

Newspaper for Regular Guests to the Tux-Finkenberg Region

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Winter sports on the highest level

Tux-Finkenberg will get your heart racing and provide some truly memorable snow-filled adventures

ogether with its villages of Finkenberg, Tux and Hintertux, the Tux Valley is home to an incredible array of winter activities. When winter has not arrived elsewhere, or even ended in other resorts, the Hintertux Glacier continues to offer fantastic winter fun thanks to its heady altitudes of up to 3,250 metres above sea level. This is ensured by 64 kilometres of perfectly groomed powder snow pistes, state-of-the-art cable car facilities and excellent catering. Freestyle enthusiasts also appreciate spring and autumn when the season begins and ends at Betterpark Hintertux.

SNOW GUARANTEE. Thanks to the Hintertux Glacier, Tux-Finkenberg is able to offer guaranteed



The Hintertux Glacier with guaranteed snow from October to May and breathtaking views of the surrounding three-thousand metre peaks and the striking Olperer summit.

snow conditions from October through to May - for extended and intensive skiing fun. Winter sports enthusiasts can also enjoy the largest ski area in the Zillertal in the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000 with the Hintertux Glacier and the Eggalm, Rastkogel, Finkenberg, Mayrhofen and Ahorn ski areas. Awaiting you are 206 kilometres of perfectly groomed pistes in all levels of difficulty as well as wonderful natural snow pistes, inviting deep-snow slopes and challenging mogul pistes.

THE GLACIER CIRCUIT - you simply can't pack more skiing fun into one day! Those in the know recommend the Glacier Circuit from Penkenjoch-Finkenberg via the Rastkogel ski area to Eggalm and the Hintertux Glacier, with 60 kilometres of downhill runs and 15,000 metres of altitude difference. Highlights include the Panorama Downhill with a fantastic view of the Tux and Zillertal Alps and the twelve-kilometre-long valley descent from the Gefrorene Wand at 3,250 m to Hintertux!

Tourist Board Information



The entire team at Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board is always on hand to help guests staying in the valley. From finding accommodation to suggestions for memorable holiday experiences - the whole team from Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board information offices are happy to be at your disposal.

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Winter highlights in Tux-Finkenberg

- 206 km of pistes 619 hectares of slopes
- 100 % guaranteed snow65 state-of-the-art
- cable car systems 28 km of cross-country ski trails
- 1 natural ice rink and 4 curling facilities
- 2 floodlit natural
- toboggan runs
 68 km of groomed winter hiking trails
- 30 huts & mountain restaurants with
- excellent cuisine
 First-class ski schools with highly trained ski instructors
- ➡ Free e-sports bus

A warm welcome to Tux-Finkenberg Winter happiness in the Tux Valley!

Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

After a wonderful summer, we look back with pleasure in this issue of the regular guest magazine on the anniversary regular guest week, which was characterised by so much heartfelt friendship. Thank you for joining us, celebrating with us and your positive feedback. We will all remember this wonderful week for a long time to come.

We look forward to the coming winter season with eager anticipation and, as every year, have optimised our preparations. The Zillertal Gletscherbahn is celebrating a milestone anniversary. As one of the leading lift companies in the valley, it has been in operation for 60 years and ensures the best skiing fun. In addition to improvements to the lifts and pistes and a varied programme of events, your dedicated hosts have once again come up with several new features to ensure that your vacation in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile is as relaxing and enjoyable as ever.

I look forward to welcoming you back again this year to your Tux-Finkenberg winter holiday domicile.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc, Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

Maes Tijch



Good morning summit tour

The gondola takes you up to Tuxerjoch at 8:15 hrs, where skis are swapped for snowshoes at 2,394 m above sea level. The Weiße Wand (2,518 m) or Frauenwand (2,541 m) is the destination of this guided snowshoe hike. After the approx. two-hour snowshoe hike, you ski back down to the Sommerberg, where a stop for refreshments completes this unique morning experience. The tour takes place once a week from the beginning of January to the end of April.

Cave and fiery glacier tour

The tour includes three glacier highlights in one day: a guided tour through the Spannagel Cave, followed by a fiery fondue at Spannagelhaus and a ride on the Pistenbully snowcat back to Tuxer Fernerhaus. The tour is suitable for both skiers and those on foot. The adventure starts at 13.00 hrs at Spannagel cave and ends at around 16.30 hrs at the valley cable car station in Hintertux. **hintertuxergletscher.at**

Cross-country skiing

Exploring the Tux Valley from the cross-country ski trail has a very special charm. The Luggi-Gredler trail leads alongside the Tuxbach stream. The route offers a number of challenges with its ascents and rapid descents, providing great variety in terms of both scenery and sport. The 14 km classic trail and 14 km skating trail cater for both leisurely cross-country skiers and those with sporting ambitions. Beginners will feel at home on the easy loops in Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Madseit, as well as on the new Hintertux trail with a length of 1.5 km.

Zillertal Gletscherbahn – 60 years of continued success

1964 to 2024 were characterized by innovations and responsibility for our living space



Glacier Bus 3 – the world's highest bicable gondola lift – goes into operation in 2000.



