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### Location

The Allgau is situated at the furthest corner of South West Germany and shares the countries' border with the Austrian Tirol. The main towns are Sonthofen (Alpine town of the year in 2005), Immenstadt (rail hub for the area), and winter Olympic town of Obersdorf, famous for ski jumping and Nordic skiing.

Munich and Stuttgart are situated 2 hours northeast and north west respectively with Innsbruck in Austria 2 hours to the southeast over stunning mountain passes.

A most Northern region of the Alps the people of the Allgau have held onto many traditions and cultures through time. Farming lends itself to the typical green pastures where cow bells can be heard in the summer and skiing takes place through the winter.

Steeped in local culture, traditions, lederhosen, and local German breweries the Allgau has much to offer the visitor.



### Things to see/do in the area

Apart from the beautiful Bavaria Alps which offer fantastic scenery and options for mountain walking, hut to hutting and wildlife spotting, on the doorstep is the famous Neuschwanstein, also known to the UK as the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" castle.

Within the local area activities offered include many low level trails, dry walks up canyons known as Klamms, ballooning, paragliding, golf, tennis, horse riding, climbing, canyoning, klettersteiging, and biking trails including north-shore for the so inclined. [www.allgaeu-abc.de](http://www.allgaeu-abc.de)



Alongside all this, a water-ski park, high ropes courses set on a hillside, along with the Alpsee Coaster. A go-cart on rails, descending 3kms down a hillside which has to be experienced, is the longest in Germany. [www.alpsee-bergwelt.de](http://www.alpsee-bergwelt.de) With toboggan runs at Hindelang graded from beginner to advanced the snow can be experienced in many ways.

Wonnemar and Aquarius are swimming pool and sauna facilities in the area with slides, wave machines, indoor and outdoor swimming, massage and relaxation. Each town has an outdoor swimming pool known as a Freibad costing €2-3 per person.

The allgau is famous for its locally produced mountain cheeses and schnapps, as well as locally brewed beer. Cheeses and Schnapps are widely available from villages and town producers or shops. Tours of breweries are available throughout the year. Festivals happen on a regular basis, included are full moon fests, Funkenfeuer where large bonfires are lit on the surrounding hills symbolizing a Celtic sacrifice, taking place on the first Sunday after shrove Tuesday). Viescheid is the traditional moving of cows from mountain pastures in early September, celebrated over 2 days and long into the evening. October fest during late September running into October.





## Accommodation

The Allgau region cares for visitors in both summer and winter making it one of the best all year round resorts in the Northern Alps, attracting world class events such as Cycling and Skiing.

Due to this it has a fantastic selection of accommodation options ranging from camping through to 5 star hotels and event locations.

Whatever you prefer the Allgau has all options for you. As we live in the region we can also recommend suitable locations and accommodations to your taste.

We suggest using the tourist information [www.alpsee-gruenten.de](http://www.alpsee-gruenten.de) or us directly to get an idea of exact location in respect of your activities.

The Bavarian people are welcoming and friendly often speaking English, however we can assist during this process if necessary.

Other useful websites for area information are [www.allgaeu-abc.de](http://www.allgaeu-abc.de) - general info, [www.immenstadt.de](http://www.immenstadt.de) - Immenstadt/Alpsee tourist info, and [www.sonthofen.de](http://www.sonthofen.de) - Sonthofen tourist info.

## Food

Depending on your accommodation, you may book to include meals, however, local Bavarian restaurants are in abundance in the area, with tourists catered for with high standards and very affordable prices across the region. Eating out here is cheaper than the UK.

Alongside the excellent flavours of traditional local Bavarian menus, there are other options such as Chinese, Italian, Greek and Mexican styles to whet your palate.

We are happy to advise on good restaurants for evening meals in the area.

If you choose to book self catering accommodation, facilities in the apartments are normally very good to cater for yourself. Supermarkets, local shops and town markets will ensure you have enough choice to feed well, and should you feel like a night in, but off cooking, then take-away Chinese and pizza are also available.



## Travel to us

### Flights:

Airlines below fly from a variety of airports across the UK, the closest airport being Friedrichshafen at 1hr 15 mins drive. Stuttgart, Munich and Innsbruck are all roughly 2hrs drive, with both Stuttgart and Munich airports served with an efficient rail link.

- Ryan air flies into Friedrichshafen on the Bodensee (1hr15mins) [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)
- Easyjet into Munich and Innsbruck (2hrs drive) [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)
- TUI fly to Stuttgart (2hrs drive) [www.tuifly.com](http://www.tuifly.com)
- Both Stuttgart & Munich receive flights from the UK with BA, [www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com) and Lufthansa, [www.lufthansa.de](http://www.lufthansa.de) (Train service from each 2.5hrs)
- Other airlines servicing the area from UK airports are German wings, [www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com) and Air Berlin [www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)



## Ferries:

- DFDS run overnight ferries from Newcastle to Amsterdam (8-10hrs drive to the allgau), arriving at 9am in Amsterdam after sleep onboard in a cabin. [www.dfds.co.uk](http://www.dfds.co.uk)
- Seafrance, [www.seafrance.com](http://www.seafrance.com) and P&O, [www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com) run crossing of 1.5hrs, every 2-3hours from Dover to Calais (10-12hr drive to the allgau).
- The Channel Tunnel, [www.eurotunnel.com](http://www.eurotunnel.com) runs every half hour-3hrs depending on time of day, from Folkestone to Calais (10-12hr Drive). The crossing takes 20-30mins.
- P&O also run overnight ferries from Hull to Rotterdam (8-10hr drive), arriving at 9am in Rotterdam. [www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com)
- Superfast ferries run a longer overnight route, Rosyth (Edinburgh) to Zeebrugge (10-12hr drive), arriving in Zeebrugge at midday. [www.ferryreservations.co.uk](http://www.ferryreservations.co.uk)



