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# Magical Mountain Winter

### Pure winter fun – enjoy winter at its finest in your Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile.

now-covered mountains, forests swathed in a mantle of white and the dazzling slopes of the Hintertux Glacier shine over what is perhaps the most beautiful alpine valley in Tyrol. The Tux Valley, home to the villages of Finkenberg, Tux and Hintertux, offers countless winter experiences that captivate both thrill-seekers and those in search of the elusive pleasures of rest and relaxation.

100% SNOW GUARANTEE. The Hintertux Glacier promises a unique winter adventure thanks to its altitude of up to 3,250 metres above sea level with the longest ski season in Austria. Winter sports enthusiasts can also enjoy 206 kilometres of perfectly groomed slopes in all levels of difficulty,

> Winter-Highlights in

Tux-Finkenberg

206 km of pistes –

systems

ski trails

619 ha of piste area

100% snow guarantee

65 state of the art lift

32 km of cross-country

1 natural ice rink and

4 curling rinks

2 floodlit natural

toboggan runs

68 km of groomed

winter hiking trails

30 huts & mountain

restaurants with

excellent cuisine



The Hintertux Glacier guarantees snow from October to May.

inviting deep snow slopes, and snow-covered valley runs to Tux-Vorderlanersbach, Tux-Lanersbach, and Hintertux in the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000, with the Hintertux Glacier and the

Eggalm, Rastkogel, Finkenberg, and Mayrhofen ski areas.

GUIDED GLACIER CIRCUIT - a special highlight. 60 km of slopes and 15,000 metres in elevation difference – that's the impressive record of this unique ski tour through the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000. Together with an experienced ski guide, you will spend a day skiing on varied runs, fantastic panoramic slopes, and high alpine glacier slopes. The glacier tour is aimed at athletic and ambitious skiers who want to discover the full diversity of the ski area.

**ENJOY**. Nature in Tux-Finkenberg shows itself from its most beautiful side during an idyllic winter hike or guided snowshoe hike, a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride, or cross-country skiing. Families will love the excitement of night tobogganing on one of the floodlit natural runs from the Höllensteinhütte or Bichlalm.

### **Tourist Board** Information



The Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board team is always on hand to help – from finding the right accommodation, to providing support during your stay. Staff at our information offices are happy to answer any questions about your holiday. After all, it's the most precious time of your year!

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### A warm welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

### Winter happiness in the Tux Valley!

### **Dear Guests of** the Tux Valley!

After a wonderful summer in the Tux Alps - with plenty of sunshine and ideal hiking temperatures – Tux-Finkenberg is now fully prepared for the winter season.

We have once again introduced new developments to ensure your winter holiday with us is as relaxing and unique as ever. Much-loved services like the Tuxer Sportbus and the Tux-Finkenberg Shuttle, trusted for decades, have been further improved. I'm especially delighted by the international awards re-

cently received by our top chefs and culinary professionals - a testament to the dedication and creativity of our hosts, who are constantly striving to enhance quality and offer you, our valued guests, the very best of what the season has to offer. What remains unchanged is the 100% snow guarantee, the extensive range of slopes including breathtaking views of the Zillertal Alps and, of course, the variety of sports and entertainment on offer.

I look forward to welcoming you once again to your winter holiday domicile in Tux-Finkenberg.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc. Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

Maes Tijoh

### Top ski schools with highly qualified instructors

Free e-ski bus service



### Fun highlights on the slopes

Fun and action are never in short supply at the Hintertux Glacier and in the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000: numerous fun slopes and spacious practice areas make a day of skiing a very special family experience:

FUNSLOPE AND KIDSSLOPE, HINTERTUX GLACIER/ SOMMERBERG



High five with giant hands, jet through the big snow tunnel, into the next steep curve and further over snow waves - family skiing fun is guaranteed here.

### FLOHPARK HINTERTUX

Beginners' area at the parking lot at the valley station of the glacier lift. Conveyor belts, beginners' lifts, and a carousel make learning in the snow fun. Free access, no ski pass required.

### CHILDREN'S PARK EGGALM

Children's Park Eggalm is only a few metres away from Eggalm cable car mountain station. Children and beginners are in good hands here when it comes to their first attempts on skis and snowboards!

### KIDSSLOPE RASTKOGEL

You will go on a journey of discovery through snow tunnels, steep curves and over snow waves.

