

# W&L

## Hiking the Border Triangle of Austria, Slovenia & Italy

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A joint program of  
W&L's Outing Club  
and Lifelong Learning

# Stay Active, Learn Outdoors

**Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,**

After successful collaborations for the last two years, Lifelong Learning and the Outing Club are pleased to announce their fourth European active adventure, Hiking the Border Triangle of Austria, Slovenia, and Italy. Drawing upon W&L's strengths in educational travel and outdoor education, this specially designed trip offers the opportunity for alumni to combine their love of outdoor physical activity with their pursuit of travel and continued learning. The trip leader is James Dick, a legendary figure on campus and beloved by students.

The trek through three countries does not require intense hiking skills but does require the capacity to enjoy the most impressive mountain landscapes and villages in Europe, starting in Austria, looping through Italy, and then cornering Slovenia. The trip begins in Villach, Austria, and we will start by walking under the landmark Dobratcsh mountain and into Carinthia's lake landscape. From Villach, we will move from untouched natural beauty into the Gailtal valley in Italy and down to the church of Camporosso. After walking into the glaciers of the White Lakes at the foot of Mangart in Italy, we will cross into Slovenia to the ski resort of Kransjska Gora, which is not only a chic place to relax, eat, and chill, but is also a wonderful center for side hikes into the Triglav National Park. From Kranjska Gora, of the famed Kitzbuhel of Slovenia, we will hike over the border back to the Faaker See of Austria, a lake that caps off an astonishing walk through the scenic highlights of three countries.

Join us for this next Outing Club x Lifelong Learning adventure. Space on this tour is extremely limited, so reserve your spot today.

Stay Active and Keep Learning,

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Office Manager,  
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## YOUR ROUTE

Level of difficulty: **3**

**1 = easy; 2 = easy to middle; 3 = middle;  
4 = demanding; 5 = sportive**

The hike runs along marked mountain and hiking trails. The tour is suitable for anyone in good basic condition. The hiking trip is suitable for children over 14 years.

## ARRIVAL | DEPARTURE

- » Arrival by train to Villach. Nearby airports: Klagenfurt (KLU), Salzburg (SZG), or Ljubljana (LJU)
- » Departure from Villach to nearby airports.



# Your 8-Day Itinerary

## DAY 1: VILLACH

Individual arrival at the hotel in Villach. (D)

## DAY 2: VILLACH - FEISTRITZ A.D. GAIL

*ascent approx. 200 m, descent approx.*

*125 m / approx. 5 - 6 hours*

You start in the lively city center of Villach and find yourself in the middle of nature in no time. By train you get from the city center to Villach Warmbad. You walk along the old Roman road and the river Gail through the nature reserve Schütt. The impressive Dobratsch massif is watching over you. At the end of the stage you reach the small village Nötsch and finally Feistritz a. d. Gail. (B, L, D)

## DAY 3: FEISTRITZ A. D. GAIL - CAMPOROSSO

*ascent approx. 375 m, descent approx.*

*1.075 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours*

A transfer takes you to the starting point of your trip at the Feistritzer Untere Alm. Today your tour leads across the border to Italy, mostly through untouched natural landscape with beautiful views of the Dobratsch and the idyllic Gailtal valley. This mountain range is characterized by beautiful alpine landscapes. On the descent you will soon see the church of Camporosso, today's stage destination. (B, L)

## DAY 4: CAMPOROSSO - MONTE LUSSARI - CAMPOROSSO

*ascent approx. 960 m, descent approx. 960 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours; option with cable*

*car: ascent approx. 0 m, descent approx.*

*975 m / approx. 2.5 hours*

Today's round trip takes you to the famous Monte Lussari, which has always been the destination of many pilgrimages by Italian, Slavic and German believers. The experience is rounded off with a breathtaking view of the entire mountain range of the Julian Alps, skillfully staged in front of the terraces of the inns. Alternatively, you can take the cable car from Camporosso to Monte Lussari (ticket not included) and then easily return to the starting point. (B, L)

## DAY 5: CAMPOROSSO - KRANJSKA GORA

*ascent approx. 300 m, descent approx. 230 m / approx. 5 hours*

Transfer in the morning to the starting point of the tour. At the foot of the mighty Mangart Group, you will hike to the White Lakes (Laghi di Fusine), small and fascinating lakes formed by glaciers embedded in a dense spruce forest at the foot of the mountain Mangart. Depending on the season, enjoy the fascinating reflection of the surrounding mountains. Through wide plateaus, wet meadows, peat bogs and pine forests, you walk over the Italian Slovenian border to the famous ski resort Kranjska Gora. (B, L)

