



## Take the new glacier tour

Cave hike, fabulous food and a snowcat ride - experience three highlights in one day!

**N**o matter whether you are a skier or a pedestrian, you can experience three glacier highlights in one day on the new glacier tour! Meeting point is at 12.00 noon at the Spannagel Caves, directly adjacent to Spannagelhaus. After dressing and initial instructions, the first glacier highlight starts in the company of a trained cave guide: the approx. one-hour tour through Spannagel Cave, the only marble cave in the Central Alps. After just a few steps you will find yourself inside the cave, directly beneath the ski slopes.



Visiting the Spannagel Cave is a truly memorable experience

haus, where the legendary fiery Spannagel fondue awaits guests of this tour. Mere moments after emerging from the underground cave system, it's time to enjoy the unique panorama. As dessert - and how could it be otherwise - a marbled cake made to grandma's recipe is served in the style of the marble cave. A 600 hp Pistenbully then pulls up at Spannagelhaus at around 16.00 hrs. The snowcat ride to Tuxer Fernerhaus provides the crowning finale of this glacier tour. Marble, stone & iron may wear thin, but the memory of this day in the Zillertal in Tyrol certainly won't! For more detailed information about this tour, please visit [www.hintertuxergletscher.at](http://www.hintertuxergletscher.at)

**FIERY FONDUE.** Nach der cave tour, the table is already set in the Spannagel-

### Tourist Board Information



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

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### Good food

There are more than 30 ski huts and over 50 restaurants to choose from in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region, where every taste and preference is catered for. In the Tux Valley, we place great emphasis on the use of local products, natural foods and regional produce in our cuisine. The freshly prepared Zillertal delicacies such as "Kaspessknödel" (cheese dumpling), "Gröstl" (sautéed potatoes with meat, onion and a fried egg), "Käsespätzle" (cheese pasta), "Brettljause" (mixed cold platter), "Kaiserschmarren" (sweet, chopped pancake), taste particularly delicious. TIP: enjoy local specialties whilst "gliding" through the unique glacier scenery at the gondola breakfast, or „Brettljause" gondola.

## Welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

Looking forward to winter!

Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

After a wonderful summer in the Tux Mountains with lots of sunshine and pleasant temperatures for hiking, the holiday domicile of Tux-Finkenberg is now ready for the coming winter. We have new features again, to ensure that your winter holiday in Tux-Finkenberg will be relaxing and unique. Innovations such as the Tux sports bus, which already has a proven track record of 50 years, will also be further improved. I am particularly pleased that four energy-efficient electric buses will start regular

service in Tux this winter. Our dedicated holiday hosts have also given a lot of thought and worked extensively on improving quality standards, in order to make the most beautiful time of the year as pleasant as possible for you, dear Regular Guests. What never changes, however, is the 100% snow guarantee, the comprehensive range of slopes including breathtaking views of the Zillertal Alps and, of course, the variety of sports and entertainment on offer. I very much look forward to welcoming you back your wintry Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile again this year.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc, Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely,

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**Ski and snow-boarding schools**



The ski schools offer **group courses** for adults and children at all levels of ability – from beginners through to competition training. With a **private instructor**, you can make your day to your personal taste. Regardless of your ability – your personal instructor will find the right exercises for you.

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# A ski course 90 years ago

In 1932 a ski course was still a real adventure, with the great outdoors taking centre stage

**9**0 years ago, Austria's first tabloid newspaper, "Die Stunde", ran an exclusive report about a ski course in Lanersbach for a group from Vienna.

**ABOUT THE „FECHSUNG“.** In the 1920s and 1930s, skiing, as well as all other mountain sports, became very popular - and having a tan wasn't frowned upon, but considered proof of a healthy lifestyle. It was thought that the best thing to do was to sunbathe naked in the snow-covered mountains, people considered suffering from temporary sunburn to be acceptable, and the robust tan that they got was called the "Fechsung".

**ORIGINAL REPORT.** Lanersbach, 23rd March 1932: Ideal weather, ideal snow and a great atmosphere...



When there were no ski lifts, all of the skiers were required to ascend the slopes first.

Yesterday, in honour of the freshly fallen snow, a general exercise day was held. The touring skiers, that is the elite group, were assigned one of the steep slopes, part of the Lizum slalom course, and practiced "Christiana turns" (turns with closed skiing position, note) with the purest Arlberg "Fechsung" tan.

