

Eagle Walk Stage 24

Kaiserjochhaus Lodge – St. Christoph am Arlberg



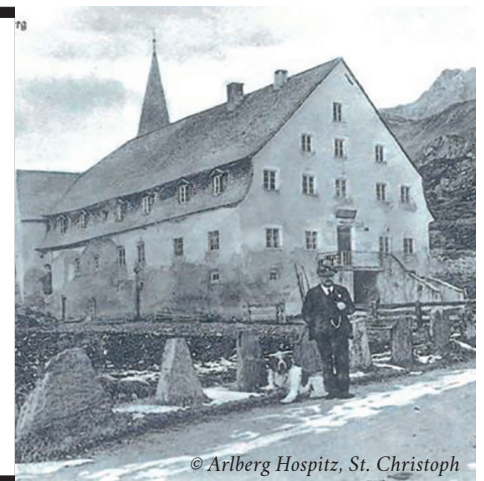
Wild flowers, clean mountain air, great views and some scrambling challenges await the eager Eagle Walk hiker at Arlberg Region. Though the hike is hard, it requires no technical expertise as needed on Stage 23. Beyond Leutkircher Hut you'll walk under jagged peaks and past prominent Valluga Mountain to Ulmer Hut,

which provides a perfect rest stop for hikers. Once replenished, you're off for the final descent to St. Christoph am Arlberg. Having tackled some 320 awesome kilometres of hiking, this is where the Eagle Walk comes to an end for thru-hikers. Getting to the destination is a perfect cause for celebration!

Starting Point	Kaiserjochhaus Lodge
Destination	St. Christoph am Arlberg
Distance	17.5 Kilometres
Elevation ↑	950m
Elevation ↓	1,450m
Hiking Time	4 Hours
Difficulty	Difficult (black)

Eagle Alpine History

The Brotherhood of St. Christopher. In bygone times, crossing the Arlberg Pass was arduous and often terrifying, with travellers often encountering great danger. Heinrich Findelkind, a shepherd in the service of the Lords of Arlen Castle, was familiar with the perils involved in crossing the Arlberg. He thus resolved to build lodgings to provide shelter and refreshment for wayfarers in 1386. Heinrich Findelkind and his assistants traversed the land to get financial support to build a chapel next to the hospice and the Brotherhood of St. Christoph was inaugurated to safeguard its existence. The Brotherhood had 2,000 members by 1415. After being disbanded in the reign of Emperor Josef II in 1784, the St. Christopher Brotherhood was re-established 1962 and now has over 20,000 members.



