



Mountains swathed in winter magic

Tux-Finkenberg is made for those seeking the quintessential winter experience.

Snow-covered peaks, glistening slopes and tranquil, snow-dusted forests – the Tux Valley, stretching from Finkenberg to Hintertux, is nestled within the high-alpine landscape of the Zillertal Alps. Here, winter reveals itself in its purest form.

SNOW GUARANTEE. While winter has barely begun elsewhere or has already come to an end, Tux-Finkenberg boasts Austria's longest ski season, thanks to the unique altitude of the Hintertux Glacier, which reaches up to 3,250 metres. From October to June, the Hintertux Glacier stands out as one of the world's finest ski areas, with perfectly groomed pistes, state-of-the-art lift facilities, excellent



A total of 206 kilometres of meticulously groomed pistes, 65 state-of-the-art lifts and cable cars and 30 rustic mountain huts and eateries provide the perfect setting for an unforgettable skiing holiday in Tux-Finkenberg.

mountain cuisine and panoramic views stretching as far as the Großglockner. The Ski & Glacier

World Zillertal 3000, comprising the Hintertux Glacier, Eggalm, Rastkogel, Penken and

Ahorn, offers 206 kilometres of varied pistes from Hintertux to Mayrhofen. Powder slopes, mogul runs and spectacular valley descents to Tux-Lanersbach, Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Hintertux provide plenty of variety for skiers of all abilities. Those seeking an exclusive adventure can take on the legendary Glacier Circuit, covering 15,000 vertical metres and 60 kilometres of slopes in a single day.

VARIETY: Hintertux Glacier also has plenty to offer non-skiers, including Nature's Ice Palace – an accessible glacier crevasse deep beneath the ski slopes – the Spannagel Cave and breathtaking views from the panoramic terrace at an altitude of 3,250 metres.

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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Tobogganing and ice skating

In Tux-Finkenberg, two floodlit toboggan runs offer exhilarating descents into the valley. In Hintertux, a three-kilometre run leads down from Bichlalm. In Tux-Lanersbach, the Höllensteinhütte awaits tobogganing enthusiasts with a four-kilometre descent. Those who prefer a more leisurely experience can even take a toboggan taxi up to the hut. There's plenty of fun to be had at the natural ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach, too! Whether you're heading onto the ice for a few spins or trying your hand at the traditional local sport of Eisstockschießen (curling).

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 mountains, with plenty of sunshine and pleasant temperatures for hiking and (e-)biking, our holiday region is ready for the coming winter. Our dedicated hosts have once again worked hard to further improve quality and ensure that your stay, dear returning guests, is as enjoyable as possible. Considerable investment has also gone into improving and modernising the region's infrastructure. At the Hintertux Glacier, the new 10-seater Tuxer Ferner

gondola lift provides faster and more comfortable access to the ski area.

In Finkenberg, work on the regional road is progressing, removing a bottleneck and making access to the Tux Valley safer for everyone. What remains unchanged is the 100% snow guarantee, the extensive range of pistes with breathtaking views of the Zillertal Alps and, of course, the huge variety of sports and leisure activities available in Tux-Finkenberg.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Tux Valley once again this winter.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc,
Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

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Marriage proposal on the glacier



If you're thinking of spending the rest of your life with someone special and are looking for an unique location to pop the question, you need look no further than the Hintertux Glacier! There are three stunning spots that would make even Cupid swoon:

Panoramic Terrace: At 3,250 metres, surrounded by a sea of mountain peaks, a bouquet of roses, heart-shaped decorations, chocolates and a love lock create the perfect romantic setting.

Secco Gondola: During the gondola ride, enjoy snacks and spectacular glacier views while raising a glass of Prosecco to your future together.

Couple Adventure Tour at Nature's Ice Palace: Promising each other eternal love in the eternal ice – could it be any more romantic?

Infos: marketing@hintertuxergletscher.at.

Family skiing



Family-friendly opportunities on the perfectly groomed slopes of Tux-Finkenberg are virtually endless. Fun highlights for young and old include:

- ▀ Kidsslope Hintertux
- ▀ Funslope Hintertux
- ▀ Flohpark Hintertux
- ▀ Pepis Kinderland, Penkenjoch
- ▀ Bärenroute Eggalm
- ▀ Kinderpark Eggalm
- ▀ Kidsslope Rastkogel

Ski schools

The ski and snowboard schools in Tux-Finkenberg cater to winter sports enthusiasts of all ages and ability levels. In special children's courses, highly trained ski instructors provide hours of fun, action and rewarding experiences in the snow.

Info: www.tux.at/en/ski-snowboardschool/



Photo 1: Operations manager Michael Mader and lift operator Josef Mader "unveil" the first of the 82 new gondolas.