### PEPIS WINTER-KINDERLAND AT PENKENJOCH



Everyone can make their first playful attempts on skis there. Children's dreams come true at the ski school's Pepis Kinderclub!

www.hintertuxergletscher.at





Manfred, Toni, and Michl and their teams keep the slopes in perfect condition, ensuring unlimited skiing fun.

# Mission – perfect slopes

Using state-of-the-art snow groomers, smart snow management, and lashings of dedication, Manfred, Toni, Michl and their experienced teams lay the foundations for a perfect day's skiing on the slopes of Tux-Finkenberg.

nowcat pilot – a dream job for many children (and quite a few grownups). Manfred Hochmuth has been living that dream for 40 years, steering – or rather, joystick-controlling – the mighty red machines. Today he heads the snow-groomer team on the Hintertux Glacier, where his passion for creating the perfect slope is plain to see.

**SNOW-FARMING.** Preparations for good autumn skiing begin in spring. "We create snow depots by covering around 40 hectares of snow with special sheeting. "The stock of snow, combined with fresh snowfall in autumn, enables us to create an extensive range of pistes for winter sports enthusiasts already in early autumn," explains Manfred. Manfred's colleague, Toni Bliem, is head of the snow groomer drivers in Finkenberg. For him, the Snowsat system is indispensable: "Sensors measure the exact snow depth under the

machines. This enables us to distribute the available snow with precision across the piste. At key points such as crests, more snow is required, while in other areas less is needed." The data from the grooming machines is transmitted directly to the snowmaking system. This data processing results in more efficient, more targeted and more resource-conserving snowmaking throughout the ski area.

PERFECT PISTES. When it snows, the snowcat drivers' working day begins at four in the morning. "Everything has to be ready before the first guests arrive," say Manfred and Toni in unison. Otherwise, work continues late into the evening. "Because of the large piste areas, we drive in convoy on the glacier, with five to six machines one behind the other," explains Manfred. Things work a little differently in Finkenberg: "Here, winch machines are mainly in use. That means each snow groomer driver

is responsible for their own section to prepare," reports Toni. In any case, precision and a keen eye are essential to ensure that every part of the slope is prepared.

41 SNOW GROOMERS are in operation across the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000. Each machine costs €450,000-550,000 depending on features (e.g. with or without winch) "The machines are secured by steel cable on steep terrain," explains Michl Pertl. He is the manager of the snow groomer workshop on the Hintertux Glacier. Fourteen machines are stationed here, which are used daily under extreme conditions – up to 2,500 operating hours per year. Snow, storms and temperatures as low as minus thirty degrees take their toll on the vehicles. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, a great deal of expertise, commitment and frequent maintenance intervals are required. "Visual inspections are carried out on the snow groomers

every hundred hours and the operating fluids are checked. After five hundred operating hours, there are major services with different focuses," explains Michl. At this point, the engines, hydraulics and pump systems are thoroughly checked, while any necessary repairs to the bodywork and chassis are carried out. "It's a process that takes several days," says Michl. After five years, the snow groomers are completely replaced with new ones.

SUSTAINABILITY. Since 2023, all vehicles on the Hintertux Glacier have been running on HVO (Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils) – a fuel made from plant oils. This has led to an overall reduction in emissions of up to 90%, amounting to roughly 1,400 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>. The ski areas of Eggalm, Rastkogel and Finkenberg have already made the switch – or will be doing so shortly. The additional costs due to the higher price of HVO amount to over 250,000 euros per year.

### Guided tour: the fascination of cable car technology

During a technical tour with the operations managers of the Zillertal Glacier Railway, interested visitors can take a look behind the scenes of the cable car technology on the Hintertux Glacier on selected dates. The Glacier Bus 3 is not only one of the most spectacular lifts in the Alps, it also happens to be the highest bi-cable gondola in the world. At the pumping station by the Tuxer Fernerhaus, you'll learn the ins and outs of artificial snowmaking operation. From there, the ride continues in a snow-cat back to the Tuxer Fernerhaus, straight into the Pistenbully workshop — where the 520-horsepower machines are kept in top form, 365 days a year.



