

3. Golling – Ramsau/Hintersee

Length of Stage: ca. 57 km

Total Climbs: 1,700 m

From Golling market square, we are going to ride down to the unguarded level crossing, then cross the bridge over the Salzach before following the Tauern Bike Path along the left bank of the Salzach, enjoying a relatively flat ride to Hallein. After the Salzach bridge we will keep going straight and then, after the autobahn underpass, we will keep right (with a view of St. Nikola Church, which stands just a little above us). At the next intersection, we will keep to the left, passing the Torrener Hof and continuing north.

At the next small community, we will use the underpass to switch back to the other side of the autobahn, then ride past the saw mill until we come to the Salzach bridge (detour to Kuchl possible). Our tour, however, keeps us going straight and at the next village, after a short climb, crosses the autobahn once again, after which we will keep right. We now follow a narrow paved road to Hallein, passing the Altarm and sports facility. At the Boy Scouts' headquarters, we'll turn left onto the Pingitzzerkai, following the Salzach and crossing the bridge at the bay, before finally reaching the town center (or cross the Stadtbrücke bridge to the car park on the Pernerinself).

If you don't want to go into the town center, you can continue your tour with a steep climb from the Pingitzzerkai to Bad Dürrenberg and on to the Zinkenkogel (ca. 840 vertical meters). We'll make a left off the Pingitzzerkai at Neumayrplatz, following the Dorrekstraße, Hallburgstraße and Gamperstraße to Winterstallstraße (narrow, very steep paved road), now following the No.18 "Zinkenkogel" MTB route. This will first lead us via Winterstall, Schornhöhe, Hocheck (elev. 978 m) and the Predigtstuhl, then to the left via a very steep hill that follows the lift lines up to the Zinkenstüberl summit station. At the last bend, around 250 m before the summit station, we will branch off onto a footpath to our left, later turning into a forestry path that drops down to the Rossfeldstraße. We will make a left onto the Rossfeldstraße, passing the toll station and continuing for about 11 km. We make our way uphill to the Ahornbüchsenkopf car park, accompanied by beautiful views of the Salzach Valley, then drop back down the mountain again. A little less than 7.5 km beyond the car park and just behind the toll station, we make a left onto the B 319 towards Obersalzberg, following this road as far as the roundabout and continuing out of this roundabout towards Hinterbrand. About 1 km after the roundabout, we turn right onto the Salzberg toboggan run and drop down into the valley. At the end of the toboggan run, we will make a left by the ice rink, continuing on the left bank of the Berchtesgadener Ache to Hotel Schwabenwirt. Here we turn right into a roundabout and take the third exit towards the Königsseer Fußweg (Lake Constance-Königssee bike path). We will now continue downriver on the Königsseer Fußweg. Just beyond a campground, the Königsseer Fußweg takes us a little uphill until it meets the Schornsteinstraße. We will turn right and cross the bridge, bike uphill and then, after about 70 m, turn right, before making a left in just about another 70 m. We'll now ride along the edge of the forest to Waldhäuser and Oberschönau, continuing uphill to the left towards Hinterschönau. After the Stanzer farm, a very steep and rocky footpath leads us in a series of switchbacks down to the Ramsauer Ache. Crossing the Wimbach, we make a quick right across the Ramsauer Ache, then immediately make a left onto the Berchtesgaden highway, which we will leave after about 800 m as we

head into the town of Ramsau. Passing the church there, we will ride next to the river towards Hintersee. Right after the bridge over the stream, we will turn right and ride along the Alte Hinterseer Straße up to the lake. At the northern end of the lake, we'll make a left, following the glorious western shoreline (also the site of hotels, boat rentals and souvenir stands).