

Floating the River Enns: adventures for the whole family

A Between Mandling and Gesäuse, the River Enns is an El Dorado for water adventures by kayak, river-capable inflatable canoes and SUP (stand-up paddling) boards. This 90 km long extent of the river is actually the longest navigable stretch in Central Europe. It combines nature experiences, water sports and sightseeing attractions close to the riverbanks.

90 kilometers in five stages

The River Enns has long been an insider tip for adventurers and outdoor fans. But since last summer, a 90 km stretch of the river between Mandling and Gesäuse can now be experienced as part of an extended float trip. Fans of water sports can complete the tour in five stages spanning several days – paddling a kayak, captaining a river-capable inflatable canoe or balanced on an SUP (stand-up paddling) board. Numerous locations to put in along the way also make it possible to do some memorable sightseeing a little off the beaten track. The organizers will help you with planning and also offer complete rental equipment, trained tour guides along with shuttle service. The Schladming-Dachstein Sommercard includes discounts on professional training and courses.

Family-friendly, obstacle-free and clearly described

Helmut Knaus, initiator of this river-floating project, summarizes the advantages of floating the River Enns: "We proudly boast the longest stretch of river in Central Europe where you can go floating without having to detour man-made obstacles such as weirs and power stations on foot. In addition to that, along the 90 km there are no difficult white-water stages to negotiate. Which makes the entire stretch family-friendly and also suitable for adventure-lovers with very little paddling experience." Aspiring river explorers are invited to visit ennsflusswandern.at, where valuable information is provided to facilitate planning. You can even go ahead and book a personal tour guide. On the river itself, major points of interest as well as boat landings on the shore are clearly signposted.

In addition to river exploration, the Schladming-Dachstein boasts a whole range of different adventures both in, on and by the water - from canyoning and rafting to wild-water kayaking. For complete information, please visit: https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/summer/water-experiences