Information and registration: : www.hintertuxergletscher.at/en/shop/

### PistenBully 600 Polar

Engine: Cummins X 12, 6-cylinder inline, 11,800 cc, 382 kW / 520 hp, 2,375 Nm
Fuel consumption: 25–30 l/h
Speed: 0–23 km/h
Gradient capacity: up to 100% (45°)
Turning circle: on the spot

Length (with blade & tiller): 8.92 m Width (with tracks): 4.21 m Height (with winch): 3.28 m Blade dimensions: 5.52 × 1.29 m

Gross weight: 13.5 t Winch pulling power: 45 kN / 4.6 t Cable length: 1,050 m

# Passion for cross-country skiing

Thanks to its high-altitude location and the dedication of the grooming team, the Luggi-Gredler trail in Tux is one of the most snow-sure cross-country routes in the entire Zillertal.

s winter blankets the Tux mountains, anticipation grows – not only among Nordic skiing enthusiasts but also for Hubert Bidner and Matthias and Konrad Fankhauser of the trail grooming team at Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board. Yet a perfectly groomed trail doesn't just appear overnight - it's the result of meticulous and passionate effort.

TRAIL GROOMING. Once around 20 cm of fresh snow has fallen, Hubert and Matthias begin preparing the 16-kilometre route from Tux-Vorderlanersbach to Madseit, along with the 1.5-kilometre loop in Hintertux. Each morning, they set both classic and skating tracks using grooming machines. But that's just the start. Highly frequented or sensitive sections – like bridges, hilltops, or wooded areas – often require manual work with shovels and snow rakes to maintain consistently high standards. When



Always ensuring perfect cross-country trails: Hubert Bidner and Konrad and Matthias Fankhauser (from left)

that's not enough, extra snow is needed - and that's where Konrad comes in. He distributes snow where needed with his tractor and snow blower before the final grooming sweep.

SNOW DEPOT. Konrad begins stockpiling snow early in the season on his farm. As soon as temperatures drop below -4°C,

he starts up the snow cannon and produces around 1,500 m3 of snow to keep the trails in prime condition all winter long.

BEHIND THE SCENES. Before Nordic sports fans can even set foot on the trail, weeks of groundwork have already been completed. Preparations start before the first snowfall. Though the

route alongside the Tux Stream is scenically stunning, it comes with inherent challenges. The team must construct five major bridges across the stream, along with numerous smaller crossings, signs, fences, gates and safety features - all ensuring your experience on the trail is not only enjoyable but also completely safe.

### Please Be Considerate

The free cross-country trails in Tux and Hintertux are enjoyed by several hundred Nordic skiing enthusiasts every day. For everyone's enjoyment, it's important to show consideration for one another and to follow the signs and trail rules. These tracks are for cross-country skiers only. Walkers are kindly asked to use one of the many cleared winter walking paths instead, as footprints can damage the delicate grooves and make skiing more difficult.



### Winter Walking

Breathe in the fresh winter air and soak up the alpine scenery on 68 km of cleared winter walking trails around Tux and Finkenberg – perfect for recharging your batteries.

### SOMMERBERG -BICHLALM - HINTERTUX

Start: Sommerbergalm Finish: Hintertux Trail number: 17, 11 Distance: 7 km; Time: 2 hrs **Elevation:** ↑15 m, ↓560 m

### EGGALM-**TUX-LANERSBACH**

**Start:** Eggalm cable car mountain station

Finish: Eggalm cable car valley station

Trail number: 39, 21 Distance: 6.3 km; Time: 2 hrs **Elevation:** ↓670 m

### **ALPINE TRAIL FROM** TUX-VORDERLANERSBACH -LANERSBACH VIA GEMAIS

Start: Tux-Vorderlanersbach Finish: Tux-Vorderlanersbach village square / Rastkogelbahn cable car

Trail number: 21, 10 **Distance:** 4.5 km; **Time:** 1.5 hrs **Elevation:** ↑200 m, ↓200 m

### **PENKENJOCH CIRCUIT**

**Start:** Finkenberger Almbahnen middle-station Finish: Finkenberger Almbahnen Penkenjoch **Distance:** 6.7 km; **Time:** 2.5 hrs **Elevation:** ↑290 m, ↓220 m

### Snowshoeing



Snowshoeing is the perfect blend of exercise and nature. Experienced mountain guides will take you to some of the most beautiful spots in the Tux Valley. No previous experience is necessary, and there are tours to suit all ability levels - so everyone can enjoy this unique adventure. Snowshoes and poles can, of course, be hired from sports shops in Tux-Finkenberg.

