

10 Day Guided Walking Holiday
Vorarlberg, western Austria
Centre-based: 4 star hotel
Small Group Size
Local Host: Patrick Burtscher



“Experience the Authentic Austrian Alps”

“Come and be my guest for a trip like no other - to and around my spectacular homeland of Grosses Walsertal in the western Alps of Austria.

Together over ten days we will explore, discover and enjoy a pristine and authentic area - off the tourist track. Not only will we take in the region’s spectacular alpine landscapes, flower-filled meadows, quaint huts, traditional culture and breathtaking scenery, but we will also experience its unique balance of man living in harmony with nature (as recognised by UNESCO’s classification as a model ‘Biosphere Reserve’). Day excursions over the nearby borders into Germany and the Principality of Liechtenstein will also add an international flair to your experience.

In between the guided walks you can participate or indulge in other local activities and pastimes: from real life working alpine dairies to the 400 year old home which now contains the beautifully presented local museum; from a high ropes adventure garden to the mountain herbal tea project; from a German language lesson with coffee and cake to a pampering massage. Or you may simply wish to just kick back on the hotel’s sun-filled terrace to take in the awe-inspiring panoramas...

I, along with my family and the Walsertal community, look forward to welcoming and sharing our alpine paradise with you in 2016.”



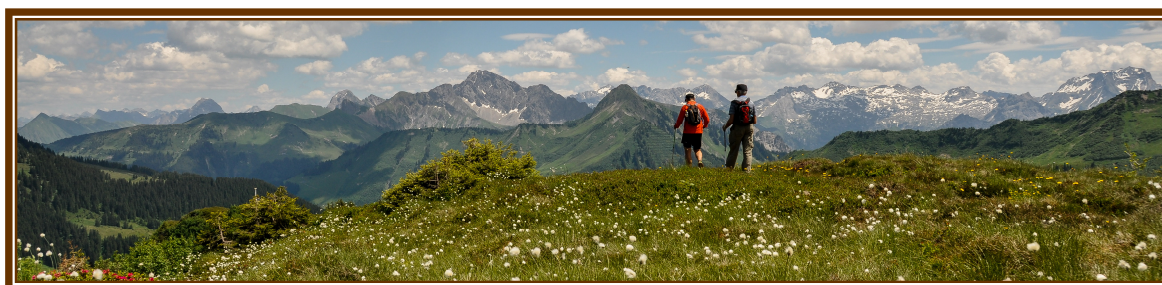
Patrick Burtscher

Tour Organiser, Host & Guide
Proud inhabitant of Grosses Walsertal for over 30 years
(now resides in Melbourne, Victoria)

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‘Walsertal’ Local

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 day program, including:
 - Eight guided walks to take in a diverse range of spectacular alpine landscapes
 - Extra activities to learn about and immerse yourself in the Walser culture, cuisine and history
 - A non-walking sightseeing day to Lake Constance in Germany
- Indulge in fine 4 star hospitality at ‘Hotel Faschina’:
 - Facilities include extensive spa & wellness area, indoor & outdoor pools, outdoor terrace
 - Delight in full buffet breakfasts and outstanding four course dinners
- Meet and learn about the remarkable ‘Walser’ people: their alpine culture, traditions and history
- Enjoy the chauffeured transport between walks and destinations
- Acquaint yourself with like-minded people in this small group tour (max.# 16 persons)
- Relax with Patrick Burtscher, who is your host and there every step of the way to ensure you have a wonderful and carefree holiday



TOUR INFO 2016



- Tour Dates:** 17 – 26 June; 1 – 10 July 2016
- Tour Prices:** Travel at 2015 Prices!
\$2980 pp (double room) / \$3430 pp (single room) for bookings BEFORE 30 Nov 2015
\$3280 pp (double room) / \$3730 pp (single room) for bookings AFTER 30 Nov 2015
- Tour 'Home':** The small alpine village of Faschina, which sits at 1500m in the 'Grosses Walsertal' valley in Vorarlberg, western Austria. www.grosseswalsertal.at
* Grosses Walsertal is a designated 'UNESCO Biosphere Reserve' and 'EDEN'
- Tour Program:** This tour includes a full daily program (albeit non-compulsory)
Go to: www.austrianalps.com.au to view the itinerary
- Fitness Required:** Moderate walking fitness. Daily walks are between 6 – 12 (ALPINE) kms.
Walks may include long or steep ascents/ descents on uneven terrain.
- Further Info/ To Book:** Visit: www.austrianalps.com.au or contact Patrick Burtscher directly via:
phone 0433 775 227 or email: patrick@nordicacademy.com.au



WHAT PREVIOUS GUESTS SAY:

"You can take pictures and try to describe the experience to others but really, you have to see and do it yourself to truly appreciate how wonderful it is." Naida G., Melbourne VIC

"What I enjoyed most was coming to a part of the world which is peaceful; and where the people are concerned about their environment as well as the preservation of their culture." Lorraine F., Wellington NZ

"What makes this tour quite unique is that Patrick and his wife, Maree, are such friendly hosts who enthusiastically welcome you into their lives and local community." Janet M., Canberra ACT

"The scenery was easily the best that I've seen in my life. The trip was a great balance between fitness, sightseeing, adventure and relaxation."
Christopher V., Melbourne VIC

"Patrick and Maree, you went the extra mile in so many ways on our walking adventure with you. A humble and grateful thank you!" Yvonne R., Sydney NSW