The intermediate group did the same, but on easier terrain, and since yesterday, the beginners aren't beginners any more: They completed an easy tour, on which they demonstrated remarkable confidence on their skis. The students and instructors were mutually enthusiastic about each other.

We are completely satisfied with our accommodation and the catering. The fine powder snow that the sky gave us yesterday has been joined by the sun today; the sky is a picture-postcard blue.

We have no idea what is going on in the world; the newspapers only arrive here two or three days after they go on sale. Nobody is asking what's happening beyond the mountains, though, as for the time being we are only interested in the kind of wax we are using, the kind of tour we are doing, and whether it will be sunny or snowy...

These and many other TuXa stories can be found in the TuX Alpine book 'Di TuXa' by Gerald Aichner, considered by Prof. Peter Habeler to be a "superb, monumental work".

More at [www.gerald-aichner.at](http://www.gerald-aichner.at). Available at Tyrolia in Mayrhofen

# Skiing schools *then and now*

In the past, the focus was on the shared experience, now the emphasis is on individual instruction

**D**as Ski instruction has undergone a fundamental change during the past few decades. Alois Kreidl still remembers when he started as a ski instructor in 1954: "It is difficult to imagine nowadays how modest and quaint it all was back then. There was only one drag lift and one sledge lift. To warm up, the ski instructors made tea for their pupils."

**PRIVATE LESSONS.** Reinhard Wechselberger took over his father's skiing school in 1978. "As a ski instructor, everything was different back then. For many tourists this was the first time they had skis on, and they were beginners. The skiing groups were much bigger than they are now. In the evenings you went out together as the group.

Today, guests go on holiday several times a year, often between three and four days or so. They want to learn and experience a lot in this time. "Après-ski no longer plays a role for the ski instruc-

tors. After the course, the guests go to their wellness hotel and enjoy the leisure activities there", says Simon Egger of the Tyrolean Ski Instructor Association.



Simon Egger, Tyrolean Ski Instructor Association.

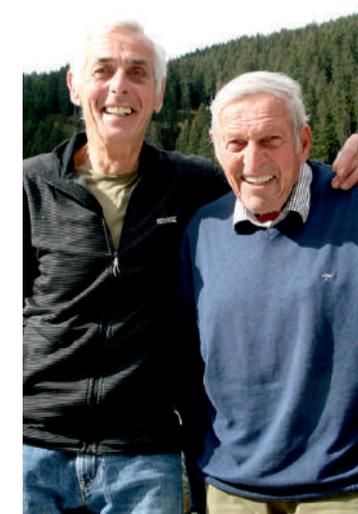
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**CHILDREN'S COURSES.** Adult groups are a rarity now, most people want individual instruction. 70% of the skiing pupils are children and young people. In the past, parents used to drop their children off

at the skiing courses for a few hours, now people expect full-day care, including lunch at the children's restaurant. Each skiing area has its own children's theme park.

The ski instructors cater to the individual wishes of the families. "While the eight-year-old child is attending a skiing course for beginners, the fifteen-year-old is receiving snowboarding instruction on a different course, the father is on a ski tour with a ski instructor and the mother is learning cross-country", explains Simon Egger.

**TOP TRAINING.** "The guests expect the highest quality and greatest degree of safety and that is what they get from us", Egger makes plain. Tyrol is a global leader in the training of ski instructors. Ski instructors also advise the guests in the choice of equipment. If a guest wants to go on a ski tour, for example, the ski instructor also makes sure that the necessary safety equipment is taken along.



Reinhard Wechselberger and Alois Kreidl played a part in establishing of ski schools in the region.

The equipment is much better now and the level of comfort is far higher than it used to be, but Alois and Reinhard still like to recall the good old days: "We always had fun and we also experienced a lot; you can't tell all of the stories now any more".



The new "Lärmstange 1" 6-seater chairlift offers state-of-the-art comfort.

# New and delightful Innovations *at the glacier*

Hintertux Glacier with a new chairlift and sustainable energy for snow groomers

**NEW CHAIRLIFT.** A 6-seater chairlift (detachable chairlift) with weather protection („bubble“) hoods from the Doppelmayr company will open in December to replace the 2-seater Lärmstange 1 chairlift built in 1978. To commemorate the former double chairlift, all its seats were sold in September 2021, which now grace the gardens and homes of many regular guests.