# Nature Park Winter Adventures

The High Alps Nature Park Zillertaler Alps has much to offer in winter – for nature lovers, sports enthusiasts, and those who simply want to savour the peace of the mountains.

inter in the High Alps Nature Park Zillertaler Alps offers many opportunities to experience the beauty of the mountains, such as a guided snowshoe hike in the Zemmgrund Valley. The winter landscape harbours a number of surprise, such as fascinating centimetre-sized snow crystals. Starting point: Gasthof Breitlahner. Snowshoes and poles are provided, and a shuttle takes participants from Ginzling to the trailhead and back.

### **Registration:** www.naturpark-zillertal.at

**HIDDEN TREASURES.** For those seeking warmth between outdoor adventures, the Hidden Treasures



Alongside guided snowshoe hikes, the ski tour from Juns via the Loschboden to the Flach is one of the winter highlights of the High Alps Nature Park Zillertaler Alps.

exhibition at Ginzling's Nature Park House offers fascinating insights into the natural and cultural history of the region. Covering 500 m<sup>2</sup>, it showcases sparkling crystals and takes visitors on a unique journey through the geological history of the Zillertal Alps and tells stories of how mountain crystals and garnets were sought. mined, and traded.

### A SKI TOUR FROM TUX/JUNS

up to the Flach (2,248 m) allows you to experience the High Alps Nature Park Zillertaler Alps from the Tux Valley side. The ascent follows the new ski touring route via the Loschbodenalm, then through sparse stone pine forests, before the final stretch to Flach awaits above the treeline.

Please respect wildlife and forest protection zones when participating in winter sports in the Tux Valley.

### First-Class Cuisine

A perfect winter's day deserves equally perfect food. In Tux-Finkenberg you'll find more than 30 ski huts and over 50 restaurants to choose from. Whether you're basking in a deckchair on a sun terrace with sweeping Alpine views, tucking into hearty fare in a rustic guesthouse, or dining in refined style at a gourmet restaurant – the Tux Valley has something for every taste.

Tip: ski huts are usually quieter before 11.30 a.m. and after 1.30 p.m. – perfect for a leisurely break without the lunchtime bustle.

### Scenic gourmet pleasures



### **GOURMET GONDOLA**

Every day one of the Gefrorene Wand 10-seater gondolas is transformed into a Gourmet Gondola. Whether you fancy a alpine breakfast, a rustic platter, coffee, or even a refreshing shandy – it all comes with the unique panorama of the glacier.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE WARM-UP** IN THE GONDOLA

There's no more beautiful way to see out the year than on skis. Surrounded by the spectacular glacier scenery, welcome the New Year with sparkling Prosecco, refreshing Radler, and a selection of canapés and petits fours. Send your wishes for 2026 straight out into the universe from the gondola at 3,000 metres above sea level.

### **BBQ BRUNCH WITH** BARBECUE WORLD CHAMPION, **ADI BITTERMANN**



On Thursday, 9th April 2026, Spannagelhaus (2,530 m) will become probably the most extraordinary barbecue location in the Alps. Against the backdrop of winter peaks, grill master Adi Bittermann will be firing up the coals for a feast to remember. www.hintertuxergletscher.at

# 3x3 Toques and One Star

The three young top chefs from Tux are serving up excellence of the highest order.

### Sebastian Stock

Three Gault&Millau toques, Hotel Bergfried, Tux-Lanersbach

or Sebastian Stock, the fascination of cooking lies in the energy and creative "chaos" of the kitchen something that gripped him even as a youngster. After formal training and working in several renowned restaurants, he became head chef at his family's hotel at a young age - earning three coveted toques for his efforts.

But resting on his laurels? Not an option. "I'm constantly evolving," he says. Sebastian often spends weeks perfecting a new dish, especially for the Chef's Table. Inspiration can strike anywhere – while travelling, in chance moments, even on Instagram. "I like seeing what others are doing. Everyone has their own style - it's fascinating." Despite the creative pressure, he never loses sight of the joy in what he does. "We're a team. Without fun in the kitchen, it just doesn't work." His cooking style? "Honest, with finesse." The foundati-

on is high-quality

ingredients, pre-

ferably from Ty-

rol and the Tux

Valley, where his

roots run deep. You'll taste his love for his homeland in every dish – but without sliding into the purely traditional.

And away from the stove? He's always searching for something new. "I don't think I've ever eaten in the same restaurant twice. Every experience is unique." For him, it's not about comparing himself to others. What matters to him is the standards he sets for himself. "I have to be able to go to bed satisfied." And you can taste that philosophy in every course, every detail.