Photo 2: Tower installation: The three-hour operation required the utmost precision and seamless communication between the pilots and ground crew.

Photo 3: The new 60-tonne cable is transported to Sommerberg by specialist lorry.

Photo 4: Good summer mountain weather is helping to ensure that the project is completed on schedule. Lukas and Stefan during the cable-pulling operation.



The new 10-seater Tuxer Ferner gondola

The modern gondola lift with heated seats marks a major milestone at the Hintertux Glacier.

After two summers of construction, the new "10-seater Tuxer Ferner" gondola at the Hintertux Glacier is scheduled to begin operating at the end of October. The modern monocable gondola lift from Doppelmayr runs from Sommerberg up to the Tuxer Fernerhaus at an altitude of 2,660 metres, replacing the old four-seater gondola, which dates from 1984. The "10-seater Tuxer Ferner" transports guests from

Sommerberg up to the Tuxer Fernerhaus in 82 panoramic gondolas and, with a capacity of 3,000 passengers per hour, is one of the most powerful installations of its kind. During the approximately 8-minute journey, passengers ascend 578 metres. The route passes over 18 support towers, the highest of which, Tower No. 17, stands 39 metres tall. "The 56-millimetre-diameter cable ensures the highest levels of

stability and safety," explains Michael Mader, operations manager of the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn.

HISTORICAL. The "10-seater Tuxer Ferner" stands on historic ground. In 1968, construction began on Austria's longest single-chairlift (2.5 km), running from Sommerbergalm to the edge of the Hintertux Glacier and laying the foundations for the development of the glacier ski area.

THE END OF AN ERA. For decades, the Schirmbar was as much a part of Sommerberg as ice is to a glacier – people would pop in, have a bit of a laugh and celebrate. Friendships were forged, and by the second schnapps at the latest, everyone was on first-name terms with Martina, Carina, Tobi, Anna and Clemens. On 1 May 2026, it was time to finish the last drinks and say goodbye. The base station of the new lift has since taken its place at Sommerberg.

The Olympic champion loves carving

Whenever people in Finkenberg talk about great athletes, one name still comes up as a matter of course: Leonhard Stock. The 1980 Olympic downhill champion is still full of energy at the age of 68, remains active in sport and, above all, has stayed just as likeable, down-to-earth and open as ever. Meet him and you quickly realise that the former elite athlete still has a real passion for skiing. The Finkenberg native admits that he looks forward to every winter with great anticipation. However, he no longer has as much time for skiing as he would like. When Leonhard Stock does get on his skis, though, he likes to pick up the pace. As a former racer, he loves sporty carving and fast turns on wide, moderately steep pistes. His favourite ski areas are practically on his doorstep: "Penken and the Hintertux Glacier are every

skier's dream," he says. Leonhard Stock is always happy to share his enthusiasm with his guests. In 1997, he took over his parents' hotel in Finkenberg and turned it into the 4-star "Olympia-Relax-Hotel". The Olympic champion spends time with his guests every day and also joins them every week for a day of skiing. Naturally, things are a little more relaxed than they were in his racing days. The focus is on enjoying the experience together and the pleasure of being active. He also places great importance on being considerate towards others on the pistes. "We should treat each other with more respect. Then there would be fewer accidents," Stock emphasises. Anyone looking to ski at speed should head out as early as possible, when the pistes are still quiet. The former Olympic champion keeps fit not only in winter but throughout the

summer months, too. Hiking, cycling and golf are among his favourite activities, helping him prepare for the coming ski season. Although he considers ski-specific exercises useful preparation, ultimately, he believes the strength needed for skiing comes from skiing itself. His advice: "Don't keep stopping on the slopes - ski for longer distances. That way, strength and stamina will come naturally."

And what about après-ski? For Leonhard Stock, that is part of a winter holiday too – but only once the skiing is over. He particularly enjoys stopping off at the mid-station of the Finkenger Almabahn before taking the lift comfortably back down to the valley.

Even though his Olympic victory was over four decades ago, Leonhard Stock is still frequently recognised. He is delighted



Leonhard Stock: The Olympic champion loves carving his way down the wide slopes on the Penken and the Hintertux Glacier.

every time people approach him. After all, it shows that his sporting achievements have not been forgotten.

Winter hiking *in the Tux Valley*

68 kilometres of winter hiking trails open up a world of spectacular natural experiences.