**NEW RESERVOIR.** The new „Keesboden“ reservoir with a storage volume of 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> was built at the foot of the Lärmstange 1 valley station, which now ensures reliable snow supply around the Lärmstange area. As in 2008 with the Rastkogel reservoir, the nature-friendly and sustainable construction method is particularly noteworthy. For example, only natural melt water from the local area is used to fill the reservoir in spring.

**NEW MOUNTAIN FOREST TRAIL.** As winter hiking is “on-trend“ and also offers an excellent opportunity to feel the delights of winter, Finkenberger Almbahnen, in cooperation with the Mayrhofner Bergbahnen cable car co., built



Since many regular guests have fond memories of the Lärmstange 1 chairlift, all the chairs were picked up in just one day in September 2021.

a new winter hiking trail - the “BergWaldWeg - Mountain Forest Trail“ and now offer a corresponding pedestrian pass - the Penkenjoch Loop Hike Ticket. This ticket offers maximum flexibility, allowing walkers to use four cable cars in one day.

For example, you can take the Finkenberger Almbahnen up to the middle station. Take the new BergWaldWeg trail through the snow-covered winter landscape to Penkenbahn mountain station, from where you can take the combi-lift up the moun-

tain. The trail then leads back to Penkenjoch, past the Garnet Chapel. Once you reach 2,095 m, you can take the Finkenberger Almbahnen panoramic gondola back down to the valley.

**PILOT PROJECT.** Der Economical use of resources has always been important to the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn in all its undertakings. However, previous experiments with battery and hydrogen-powered piste equipment were not very successful. For this reason, a

new pilot project is being launched on the Hintertux glacier this winter, namely the use of a snow groomer powered by eFuel. eFuel is a synthetically produced liquid fuel that is made from hydrogen. The energy required for its generation is derived from wind and solar plants  
[www.hintertuxergletscher.at](http://www.hintertuxergletscher.at)

## Events

**Kölsche (Cologne) Winter Week**  
25.03.-01.04.2023

**Kölsche (Cologne) Easter Week**  
09.04.-15.04.2023

The Rhineland region's winter spectacle in Hintertux! True to the motto „Cologne meets Zillertal“, you can listen to popular Kölsche or Zillertal music every single day. Cologne dance groups add to the unique atmosphere during these wonderful weeks.  
Programme 2023:  
[www.koelsche-woche.de](http://www.koelsche-woche.de)

**03.03. – 07.04.2023**

Let's go on an Easter egg hunt in the snow with a family prize draw. The Glacier Easter Bunny will again hide giant Easter eggs throughout the ski area with riddles to solve.

## Webcam and daily weather panorama



How do you make the eager anticipation of your next holiday in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile even greater? By checking out current conditions in the Tux Valley, for example on [www.tux.at/webcam](http://www.tux.at/webcam), of course! The nine live webcams feature different perspectives of the area and are the most popular links on the Tux-Finkenberg tourism association homepage. You can also take a look into the Tux Valley every day via the TV weather panorama:

- ➔ ORF 2: Weather panorama daily 06.00-09.00 hrs (and during the weather show 12.48 and 12.58 hrs).
- ➔ ORF III: weather/Info daily 07.00-09.00 hrs
- ➔ 3sat: daily 07.30-09.00 hrs
- ➔ BR: tdaily 3 x between 07.30 und 09.30 hrs
- ➔ Munich TV: 07.45-08.30 hrs
- ➔ Canvas: daily 12.30 and 13.00 hrs



## Tux Ice Age

There is a lot of fun to be had on the 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> natural ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach! Whether you yourself venture out onto the ice or would rather watch from the edge, variety is guaranteed!

You can also have a merry and entertaining time off-piste with “broom and stone“, curling on the four curling sheets.

A tip: the finishing water has been seen to!

**Opening times:** approx. middle of December to approx. end of February, 3.00 – 10.00 pm, closed Mondays!  
**Reservations:** Tel. +43 (0)5287 87385

**Fun-highlights for the family**

**FUNSLOPE HINTERTUX**  
Dynamic banked turns, snow waves and two gigantic Fun Twisters made of snow – this and much more awaits at Funslope Hintertux in the Sommerbergalm winter ski area.

