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Newspaper for Regular Guests to the Tux-Finkenberg Region

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Great Winter Adventures

Tux-Finkenberg offers ideal conditions for winter fans. Families with children can rely on services provided by the very best ski schools, funslopes and fun parks in the snow.

he Tux Valley with its villages of Finkenberg, Tux and Hintertux and the Hintertux Glacier at the head of the valley guarantees heaps of snow and fun in winter, ensured by 65 state-of-the-art lifts and over 200 kilometres of slopes in the five ski areas of the Ski & Glacier World Zillertal 3000. Those new to skiing are spoilt for choice with several ski schools. Pepi's Kinderland and Kinderclub at Penkenjoch, Flohpark Hintertux with the cool new "Luis' snow playground" and Eggalm Children's Park are ideal for children making their first attempts on skis, while beginners and advanced skiers will enjoy the fun and kid's slopes



White-capped mountains, forests swathed in deep snow, pristine slopes - that is the essence of winter in Tux-Finkenberg. 100% snow-sure conditions are guaranteed by optimum altitudes of 850 to 3,250 metres above sea level.

with tunnels and wave runs on the Sommerberg and Rastkogel.

WINTER IN ALL ITS GUISES. Winter in Tux-Finkenberg also has much to offer away from the slopes. Floodlit toboggan runs or the natural ice rink with curling lanes in Tux-Lanersbach make sure of that. Nordic fans, whether classic skiers or skaters, will find their groove on the two 14-kilometre-long Luggi-Gredler cross-country ski trails between Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Madseit. Young and old alike can warm up with a winter hike in the Tux Valley - especially if it includes building a snowman or a snowball fight. Welcoming guesthouses invite you to take a break along the way, where you can warm up and replenish your energy reserves before heading outside again for yet more snowinspired fun.

If the weather doesn't tempt you outside, you're best advised to visit the 1,200 m² indoor play park at Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach.

Tourist Board Information



The entire Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board team is always on hand to provide helpful advice and assistance to valley visitors. From looking for accommodation to holiday planning or leisure activities, the whole team at the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board Information Offices is more than happy to help.

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Delicacies A winter's day also inclu-

des really tasty food. In the holiday Tux-Finkenberg region there are more than 30 ski huts and over 50 restaurants to choose from. Relax in a deck chair or on the sun terrace with an alpine panorama, traditional, solid food in a pub or fine dining in a gourmet restaurant - there is something for everyone. In the Tuxertal, we place great value in our cuisine on the use of local products, natural foods and regional produce. Zillertal delicacies such as "Kaspressknödel", "Gröstl", "Käsespätzle", "Brettljause", "Kaiserschmarren", ... taste particularly fresh and deli-

A warm welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

Get Ready for a wonderful winter!

Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

After a varied summer in the Tux Mountains with lots of sunshine and pleasant temperatures for hiking and (E)mountainbiking, the holiday domicile of Tux-Finkenberg is ready again for the coming winter. We have some new features for you to make your holiday in the Tux Valley even more comfortable and relaxing: At the Hintertux Glacier, Gletscherbus 1 has been equipped with new, modern and extremely comfortable gondolas. The new Tux Operations Centre was also inaugurated in summer. What remains is the hundred per cent snow guarantee and the diverse range of sporting, social, culinary and cultural activities in the Tux Valley.

We too await next summer with eager anticipation, when we will be celebrating the tenth Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week together with you, dear loyal guests.

I am already looking forward to meeting old friends and making new acquaintances. In the meantime, I wish you a wonderful winter season in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc, Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

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Did you know that ...



... the free buses available to you in Tux-Finkenberg cover approx. 280,000 km per year?

... the buses in use have covered a total of around 8,000,000 kilometres and transported around 65,000,000 people since 1973?

... the new electric buses cover an average of 220 kilometres a day without requiring intermittent charging.

... the e-buses save around 122.500 litres of fossil diesel fuel and more than 324 tonnes of CO2.

... the "Nightliner" for people who like to stay out late runs daily from Christmas to Easter until 2.30 a.m. between Hintertux and Finkenberg (€ 2.50 per ride).

... you can use several bus routes between Hintertux and Mayrhofen free of charge with a valid ski pass or guest card?

... small hydroelectric power plants and photovoltaic systems in Tux-Finkenberg produce 13 million kWh of electricity? That equates to the average annual consumption of 4,500 Austrian households.