Unlike in summer, winter fundamentally changes the way we experience the landscape. Snow muffles the sounds, streams and meadows disappear beneath a white blanket, and the mountains seem even more imposing. Exploring the landscape on a winter hiking trail allows you to experience nature at a slower, more immersive pace. The crunch of snow beneath your feet, crisp mountain air and often spectacularly far-reaching views create a truly special experience – such as the winter hike from Sommerbergalm via Bichlalm to Hintertux. After taking the gondola up to Sommerberg, the two-hour hike leads through an impressive high-alpine landscape, with magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding peaks, including the “Olperer Pyramid”, which majestically frames the valley basin. The area around Eggalm is equally appealing. From the mountain station, a leisurely descent (trails 39 and 21) leads via Lattenalm and Gemais



Winter hiking in Tux-Finkenberg offers an incredibly profound experience of nature.

to Tux-Lanersbach. The 1½-hour route offers impressive views of the snow-covered Tux Alps. Finkenberg also offers a real highlight for winter hiking enthusiasts: the Penkenjoch circular trail. From the mid-station of the Finkengerger Almbahn, the 4.7-kilometre BergWaldWeg trail leads to the Penken combination lift. After a short gondola ride, the WinterWanderWeg Penken con-

tinues to the “capella granata” on Penkenjoch and the mountain station of the Finkengerger Almbahn. Welcoming mountain huts along the winter hiking trails provide the culinary backdrop to winter walking.

MARKED WINTER HIKING TRAILS. Preparation is an important consideration when hiking in

winter and one of the key differences compared with summer. The days are considerably shorter, weather conditions can change more rapidly, and low temperatures place greater physical demands on the body. Particularly in alpine areas, it is essential to heed warnings about avalanche danger and trail closures. The marked winter hiking trails in Tux and Finkenberg are regularly checked and groomed, but careful route planning remains essential.



Winter hiking badge, winter hiking map

Hiking enthusiasts who collect five stamps receive the **Winter Hiking Badge**.

The **winter hiking trail map**, including route descriptions and all the information you need, is also available from the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board offices.

Clothing and equipment

- ➔ Three-layer principle: functional base layer, followed by a functional shirt or fleece jacket, plus a water-repellent yet breathable jacket and winter hiking trousers
- ➔ Hat and gloves
- ➔ Sun protection (sunglasses and sunscreen)
- ➔ Waterproof hiking boots with a good sole
- ➔ Spikes for icy sections
- ➔ Trekking poles with snow baskets
- ➔ Your rucksack should contain: a thermos flask with a hot drink, energy-rich snacks, a small first-aid kit and a fully charged mobile phone.
- ➔ Snowshoe hire from sports shops

Preparation and safety

- ➔ Check the weather forecast, avalanche report and snow conditions
- ➔ Plan your route according to your ability and fitness level
- ➔ Allow plenty of time (it gets dark early in winter, and lift operating times should be taken into account)
- ➔ Inform your family or host about your planned tour
- ➔ Do not blindly trust existing tracks
- ➔ Take avalanche emergency equipment (avalanche transceiver, probe, shovel) with you when venturing into unsecured terrain.

Wildlife protection zones

Wild animals must conserve their energy carefully during winter, meaning that any disturbance to their habitat can become life-threatening. For this reason, special wildlife protection zones have been designated throughout the Tux Valley. Winter sports enthusiasts are asked to always avoid the marked quiet zones and stick to official trails. The protected areas are marked with signs and shown on panoramic information boards.

Snowshoeing *Adventure*

This gentle sport combines exercise and an immersive experience of nature. Before setting out, always check the weather forecast and current avalanche conditions.

Unlike winter hiking, snowshoers are generally out in open terrain. Wide snowshoes distribute your body weight over a larger area, allowing you to walk through deep powder without sinking too far into the snow. This is precisely what makes snowshoeing so appealing. Along the way, you can discover snow-covered alpine pastures, tranquil woodland and spectacular viewpoints offering a whole new perspective on the Tux Valley.



The varied landscape of the Tux Valley and the spectacular views of the Zillertal Alps make snowshoeing an attractive alternative to traditional winter sports.

SNOWY HEIGHTS. The Tux Valley is particularly appealing to snowshoeing enthusiasts. Numerous tours around Sommerberg, Eggalm and Penkenjoch can be combined with a ride on the mountain lifts. Excellent snow conditions at higher elevations make it possible to enjoy tours well into spring, while the magni-

ficent views of the Zillertal Alps are an added highlight. As walking through deep snow requires considerably more effort than hiking on dry trails, choose a route that matches your fitness level.