**KIDSSLOPE HINTERTUX**  
Kidsslope Hintertux is located in the Sommerbergalm winter ski area. High five with giant hands, jet through the big snow tunnel, into the next steep curve and further over snow waves - family skiing fun is guaranteed here.



**FLOHPARK HINTERTUX**  
Flohpark Hintertux is located near the last section of the “Schwarze Pfanne” valley run, where children, beginners and returnees to the sport can develop a feeling for the “planks that mean the world”. Luis the glacier mascot provides welcome assistance with conveyor belts, beginner’s lifts and carousels.

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

**KIDSSLOPE RASTKOGEL**  
Kidsslope Rastkogel is a special attraction for the youngest winter sports enthusiasts. Together with “Luis” the glacier bug, you will go on a journey of discovery through snow tunnels, steep curves and over snow waves.

**PEPI'S CHILDREN'S AREA AT PENKENJOCH**  
Pepi's children's area at Penkenjoch is home to “bear-sized” antics, in keeping with the motto: learn how to ski and enjoy all sorts of fun. Children can make their first playful attempts on skis there, 2,095 metres above sea level.

# 50 years of sustainable mobility *in the region*

Four electric buses will commence operations in the Tux-Finkenberg glacier region in 2023

**A** new era is dawning for Tux sports buses on the occasion of their 50th anniversary - from January 2023, four emission-free MAN e-buses will be used for passenger transport all year round in the Tux-Finkenberg glacier region.

**50 YEARS IN SERVICE.** When the four E-buses come into service in January 2023, it will be exactly 50 years since the first „free sports bus“ went into operation in the Tux-Finkenberg glacier region. Back then, this was a completely new amenity, with only very few destinations offering a similar service to guests and locals. Since 1973, these buses have completed some 8,000,000 kilometres and transported around 65,000,000 passengers, resulting in enormous emission savings.

**ZERO EMISSIONS.** A further step is now being taken in the quest towards zero emissions. From January 2023, four e-buses will be used on the route between Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Hintertux, as they continue to take guests and locals to their destinations free of charge. The battery-powered vehicles will be supplied with future-oriented, environmentally friendly, renewable energy and thus replace around 122,500 litres of environmentally harmful fossil diesel fuel otherwise required to cover a total of 281,234 kilometres per year. The estimated CO<sub>2</sub>



The Tux sports buses are very popular with guests.

saving is no less than 324,190 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per year. In this context, the entire electrical charging infrastructure, including all necessary technical and safety-related equipment, will be completely rebuilt. But not only is the environment protected, these e-buses also offer a more spacious and, above all, quieter environment for passengers. „People in the Tux-Finkenberg region are proud of the fact

that mobility will be even more sustainable and environmentally friendly way in future. Being part of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park, this is also a special concern for the region,” says Markus Tipotsch, chairman of the Tux-Finkenberg Tourism Association. **COLLABORATION.** Andreas Kröll, Managing Director of Christophorus Reiseveranstaltungen GmbH emphasises: „The close

and long-standing collaboration between the Tux-Finkenberg Tourism Association and Christophorus Busbetriebs GmbH is what makes innovative projects like this possible in the first place. As a local company, the sensitive natural environment is naturally of great concern to us. That is why we have been implementing projects that contribute to the sustainable development of mobility for many years now.“



The Tux sports buses have been on the road in the Tuxteral for 50 years.



The Nightliner buses are also very well received.

# State-of-the-art technology saves energy

MAN electric buses can travel over 220 kilometres without recharging

Lars Heydecke, Head of Sales at MAN Truck & Bus, knows all about the technical background and major challenge that previous pilot projects failed to overcome: „The challenges posed by the topography in this region have now become part of the solution. Thanks to extremely efficient recuperation, i.e. by recovering energy when driving downhill, the average daily distance of 220 kilometres can be covered without having to charge in the interim.”

Heinrich Degenhart, training manager at MAN ProfiDrive adds: „Whereas with diesel engines, in order to save fuel, braking is avoided as far as possible through a smooth and anticipatory driving style, the reverse now applies: you now decelerate with the accelerator pedal, in order to recover energy through recuperation.“



MAN electric buses boast of impressive efficiency and an extensive operating range.