## DAY 6: REST DAY OR ROUNTRIP AROUND KRANJSKA GORA

*Rest day or ascent approx. 310 m, descent approx. 320 m / approx. 4 - 5 hours*

Today you are free to explore the surroundings of Kranjska Gora - also called the Kitzbühel of Slovenia - or to enjoy a rest day. There are plenty of opportunities for smaller and larger hiking tours around this chic place. It is the gateway to the famous Triglav National Park, around Slovenia's highest mountain. (B, L)

## DAY 7: KRANJSKA GORA - FAAKER SEE - VILLACH

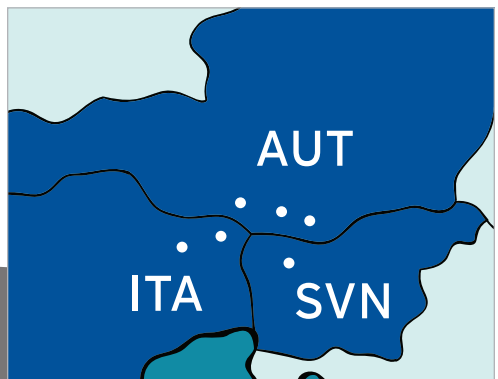
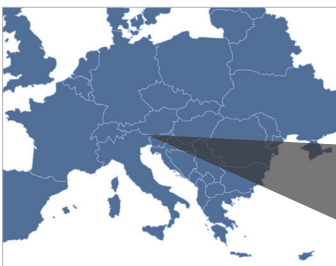
*ascent approx. 890 m, descent approx.*

*1.260 m / approx. 6 hours*

From Kranjska Gora a short transfer will take you to the stage starting point. You will hike past the Techantinger & the Mallestiger Mittagkogel down to Faak am See. The lake is the ideal place to cool off and relax after this scenically breathtaking tour. From Faak am See, you will take the train back to Villach. (B, L, D)

## DAY 8: VILLACH

Individual departure from Villach or possibility to extend your stay. (B)



## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- » Lodging each night (June 20-27) (double occupancy); single supplements available (+\$350)
- » Daily Luggage Transfer
- » Guided hiking route and phone/electronic support along the way. Maps and GPS files indicating the route, major highlights for each day and service hotline for the duration of the tour.
- » 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
  - Daily breakfast from buffet and hotels and picnic-style lunch every day of the trip
  - Welcome dinner with prosecco toast and closing dinner at local restaurants.
- » Admission to historical sites and cultural experiences
- » Hotel taxes
- » Educational materials and resources

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- » Airfare and personal travel to start hotel. Excellent rail service is available from many European cities to Villach Austria.

- » All dinners (other than the four mentioned) are paid for by individual participants. Any additional alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks and extra snacks at all café stops or during meals are to be paid for by individual participants.
- » Transfer(s) from end hotel to final destination or departure airport.

## TRAVELING WITH YOU:



**James Dick** has directed the university's Outdoor Education department for 23 years and has led backcountry expeditions and adventure programs on four continents. He is also a frequent host for Lifelong Learning tours, including recent trips to the Galapagos Islands and the National Parks of the American Southwest. James graduated from the University of New Mexico.

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND COMFORT LEVELS:

Level 3. Able to hike for 3-5 hours at a time and negotiate steep grades, stairs and uneven sections. Ideally suited as a first walking holiday for participants in reasonable walking fitness with no mobility concerns.



# Register Today

**T**o reserve your space, complete the online registration form available at [go.wlu.edu/hiking-tri-border-2026](https://go.wlu.edu/hiking-tri-border-2026). Once you submit your reservation, W&L Lifelong Learning will contact you to confirm your reservation and collect your deposit and additional information.



- » Cancel April 2-May 2, 2026: 50% refund;
- » Cancel after May 2, 2026 (or no show): No refund available.
- » No full or partial refunds will be made for early departures or non-participation in tour activities.
- » Participants are responsible for additional expenses associated with emergency health care and travel extensions beyond the tour package as described.
- » Travel insurance is recommended for all participants.

## ASSISTANCE AND MORE

**INFORMATION:** Contact W&L Lifelong Learning at [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu) or (540) 458-8723.

## TOUR OPERATOR:

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## COST PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY):

\$2,300 from Villach, Austria

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$350

## RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due to the nature of this tour, limited space is available and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. A completed registration form and a deposit of \$600 per person are required to secure your reservation. Final payment is due on or before April 5, 2026. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the departure date, the full cost of the program is due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by the due date, W&L may cancel your reservation with no right of refund. Payments are accepted by check or major credit card.

## CANCELATIONS, REFUNDS, AND ADDITIONAL FEES:

All cancellations must be submitted to W&L Lifelong Learning in writing. Refunds will be processed as follows:

- » Cancel before March 1, 2026: Full refund less a \$250 cancellation fee;
- » Cancel March 1-April 1, 2026: Full refund less \$600 deposit;