### **Maximilian Stock**

One Michelin-Star, three Gault&Millau toques, Hotel Alpenhof, Hintertux

ichelin-starred and triple-toqued, Maximilian Stock, is the very embodiment of craftsmanship, creativity, and a deep connection to his alpine homeland.

After graduating from hospitality school and working in top international kitchens, he became head chef at the Hotel Alpenhof at just 25. His concept, "Alpine Taste", is a celebration of the mountains and their produce. "At 1,600 metres above sea level, it makes perfect sense," he says. But it is precisely in these limitations that Maximilian Stock finds his creative freedom. Many of his ingredients are sourced locally from farmers and cheesemakers he knows personally. He and his team often visit suppliers together. Inspiration for his gourmet menus comes from nature itself. Preparation takes weeks - from foraging for mushrooms, berries, herbs, and

fruit to crafting each

dish with meticulous care. Maximilian

ply rooted in Alpine culture, yet still manages to break new ground.

Running such a high-level kitchen is no small feat. "We have two tightly coordinated teams. Consistency is key, and every change in the line-up is a challenge - but also an opportunity for fresh ideas," he explains. Winning a Michelin star was a career highlight - and a shared triumph: "It energises us all. Without a great team, it wouldn't be possible."



### **Bastian Dengg**

Three Gault&Millau toques, Hotel Berghof, Hintertux

rowing up in the Hotel Berghof, Bastian Dengg was drawn to the kitchen from an early age. After training at a tourism school and honing his craft in fine dining, he's stayed true to one belief: "Only those who have mastered the fundamentals of home-style cooking can credibly reinvent them in a modern way. For the past five years, he's been head chef at his family's hotel. The first toque came after just one year – a milestone he still remembers fondly. Now there are three, bringing both recognition and high expectations. The à la carte section at the Berghof is deliberately small, allowing the team to really showcase their skills. Day-to-day, the focus is on consistently high quality

for hotel guests. "We're a small team, but we know each other's rhythm, and we motivate one another - that's priceless." Bastian describes his style as simple, natural in flavour, regional yet with international flair. Whenever possible, he sources from the local area. The mountains are also his creative wellspring: ideas come while hiking, then take shape back in the kitchen. His process is one of idea, refinement, and fine-tuning - until it reaches the high standard he

sets for himself.









# "Tux Pechtn" Wish You "A Happy New Year!"

### A centuries-old tradition, which brings the whole village together with heart and humour.

special atmosphere settles over Tux on 5th January. It's the day when masked characters roam through the village. Pechtn (adults) and Binggalpechtn (children) are a lively piece of village culture that reinvents itself each year, whilst never forgetting its roots.

OLD CUSTOMS. Long ago, in times of deep poverty and hunger, villagers would disguise themselves to knock on doors of more affluent homeowners to beg for bread, flour, or lard. The pretext was to bring New Year's greetings, but the purpose was sheer survival. Masks hid faces and voices were disguised to prevent recognition and preserve dignity. Today, this serious background has transformed into a mischievous delight, with which the Tuxer Pechtn and Binggalpechtn play tricks on the villagers.

BINGGALPECHTN. Already in the morning, the streets begin to fill with small, peculiar figures. Children dressed as "Binggalpechtn" go from house to house to ask for tre-





ats and a little extra pocket money. They dress up in old, oversized traditional costumes (padding makes up for any missing volume) and hide their faces behind masks that look like old people, known as "Larven". They disguise their voices as they call out loudly, "A glickselig's nois Johr" (A Happy New Year). Locals open their doors willingly to these little callers and friendly shouts ring out: "Na, wen hob'n mir denn do? Wo kemmtet's denn es her?" (Well, who do we have here? Where did you come from?) The little Pechtn are warmly welcomed. Their visit is considered a sign of good luck for the year ahead. The contents of the rucksacks, back baskets and other containers are shared out among the group after their "tour" through the village. Sometimes there's even a stop at home along the way to empty them out!