**CO<sub>2</sub>-NEUTRAL FUTURE.** „The use of electric buses in the Tux-Finkenberg region is an important step in attaining the project of the century's goal

of making the upper tributary valleys car- and emission-free,” says Willi Seifert, Managing

Director of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park. This would ultimately mean a CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral visit for

all users to these unique excursion destinations in the Zillertal Valley.

## Book your holiday online at [www.tux.at](http://www.tux.at)

Book directly with your host

In recent years, the trend of quick direct booking on the internet has become clearly established. Above all, booking directly with your regular accommodation provider in Tux-Finkenberg at [www.tux.at](http://www.tux.at) under „Search & Book“ is the simplest and most personal option compared to other booking platforms, where direct contact with the landlord for queries about the reservation is completely impossible. Long waits in hotline queues for questions or changes to the reservation are commonplace.

Why complicate things when they can be simple? You will find a clear selection of quality hotels, guesthouses, bed and breakfasts and charming holiday apartments in your holiday de-



stination of Tux-Finkenberg at <https://www.tux.at/suchen-buchen/accomodation>. This way you can book comfortably and relaxed from home online and at the lowest price (commission-free). Even in these digital times, every landlord is personally available and looks forward to hearing from you, should you have any questions or seek to make changes to your booking! Info: [www.tux.at](http://www.tux.at)



## Digital guest registration with PreCheckIn

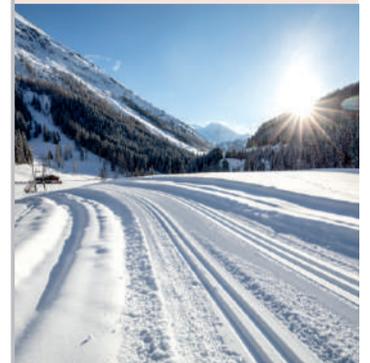
More time for your holiday - check-in from home

Enjoy your holiday to the fullest from the moment you arrive - how? Arrive, settle into your accommodation and start relaxing straight away. We have the perfect thing for you - skip the hassle of filling out registration forms by using your hotel's digital PreChe-

ckIn! Enter all relevant guest registration data comfortably at home, or even easier: scan your passport and sign it digitally.

This service is offered by many accommodation providers in Tux-Finkenberg, just ask your hosts!

## Luggi-Gredler cross-country ski trail



The Luggi-Gredler-Cross-Country Ski Trail leads alongside Tuxbach River and offers both scenic and sporting highlights. The 14 km long trail is suitable for both pleasure skiers and ambitious cross-country ski enthusiasts. Beginners will feel most at ease on the flat loops in Tux-Vorderlandersbach and Madseit. The trail also offers sporting challenges with its sharp climbs and speedy downhill sections. It is entirely up to you whether you ski in classic style or skating technique.

## Floodlit to boggan runs



Visitors have the opportunity to whizz down to the Tux Valley on three toboggan runs. A three-kilometre-long, floodlit run offers the finest tobogganing fun from Bichlalm in Hintertux. Sledding fans can also look forward to the Höllenstein Hut in Lanersbach, with its four-kilometre-long, floodlit run. Another five-kilometre-long, floodlit run can also be found at the Grieralm in Juns.

„Rodeltaxis“ (toboggan taxis) are available to all tobogganers who prefer whizzing down to walking up.

## Winter hiking in the Tux Valley



You can recharge flagging energy levels along the 68 kilometres of cleared winter hiking trails around Tux and Finkenberg, savour the silence of nature and listen to the snow crunching beneath your boots. Rustic mountain huts and panorama restaurants with Zillertal specialties await to reward you for your exertions.

## The most beautiful hiking tours



### SOMMERBERG:

From Hintertux, you can take the 8-person Sommerberg gondola or Gletscherbus 1 lift through a veritable winter wonderland to Sommerberg. Even during the gondola ride, the view over the Tux Valley is impressive. Once at the top, it takes around 2 hours to walk along the groomed trail back to Hintertux via Bichlalm. (It is imperative that avalanche danger warning signs are observed!)

### EGGALM:

An idyllic winter hiking trail from the Eggalm mountain station to Lanersbach invites you to discover the natural landscapes.

### FINKENBERG-ASTEKG:

From the church, walk along the access road, then turn left uphill on trail no. 25 to the hamlet of Stein. From here you walk mostly along the road to Astegg and return via the Penken-Naudis connecting path.