... a photovoltaic system was installed on the roof of the Tux Centre in summer 2023?

... our holiday hosts are committed to sustainability. Various measures taken by the local hotel industry can be found on our website under the accommodation provider listings: www.tux.at/suchenbuchen/unterkunft.

Timetables:



www.tux.at/en/bus-timetables

Tux Sportbus will be powered this winter purely by electricity

Seven e-buses transport winter sports enthusiasts emission-free through the Tux Valley

he Tuxer Sportbus has ferried skiers and winter sports enthusiasts to the cable car stations and starting points for winter hiking, toboggan and cross-country skiing for the past fifty years. Four electric buses have been in operation in the Tux Valley since March 2023. In winter 2023/24, the entire sports bus fleet will be converted to electric buses which means that the entire Sportbus Tux schedule with its frequent service every ten minutes can now be accommodated by electric buses.

Through clever recuperation drivers increase efficiency and comfort.

SMART ENERGY RECOVERY.

"Everything has gone well thus far," says Andreas Kröll from Christophorus Reisen (travel operator), taking positive stock of the first six months in which the new electric buses were integrated into the regular service to the Hintertux Glacier and Schlegeis Reservoir. The bus drivers manoeuvre the vehicles through



Four electric buses have been in operation on the steep mountain roads in the Tux Valley and up to Schlegeis Reservoir since March 2023. Three more e-buses will be added in winter 2023/24.

efficient and sensitive manner. "Thanks to smart energy recovery, the vehicle maintains its speed when travelling downhill without the necessity to brake. This allows drivers to increase energy recovery on the one hand and driving comfort for passengers on the other," explains Andreas Kröll, enabling up to 250 kW of energy to flow back into the batteries. This reduces energy requirements per 100 kilometres

the Tux Valley in a particularly

from the projected 151 kW to 99 kW. Buses are charged overnight on 400 kW superchargers, using green electricity.

RELIABLE. The vehicles have thus far covered around 40,000 kilometres each on the demanding mountain routes without encountering any problems. Passengers are thrilled by the pleasant and quiet ride in the air-conditioned e-buses, whether in sub-zero winter, or

summer temperatures. Moreover, there are no vibrations and hardly any driving noise in an electric bus.

NEW E-BUSES IN WINTER. Three additional e-buses will be put into operation in the winter of 2023/24. This will make local public transport in the Tux Valley – the Tux-Finkenberg Shuttle (bus line 4104) between Hintertux and Mayrhofen – highly sustainable and emission-free.

Traveling to Tux-Finkenberg by e-car

A lot of hosts in Tux-Finkenberg are equipped with charging stations.

When travelling privately to the Tux Valley, using an electric car is probably the most sustainable option. This is also demonstrated by the "CarbonTracer" of the University of Graz (www. carbontracer.uni-graz.at). This tool calculates the distance and the CO2 emissions per person for all available means of transport for a given individual route. Many accommodation providers in the Tux-Finkenberg Holiday Domicile have already installed modern and powerful charging stations for electric cars, thus

ensuring stress-free travel for their guests. Publicly accessible charging stations, however, are also well distributed throughout the Tux Valley. For example, eight charging points are available alongside the new "Aue" underground car park at the Hintertux Glacier valley station. The wall boxes are equipped with Type 2 (up to 22.2 kW) and Type F plugs There is an express-charging station (up to 150 kW) with two charging points for all e-cars at the Tux-Center car park in Tux-Lanersbach.



The hyper-charger at Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach has two charging points.



In July, all 57 cabins of the gondola lift of the 8er Sommerberg were replaced. The new gondolas offer more views, comfort and space thanks to the externally mounted ski racks.



By using HVO fuel, the net emissions caused by fuel at the Hintertux Glacier are reduced by up to 90 %. For example, ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions are reduced by up to 94 %

Zillertaler Gletscherbahn is investing sustainably

New gondolas, Keesboden Storage Reservoir, sustainable fuel and a major award

THE SOMMERBERG CABLE-WAY SHINES IN NEW SPLENDOUR. After 53,000 hours of operation, all 57 gondolas of the 8-seater Sommerberg cableway were replaced in July. In just eight days, employees of the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn Cable Car Co. replaced the existing cabins with new panorama gondolas with 360° views.

