

## ● hiking



## 2 | ● Schloss Elmau (1.008 m)

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>easy</b>	<b>6 km   ≈ 1 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH

Walk down the hotel drive until you meet the main road, continue in the same direction for 350 meters along the main road, until you find a gravel path entering the forest on the right. Follow this lovely path until you exit the forest and you will see Schloss Elmau. Follow the same path on the way back.

## 6 | ● Eckbauer (1.237 m) – via Elmau Alm

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>medium</b>	<b>18 km   ≈ 5 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH

The hike starts with the same description as the »Elmau Alm Circular Tour«. After passing Elmau Alm, continue in the direction of the Maierhütte and follow the forestry road along the Wamberger ridge to Eckbauer. It is possible to turn around at the mountain guest house Eckbauer.

You can either return along the same route or alternatively over Schloss Elmau. In this case, take the right fork after the Eckbauer lift station and follow the signs to Schloss Elmau. From there follow the signs for »Kranzbach«.

## 3 | ● Ferchensee – Lautersee – Mittenwald

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>easy</b>	<b>10,5 km   ≈ 3 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH  
– Mittenwald

Walk down the hotel drive until you meet the main road, continue in the same direction for 350 meters along the main road, until you find a gravel path entering the forest on the right. Follow this lovely path until you exit the forest and you will see Schloss Elmau. Continue past Schloss Elmau with it on your right, and follow signs for Ferchensee. After the bridge, follow the path along the left hand side of Ferchensee all the way to Lautersee. Both lakes are pristine and glimmer due to their purity. *In summer it is possible to swim in the lakes.* You can turn around at either lake and take the route back. For those that wish to explore Mittenwald, continue from Lautersee for 30 mins through Leintal.

From Mittenwald take the train to Klais and then follow the footpath back through the forest to the hotel. Alternatively return by foot over the same approach route.

## 7 | ● Eckbauer Tour – via Partnachklamm

Level of difficulty	Duration (without drive)
<b>medium</b>	<b>≈ 2 – 3 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
Eckbauerbahn (Lift station in valley) – Olympic Stadium Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Drive with the car to the Eckbauerbahn lift station and take a gondola up the mountain (*charges apply*). Enjoy the stunning panoramic views over Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Zugspitze. A footpath leads you past the forestry house Graseck and down to the entrance to Partnachklamm. A well-maintained path, leads you through this unique natural attraction. Waterproofs are recommended (*Entry price according to the sign. Opening times are seasonal. Online tickets available. Possible path closures due to safety reasons*). At the end of the Partnachklamm a quiet road takes you back to your starting point. You can also complete this tour in reverse, by walking up and taking the lift down.



## 4 | ● Three-Lake-Hike

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>easy</b>	<b>12 km   ≈ 3,5 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH

From the back of the hotel, follow a footpath through the forest towards Klais. Walk through Klais towards the train station and then follow a cycle path heading left towards Garmisch. Leave the cycle path in Gerold and follow signs to Geroldsee. A footpath leads you onwards to Barmsee and follow the natural edge of the lake to Grubsee. From here follow the footpath to Klais, cross the railway tracks and head back into the valley of Elmau. 100 m before the toll house, enter the forest and follow the signs to »Kranzbach«.

An easy hike with minimal height gain. *It is possible to swim in the lakes in summer.* It is possible to turn around at the guesthouse on Barmsee, which doesn't directly lie on the route but is requires a 15-min diversion from Grubsee.

## 8 | ●● The Majestic Tour

KÖNIGSHAUS AM SCHACHEN (1.866 m)  
VIA WETTERSTEINALM (1.464 m)

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>medium – difficult</b>	<b>20 km   ≈ 6 – 7 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
Hikers carpark behind  
Schloss Elmau

Drive with the car to the hiker's carpark behind Schloss Elmau. From there, follow the gravel road along the river (Kaltenbach). The route is well signposted, follow directions for the Königsweg. In approximately 2 hours you will reach the Wetterstein Alm. From here, you can either continue along the same foresty road (Schachenweg) for a further 1.5-2 hours to reach the King's house, Schachen.

Alternatively, you can follow from the Wetterstein Alm a very attractive but challenging variation up to Schachentor. From here you will get a glimpse of Schachenhaus, before dropping down shortly and climbing up to the King's house. This variation is somewhat shorter than the Schachenweg but also more demanding, with more vertical meters and requires sure-footedness. →

## 1 | ● Elmau Alm Circular Tour (1.201 m)

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>easy   medium</b>	<b>10 km   ≈ 1,5 – 2 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH

Walk down the hotel drive until you meet the main road. Immediately take the first gravel road on the right, which gently leads up through alpine meadows to Elmau Alm. The return route drops back down from the alm, before taking the right hand path (Hohlweg) towards Elmau. On reaching the valley floor, turn left and you will find a beautiful path through the forest along a stream, follow this all the way back to »Kranzbach«.

*The Elmau alm is permanently closed to the public.*

## 5 | ● To the peak of Kranzberg (1.391 m)

Level of difficulty	Length   Duration
<b>medium</b>	<b>15 km   ≈ 4,5 hrs</b>

Start & Finish  
DAS KRANZBACH

Follow the track along the side of the »Badehaus«, down to the road. Turn left onto the road and walk 100m. By a small hut turn sharp right onto a forestry road, signposted Kranzberg (Grieserweg). After an hour of gently climbing through the shaded forest, you will arrive at a turning area. If you take the left path, you will arrive at the Wildensee hut, the right path leads to Kranzberg. The beautiful path leads you steeply to the summit. Stunning views of the Karwendel range await.

The descent is signposted and takes you via Wildensee. Underneath Wildensee, you will join the Grieserweg again, which you follow back down into the valley and then follow the same route back to the hotel.

To visit the former hunting lodge of King Ludwig is absolutely worth the effort and a guided tour, highly recommended (*only open in summer, entry fees apply, no dogs allowed*). Additionally, one can view the Alpine Gardens in Schachen, which is looked after by the Botanical Gardens in Munich (*only open in summer, entry fees apply, guided tours must be booked in advance*). Refreshments available from the Schachen restaurant. Follow the same route back to the carpark.

## The Majestic Tour with a bike

Level of difficulty	Length   Ascent
<b>difficult</b>	<b>27 km   1.030 m</b>

Cyclists can start the Majestic Tour directly from Kranzbach. From the hikers carpark behind Schloss Elmau, follow the gravel road (Schachenweg) upwards. A good technique and fitness is required. On the descent to the Wetterstein Alm, a good brake control and riding style is necessary.

*Our tip: split the route, ride to the Wetterstein Alm with the bike and then go by foot.*