Stephanie Brunner specialises in slalom and giant slalom.



The Eggalm descent offers everything that skiers like.

# “The Lattenalm slope is my favourite piste”

Stephanie Brunner, ski racer from Tux, gives tips for more fun when skiing

**S**ki racer Stephanie Brunner has been a member of the national team of the Austrian Ski Federation since 2017. The 28-year-old native of Tux specialises in the technical disciplines of giant slalom and slalom.

**FERIENBLICK:** What is your favourite piste?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** I most like skiing the Lattenalm slope in the ski area of Tux/Eggalm.

**FERIENBLICK:** What is your relationship to this ski area? What is so special about this piste?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** I come from Tux and grew up next to the descent into the valley. I have lots of memories of Eggalm. I already raced there as

a child. I learned and experienced a lot here. The piste is very varied; it has steep parts, flat parts, everything you could wish for. You can practice every kind of skiing technique there.

**FERIENBLICK:** What tips and tricks do you have for us normal skiers for the start of the season?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** It is important to always warm up well before you start. This minimises the risk of injury. It is better not to start off at 100% straight away, but to take it easy at first and then gradually step it up.

**FERIENBLICK:** What tips do you have on equipment?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** Above all, the ski boot has to fit 100%.

Lots of people have a problem with this. Many people believe that you have to choose a pair that is particularly tight or particularly wide. But this is not true. As a rule of thumb you can say that you should take the same shoe size as with sneakers. It's necessary to try them on carefully, it really does pay off. When choosing skis, you should rely on the advice of the salesperson or renter. They are all very competent and know exactly which ski is the right one for which person.

**FERIENBLICK:** What tips do you have on skiing technique?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** It is important to stand centrally on the ski. If you lean too far

back, which can incidentally often be observed in other skiers on the piste, turns require much more effort and it is easier to lose control over the ski. With a position on the centre and in the middle, you can steer the ski well and that is also best for making turns.

**FERIENBLICK:** Do you have any other piece of advice for us?

**STEPHANIE BRUNNER:** Nach After skiing, people like to stay together for a while and maybe have a drink. I mean, it is okay to have fun, of course, but after the après ski you really shouldn't ski down. The risk of injury is too high, it's not worth it.

[www.stephanie-brunner.at](http://www.stephanie-brunner.at)

## Games in the Playarena

1.200 m<sup>2</sup> indoor and outdoor play park with childcare in Tux-Vorderlanersbach

**W**ith Playarena, the Tux family specialists have created a first-class indoor playground of some 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>, a fantastic attraction for our smaller guests to the Tux valley. A major highlight of the Playarena is the age-appropriate supervision for children aged 0 to 16 years. Kids and teens are kept fully occupied with the varied adventure and animation programme from MON to FRI, meaning that parents can also enjoy a tho-

roughly relaxed winter holiday. Playarena highlights include the huge soft play area, trampoline and exercise park, climbing wall, high-ropes course, multi-ball-wall, as well as a cinema and multi-media zone.

Every Saturday the Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach is open to all children in the holiday region from 13.00 to 18.00 hrs. Registration form online at:

[www.playarena.at](http://www.playarena.at)



# The magic of colour and light

Stained glass artist, Peter Sporer, is known far beyond the borders of his home parish of Finkenberg

**W**e have all experienced it: we step into a church and the room lights up, because the sun shines through coloured windows and creates a magical atmosphere. Finkenberg artist Peter Sporer is a master of the ancient art of stained glass and has created many works of art in his lifetime. Artistic talent runs in Peter Sporer's family. His grandfather was a sculptor, his father a woodcarver. He learned his trade at the glass art academy in Kramsach, then spent 19 years as a designer and glass painter at a company in Kramsach. He is a teacher at the glass school and chairman of the examination board. „Unfortunately, there are fewer and fewer young people learning this profession.“ It is also becoming increasingly difficult to order glass and colours in small quantities. „There are fewer and fewer small glassworks, most companies are geared to larger quantities. Cheap mass-produced goods are displacing authentic handicraft.“

**UNIQUE ART.** Work, however, will never run out for old masters like Sporer. He has decorated many sacred buildings with stained glass, such as the Chapel of Rest in Finkenberg. Many hotels present their loyal regular guests with commemorative glasses adorned with a personal message painted by Sporer. A portrait painted on a beautiful



Peter Sporer's works of art impress with their variety of colours and shapes.

glass vase makes an exquisite memento. Only recently, he recreated the image of some newlyweds on a glass with the help of a photo. „It's a surprise for the young couple.“ He has received many awards and prizes for his artwork and activities.