"KEESBODEN" STORAGE RE-**SERVOIR.** When others are still basking in the colourful joys of autumn, Hintertux heralds the winter with state-of-theart technical innovations. One includes commissioning of the new storage reservoir, which was built from April to October 2022 with a capacity of 78,000 m3. Expansion of the pumping station will also be completed by October 2023. The aim of these comprehensive innovations is to increase the artificial snow production also in terms of energy and resource management.

FUEL DERIVED FROM VEGETABLE OIL. From this summer onwards, the Hintertux Glacier has substituted 100 percent of its conventional diesel with HVO (Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils). HVO is produced from vegetable oils, rather than petroleum. Total emissions produced by the vehicle portfolio (all piste grooming machines and company vehicles) are thus reduced by up to 90 per cent

(around 1,400 t less CO₂). But this comes at a price: namely additional costs of over a quarter of a million euros per year.

CHEERS AND BON APPETIT! It has always been a matter close to the heart of the Dengg family to offer local products from regional producers and suppliers in the restaurants of the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn at Som-

gional producers and suppliers in the restaurants of the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn at Sommerberg, Spannagelhaus and the Tuxer Fernerhaus. Decades of focusing on regionality and genuine quality make it possible to promote local businesses,

We are delighted to bring a piece of ,Zillertal' closer to our guests

minimise transport routes and thus offer guests high-quality products.

For instance, milk and yoghurt are sourced from the Hintertux farming cooperative, bread and pastries from the Stock village bakery in Tux, cheese and dairy products from the Erlebnissennerei Zillertal Dairy, distillates from Schwendberg. "The list is long, and years of effort have now been rewarded with the 'Bewusst Tirol' award (promoting the use of local food in the hotel industry). We are delighted to bring a piece of



The Spannagel Cave, a unique destination for excursions in all weathers, is offering daily guided tours in winter for the first time this year.

,Zillertal' closer to our guests", Matthias Dengg explains.

SPANNAGEL CAVE. For the first time, the Spannagel Cave (natural geological monument and unique day-trip destination in any kind of weather), is offering daily guided tours in winter this year. At 12.00, 13.00 and 14.00 hrs, the only marble cave of the Central Alps can be explored on guided tours. "Potholes", "water galleries" and "glacier mills" tell a story of the ancient cave's formation. And what's all this about the "bear's head"? This and many other interesting facts are best found out for vourself.

Events at Hintertux Glacier

06.–08.10. Hintertux Park Opening **05.–12.11.** World Rookie Park & Halfpipe Camp

11.–12.11. goodboards tour stop in Hintertux

25.–26.11. "Upgrade" – Tourenski Testival powered by Erdinger

01.–03.12. Freeheeler European

16.–24.03.2024 20 years Kölsche Woche (Cologne Week)

22.03.24 Hintertux Glacier Open Air with star guests "Höhner" and "Bläck Fööss"

April 2024 A month full of exciting events and enjoyment as part of the Glacier Spring

Gondola breakfast on the Hintertux Glacier



The gondola breakfast for two to four people on the Hintertux Glacier is a unique way to start your ski day in the mountains, for which one of the gondolas of the 10er Gefrorene Wand lift is lovingly prepared. Large panoramic windows offer a spectacular view of the snow-covered mountain peaks and the smell of freshly baked bread, hot coffee and other delicacies fills the air. While the gondola circles the glacier, there is time to relax, chat and enjoy the unique vista. The Bavarian version of the gondola breakfast with veal sausages, pretzels and wheat beer is available for those who prefer something more traditional. The delicious gondola breakfast, the Brettliausen gondola and other glacier highlights can be booked online at www. hintertuxergletscher.at/en/shop

Betterpark Hintertux



Betterpark Hintertux is one of the best Snowparks in the Alps. The entrance to the park is at 3,200 metres above sea level at the foot of the majestic Olperer Mountain and is a favourite meeting point for local riders as well as members of the international scene. The perfectly snowformed park landscape consists of a jump line, half pipe, pro jump and jib line and is groomed twice a day by a dedicated shaper team, whereby rider safety always has utmost priority. Freestyle enthusiasts appear to perform their jumps without a care in the world and appreciate the ever-changing set-up.

