



## Along the limestone cliffs of Rätikon in the three-border-corner Austria-Liechtenstein-Switzerland

Departure Feldkirch > Arrival Schruns - Hike from Feldkirch to Gargellen

7 Days | 6 nights | Difficulty **\*\*\*** | Max. difficulty **\*\*\***

This one-week hike takes you across the border areas between Switzerland and Austria. It starts with a short visit of the Principality of Liechtenstein and then leads from the Swiss Prättigau valley to the Austrian Montafon valley. The route's landscape is marked by the awesome limestone ridge of the Rätikon, along the high route of Prättigau following its south slopes. Various walsler settlements, among which St. Antönien and Gargellen, provide the cultural highlights of the hike.

**Period recommended** : June-October

### Public transport at departure

Train services from Switzerland (St. Margrethen), Germany (Munich-Lindau/Bregenz) and Austria (Innsbruck-Bludenz)

<http://www.oebb.at/>

### Public transport at arrival

Montafon bus Gargellen-Schruns (10 June until 14 October, every 2 hours)

<http://www.oebb.at/>

### Lodgings at departure

▪ [c/o Feldkirch Stadt](#)

### Useful topographic maps

Ref. / Name	Publisher	Scale
T238 Montafon	Swisstopo	1:50'000
T 248 Prättigau	Swisstopo	1: 50'000
Nr. 21 Feldkirch - Vaduz	Kompass	1:50.000
Nr. 032, Montafon	Kompass	1:50.000

Day 1 : Feldkirch - Gafadurahütte

Difficulty **\*\*** | Walking time 5h15 min | ⬆️ 1303 m | ⬆️ 319 m

**Related stages** :

[R56](#)

From the bottom of the Feldkirch valley, gain altitude via Maria Ebene and Amerlügen. After the steep forested climb to the Vorderälpele, past the Feldkircher hut, walk across alpine meadows to the Sarojasattel pass to Liechtenstein and the Gafadura hut.

### Lodgings

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Day 2 : Gafadurahütte - Sücka

Difficulty **\*\*\*** | Walking time 4h15 min | ⬆️ 942 m | ⬆️ 963 m

**Related stages** :

[R57](#)

From the Gafadurahütte, this more demanding stage first skirts round the aerial Drei Schwestern (Three Sisters) ridge on the mountain's eastern slopes via the Sarojasattel and the Garsella-Alp meadow. From there the trail follows the border towards the south-west to the Garsellikopf, where the demanding "prince's trail" or Fürstensteig begins. Good shoes and sure footing are required. The route goes on further past Gaflei (where the Via Alpina Green Trail branches off) across alpine meadows to Sücka. Easier variant: The Fürstensteig can be avoided via the trail over Bargella and Helwang.

### Websites relative to natural and cultural heritage

- Liechtenstein Tourismus, Vaduz : <http://www.tourismus.li>
- Liechtensteiner Alpenverein, Schaan : <http://www.alpenverein.li>
- Gemeinde Triesenberg : <http://www.triesenberg.li>

- VIA ALPINA Travel Information : <http://www.tourismus.li/de/navpage-SummerLI-HikeLI-44652.html>

### Lodgings

Berggasthaus Sücka +423 263 25 79 Email : [info@suecka.li](mailto:info@suecka.li) [www.suecka.li](http://www.suecka.li)

Day 3 : Sücka - Pfälzerhütte  
Difficulty  | Walking time 2h45 min |  756 m |  56 m

### Related stages :

[R58](#)

The trail first follows a forest track to Alpelti. Then it passes Waldboden on a well marked mountain trail across the Naafthal valley and to the Pfälzer hut. The last part follows the north slope of Liechtenstein's highest mountain along the Rätikon massif.

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### Lodgings

Pfälzerhütte +423 263 36 79 | +423 262 24 59 (privat) Email : [info@alpenverein.li](mailto:info@alpenverein.li) <http://www.alpenverein.li/index.php/hutten/pfalzerhutte>

Day 4 : Pfälzerhütte - Schesaplana Hütte  
Difficulty  | Walking time 3h20 min |  353 m |  552 m

### Related stages :

[R59](#)

Leave the Pfälzer Hut and head southward, soon crossing the national border into Austria. The mountain trail first crosses the scree slopes of the Barthümel, before leading up to the Gross Furgga gap. After crossing the border into Switzerland, continue below the rock faces of the Rätikon to the Schesaplana Hut, the stage destination.

### Lodgings

Schesaplana Hütte +41 81 325 11 63 | +41 79 612 60 18 Email : [info@schesaplana-huette.ch](mailto:info@schesaplana-huette.ch) <http://www.schesaplana-huette.ch>

Day 5 : Schesaplana Hütte - Carschinahütte  
Difficulty  | Walking time 4h50 min |  729 m |  403 m

### Related stages :

[R60](#)

Leave the Schesaplana Hut and head east following the high-altitude trail to Golrosa. From here, continue as before, past the Schweizertor (Swiss Gate) pass to reach the stage destination at the pass, the Carschina Hut.

### Lodgings

Carschinahütte +41 79 418 22 80 | +41 76 311 18 70 Email : [info@carschina.ch](mailto:info@carschina.ch) <http://www.carschinahuette.ch/>

Day 6 : Carschinahütte - St. Antönien  
Difficulty  | Walking time 2h10 min |  6 m |  821 m

### Related stages :

[R61](#)

Leave the Carschina Hut and head southward, climbing down to the Garschina Alp. From here, the trail soon leads to the valley road, which takes you to St. Antönien, the stage destination.

Day 7 : St. Antönien - Gargellen  
Difficulty  | Walking time 5h10 min |  938 m |  940 m

### Related stages :

[R62](#)

Leave St. Antönien on the valley road heading towards the north east and turn right at Litzirüti into the valley. Follow the Gafier stream for a short while, and then dip into the Alpeltitäl, where the climb to the St. Antönier Joch pass begins. At the pass, cross the national border into Austria and head down through the high Gargellenalpe meadows to Gargellen, the final destination of the hike.

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