

Schliersee -- Graceful Churches Amidst The Bavarian Alps

Hello, Beautiful! I'm so glad we meet again.

Don't take it personally — but I'm not talking to *you*. I'm greeting those wonderfully magnificent [Bavarian Alps](#). There's just something about those craggy mountain peaks with vibrant green fields at their bottom. Which is why, most likely, I'm in love with Schliersee.

Can I live here? Coming from my current home, I've got Schliersee to keep me warm at night. ;-)

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Wait, I take that back. The Alps aren't known for being all warm and balmy — so I guess it ain't keeping me warm. So, bundle up if you're gonna be doing all sorts of winter sporting activities. Ever tried mountain hiking in snow? Brrrrrr!

If you absolutely must come inside, then I'd suggest visiting the *Schlierseer Bauerntheater*, a local folk theater that the town's quite proud of. And by rights, they should be. The building itself is worth seeing, being one of those painted chalet style structures.

The town's *Rathaus* (Town Hall) is also one of those chalet looking buildings, built in 1477, BTW.

One of the coolest ways to see Schliersee is to take a cable car ride. You can do this everyday from 9am – 4:30pm, excluding bad weather days. Wow, I think I can see a house I wanna buy — oh yeah, and Austria that's located right next door.

The next time you're on terra firma, go see the St. Bernhard Kirche at the Spizingsee lake — originally a medieval fortified church. From there you can see the 14th century St. George Chapel,

and the Baroque church of St. Martin that's been here more than eleven centuries.

From April 1st to the *Leonhardifahrt* (in November) the Markus Wasmeier Farm & Winter Sports Museum is open. It's an outdoor exhibit area that details life in the 18th century and all the fun wintery sports that people love so much.

The *Leonhardifahrt*, BTW, is a fun cultural event that's about blessing horses, riding in horse drawn carriages, and food & drinking. It ain't a one-horse show around here, other festivals and events include the Schliersee Lake Festival (Jul/Aug), the Alpine Triathlon (Jun/Jul), and the Cattle Drive in September.

This last one is when the farmers bring all their cattle in for the winter, bringing spectators from all over the area to see the herds all decked out with headdresses of flowers.

Yikes, almost left out the Historic Festival that happens at the St. Sixtus Church (18th century) with men in their lederhosen, and brightly colored rowboats.

The *Trachtenjahrtag* is another event with local villagers wearing traditional [Upper Bavarian](#) costumes; again all eating, drinking, and being all around merry.

Me too, but I think it was that trip over to the *Slyrs*, a Malt Whisky Distillery that kinda had a hand in that one. ;-)