Tux-Finkenberg Winter-Highlights



- → 100 % snow guarantee at optimum altitude from 850 to 3,250 m
- 204 km of ski runs –619 ha of ski slopes
- Fun slopes and kid's slopes
- 65 state-of-the-art lifts in the Ski and Glacier World Zillertal 3000 with the Hintertux Glacier, Eggalm lifts, Rastkogel lifts and Finkenberger Almbahnen, Penken with Ahorn
- Snow-covered valley runs to Tux-Vorderlanersbach, Tux-Lanersbach and Hintertux
- Panorama terrace at 3,250 m
- 28 km cross-country ski run
- 1 natural ice rink & curling rinks
- Illuminated natural toboggan runs
- 68 km of winter hiking trails
- 30 huts and mountain restaurants with excellent gastronomy
- Top ski schools

Ice skating and curling



Fun a plenty can be had at the natural ice rinks of Tux-Lanersbach and Finkenberg! Whatever your preference, taking the plunge with skates on, or enjoying your children's endeavours from the edge – fun is guaranteed!

A pleasurable couple of hours away from the slopes can be spent trying out traditional ice curling. The curling lanes in Tux-Lanersbach provide great entertainment and plenty of action is on offer with both long and short distance target shooting. There are any number of ways to experience the joy of ice-skating or curling – day or night, alone, in pairs, in a group or with your whole family – take your pick!

Tips from our ski pros from Tux and Finkenberg

World Cup star Stephanie Brunner and Lena Wechner, junior world champion in the Super G, reveal how to prepare for the coming winter or your next ski day.

he new racing season begins in a few weeks for World Cup skier, Stephanie Brunner. She prepared intensively over summer.

As a racer, how did you prepare for the winter?

In the World Cup, the racing season goes on until the end of March. Material tests then begin all over again, which means our new season actually starts in April. In spring I spend a lot of time on a bike or ergometer, around 15 hours a week, interspersed by strength and endurance training sessions. In June, I spend most of my time training with weights in the gym, where I "slave away" five times a week for two to three hours. I also complete speed training and core exercises.

What can hobby skiers learn from the preparations of a ski pro?

You certainly don't have to go to the gym for normal skiing, you can do a lot at home without needing any specialist equipment. It's important to do core exercises, i.e. strengthening the back and abdomen, as well as various types of squats for the legs, but without



Stephanie Brunner training for the upcoming World Cup season.

using any additional weights. Add one endurance session per week to your programme and you'll be well prepared for winter.

How much time should you plan for the exercises?

For hobby athletes, it is perfectly sufficient to complete a 45-minute session 2-3 times a week.

How do you deal with high altitudes, for example when you go glacier training for the first time?

I don't really have any special

preparation because I've spent years on the glaciers in the summer and my body is used to it. But I make sure I drink a lot on the day I arrive, as it's possible to suffer from headaches or dizziness. Of course, at altitudes above 3,000 metres, you must be careful with your energy reserves

My tip: don't go too fast during the first few days and pace yourself well. Have a good breakfast in the morning, drink a litre of water and of course don't forget to warm up!

What are your goals for the coming winter?

I want to deliver my best performance in all races, then the results will follow automatically. Of course, I'm aiming to achieve top 5 results in the World Cup this winter!

Training tips from Stephanie Brunner

Stephanie has compiled exercises from her training programme for you to prepare for the coming winter. The exercises can also be combined as circuit training!

- **V-ups** for the abdomen − 3 rounds, 20 repeats
- Plank with opposite arm and leg lift – 3 rounds, hold or repeat alternately
- Alternating one leg planks for legs, buttocks and lower upper body – 3 rounds, 10 repeats per leg
- Whole body planks 3 rounds,
- Push ups 3 rounds, 10 repeats
- Lunges 3 rounds, 10 repeats per side
- Squats 3 rounds, 20 repeats
- **Burpees** − 3 rounds, 15 repeats

Stephanie's tip: It is important not to overdo it and to check with your doctor before you start training.

Lena Wechner: Warm up, run in and then you're ready to go!



Skiing is everyday life for racers like Lena Wechner. The racer from Finkenberg is currently enjoying great success in the European Cup. The speed specialist has been training regularly on snow since August and prepares diligently for a day on the slopes.

When Lena gets into one of the first gondolas in the morning, she is invariably accompanied by lots of baggage. Several pairs of skis, racing suits, a change of clothes and much more. To save time, the athlete usually gets ready for training whilst in the gondola. Such efforts are not necessary for regular skiers, but it doesn't hurt to have provisions and something to drink with you.

WARMING UP AND GETTING INTO THE FLOW. Once on the slopes, a thorough warm-up is first on the agenda. "It's important to build up muscle tension, then the body knows what's coming next. I start with foot swings,

knee bends, hip rotations, moving the upper body, head and arms. "Lena explains her concept. She continues with a relaxed run and a few fast, tight swings, interspersed with technique exercises.