GUIDED TOURS. Guided snowshoe hikes are particularly rewarding, with experienced mountain guides leading you to places that few people can reach in winter. Along the way, they also

share fascinating insights into the alpine environment, winter wildlife, and how to behave responsibly in the mountains.

www.tux.at/en/winter-hiking/

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- Regional contact person
- Transparency - no booking fee or hidden costs
- Choice of 400 bookable establishments
- Maximum security - official tourism site of the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region



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Starry skies *above Tux*

On clear nights, Josef "Fini" Kreidl points his telescope and camera towards the sky, offering glimpses through his astrophotography into worlds millions of light-years away.



Photo left: Josef "Fini" Kreidl with one of his telescopes. Photo above: the partial solar eclipse of 12.08.2026, photographed from the Wanglsplatz Peak above Tux.

The Tux-Vorderlanersbach astrophotographer has been fascinated by the universe since childhood. It all began with an experience that Josef Kreidl still remembers vividly today: an exceptionally bright shooting star. Since 2021, he has devoted himself to astrophotography in earnest. What began as simple inquisitiveness has developed into a hobby that now requires considerable technical expertise, patience and perseverance.

A LABOUR OF LOVE. When you look at an astrophotograph, you generally see only the impressive, finished image. Behind it, however, lies a huge amount of work.

Everything requires meticulous planning: Which object should be photographed, and when will it be visible? How will the weather develop? When will there be enough darkness? The actual images are often captured over several nights. Then comes the painstaking editing process. Hundreds of individual images are often taken and subsequently combined on a computer to create a single finished image. "This technique reveals the finest structures, which would barely be perceptible visually, even through a telescope," explains the astrophotographer.

SOLAR ECLIPSE AND THE HIDDEN GALAXY. One of Josef's most im-

pressive recent achievements was capturing the solar eclipse on 12 August 2026. From Tirol, it could be observed as a partial solar eclipse. For his photograph, he positioned himself on the Wanglsplatz Peak and captured the celestial event shortly before sunset. Another of his most impressive images is of IC 342, the so-called "Hidden Galaxy" in the constellation Camelopardalis. The spiral galaxy is around 10.7 million light-years from Earth and appears significantly fainter than it really is because of dust in the plane of our Milky Way. For this image, Josef accumulated around 24 hours of exposure time over three nights. "The light

I capture here had been travelling for more than ten million years before it reaches the sensor," he explains. "So when you look at an image like this, you are looking way back into the past."

TECHNIQUE. Over the years, the technical demands of astrophotography have steadily increased. His equipment comprises a collection of telescopes for different applications, light-sensitive astrophotography cameras and a high-precision tracking mount that compensates for the apparent movement of the sky caused by the Earth's rotation. He recently added a solar telescope to his collection.

STARS ABOVE TUX. The upper Tux Valley offers excellent conditions for observing the night sky thanks to its low levels of light pollution. On clear nights, even the Milky Way is clearly visible to the naked eye. Through his photographs, Josef Kreidl makes the invisible visible and invites us to look up at the sky more often. His subjects range from our own solar system, nebulae and star-forming regions to galaxies millions of light-years away. To find out more about his astrophotography, www.finiSKY.com.

Pre-check-in and digital guest card

Many hosts in the region already offer digital pre-check-in to their guests. This allows important formalities to be completed conveniently online before arrival – quickly, easily and completely paper-free.

How pre-check-in works

A few days before arrival, your host will send you a link to the digital pre-check-in by email. You can enter all the required details from the comfort of home using the digital guest registration system. Your registration details are then sent electronically to your accommodation provider, making your arrival considerably easier and more convenient. In other words: your holiday can start from the moment you arrive.

The digital guest card

Another advantage of pre-check-in is that your digital guest card can be issued in advance. Once your details have been submitted, you will receive the digital guest

card via email as a link, allowing you to take advantage of numerous benefits from the very first day of your stay, including the free Tux-Finkenberg Ticket.

From Mayrhofen to the Tux Valley with the Tux-Finkenberg Ticket

The digital guest card also makes travelling to the region by public transport particularly attractive. With the free Tux-Finkenberg Ticket, you can use bus route 4104 from Mayrhofen to Finkenberg, Tux and Hintertux free of charge from the very first day of your stay. For example, after travelling by Zillertal Railway, you can transfer directly to the bus to the Tux Valley. This saves money while also helping to make travel more environmentally friendly.

Free travel through the Tux Valley on electric buses

For more than 50 years, the Tuxer Sportbus has provided free transport for winter



The Tuxer Sportbus travels through the Tux Valley, powered entirely by electricity.

sports enthusiasts to the cable car stations and starting points for winter hiking, tobogganing and cross-country skiing. The entire Sportbus fleet was converted to electric buses in winter 2023/24. The full Tuxer Sportbus timetable, with buses running at frequent ten-minute intervals

from Christmas to Easter, is now operated by electric vehicles – environmentally friendly and locally emission-free. Electric buses are now also in service on the entire bus route 4104, meaning that the whole 'local public transport' network in Tux-Finkenberg is now electric!