PECHTN. Once the children have gone home, it's time for the adults to come out to play. Now it's time for the Schnapspechtn – a special, quirky and humorous variation on the original custom. Men -



and often women – dress up in elaborate costumes and parade through the village, house to house and inn to inn. Instead of sweets, they sipping schnapps or liqueur through straws poked under their masks. Outfits are often garish and grotesque: old skirts, fur jackets, woollen braids, fake warts, and glasses without lenses. The game is all about wit, surprise, and total disguise. No one knows who's behind the masks, even good friends don't recognise each other. Voices are distorted, movements exaggeratedly feminine or clumsily masculine. The rules? Anything goes – as long as it's done in good fun. The Pechtn slip into living rooms and pubs, join locals to clink glasses, and wish everyone "A glickselig's nois Johr!" (A Happy New Year!). According to custom: the more Pechtn visit, the luckier

A VILLAGE FESTIVAL. It is incredible how this has evolved.

the coming year will be.

What started as a begging ritual for needy villagers has grown into a veritable fest of trickery and merriment. It is now a celebration of community and togetherness, where all social roles are suspended, and the village reveals its true self.

THE GRAND REVEAL. The highlight of the evening is the co-called "Ablarven" (masks off). At the stroke of midnight the masks come off. Suddenly, faces are recognised and there's laughter, surprise, and the inevitable "So, that was you?!"

A CUSTOM THAT BRINGS PEO-PLE TOGETHER. The Pechtn and Binggalpechtn tradition has been passed down from one generation to the next - not as a historical relic, but as a genuine way of life. "Pechten Day" in Tux is a living tradition, characterized by joy, curiosity, and the liberating feeling of simply letting go.

### Advent in **Finkenberg**



On 28.11.2025 from 2.00 p.m., the "Frauenrunde" Finkenberg Women's Institute invite you to an afternoon of Advent cheer, with festive music and sales of beautiful Advent wreaths, handmade "Doggln" slippers, Christmas cookies, fruit bread, farmhouse bread, roasted chestnuts, mulled wine, punch, tea, cinnamon waffles, sweet or savoury "Kiachl," bread and dripping and much more.

### Hintertux **Christmas Market**

On 29.11., 06.12., 13.12. and 20.12.2025, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., local farmers will be offering homemade delicacies such as Tyrolean bacon, cheese, jams and liqueurs at their market stalls. Homemade biscuits, mulled wine, and children's punch set the mood, with music from the Tux Brass Band.

### Tux Advent



The pre-Christmas festival on 30.11.2025 at Tux-Lanersbach village square marks the start of the festive season and invites you to a cosy get-together, with decorated stalls offering mulled wine, punch, traditional treats, and Zillertal doughnuts.

### **Torchlit Proces**sion & Pre-New Year's Party in Finkenberg

On 30th December 2025, the annual torchlit procession begins at 5.30 p.m., starting at the "Damm" (above the Sennhütte) and winding over the Winterwiese field to the Dornauhof. Afterwards, festivities continue at the event grounds with the Pre-New Year's Party complete with a spectacular firework display.



# Ski Tours in the Tux Valley

Pristine nature, a magical winter landscape, and the ultimate powder experience – opportunities for ski touring in the mountains around the Tux Valley are nigh-on limitless. Mountain guides in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region will show you the most beautiful routes, advise on mountain safety and offer avalanche courses.

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### Ski schools in Tux-Finkenberg



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# Through the wintery Tux Valley by electric bus

Comfortable, fast and eco-friendly - Tux-Finkenberg is driving sustainable mobility

or over 50 years, the Tux Sportbus has been transporting winter sports enthusiasts free of charge to cable car stations and starting points for winter hiking, tobogganing, and cross-country skiing. Today, 80 percent of public transportation in Tux-Finkenberg is emission-free.

TUX (E)-SPORTBUS. Mobility is

so much more than just getting from A to B – it's about responsibility: for the environment, for future generations, and for the preservation of the unique mountain landscape that makes the Tux Valley so special. The first four electric buses were introduced to the Tux Valley in March 2023. Since winter 2023/24, the highly frequent ten-minute-interval service has been operated using seven electric buses powered by clean, renewable energy. The battery-powered buses generate energy through regeneration while braking and coasting. Thanks to energy recovery of up to 250 kW, the energy demand per 100 km



Electric buses ensure sustainable mobility throughout the valley in Tux-Finkenberg.

has dropped from 151 kW to just 99 kW. Charging takes place overnight using 400 kW superchargers powered by renewable electricity. Thanks to them, around 122,500 litres of fossil diesel fuel are saved every year over a distance of some 280,000 kilometres.

