants and local wildlife.
- Meeting point:** 03.08.2024; at 5:00 a.m. at the Hollersbachtal parking lot (47.26755; 12.41434)
- How to reach us:** Arrival via B 165 and exit at the entrance to Hollersbach. Proceed through the village following the signs for Hollersbachtal parking lot or Gasthof Seestube. (47.26755; 12.41434)
- Participants:** Minimum of 3 people, maximum 6 people
- Duration:** Approximately 10 hours.
- Pure walking time:** Approximately 8 hours.
- Route:** Approximately 17,3 kilometers.
- Ascent:** Approximately 1580 meters in altitude.
- Descent:** Approximately 1622 meters in altitude.
- Refreshment stops:** Refreshment possible after the tour.
- Booking:** until Monday, July 29, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at www.npht.at/touren. If you have any questions, you can reach us at np.bildung@salzburg.gv.at

Description: Crossing the main ridge of the High Tauern is always something special. The ascent takes us from the East Tyrolean Gschlößtal, facing south with a breathtaking view of the glaciers of the Venediger region. With a bit of luck, we may also observe ibexes and chamois. At the summit of Kratzenbergkopf, we can enjoy a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks of the High Tauern. The descent leads through Hollersbachtal, passing by the largest lake in the Hohe Tauern National Park, Lake Kratzenberg.

Schedule: Meeting point is at 5:00 a.m. at the Hollersbachtal parking lot. We will take a taxi to East Tyrol, to the Matreier Tauernhaus, and then continue with the valley taxi to Gschlößstal, reaching Innerschlöß. From now on, we proceed on foot. To warm up, we hike 2 kilometers flat along the Almweg (alpine path) into the valley. Here, a marked hiking trail begins along the Viltragenbach. After some time, the path turns right, overcoming a steep section. At 2500 meters, it's time for an extensive break. We then continue off-trail over the last remnants of glaciers to Kratzenbergscharte,

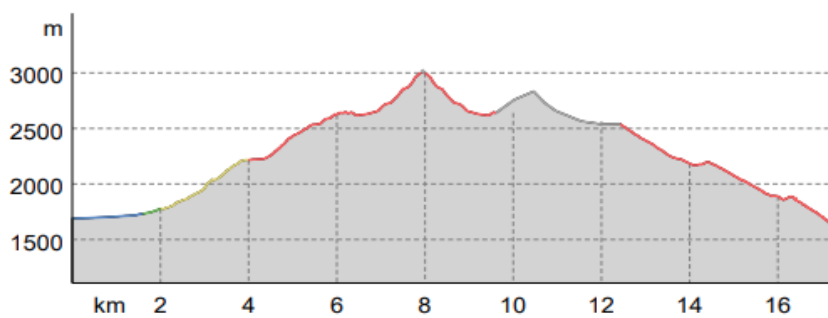


where we can look down into the Hollersbachtal for the first time. The final ascent involves climbing the South Ridge to reach the summit.

The descent initially follows the same path to Kratzenbergscharte, then heads north into Hollersbachtal. Initially, we use crampons to cross the remains of Kratzenbergkees glacier. Subsequently, we hike off-trail but on pleasant terrain above Kratzenbergsee and then join the Larmkogel hiking trail. Descending on this trail, we reach Kratzenbergsee, the largest lake in the Hohe Tauern National Park. We can cool our tired legs in the approximately 4-degree cold water.

A short ascent is required to reach the Fürtherhütte. After a thorough break, we must tackle the descent (approximately 1 hour) to the Materialseilbahntalstation. The valley taxi then takes us back to the starting point

Elevation profile:



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