Schedules

Winter in the Nature Park

The high alps nature park zillertaler alps is a spectacular setting for unforgettable experiences in nature. The “Hidden Treasures” exhibition features a new film entitled “Border Crossers.”

The “Hidden Treasures” exhibition at the Nature Park House in Ginzling offers fascinating insights into the natural and cultural history of the Zillertal Alps. The new film *Grenzgänger* (Border Crossers) by Paul Rose explores the important role mountain passes have played in people’s lives throughout history. As early as the Stone Age, mountain crossings towards the south played a crucial role in trade and hunting. During and after the Second World War, they became known as “smugglers’ trails”. The film *Grenzgänger* will be presented at the “Long Night of Museums” on 3 October 2026 at the Nature Park House in Ginzling.

GUIDED TOURS. A guided snowshoe hike through the Zemmgrund valley offers a unique way to experience winter in the high alps nature park



Fascinating – the wintry mountain landscape of the Zillertal’s side valleys.

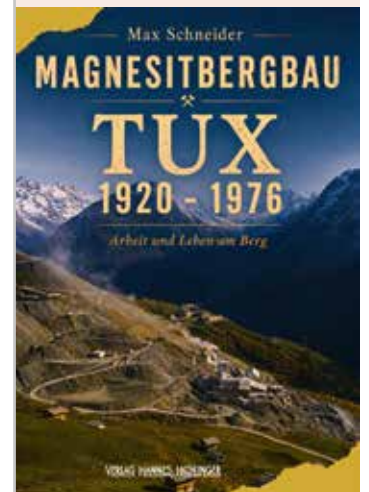
zillertaler alps. Accompanied by experienced guides, participants make their way through the alpine winter landscape, where all sorts of surprises await – from centimetre-sized snow crystals to the many tracks left by animals in the snow. The tour runs every

Tuesday and Thursday from January to March and is suitable for beginners. Snowshoes and poles can be hired, and convenient taxi transport takes participants from Mayrhofen to the starting point at Gasthof Breitlahner and back again. Registration: myzillertal.at

Golden Eagle Monitoring

The Zillertal Alps Nature Park is part of the “East-Alp Eagle Alliance”, which is dedicated to the “king of the skies”. The aim of the EU-funded Interreg project, which has received €1 million in funding, is to improve cross-border monitoring and protection of golden eagles and their habitats. In cooperation with Berchtesgaden and Hohe Tauern National Parks and the University of Innsbruck, the project aims to establish a standardised database for monitoring golden eagles. “Following an initial survey in 2026, the search for nests and breeding pairs will really get under way in February. The research project will run until 2028,” explains Nature Park director, Willi Seifert.

50 years since the closure of the Tux mine



Fifty years ago, the magnesite mine high above Tux-Vorderlanersbach was closed. Its closure in 1976 marked a profound turning point and had a lasting impact on the region’s development. Numerous events have been held to commemorate this important chapter in its history. The highlight will be the grand St Barbara celebration at the Tux-Center on 4 December 2026. The event will also see the launch of Max Schneider’s new book, *Magnesitbergbau Tux 1920–1976*. Written in German and over 450 pages long, the author documents the history of Europe’s highest altitude mining operation, exploring the working lives of the miners, the closure of the mine, and the transformation of the region. The documentary film *Plötzlich war es still* (Suddenly It Was Silent) by Georg Kröll and Florian Warum will also have its premiere. The 45-minute film features former miners and residents of the mining settlement, who share their memories of everyday life at the mine.

From December, the book will be available from the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board and bookshops, while the film will be available to watch on YouTube.

News from the local communities

In Tux and Finkenberg, important projects are under way to improve the quality of life for local people and make lasting improvements to community infrastructure.

In Finkenberg, the expansion of the Tuxer Straße (L006) is a key project. The construction of the new Greutbach Bridge will significantly ease the tight bend at the village entrance. Construction work will be suspended during the winter months, from December until Easter, allowing the provincial road to remain open in both directions without restrictions. The project is scheduled for completion in September 2027. The Province of Tyrol is covering the cost of around € 3.4 million. According to Mayor Andreas Kröll, another important milestone for supplying local residents and guests with everyday essentials is the forthcoming opening of the new local shopping centre. The multi-purpose building in the centre of the Persal district of Finkenberg will house a supermarket with around 600 square metres of retail space, a hair salon, 49 underground parking spaces and several



Recently, the two bridges over the Bangartbach and the Hobarbach in the Geiselhöfe area of Tux-Vorderlanersbach were replaced.

apartments on the upper floor. In the Dornau district, another project will see 17 subsidised flats built for young families to passive-house standards. Completion is planned for 2027. With this project, Finkenberg is making an important investment in the municipality’s future.