PERFORMANCE. Training involves three hours of being fully focussed on riding style, technique and speed. Eating and drinking during short breaks is important to maintain performance.

RELAX. "When you get tired in the afternoon, you should generally take it easy," is Lena's tip. The athletes are usually back in the valley by midday and ease their muscles while cycling, "Sauna and wellness are also good ways to regenerate. That way the muscles loosen up again, "Lena knows from experience. After four intensive days on the slopes, even racers usually take a rest day. For Lena, this means a short winter hike, a toboggan ride or simply chilling out.

GOALS FOR WINTER 2023/24:

After intensive preparation over the summer and snow training overseas and on glaciers, Lena starts the new European Cup season in December. A podium position in the overall standings and debut in the World Cup are her big goals for this winter.



The new trampoline park at Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach offers the best conditions for practising the latest jumping tricks.



Children can really let off steam in the 1,200m2 Playarena with indoor and outdoor areas

A new trampoline is waiting for you in the Playarena!

The 1,200 m² indoor and outdoor play park for kids and teens in Tux-Vorderlanersbach

ver tried a cool front and back flip? The new trampoline park at Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach offers the best conditions for practising the latest jumping tricks. "There are 14 trampolines over an area of 70 m²," says Ossi Gredler. Together with his team of experienced and highly trained supervisors, he makes sure that everyone is well looked after.

FROM THREE TO SIXTEEN. There's much on offer in and around the Playarena at any time of the year, whatever the weather. A separate programme for youngsters aged three to ten years and another for teens from ten to sixteen years ensures variety, fun and adventure. Baby care is available at an extra charge subject to availability.

MUCH VARIETY. Children can really let off steam in the 1,200m² Playarena with indoor and outdoor areas, for example on the high ropes course, the climbing wall, soft play area or on the giant slides. A Mult-

iBall Wall was also installed in the Playarena last year. "The 15 m² digital wall is a sports and games console that can be played with different balls. There are learning games, ball games, skill games or training games for individual players and groups," Ossi tells us.

Quieter kids and young artists can pursue their talents by drawing and doing handicrafts in the creative zone, while teenagers play billiards, table football, table tennis or air hockey. Relax in the chill & rest zone and in

the cinema. Shows, parties and events are sure to provide many memorable moments.

Playarena opening times:

Monday to Friday: Monday to Friday: 9:15-18:00 (only for guests of partner establishments). **Saturday:** Saturday: 13:00-18:00 (open for all but only with online prior registration)

Admission for guests of non-partner businesses:
Children: € 9.00
Adults: € 2.00
www.playarena.at

Floodlit toboggan runs



The natural toboggan runs dotted with cosy cabins make for a change here in the Tux valley, bringing a fun and social element to your holiday. The most beautiful – all lanes are floodlit in the evening; Bichlalm in Hintertux at 1,695 m, this 3 km toboggan run leads into the valley. The Höllensteinhütte in Tux-Lanersbach at 1,740 m with a 4 km run of tobogganing pleasure. A traditionally run cosy mountain hut for hikers and tobogganers alike. Access is also possible with our special toboggan taxi ser-

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Retreat in the Tux Valley during winter hiking

A winter hike through the distinctive winter landscape around Tux and Finkenberg is a great way to recharge your batteries. The clear air and the silence of nature revitalize your senses. New winter panorama with the most beautiful winter hiking routes!

Cross-country skiing trail

The Luggi-Gredler crosscountry skiing trail leads along the Tux stream and offers both scenic and sporting highs. The 14 km long trail is suitable for both leisurely cross-country skiers and sporty ambitious athletes. Beginners feel particularly comfortable on the flat loops Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Madseit. The trail offers sporty challenges too with its brisk climbs and racy downhill sections. Whether you choose classic style or the skating technique is up to you – there's a perfectly prepared trail for both.