Thanks to ongoing quality improvements the Hintertux Glacier has developed into one of the leading glacier ski resorts in the world. The picture shows the renovation of the Tuxer Fernerhaus in 2013.



In 1971, the world's first chairlift with supports on glacier ice is built on the Hintertux Glacier.



Winter sports enthusiasts from near and far have always been fascinated by glacier skiing.

years ago, the five founders of today's Zillertaler Gletscherbahn GmbH & CoKG cable car co. were united by their strong bond with nature and the mountains. Due to the lack of alternative economic opportunities, they decided to invest all their energy into developing the glacier ski area and tourism in order to create a livelihood for their families and the region. Today - 60 years later - the company is now in the safe hands of the 3rd generation and the corporate family comprises of six cable car companies in Zillertal and Außerfern, as well as the Zugspitzresort. A tremendous amount has happened over the last six decades. Pioneering achievements have been accomplished requiring true entrepreneurial spirit, while environmental and climatic conditions, together with holiday and leisure

behaviour have changed greatly. One thing, however, has remained the same over the last six decades: people have always endeavoured to work in an economically and ecologically sustainable manner, while treating nature with care. 'We get to live where others go on holiday'. This careful stewardship of living space, workplace and holiday destination will also shape the company's entrepreneurial future for the next 60 years.

Pioneering achievements

1964: It all begins with a pioneering spirit. Hintertuxer Gletscherbahn GmbH & Co KG is founded on 24 January 1964.

1968: Austria's longest single chairlift is built.

1971: The world's first chairlift with supports on glacier ice is constructed.
1989: Construction starts on the new Tiroler Zugspitzbahn, which opens in 1991 after a mere 25-month construction period under the most challenging conditions.
1995: Construction starts on the

world's most modern twin-cable gondola lift, the Gletscherbus 2. **2000:** Gletscherbus 3 - the highest twin-cable gondola lift in the world goes into operation.

2001: Commissioning of the '150er Tux' reversible aerial tramway makes the 'Ski and Glacier World Zillertal 3000' the largest ski area in Zillertal with 65 lifts and 206 km of slopes. 2011: World premiere of the first 10-seater gondola lift with heated seats.

2019: New construction of the 4*
Zugspitz Resort holiday domicile with numerous family attractions and adjoining campsite.
2021: Opening of the underground car park in Hintertux
2023: Keesboden reservoir

Soap making – Maria Erler from Juns shows how it's done



Maria uses essential oils that give each soap a very special fragrance.

The art of soap making is a combination of craftsmanship, creativity and a dash of alchemy. Maria Erler from Juns explains exactly how it is done and what makes handmade soaps so appealing. For her, the production process begins with the selection of essential oils. 'Each oil or fat has special properties: olive oil makes for a mild, moisturising soap, while coconut oil creates a rich lather,' explains



Homemade soaps can be made in different shapes and colours.

Maria. Once the oils have been heated to the desired temperature, caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) is carefully added. Be sure to use the necessary protective equipment! Fragrances, dried flowers, herbs, colour pigments, etc. can then be added to give the soap its individual character. Essential oils such as lavender, lime or rosemary not only give the soap a wonderful fragrance, but also have aromatherapeutic benefits. The soap can have a calming, refreshing or revitalising effect. The finished mixture is poured into silicone moulds and left to rest for 24 hours before being removed from the moulds. The soap is then left to mature for another six weeks.

Maria's soaps vary greatly in design, some are simple, others have multiple colours and patterns - small, fragrant works of art. As far as the feeling on the skin is concerned, handmade soaps are usually gentle and nourishing due to the high quality of the raw materials used.

Counting snow grouse

Exciting Nature Park research projects as a platform for effective visitor management.

now grouse love it when it's really cold. By this, Ramona Steixner means sub-zero temperatures. The biologist and Nature Park supervisor at High Alps Nature Park Zillertal Alps has dedicated her research entirely to the species, which belongs to the grouse family and settled in the Tux mountains during the last Ice Age. It inhabits wide, open areas above the tree line at 1,800 to 3,000 metres above sea level.

RESEARCH PROJECT. Since 2020, an extensive research project has been conducted in the Nature Park to investigate the populations, habitats and way of life of the animals. 'Snow grouse are masters of camouflage. They change their plumage several times a year,' explains the biologist. In winter they are snow-white, in spring they are grey-brown to dark-spotted and in autumn stone-grey. Not an easy task for Ramona Steixner and her



High Alps Nature Park Zillertal Alps invests a great deal of time and expertise in its research projects

team. Tracks, calls and sightings are recorded in the 959-hectare study area in the high mountains and collected feathers and droppings are evaluated using DNA analysis. The researchers were able to detect one of the highest population densities in the Alps in the Zillergrund (14 to 15 territories per square kilometre).

ENERGY CONSUMPTION. In winter, snow grouse hide in snow caves and are barely visible even to birds of prey. 'They rely entirely on their camouflage and only flee at the very last moment,' says Ramona, describing the animals' survival behaviour. Whilst this behaviour is extremely efficient against natural enemies, it leads to unnecessary stress and high energy consumption when they are startled by winter sports enthusiasts. This in turn weakens the animals and can jeopardise their survival, as food is scarce in winter. Snow grouse only leave their snow caves at dusk to forage for pine needles and seeds on exposed rocky ridges. If necessary, they dig deep holes in the snow to forage for the sparse vegetation.