TUX. The upkeep of roads, paths and bridges is an ongoing priority and particularly complex and costly due to the region’s alpine location. Recently, the two bridges over the Bangartbach and the Hobarbach in the Geiselhöfe area of Tux-Vorderlanersbach were replaced. Measures such as the-

se are vital for road safety and ensuring access to all parts of the municipality. “In Tux, we spend around €600,000 every year on maintaining and looking after our approximately 60 kilometres of municipal roads. For a mountain municipality in particular, such ongoing investment can only be sustained in the long term with appropriate support from the provincial and federal governments,” reports Mayor Simon Grubauer. Another key responsibility is protection against natural hazards. This year, the emergency works to reinforce the Tuxbach river following the severe storm in June 2024 were completed. Experts are currently monitoring whether the measures implemented are sufficient. Long-term protection projects in Tux include the Wandspitz flood-control works in Hintertux and measures along the Tuxeggbach and Niklasbach in Vorderlanersbach.



A monument created by Tux artist Christian Stock in Tux-Vorderlanersbach has stood since summer to commemorate the former magnesite mine.

A stage for unforgettable experiences

Volksbühne Tux

Amateur Dramatics Society

Curtain up on an entertaining evening of sketches. Young talents from the Naturpark Mittelschule Tux kick off the programme with “Das geheime Kissen” (The Secret Pillow). This is followed by two one-act plays performed by Volksbühne Tux: “Die andächtige Prozession” (The Devout Procession) and “Saudumme Verwechslungen” (Ridiculously Confused).

Dates: 09.10. (premiere), 10.10., 16.10., 17.10., 22.10., 23.10. and 07.11.2026

Start: 20:00 hrs, Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach

Volksbühne Finkenberg

Amateur Dramatics Society

Volksbühne Finkenberg promises yet another entertaining evening at the theatre with their riotous comedy, “Seniorenresidenz in Turbulenz” (Retirement Home in Turmoil). Expect plenty of action, chaos and laughs along the way.

Dates: 25.09. (premiere), 27.09., 30.09., 11.10., 14.10., 21.10., 23.10.2026

Start: 20:15 hrs, Volksschule Finkenberg auditorium

Advance ticket sales from Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board, tel. 05287/8506, info@tux.at. Remaining tickets are available on the night at the box office.

Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach

With 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. 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

A taste of the Tux Valley

Culinary tradition, regional produce and award-winning fine dining in Tux-Finkenberg



In the cosy chalets, inns and restaurants in Tux-Finkenberg, many dishes are prepared using traditional family recipes.

When the first snow arrives and the alpine pastures are swathed in a sparkling blanket of white, a special season begins in Tux-Finkenberg – one that appeals to more than just winter sports enthusiasts. It is a time to enjoy good food and good company. People come together to eat, drink and catch up on the year’s happenings. Good food is an expression of community, living tradition and genuine craftsmanship. The passion of those who work together day after day to preserve regional specialities can be tasted in every traditional dish.

PASSION AND CRAFTSMANSHIP. In the Tux Valley, farming traditions, Alpine craftsmanship and fine cuisine come together in a unique way. Mountain farmers and their families work in demanding conditions. The steep slopes, long winters and high altitude require dedication and passion. Combined with traditional, artisanal methods, these conditions produce distinctive local foods: aromatic hay milk, flavoursome mountain cheese, fresh butter, yoghurt, honey, bacon, Kaminwurzen (smoked sausages), farmhouse bread, fine fruit schnapps and much more are available from farm shops (see list) and local stores.

A TASTE OF THE MOUNTAINS. One of the best-known Tux specialities is the well-known mountain cheese from Junsberg. It is made by hand using traditional methods at the mountain dairy ‘Stoankasern’ high above Juns. ‘Graukäse’ is another local delicacy from the Zillertal Alps. This sour-milk cheese is characterised by its strong, tangy flavour. Particularly in winter, it features in numerous traditional dishes such as the po-

pular Graukäsesuppe (cheese soup) and Kaspressknödel (cheese dumplings). The region’s flavoursome winter cuisine also includes ‘Zillertal Krapfen, Holzkechtkrapfen’ and ‘Schlutzkrapfen’. And let’s not forget ‘Kaiserschmarrn’ or ‘süße Krapflang’ for a deliciously sweet finish. Many of these dishes are prepared according to time-honoured family recipes in the welcoming mountain huts, inns and restaurants throughout the valley.