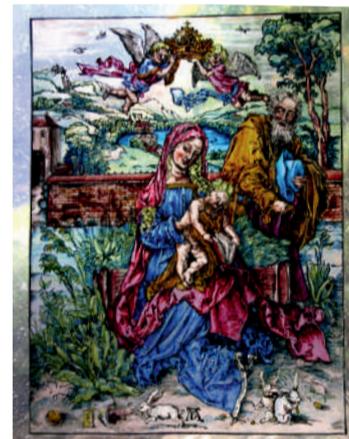
**LOVE OF HOME.** Sporer is also an avid alpinist. „I am often in the mountains and have

climbed many peaks in the region together with friends.“ His passion, however, has also taken him to the Himalayas, Pakistan and Tibet. „That's how I keep fit.“ Peter Sporer's love of art also characterises him beyond the world of glass painting. Singing and amateur dramatics are further hobbies.

Sporer has always been involved in the cultural life of his

community. He was chairman of the church choir and parish council and is director of the local amateur dramatics society, where he is also responsible for stage design. Sporer has also designed house facades and picture books.

Even at the age of 75, Sporer still has no plans to stop. „As long as I am still in good shape, I will continue.“



The effect of the works of art is created by the light shining through.

## Tux "Zelten" Fruit Bread



For many people in Tyrol, Zelten fruit loaf is the most important festive pastry at Christmas time and is baked with much joy and affection. The ingredients (dried fruits, nuts, spices) are quite different from region to region. During the festive season, this delicious fruit bread is an integral part of every get-together.

### Recipe Tuxer Zelten

**Ingredients for the dough:**  
 1/2 kg rye flour  
 1/2 kg wheat bread flour  
 100 g wheat flour  
 2 teaspoons cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon clove powder  
 1/2 teaspoon allspice (new spice)  
 2 packets yeast  
 salt, milk, water and sugar for the starter mix  
 lukewarm water for mixing

**Ingredients for the filling:**  
 1 1/2 kg sultanas  
 100 g pine nuts  
 100 g walnuts  
 100 g peeled almonds  
 100 g hazelnuts (roast in the oven, then rub in a cloth to loosen the skin)  
 50 g arancini, 50 g candied lemon peel, orange peel  
 a generous 1/8 l rum

### Method:

Wash the sultanas, squeeze firmly, mix with the other ingredients (except nuts) and leave covered in a warm place overnight. Mix dough ingredients well, knead and leave to rise for around 1/4 to 1/2 hour. Fill dough with the fruit mix in a loaf form, brush with warm water and top with shelled almonds. Allow to rise again for 1/4 hour and bake to 200° for around 45 minutes. After removing from oven, brush immediately with sugar water or butter to give the zelten a nice sheen.

Those who don't have time to bake themselves, can order their Tuxer Zelten from the Dorfbäckerei Stock Village Bakers in Tux-Lanersbach 476. [www.breze.at](http://www.breze.at)

## "Rach'n" (smudging) – is an ancient tradition at Christmas time

Many customs and traditions are observed during the period from Christmas to Epiphany in the Tux mountains, ones still maintained to this day. These include "smudging", which is a peaceful and very personal ritual, held in the presence of close family. This ancient protective ritual follows an exact sequence and is only carried out on the three so-called "smoke" nights, on Christmas Eve, 31st December and 5th January. Passing through the rooms with burning incense is supposed to keep demons and disasters at bay from house and home, while prayers are recited to bring happiness and good health for all living beings under its roof.

This well-established rite is passed on from one generation to the next: glowing embers from the wood-burning oven are put into a little pan, to which consecrated incense is added. As soon as the incense warms, a wonderful scent pervades the air. The whole family walks with this smoking pan and a vase of holy water through all the rooms of the house whilst praying. The father or mother of the house leads the way, waving the smoke-filled pan to spread smoke in all corners of the house. Other members of the family splash holy water in every room. After the residential house is finished, they go on to repeat the ritual in the outbuildings.