65,000,000 PASSENGERS. It has been over 50 years since the first "free sports bus" went into service in the Tux-Finkenberg glacier region. Launched in 1973, this pioneering service has since covered some 8,000,000 kilometres and transported around 65,000,000 people.

THE FINKENBERG SKI BUS offers free transport for skiers from all districts of Finkenberg to the Finkenberger Almbahnen valley station – and back again, of course. NIGHTLINER. If you're out and about after dark, the Nightliner runs until 02:00 a.m. between the glacier lifts and Finkenberg (€2.50 per journey).

NEW: Since June 2025, bus line 4104 – the Tux-Finkenberg Shuttle - has been running yearround every 30 minutes, connecting Mayrhofen with Finkenberg, Tux-Vorderlanersbach, Tux-Lanersbach, Juns, Madseit, and Hintertux, right up to the base station of the glacier cable car -27 connections each way, every day. Whether you are setting off in the morning for your planned daytime activity or returning comfortably from a restaurant in the evening, you're sure to find a bus connection that suits you. The Tux-Finkenberg shuttle also connects seamlessly with the Zillertalbahn train timetable from Mayrhofen to Jenbach - making car-free travel to Tux-Finkenberg even easier.

Timetables can be found at www.tux.at/en/bus-timetables

# Local news from Tux and Finkenberg

Not all investments are immediately visible, but they're nonetheless crucial for maintaining quality of life and the provision of services.

TUX. Tux maintains a network of some 60 km of roads, and repairs are ongoing. This autumn, for example, the Bruchbach Bridge and around 150 metres of road in Vorderlanersbach, including underground utilities, were renewed — at a cost of €600,000. The sewage system is also being expanded, with all houses to be connected in a two-year project costing about €1.3 million. To secure the future drinking water supply in Hintertux, a new spring has been tapped at the Schleier waterfall. And because water sometimes needs to be held back, new flood protection structures are being built or extended on the Tuxbach, Junsbach, and Madseitbach streams.



FINKENBERG. The grocery store in Finkenberg will close at the end of the year. "We are grateful to the operators for their dedication over the years. At the same time, we're working on a new, forward-looking concept," says Mayor Andreas Kröll. Plans are underway for a local supply centre in Persal, right next to the main road, featuring a supermarket, a hairdressing salon and a restaurant.

Children can look forward to a brand-new playground at the open-air pool: a climbing tower with slide, wooden marble runs, swings, a wobble bridge, and balancing and climbing features — open for play and adventure.

Meanwhile, Finkenberg Voluntary Fire Brigade has welcomed a new fire engine complete with rescue equipment. Equipped with the latest technology, it's perfectly suited to the demanding local terrain. September 2025 | Nr. 38

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The edelweiss is one of Josef Geisler's favorite motifs. In addition to chests, reliefs, and candlesticks, he also makes toy kitchens for his grandchildren.

# Truly Special Trunks

Josef Geisler has devoted himself to traditional craftsmanship. In his workshop in Juns, the scent of fresh stone pine fills the air as he transforms solid wood into unique creations.

very special workshop can be found in Juns, just about the main road. It is where Josef Geisler, known locally as "Löber Sepp", creates works of art from Swiss stone pine wood. The 71-year-old is a true Tux original and a passionate woodworker. His trunks, cupboards, beds, and children's

play kitchens – all one-of-a-kind pieces – are made from stone pine grown in the Tux Valley. "It has a beautiful grain, a wonderful scent, and is lovely to work with," he explains. Anyone who has ever smelled a freshly sanded piece knows just what he means. Works from the "Holzwurm aus Juns" (woodworm from Juns),

as Sepp jokingly calls himself, have long since found homes far beyond the valley. His handmade trunks can be found in many European countries.

Josef's love for wood began early, after growing up on a mountain farm. "I started building and carving wooden trunks while still at school," he says. He probably in-

herited his craftsmanship from his father, with whom he spent many hours in the workshop. After retiring from the hotel trade, he now spends more time in his workshop – though he still makes time for mountain walks to places like Brandalm, Junsalm or the Grüblspitze.

www.zirbenhandwerk.at



### Floodlit Toboggan Runs

Two natural toboggan runs with rustic mountain huts bring variety, fun, and sociable evenings to your holiday. Best of all: they're floodlit after dark. A 3 km run winds down into the valley from the Bichlalm in Hintertux, (1.695 m), while the Höllensteinhütte in Tux-Lanersbach (1,740 m), offers 4 km of tobogganing fun. A traditional toboggan outing normally starts with a leisurely hike to the hut, but access is also possible using the special toboggan

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# Ice Skating and Curling



Great fun is guaranteed on the 1,000 m² natural ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach, where you can take to the ice yourself, or just cheer from the sidelines! The four curling lanes also promise lively entertainment off the slopes, with "stones, sliders & brooms", combined with plenty of good humour. **Tip:** It is said that your aim gets better with every schnapps

**Opening hours:** around mid December to late February, 3.00–10.00 p.m. Closed on Mondays!

**Reservations under:** Tel. +43 5287 8506

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you drink!