FROM TRADITIONAL INNS TO MICHELIN STARS. The high quality of the region’s products also provides the foundation for exceptional culinary excellence. This is particularly evident in the many award-winning restaurants of Tux-Finkenberg. The Genießerstube at Hotel Alpenhof Hintertux (www.alpenhof.at), headed by chef Maximilian Stock, is one of Tirol’s leading gourmet

destinations and has been awarded one Michelin star and four Gault&Millau toques. The Chef’s Table at Aktiv- und Wellnesshotel Bergfried (www.bergfried.at), headed by chef Sebastian Stock, has likewise been awarded one Michelin star and three Gault&Millau toques. The restaurant at Hotel Berghof Crystal Spa & Sports (www.berghof.at), headed by chef Bastian Dengg and awarded three Gault&Millau toques, as well as Brugger’s Genießerhotel Lanersbacher Hof (www.lanersbacherhof.at), headed by chef Anton Fercher and awarded two toques, are also among the region’s culinary highlights. What all these top chefs have in common is their close collaboration with local producers. Many of the ingredients come directly from the Tux and Zillertal valleys, resulting in dishes that proudly showcase their regional origins.

WINTER DELIGHTS. Winter offers countless opportunities to discover regional specialities. In the run-up to Christmas, Advent markets create a wonderfully festive atmosphere. Visitors can sample homemade biscuits, mulled wine, farmhouse bread, bacon and cheese, as well as freshly prepared hot dishes served straight from the pan. These romantic markets are not only popular meeting places for locals and visitors, but also a wonderful opportunity to pick up special souvenirs and gifts from the region. Farmers’ markets, farm shops, and direct sales outlets offer fresh local produce year-round. Ski area operators, as well as many hotels, restaurants and shops, consciously choose to work with regional producers, making an important contribution to keeping value creation within the region and preserving local traditions.

CULINARY GONDOLA RIDES. Hintertux Glacier (www.hintertuxergletscher.at) offers an extraordinary culinary experience with its gourmet gondola rides featuring local specialities. Whether you opt for a leisurely breakfast or a ‘Zillertaler Brettljause’ (traditional cold platter) – both experiences combine regional culinary delights with a ride in an exclusively reserved gondola on the 10-seater Gefrorene Wand lift, complete with spectacular glacier views.

Farm shops and direct sales outlets – www.tux.at/en/culinary-delights/culinary/

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The Tux Devils are custodians of a centuries-old tradition, and their appearance at Tux Advent is a spectacular highlight of the pre-Christmas season in the Tux Valley.

The Night of the Krampus

When ancient myths merge with modern creativity, vibrant traditions are born.

Anyone spending Advent in the Tux Valley will experience much more than festively decorated villages and peaceful Christmas cheer. One highlight is the appearance of the Tux Devils, whose intricately carved wooden masks, fearsome horns, and booming bells create an atmosphere of spine-tingling excitement and eerie

magic every year during Tux Advent.

ANCIENT TRADITION, NEW IDEAS. The Krampus tradition is one of the oldest winter customs in the Alpine region. Its origins are believed to date back to pre-Christian times, when masked figures were said to drive away the dark forces of winter and protect people and

livestock. Over time, Krampus evolved from St Nicholas' helper into an independent figure in Tyrolean tradition. The Tux association 'Die Bräuchlachs' perpetuate this cultural heritage with an abiding passion.

KRAMPUS RUN IN TUX. The Krampus Run at the Tux Advent celebrations in Tux-Lanersbach offers a chance to experience a vi-

brant piece of Tyrolean culture at close quarters. As darkness falls, the sound of ringing bells, the glow of flaming torches and spectacularly staged effects fill the village centre. The Krampuses make their way through the streets, creating a unique atmosphere of excitement, awe and enthusiasm. Despite their fearsome appearance, tradition and heritage remain at the heart of the celebrations.

Tux Advent,
29.11.2026



When the scent of mulled wine and roasted chestnuts fills the crisp winter air, it's time once again for Tux Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent, everyone is invited to gather in a festive atmosphere on the village square in Tux-Lanersbach. From 15:00 hrs onwards, the village centre is transformed into a beautifully decorated Advent village filled with glittering lights, music and festive anticipation. Visitors can look forward to a lovingly curated mix of culinary delights and traditional crafts, from mulled wine, punch and roasted chestnuts to handmade Zillertal specialities. A special moment awaits young and old alike when St Nicholas arrives on the village square accompanied by his angels. Once night falls, the traditional procession of the "Devils" brings the festivities to a spectacular close.

Tradition with a message

When the carol singers make their way from house to house at the beginning of January, they bring good luck and remind us that even small gestures can make a big difference.