## Events 2022/23

### ADVENT MARKET AT MEHLERHAUS

26.11.2022, 13.00–18.00 hrs

Enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit. The Advent market at Mehlerhaus in Madseit features local products, handicrafts and Christmas decorations from the Kröll company.

### TUX ADVENT IN TUX-LANERSBACH

27.11.2022, from 14.30 hrs

The annual Tux Advent for families takes place on the first Sunday in Advent on the village square in Tux-Lanersbach. You see, it's not long now before the baby Jesus and St. Nicholas season arrives! Christmas like it used to be hardly exists anymore, but it is still very much alive in Tux-Finkenberg! Festively decorated market stalls offer biscuits, mulled wine, punch, chestnuts, sweet bread, local delicacies, as well as tea or coffee. Visitors can take a piece of Advent home with them in the form of an Advent wreath, Christmas decorations, homemade biscuits or "Doggl'n" felt slippers. St. Nicholas and his entourage then enter the village as dusk falls.

### TUX FARMERS' CHRISTMAS MARKET IN HINTERTUX

03.12., 10.12. and 17.12.2022, at 16.00–19.00 hrs respectively

The festive Christmas market at the Klausnerhof in Hintertux will delight all those who enjoy sweet treats and great food. Our farmers offer homemade delicacies such as Tyrolean bacon, cheese, jams and liqueurs at the market stalls. Lovingly baked biscuits, mulled wine, punch and children's punch get you in the mood for the most wonderful time of the year, and the music is also all in keeping with the romantic Tyrolean Advent season.

### TUXER MÄCHT AT THE MEHLERHAUS

06.01., 20.01., 03.02., 17.02., 03.03., 17.03., 07.04., 14.04.2023 at 15:00–17:00 hrs respectively

The Farmers' Market in the 400-year-old Mehlerhaus in Madseit is a very special event. In addition to the exhibition, fresh products from local farmers are available, as well as traditional handicrafts. Products on offer: cheese, bread, honey, bacon, sausages, eggs, jams, soaps, handicrafts and much more.

### "GIZIGI - SUMMIT MEETING OF THE ZILLERTAL GIANTS"

every Friday, 30.12.2022 - 14.04.2023, from 13.00-18.00 hrs.

An artistic exhibition featuring the mountain landscape and natural treasures of the Zillertal Alps with works in spatula technique by local artist Josef Wartelsteiner in the Mehlerhaus.

**All events can be found at [www.tux.at/events](http://www.tux.at/events)**

Event highlights and weekly events are often marked in bold in the holiday calendar. Because when people get together in Tux-Finkenberg to sing, make music and enjoy themselves, it is so much more than just a leisure programme - it is celebrated tradition and custom. The Tux Valley is cheerful, contemplative and diverse in winter.

## Five special *anniversaries in the Tux Valley*

Loyal regular guests were honoured again recently



For 80 and 100 stays in their favourite holiday domicile: Angelika and Joachim Kohl



For 110 stays in his favourite holiday domicile: Heinrich Schaumberger



For 70 stays in their holiday domicile: Maria and Peter Bellefroid



for 50 and 70 stays in their favourite holiday domicile: Ulrike (Uschi) and Klaus Kirsten



for 90 and 100 stays in their favourite holiday domicile: Franz and Charlotte Lackner

Numerous round anniversaries were celebrated again in Tux-Finkenberg, including these five particularly high awards. Wide smiles and joyful hugs are testimony to the deep friendship shared between guests and their hosts. The entire holiday region would like to thank the celebrated guests, as well as the many loyal regular guests and friends for their abiding commitment to the Tux Valley.

## Friendship that gets under your skin

The Petra and Günter Leng family with their two grown-up children Leonie and Felix regularly enjoy holidays (over 60 times) in Madseit at the Jenneweinhof, be it during spring skiing or at the Almabtrieb cattle drive celebrations in Hintertux at the end of September. As a token of her affection for the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile, Leonie has had the panorama of the Olperer and Kaserer peaks tattooed on her right forearm. You can admire the panorama yourself from the terrace of the Bichlalm, above Hintertux.



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Surprise your loved ones with a little piece of Tux-Finkenberg! Perhaps with a gift voucher for your family, friends or acquaintances? Shop to your heart's content in all Tux and Finkenberg businesses, or enjoy a pleasant evening in one of the many excellent restaurants.

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