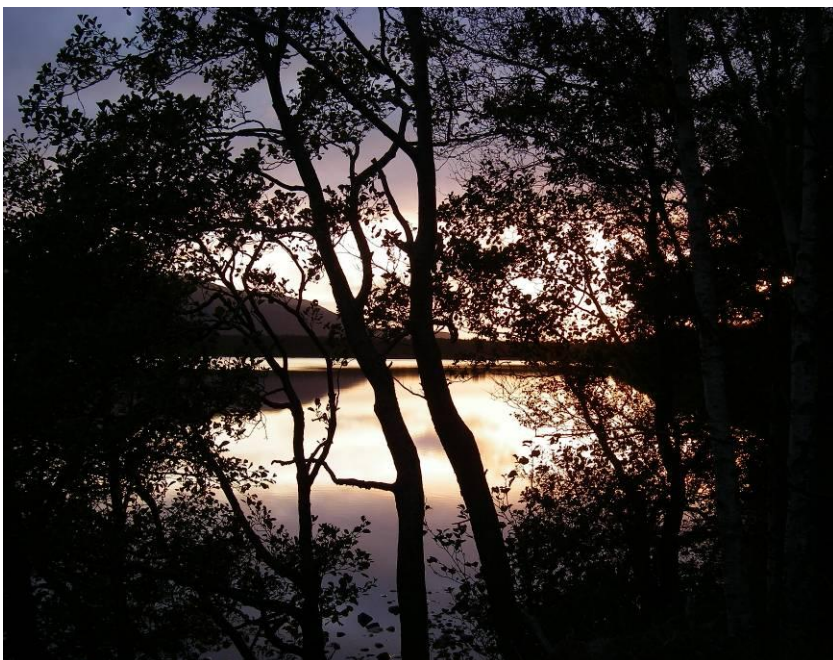
## Trains Buses & Car hire:

With the new rail link opening this Autumn from London to Europe, getting here has never been so easy. The quickest option is to board the Eurostar to Paris (anywhere between 9-15hrs, minimum 3 changes via Stuttgart & Ulm), and connect through to Immenstadt. Using [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) your booking details can be made clear, or alternately book with [www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com) for part of your journey.

Trains run reliably and normally on time in Germany as you might imagine. With rail and Bus links from each airport to Immenstadt or Sonthofen, schedules and tickets can be checked and bought online or in country at the

station. [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

Car hire is also available locally in Sonthofen from [www.franke-autovermietung.de](http://www.franke-autovermietung.de) or at each airport with hertz, eurocar, or avis, and can be booked at time of booking flights.



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## Useful links, Websites, further info and contacts.

### **Travel – flights:**

[www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)  
[www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)  
[www.tuifly.com](http://www.tuifly.com)  
[www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)  
[www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com)  
[www.lufthansa.de](http://www.lufthansa.de)  
[www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)

### **Travel – ferries/tunnel:**

[www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com)  
[www.seafrance.com](http://www.seafrance.com)  
[www.dfds.co.uk](http://www.dfds.co.uk)  
[www.ferryreservations.co.uk](http://www.ferryreservations.co.uk)  
[www.eurotunnel.com](http://www.eurotunnel.com)

### **Travel – trains/car hire:**

[www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com) - Eurostar from London, via Paris  
[www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) - German rail network bookings and info online  
[www.franke-autovermietung.de](http://www.franke-autovermietung.de) - Local car hire in Sonthofen  
[www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com) - airport car hire  
[www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) - airport car hire  
[www.eurocar.com](http://www.eurocar.com) - airport car hire

### **Bavaria local info:**

[www.allgaeu-abc.de](http://www.allgaeu-abc.de) - Tourist info.  
[www.alpsee-gruenten.de](http://www.alpsee-gruenten.de) - Accommodation within the area  
[www.damfbierbrauerei.de](http://www.damfbierbrauerei.de) - Evening meal suggestion  
[www.alpsee-bergwelt.de](http://www.alpsee-bergwelt.de) - alpsee mountain world!  
[www.immenstadt.de](http://www.immenstadt.de) - Immenstadt tourist info. Including Alpsee  
[www.sonthofen.de](http://www.sonthofen.de) - Sonthofen tourist info.  
[www.wonnemar.de](http://www.wonnemar.de) - Wonnemar swimming/sauna facility (Sonthofen)  
[www.fellhorn.de](http://www.fellhorn.de) - Ski areas, Nebelhorn, Fellhorn and Kanzelwand  
[www.skilifte-oberjoch.de](http://www.skilifte-oberjoch.de) - Ski area Oberjoch

### **Other useful websites:**

[www.bcu.org.uk](http://www.bcu.org.uk) - British Canoe Union  
[www.canoescotland.com](http://www.canoescotland.com) - Scottish Canoe Association  
[www.baiml.org](http://www.baiml.org) - British Association of Mountain Leaders  
[www.outdoor-learning.org](http://www.outdoor-learning.org) - Institute for Outdoor Learning  
[www.basi.org.uk](http://www.basi.org.uk) - British Association of Snowsports Instructors  
[www.essentialtravel.co.uk](http://www.essentialtravel.co.uk) - Travel insurance  
[www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) – European health card (E111)