When children dressed in royal robes make their way through the snow-covered streets of Tux and Finkenberg at the beginning of January, and the sound of the carol singers can be heard from house to house, a centuries-old tradition comes to life. The custom known as Dreikönigssingen (Epiphany carol singing) developed in the Alpine region as early as the Middle Ages.



EPIPHANY CAROL SINGING: around the Feast of the Epiphany on 6 January, several groups of carol singers set off through Tux and Finkenberg. The young kings and star bearers have been rehearsing for weeks and are eagerly awaited in the villages. Their arrival pro-

The tradition of Epiphany carol singing originates in the biblical story of the Three Kings and continues to be practised in Tux-Finkenberg to this day.

mises good fortune and blessings for the New Year. The children go from house to house, visiting families, accommodation providers and businesses. In people's homes, the

carol singers perform songs and deliver their blessings. Afterwards, they write the traditional blessing in chalk above the front door: 20 * C + M + B * 27

The letters are often associated with the names of the Three Kings – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In fact, they stand for the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat" – "Christ bless this house".

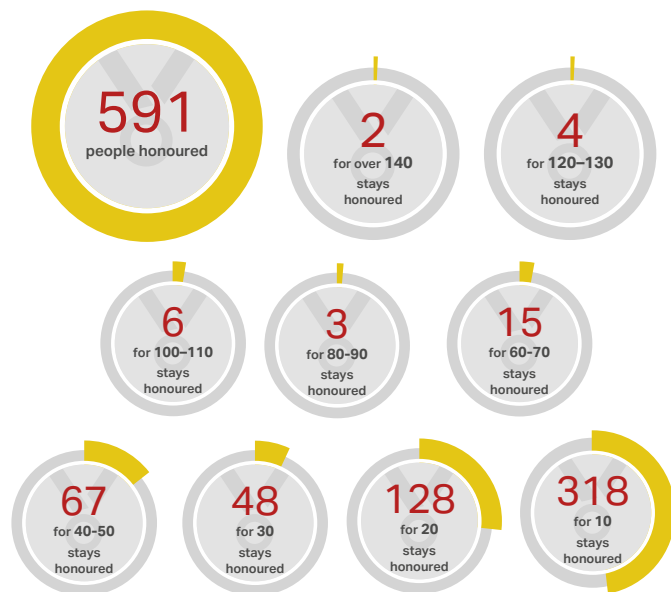
MORE THAN ANCIENT TRADITION. Nowadays, Epiphany carol singing has a dual purpose. On the one hand, it spreads a message of peace, hope and compassion. On the other, the carol singers collect donations for people living in disadvantaged regions around the world. Austria's Three Kings campaign uses these donations to support numerous aid projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Advent afternoon
in Finkenberg



On Saturday, 28 November 2026, the Finkenberg Women's Group cordially invites you to get into the Advent spirit together at the music pavilion from 15:00 hrs onwards. Look forward to an idyllic Advent market with lovingly decorated stalls, Advent music and many special highlights. Advent wreaths, Doggln, biscuits, Zelten, bread, mulled wine, punch and much more will be on offer – all made with love and tradition.

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Regular guests are held in high regard in Tux-Finkenbergr. Of our 29.357 returning guests:

- 22.407 (76,3 %) from Germany
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- 1.300 (4,4 %) from Austria
- 1.242 (4,2 %) from Switzerland
- 995 (3,4 %) from Belgium

At the Tourist Board, we are often asked how to become a regular guest: your hosts can register you for the regular guest honour after

your 10th stay. These take place every Thursday at the Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach. During a relaxed ceremony accompanied by live music, a representative of the Tourist Board or the local municipalities honours returning guests. Every year, the guest appreciation ceremonies serve 1,000 schnapps and 600 glasses of sparkling wine. Returning guests are presented with 500 commemorative photographs, 1,000 schnapps glasses, and 640 books.

Round anniversaries in Tux-Finkenbergr



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



60 and 30 times in the Tux Valley: Christl and Franz Bacher



80 and 20 times in the Tux Valley: Marlies and Franz Baldinger as well as Diana, Isabell and Annika Busch with Charlotte

Exhibition at the Mehlerhaus in Madseit

The exhibition, Von schroffen Höhen bis in SAGENhafte Tiefen (From Rugged Heights to Legendary Depths), at the Mehlerhaus in Madseit takes visitors on a journey through legends and encounters with mystical figures. As you explore the old farmhouse, films, interactive ex-



hibits, photographs and narrated stories bring the world of Tux – past and present – to life. Children can look forward to a small reward after completing the SAGENhafte mystery trail. Mehlerhaus is open every Friday (from Christmas to Easter) from 13:00 to 17:00 hrs.

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