Magical winter experience

Romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride at the "Finkenberger Sattel" riding stable in Finkenberg

n winter, the snow-covered landscape around the Finkenberger Sattel has a very special charm for horse lovers, where it forms the enchanting backdrop for a romantic horsedrawn sleigh-ride for two. The coachman and his horse are ready and waiting at the "Finkenberger Sattel" riding stable near the Finkenberg district of Dornau with a carriage swathed in a waft of nostalgia. Wrapped snugly in warm blankets, passengers are taken through snow-covered forests and treated to views of the majestic peaks of the Zillertal Alps. The



The wintry landscape around Finkenberger Sattel is ideal for a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride for two.

experienced coachman is happy to share information about the region and his four-legged partner, while the soft tinkling of the bells on the horse's harness mingles with the soothing crunch of snow beneath the runners - a natural melody that beguiles the senses. The horse-drawn sleigh ride in Finkenberg is a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of winter.

Information:

"Finkenberger Sattel" riding stable +43 5285 63350

www.finkenberger-sattel.at

Book directly at www.tux.at

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Tux-Finkenberg invites you to the Regular Guest Week

It's going to be a party! From 29 June to 7 July 2024, the entire holiday resort of Tux-Finkenberg celebrates its decades of solidarity with its loyal regular guests.

arkus Tipotsch, chairman of the TVB Tux-Finkenberg, gives a preview of next year's highlight: Regular Guest Week 2024

Next year, the Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week will celebrate a special anniversary.

Markus Tipotsch: The Regular Guest Week has been a firm fixture in the Tux-Finkenberg calendar for decades and has developed into an extraordinary event over time. Throughout the week, cherished regular guests and dedicated hosts celebrate their years and decades of friendship. The fact that we are now celebrating this special festival for the tenth time fills me with gratitude and even a little pride.

What points on the programme can regular guests look forward to during this week?

Markus Tipotsch: During the Regular Guest Week, the focus is on the community. You meet old friends and make new ones. I am particularly looking forward to the "Star Hike" to the Penkenjoch, followed by mountain mass. Just like the Glacier Day on the Hintertux



Markus Tipotsch, chairman of the TVB Tux-Finkenberg, is already looking forward to the regular guest week 2024 from June 29 to July 07.

Glacier, the 3rd regular guest golf tournament is one of the highlights of the Regular Guest Week. But there are also new things on the programme, such as a tour of the operations centre in Tux-Vorderlanersbach.

As a highlight, guests can once again look forward to the grand gala evening.

Markus Tipotsch: This evening will be a festive treat with delicious food. Musical delicacies and artistic acts add to the culinary delights. The atmosphere in the festively decorated marquee is unique every time. The entire holiday community of the valley literally sits together at one table on this evening, to celebrate the unique and long-standing bond between regular guests and their hosts, which is what makes it so special. It is much more than a thank-you, it is a warm and often very emotional expression of the deep friendship and mutual respect that unites all visitors in the marquee.

How are preparations going?

Markus Tipotsch: We are in the middle of the planning and prep work. Eager anticipation can already be felt throughout the valley. For the people in the Tux Valley, the Regular Guest Week is truly dear to their hearts. From holiday hosts to clubs and associations in the valley, as well as countless volunteer helpers, everyone is actively involved in organising and implementing the festival. The way everyone helps together is incredible, and worth its weight in gold. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved from the bottom of my heart.

What does the Regular Guest Week mean to you personally?

Markus Tipotsch: The Regular Guest Week is the manifestation of the deep friendship between guests and their hosts and thus a valuable asset that we protect and nurture. As the host for the Tux Valley as a whole, I am really looking forward to this week, because it celebrates the special relationship of the people in the valley with their guests. We simply feel this is the right way to express our thanks to our loyal guests.

Hiking tip: BergWaldWeg

A very special family hike at Penkenjoch for hikers, ski school children and skiers.

The BergWaldWeg high above Finkenberg is a special tip for the whole family. While grandma and grandpa enjoy the wonderful view of the mountain world on the cosy hiking trail, the athletes of the family are out and about on the surrounding slopes. Meanwhile, the skiing offspring are having fun in Pepi's Kinderland.

Hikers and skiers meet again and again in the ski area. At Penkenjoch, everyone enjoys the unique winter ambience together.



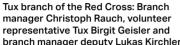
Skiing and winter hiking at Penkenjoch high above Finkenberg

BergWaldWeg

- Metres in altitude uphill: 225 m
- Route length: 5 km
- **Walking time / total:** 2:00 h

From the middle station of the Finkenberger Almbahnen cable car, the BergWald-Weg trail leads out of the valley with a few small climbs to the valley station of the Penken Kombibahn cable car. Ascent with the Kombibahn. From the top station, it's a leisurely walk to the Penkenjoch with the Garnet Chapel. The Finkenberger Almbahnen take you back to Finkenberg in a relaxed manner.