PROTECTED AREAS. To enable wild animals to survive, wildlife and forest protection areas have been established in the Tux Valley, which should not be entered or driven through in winter. Information boards make people aware of these protected areas. Signposts on ski runs, ascent routes and hiking trails guide winter sports enthusiasts and holidaymakers around the protected areas on exciting alternative routes.

www.naturpark-zillertal.at



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Visitors can find out lots of interesting facts about the life of grouse in the Tux mountains at the 'The Wild Chickens of Tux' info point at the "Höllenstein Hut". In addition to discovering exciting information about the wild chickens, children can playfully immerse themselves in the world of wood, black and snow grouse with a quiz booklet and colouring pictures. Come along and see for yourself!

Floodlit toboggan runs



A visit to the "Höllenstein Hut" can be perfectly combined with a toboggan ride. The fourkilometre-long toboggan run is floodlit and leads directly to Tux-Lanersbach. Bichlalm above Hintertux is also a popular destination for tobogganing fans. The three-kilometre-long toboggan run is also floodlit and ideal for families. The ascent to the two toboggan huts leads through a wonderful winter landscape, while those who prefer a more comfortable ride can take the toboggan taxi.

Ice skating and curling

There is plenty of fun to be had on the natural ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach! No matter whether you venture onto the ice on skates yourself, or prefer to watch the children from the sidelines, great fun is guaranteed.

The curling lanes in Tux-Lanersbach also offer entertaining action with long-distance and target shooting.



The Cologne Weeks in Hintertux 20th anniversary - this translates into "Rhenish" joie de vivre, wonderful skiing fun and pure winter romance in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile.

Established 20 years ago: 'Kölsche' Cologne Week

It was a special anniversary week.

ood vibes around the clock! event for all involved. Hintertux Is how the 'Cologne Week in Hintertux has been celebrated for the past 20 years. The anniversary week from 16.03. to 23.03.2024 was a festive occasion with traditional Cologne and Zillertal music and an extensive supporting programme. The anniversary evening with guest honours and lots of music in the Tux-Centre was a very special

Glacier Open Air also celebrated its tenth anniversary, with many stars and artists from the Rhineland region.

The 21st Cologne Week takes place from 05. to 12.04.2025. The 11th Hintertux Glacier Open Air on 11th April 2025 with top bands and musicians from Rhineland brings the Sommerberg arena to life!

The Rescue Chain



In the event of a skiing accident, appropriate behaviour is crucial to ensure fast and effective help. The rescue chain begins with securing the accident site, e.g. by placing skis in a crossed position above the accident site. This signals to other skiers that they should ski slowly and carefully to avoid further incident.

If possible, you should then administer first aid. This includes checking vital functions (breathing, pulse) and stabilising the injured person. If necessary, perform immediate life-saving measures such as putting the injured person in the recovery position or CPR.

Alerting piste rescue services is the next important step. This can be done by dialling the emergency number 112, contacting the mountain rescue service on 144, calling the cable car company, or informing one of their employees on

site. It is important to provide precise information when alerting the emergency services: Provide the exact location of the accident (piste number, name of the lift) as well as information about the injured person (gender, age) and the type of injury (head, back, leg). You should also state whether the person is conscious and whether they can sit up. Don't forget to provide your own telephone number in case of any subsequent queries.

Once you have informed the piste rescue service, remain calm and stay with the injured person until the rescue services arrive. Your presence can be reassuring and you can give the rescuers further information if necessary.

By adopting this approach, everyone can make a decisive contribution to ensuring that an injured person receives the help they need as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much

for this enormously successful anniversary week!

he tenth Regular Guest Week of the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile was yet another special event. We can look back on a week full of unforgettable experiences, warm encounters and festive highlights. The convivial atmosphere and wide range of activities on offer made the anniversary Guest Week a true celebration of friendship. A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who contributed to making this week happen! Your enthusiasm and participation created an amazing atmosphere in the Tux Valley during the Anniversary Guest Week. Everyone involved is already looking forward to getting together again at the eleventh Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week.

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There was much entertainment, music and culinary delights at the festive opening of the anniversary Regular Guest Week at the village festival in Tux-Lanersbach.

















29.01.2025: DJ Ötzi Gipfeltour – DJ Ötzi live on stage in Tux-Finkenberg



Calendar of events



The current Tux-Finkenberg Holiday Domicile calendar of events for winter 2024/25 can be found online: <u>tux.at/events/events</u> – or simply scan the QR code.



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Schenken Sie ein Stück Tux-Finkenberg mit persönlicher Note! Wie wäre es mit einem Gutschein für Ihre Familie, Freunde oder Bekannte? Kaufen Sie nach Herzenslust in allen Tuxer und Finkenberger Betrieben ein oder genießen Sie einen gemütlicher Abend in einem der vielen ausgezeichneten Restaurants.

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