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Eagle View

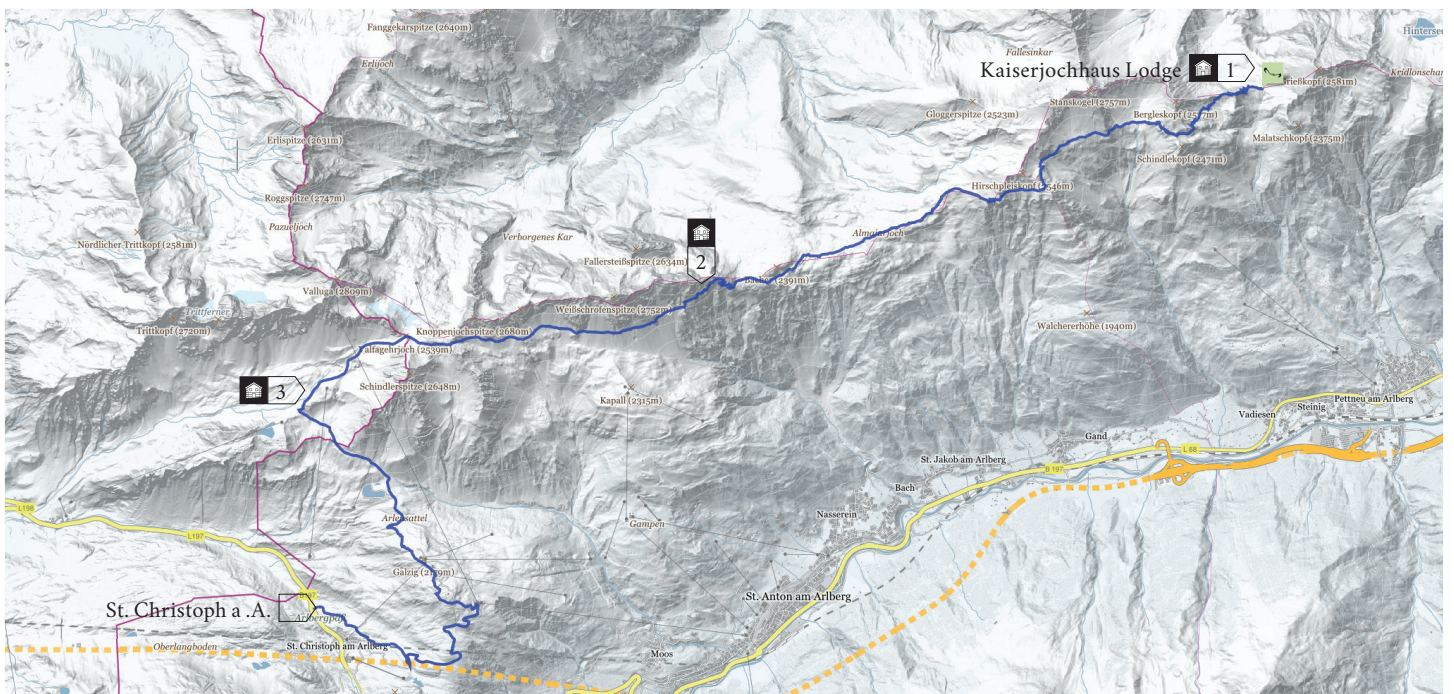
Admire the beautiful reddish soil on the trail between Kaiserjochhaus Lodge and Leutkircher Hut. And don't forget to glance to your feet as you'll stroll through endless fields of wild flowers. But it's hard to stay focused on these brilliant floral arrangements when its jaw-dropping scenic sideshow is dominated by stunning views in all directions.



Eagle Kick

The scramble section from Leutkircher Hut to Kapall with some exposed areas can be treacherous in snow or adverse weather conditions and intimidating to an unseasoned hiker. In many places there's considerable exposure, but invariably in such places you will find adequate cable support. There is a gully beyond Bacheregg that can retain snow until late in the season.





Trail Description

Make your way from Kaiserjochhaus Lodge on a trail that heads westward to climb a grassy peak; many sections are assisted by a fixed anchoring system of cables. Proceed ahead into a lush, green basin. From there, the trail traverses slopes and climbs up to the saddle between Mounts Schindlerkopf and Bergleskopf. Descend from the saddle in another green basin and continue westward through wide open meadows and pastures, named "Geißwasen". At the end of Geißwasen, walk across a hilltop and descend to Leutkircher Hut, situated at the eastern edge of Almajur Col (elev. 2,251m). Up to this point, the track is very loamy. From Leutkircher Hut, walk westward towards Bacheregg, gaining Almajurjoch Col on a singletrack trail. This is where the Upper and Lower High Trails branch off. The Eagle Walk follows the easier Lower High Trail to the east, taking you through steep and rugged terrain to Kapallkopf Peak with adequate cable support in places. There is a gully beyond Bacheregg that can retain snow until late in the season. Eventually, the trail

switchbacks upward to the Upper High Trail, gaining 50 vertical metres before heading westward across Mattun Basin, from where it resumes climbing to gain Mattunjoch Col and Valfagehrjoch Col. Beyond the latter, the trail drops down to Ulmer Hut. Look to the west to the Swiss border for glorious views of the Rätikon Range's peaks. Ulmer Hut provides a perfect rest stop for hikers. Once replenished, bear left and walk down Alpine pastures towards Galzig Mountain, crossing the Arlberg Ski Resort to reach the reservoir. The trail passes above the top terminal of Schindlergratbahn Chair Lift and joins the Panorama Trail that takes you up to the top terminal past Galzig broadcasting station. From the top, follow Maienweg Trail across dwarf pine fields and pass Lake Maiensee to your right; cross the dirt road at the right side of the bridge and take the footpath to St. Christoph Alm. From that point, a forest road winds down to Arlberg Pass Road, which you cross to get to the Arlberg Hospice Hotel in St. Christoph, the destination end of the Eagle Walk

Trailside Eateries & Accommodations

- 1 Kaiserjochhaus Lodge
- 2 Leutkircher Hut
- 2 Ulmer Hut

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