New Operations Centre

The Voluntary Fire Brigade and Red Cross have a new home in Tux-Vorderlanersbach.

ux had good reason to celebrate on 2nd September 2023. The new Operations Centre was ceremoniously opened in Tux-Vorderlanersbach in which members of the Tux voluntary Fire Brigade and Tux branch of the Red Cross are now housed in a modern and spacious base. Tux Fire Brigade is also celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Hintertux Fire Brigade was founded in 1980.

FIRE BRIGADE AND RESCUE.

The 120 firefighters and eight firewomen as well as the 30 youth firefighters moved into their new headquarters in June. 25 Red Cross volunteers and three full-time paramedics have also been stationed in the new operations centre since July. The volunteer members of the two emergency service organisations are an essential factor in ensuring the care and safety of the local population and guests

in the Tux Valley. The ambulance service is manned around the clock in Tux. Paramedics of the local Tux Branch are called out around 1,600 times every year. Tux Voluntary Fire Brigade receives around 70 to 100 callouts every year.

"In addition to fighting fires, our tasks include responding to storms, floods, mudslides, accidents, etc.," explains fire brigade commander Benjamin Stöckl.



"As part of the Regular Guest Week 2024, those interested can visit the new Tux Operations Centre," says fire brigade commander Benjamin Stöckl, who is looking forward to welcoming many visitors.

Game and Forest Protection

Winter sports enthusiasts can easily circumnavigate or avoid the nature conservation zones.

nspoilt nature, mesmerising winter landscapes and the ultimate deep snow experience! Opportunities for ski tours, snowshoe hikes and off-piste skiing are almost unlimited in Tux-Finkenberg. Some areas, however, are marked as game or forest conservation areas and should not be entered or skied in winter.

INFORMATION. Only small sections of the Tux Valley are designated as wildlife sanctuaries, reforestation and new growth areas. Information boards draw attention to these protected zones and provide information about the forest habitat. Signposts at ski slopes, ascent routes and hiking trails direct winter sports enthusiasts and recreation seekers to alternative paths and routes around the protected areas.



For Vitus Gredler (left) and Franz Geisler (right), harmonious coexistence is crucial. This way, everyone can enjoy their leisure activities whilst protecting nature at the same time.

WILDLIFE REFUGE ZONES.

"Wild animals survive the winter by retreating to sheltered locations, which they only leave at dusk to search for food," explains Vitus Gredler, a Tux-based hunter. Alpine ibex and chamois retreat to ridges and mountain crests, roe deer stay in the forest

and black grouse and ptarmigan dig snow hollows at the tree line. If winter sports enthusiasts or free-roaming dogs startle the animals in these places, they flee. Once the danger is over, they return to their refuges through the deep snow. Need for that they have a lot of energy. We can protect the animals by respecting the conservation zones, not leaving marked trails and keeping dogs on a leash," Vitus appeals.

FOREST RESERVES. Winter is also a tough time for the forest. "If the wild animals are able to rest, grazing on young trees is also minimised," Franz Geisler explains, pointing out natural correlations. Together with his colleague Michael Erler from Finkenberg, the forest ranger from Tux is responsible, among other things, for ensuring the forest in Tux-Finkenberg remains healthy and retains its protective function for the residential area, for example through reforestation. "The saplings require ten years to become fully established," explains Franz. Until then, the reforestation areas require protection, also from the sharp edges of skis and snowboards.

Snowshoeing



Snowshoeing — the perfect harmony of sport with nature. Experienced mountain guides will take you to the most breath-taking beauty spots the holiday region of Tux-Finkenberg has to offer — with no prior knowledge of the sport required. Tours are available in all levels of difficulty, affording everyone the joy of this unique experience. Equipment can of course be hired in the local sports shops of Tux-Finkenberg.

Ski tours

Unspoiled nature, and a breath taken winter landscape are the perfect scene for an unforgettable powder snow adventure! The possibilities for a splendid ski tour in the mountains of the Tuxertal are numerous. The mountain guides in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region will show you the most beautiful ski tours, give you tips for your own ventures and inform you about safety in the mountains.