### "It makes me proud and motivates me"

Technical specialist Stephanie Brunner and speed queen Lena Wechner are starting the new racing season with plenty of power, big goals, and the backing of their home region, Tux-Finkenberg.

Being sponsored by Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board means a great deal to World Cup athlete, Stephanie Brunner: "They've been with me from the very beginning, standing by me through all the highs and lows - for which I am truly grateful. I grew up in Tux. This is where it all began, where my journey started. It fills me with pride that Tux still plays such a large part in my career today. and that they continue to support me". Preparations for the racing season are going extremely well. A key factor is her new set-up: with a coach, a service team and the extra support they provide, Stephanie feels much more at ease and well equipped. This positive team dynamic is helping shape her training more effectively, set clear goals and ensure proper recovery.

Her goal this season is to regain her former strengths, climb back into the top ranks, and make the very most of her potential. That means not just shining here and there with strong performances, but consistently competing among the very best.

Lena Wechner from Finkenberg is one of Austria's great World Cup hopes in the Downhill and Super-G. The 25-year-old pursues her sporting career with determination, hard work, and a deep affinity with her home region. She's supported in part by Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board – a partnership that means a great deal to her. "It's a huge show of trust," she says of the sponsorship. "It's not just financial help – it's emotional support. My home is behind me – that makes me proud and motivates me." This special bond with her region and nature is an important part of her identity and success.

Preparations for the forthcoming season are all on track: after attending a training camp in Chile and glacier sessions



Lena Wechner and Stephanie Brunner have set themselves ambitious goals.

at home, Lena will be fine-tuning her form in Canada before the new season kicks off. Her big goal is to qualify for the World Cup finals, where the best 25 athletes in each discipline will join the start line.

### Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach

ith the Playarena, the Tux family holiday specialists have created a top-class play park covering 1,200 square metres, making it one of the biggest attractions for young visitors to the Tux Valley. What makes the Playarena so special is the childcare available for children aged three to sixteen. From Monday to Friday, kids and teens from the Playarena's partner businesses are kept amused with a varied adventure and entertainment programme, meaning parents can also enjoy a thoroughly relaxing winter holiday. Highlights of the Playarena include the huge soft play area, trampoline and exercise park,



climbing wall, high ropes course, multi-ball wall, cinema and multimedia zone. Every Saturday, the Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach is open to all children from 1.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Registration at: www.playarena.at

# Meine WINTER MUSIC EVENTS

### Calendar of events



The current Tux-Finkenberg Holiday Domicile calendar of events for winter 2025/26 can be found online: tux.at/events/events
- or simply scan the QR code.

# Round anniversaries in Tux-Finkenberg

The holiday region of Tux-Finkenberg extends its heartfelt gratitude to our anniversary celebrants and all our long-standing guests for their unwavering loyalty and many years of cherished connection.



150 times in the Tux Valley: Joseph Van Geenen



100 and 110 times in the Tux Valley: Angelika and Joachim Kohl



90 times in the Tux Valley: Gertrud Korczak

### Natural Monument - Spannagel Cave

The Spannagel Cave on the Hintertux Glacier is the only marble cave in the Central Alps and provides a fascinating change of scene during your winter holiday. Guided tours of the show cave: 15.10.2025 to 30.04.2026 / Sunday to Friday, 1.00 and 2.00 p.m. Cave trekking tours lasting several hours beneath the Hintertux Glacier are also offered.

NEW: Singing bowl meditation

Once a week, visitors have the opportunity to take a short break for body, mind and soul in an extraordinary setting. After a short guided tour of the cave and relaxation exercises, participants can literally "switch off" in the Spannnagel Cave, surrounded by gentle sounds and meditative music.



Information and registration: www.spannagelhoehle.at



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