

## UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL 2021 FOR DIVERS AND NON-DIVERS

An introductory course in research, documentation and protection of archaeological underwater sites related to the UNESCO World Heritage „Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps” in Austria.



**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (2 weeks)  
**Location:** 1<sup>st</sup> week St. Lorenz, Lake Mondsee, Austria  
2<sup>nd</sup> week Linz/Leonding, Austria  
**Language:** English  
**Participation fee:** 350 EUR

**Please note: Due to the current situation of the pandemic, changes to the programme in general and also to the course and accommodation locations cannot be ruled out.**

### Invitation:

Students and young scientists, who are interested or involved in the topic of prehistoric lakeshore sites, are welcome to participate in the international field school at Lake Mondsee in Austria. *Kuratorium Pfahlbauten* – the Austrian management of the UNESCO World Heritage “Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps” and the federal state museum of Upper Austria are the inviting parties.

The field school is following an archaeological education program initiated by the *Landesamt für Denkmalpflege im Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart* in cooperation with the International Coordination Group (ICG) of the UNESCO World Heritage in 2012. After six years of underwater archaeological excavations and eight years of periodic monitoring of underwater heritage in Austria, the organizers feel confident to offer an interesting, diverse and informative program.

Please send your application to [info@palafittes.at](mailto:info@palafittes.at). Deadline for registration: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Schedule:**

The day of arrival will be Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. You can check in after 1:00 am. Members of our team or the hotel crew will welcome you. The name of the hotel of the first week is Seegasthof *Weisse Taube*. It is located in Schwarzindien 69, 5310 St. Lorenz, Lake Mondsee, Austria. The hotel *Weisse Taube* is not only the accommodation of the participants of the field school. It is also the temporary research base of the ongoing underwater excavation, as well as the accommodation for the excavation team (you will be in good company).

We will change the location for the second week. You will stay in Leonding or Linz from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Detailed information about the exact program will be sent to you at a later date. The course program will be held during the working week between 8 am and 5 pm. A lunch break will be scheduled from 12 pm to 1 pm. The participants do not attend courses during weekends. Departure is Friday 22<sup>th</sup> October. The program ends at 1 pm (if you need to stay another night, please let us know in advance).

**Services (costs are included in the participation fee):**

Dinner will be prepared for the participants in the first week.

The organizers will provide a bus for excursions.

All participants will receive an official confirmation of their participation in the field school. If you need any special confirmation for your university or employer, please notify us at [info@pfahlbauten.at](mailto:info@pfahlbauten.at)

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

Participants engage in practical training related to the current underwater excavation at the Neolithic lakeshore site Mooswinkel in Lake Mondsee (Upper Austria) and local surveys.

The course program includes excursions to local museums and archaeological sites, as well as scientific lectures and discussions.

The activities involve the elutriation of sediment samples, training for recognizing and documenting archaeological wetland findings and using simple methods of conservational care.

Within the first week there will be additional activities for divers, although it is not necessary to be a diver to participate in the field school. Participants with a diver license can participate in surveys, coring activities and the excavation underwater. It is necessary to have some diving experience for the participation in underwater activities. Only divers with CMAS\*\* (or equivalent), who have completed a minimum of 40 dives are allowed to participate in work underwater. Please bring your own diving equipment. We recommend the use of a dry suit. The organizers will provide tank and weights. If you need to rent equipment, the nearest local dive shop is "Austrian divers": *Seeleitenstrasse 4e, A-4866 Unterach am Attersee*.

[www.austrian-divers.at](http://www.austrian-divers.at)

## Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021:

During the second week the participants will visit the conservation laboratories of the federal state museum of Upper Austria. We will focus on the handling of wetland finds regarding documentation, photography and basics of conservation. The main topics of the second week will be management of research, public relations and publicity in underwater and wetland archaeology.

Similar to the first week, the program of the second week includes excursions, scientific lectures and discussions. Experts from different research topics regarding the underwater excavation and prehistoric pile dwellings will give lectures. During excursions, lectures and discussions the participants have the possibility to gain first-hand information about the development of archaeological wetland research in Austria by archaeologists and scientists conducting research in the area.

## Accommodation:

1<sup>st</sup> week: hotel *Weisse Taube*

2<sup>nd</sup> week: Hostel or similar in Leonding or Linz.

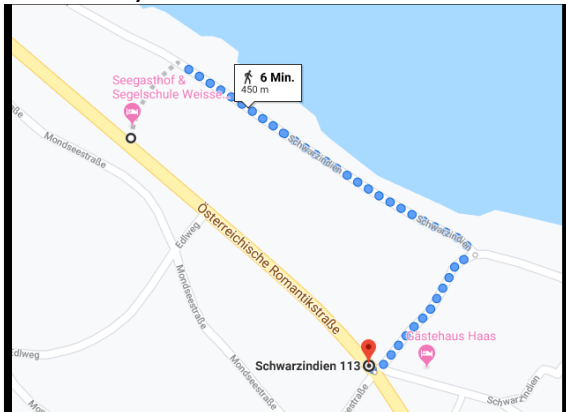
The hotel *Weisse Taube* has multi-bed rooms with shower and toilet. Towels and bed linen are included. A recreation room, bowling alley, table soccer, parking space in front of the house, W-LAN and TV are available to the participants. The accommodation costs are included in the participation fee.

**Location:** *Seegasthof und Segelschule Weisse Taube,  
Schwarzindien 69, 5310 St. Lorenz, Austria*



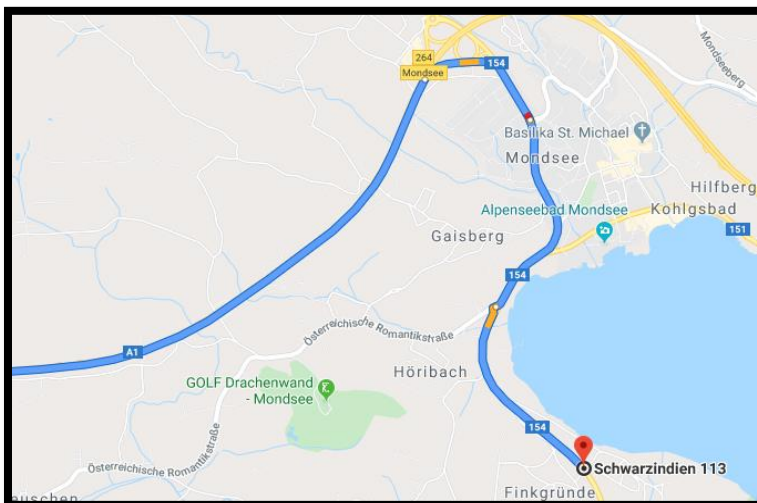
## Journey to destination – public transport:

If you are travelling by public transport the closest train station is *Salzburg Hauptbahnhof*. The **bus 140** is frequently driving from Salzburg Hauptbahnhof to the main bus terminal of Mondsee (*Mondsee Busterminal, Franz-Kreutzberger-Straße*). **Bus 156** gets you to the bus station *St.Lorenz/Mondsee Schwarzindien*. From the bus station the hotel is only a 6 minute walk away.



## Journey to destination – car trip:

If you are arriving by car you leave the **highway A1** at *Mondsee/Mondseestraße B154*. At the first roundabout you take the second exit and follow the **B 154** on the *Salzburger Strasse*. At the second roundabout you also take the second exit to *Gaisbergand* follow the B 154 on the *Österreichische Romantikstraße*. The parking space of the hotel is located on the left side of the street.



Program changes reserved!

Please contact us if you have any questions or requests: [info@palafittes.at](mailto:info@palafittes.at).