Mountain guides

RocknSnow Alpine Guiding

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Mountain Sports Zillertal

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Uwe Eder

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Event highlights

Theater performance "Putzerfisch & Mammut" of the folk stage Finkenberg

01., **04.**, **08.**, **11.**, **18.** and **22.10.** 2023, from 20:15 hrs.; in the auditorium of the elementary school Finkenberg, Persal 225, advance ticket sales in the tourist office Tux-Finkenberg.

Hintertux Park Opening

6th - 8th October 2023

The Hintertux Park Opening has become an integral part of the season opener for the international snowboard community and a firm fixture of the first weekend in October for years. "Werni's Transfer Games", Kids Shred, Metal Battle, Alternative Rock live concert, etc.; www.hintertuxparkopening.com

Schwindelfrei presents: SEINERZEIT – Tuxer Tanzlmusik from Bygone Days

Saturday, 14th October 2023, 20.30 hrs., Tux-Center, Tux-Lanersbach 401

Törggelen on the Mountain 3.0

Saturday, 14th October 2023, 15.45 hrs.

with Hocus Pocus - Penkentenne, Penken 628, Finkenberg

Theater performance "Der etwas andere Krimi" of the Volksbühne Tux

Saturday, 21.10. and **Wednesday, 25.10.2023 from 20:00 hrs.** at the Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach 401, advance ticket sale at the tourist office Tux-Finkenberg.

Freeheeler European Opening

1st – 3rd December 2023 at the Hintertux Glacier, with workshops, technique training, ski tests and much more; www.freeheeler.eu

Finkenberg in a Festive Mood

Friday, 1st December 2023, 15.00 hrs.

Music pavilion at the church, Dorf 133, idyllic Christmas market, festive musical atmosphere with Finkenberg's brass band.

Tuxer Family Advent

Sunday, 3rd December 2023, 14.30 hrs. Tux-Lanersbach village square, Advent farmers' market, woodcarving demonstrations, St. Nicholas procession and Krampusse



Pre-New Year's Eve Party for Children

Friday, 29th December 2023, 13.00 - 17.00 hrs. at the ice-skating rink in Tux-Lanersbach 394

Pre-New Year's Eve Torch Run in Finkenberg

Saturday, 30th December 2023, 17.00 hrs.

Procession with torches, musical accompaniment by Finkenberg's brass band, pre-New Year's Eve party at the festival site with stunning fireworks.

Carnival Party for Children

Tuesday, 13th February 2024, 13.00 – 17.00 hrs. at the ice-skating rink in Tux-Lanersbach 394

Traditional Puppet Show

Tuesday, 26th March 2024, 16.00 - 17.00 hrs.

in the Tux Center, Tux-Lanersbach 401

DJ Ötzi Gipfeltour

The biggest open-air party in the Alps is returning to Tux.





Information provided by the organisers at the time of going to press on 11th September 2023 is not guaranteed to be correct! Dates are subject to change or cancellation! The current calendar of events can be found online: tux.at/events/events

More than 15.250 regular guests!

A big thank you to all regular guests for their loyalty and friendship.



egular guests are greatly appreciated in the holiday domicile of Tux-Finkenberg. In the past twelve months (as of Sept. 2023) we were able to honour around 700 regular guests in Tux-Finkenberg. There were even two "hundredth visit" award winners! In total, 15,250 regular guests from all over the world have already been ho-

noured in Tux-Finkenberg. There is probably no other region where regular guests are looked after so attentively.

HONOURING REGULAR GUESTS.

We are often asked in the tourism association how to become a regular guest: Most accommodation providers know how often you have stayed with them

and can register you for the regular guest award after your 10th visit. This takes place every Thursday in the Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach. Regular guests are honoured by a board member of the tourism association or representative from the municipality in a festive setting with traditional music accompaniment.

"G'schichten & G'sichter" at Mehlerhaus

n the current exhibition "G'schichten & G'sichter" (Tales and Fables) in the Mehlerhaus in Madseit, the history of Tux and the many faces associated with it are displayed in a variety of ways. Whether in the form of a timeline from the Stone Age to the present day, or in the development of tourism, or film sequences, or pictures of striking personalities, or in curious stories. Funny anecdotes in texts or audio files make



the stories audible and tangible with the help of a mobile phone and headphones. Mehlerhaus is open from 29.12.2023 to 05.04.2024 every Friday afternoon from 13.00 to 18.00 hrs.

The popular Mehlerhaus market with regional products will take place on 29.12.2023, 05.01; 19.01, 02.02; 16.02; 01.03; 15.03 and 05.04.2024 each from 15.00 to 17.00.



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