



Back to nature!

Tux-Finkenberg is the home of winter – with a one hundred percent snow guarantee.

Snow-capped mountains, forests swathed in deep snow, pristine slopes and a distinctive winter landscape - the high valley with its villages of Finkenberg, Tux and Hintertux with the Hintertux Glacier is every winter-lover's dream and guarantees countless winter adventures.



Winter in the Tux Valley: thanks to optimal altitudes of 850 to 3,250 m, snow is guaranteed one hundred percent from October through to May!

SKI DREAM. Ski- & Glacier World Zillertal 3000 is indisputably a ski region of superlatives, with 202 km of slopes and 66 state of the art lift systems. At the Hintertux Glacier, Austria's only year-round ski resort, winter sports enthusiasts can enjoy 60 kilometres of perfectly groomed powder snow slopes, ultra-modern cable cars and excel-

lent restaurants. Breathtaking views of the surrounding three-thousand-metre-high peaks and distinctive Mount Olperer from the Panorama Terrace at 3,250 metres above sea level are sim-

ply unique. The Funslope and Kidslope Hintertux at Sommerberg offer ski fun for the whole family, where skiers of every ability enjoy the specially developed elements of these courses.

WINTER ACTIVITIES. Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile has plenty to offer away from the regular slopes, with 28 km of cross-country ski trails, a natural ice skating and curling rink and three floodlit toboggan runs, where quaint eateries at the Höllensteinhütte, Grieralm and Bichlalm add an extra dash of sociable fun to your holiday. Hikers are invigorated by the fresh and clear winter air during leisurely walks through the snow-covered winter landscape along 68 km of cleared winter hiking paths in the valley. Distance yourself from the daily grind with every single step - that is pure winter happiness in Tux-Finkenberg. ■

Tourist Board Information



The team of the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Office is always happy to help the valley's guests. From finding accommodation to holiday planning or leisure activities - the entire team is glad to provide helpful advice in the information offices of the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Office.

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Welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

**Look forward
to winter!**

Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

When the larch trees on the sunny slopes of the Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile turn a resplendent gold in autumn, an extraordinary summer draws to a close. Many new things have happened, and much is new - for you dear regular guests, as well as your dedicated hosts. One thing, however, has remained unchanged: the unique feeling and solidarity of the regular guest family in Tux-Fin-

kenberg. We had the pleasure of welcoming many of you to the Tux Valley this summer, even though the current Corona situation meant that we had to postpone our reunion at the Regular Guest Week, which we had been greatly looking forward to, until next year. Dear friends of Tux-Finkenberg, on behalf of all holiday hosts in the valley, I would like to thank you very much for your trust and loyalty.

From the very outset, we have done everything within our businesses and the entire valley to ensure that you, dear guests, have a relaxing, eventful, but above all safe holiday in Tux-Finkenberg. In the summer, for example, all employees in the

accommodation establishments (a total of around 800 in the entire Tux Valley) were subjected to weekly Covid-19 tests. We will continue to do everything we can in future to ensure your well-being.

The ninth Regular Guest Week has been merely postponed. We are preparing ourselves even more intensively for this wonderful event in order to be able to offer you, dear regular guests, a joyful holiday experience in your holiday domicile. 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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Glacier Circuit



Endurance athletes overcome a roughly 15,000 metres difference in altitude on 60 kilometres of extremely varied runs on the Glacier Circuit through the Ski- and Glacier World Zillertal 3000. Fun in the sun and on the slopes are inevitable! The Glacier Circuit's sporty challenge is the seven kilometer long "Schwarze Pfanne" run down to the valley. The red slope leads directly into Hintertux town centre.

Panoramic run



A totally different kind of highlight is the panoramic run from the "150er Tux" top station on the Wanglspliz at 2,415 m altitude. It presents skiers with a magical view over the most beautiful Tux and Zillertal peaks over a length of three and a half kilometres (709 m difference in altitude).

Highlights



- ▶ 202 km of downhill runs
- ▶ 615 ha of ski slopes
- ▶ 100% snow guarantee
- ▶ 28 km of cross-country-skiing trails
- ▶ Natural ice rink and curling rinks
- ▶ 3 floodlit natural toboggan runs
- ▶ 68 km of cleared winter hiking trails
- ▶ 30 huts & mountain restaurants with excellent gastronomy
- ▶ Five top ski schools with highly qualified ski instructors
- ▶ Free sports bus
- ▶ Night-liner € 2,00



Up to 7,000 dishes are prepared daily at Tuxer Fernerhaus. 40 employees work here at 2,660 metres above sea level. The complex comprises of seven floors to provide the necessary infrastructure. The ventilation system alone is two stores high.



Tuxer Fernerhaus – *the heart of the glacier*

This is where people meet, where fresh food is prepared every day - a peek behind the scenes

The heart of the glacier beats at Tuxer Fernerhaus. Here at 2,660 meters above sea level is the central meeting point in the ski area, where you can find everything from restaurants to the ski school office, sports store, race office, etc. Up to 6,000 people visit the Fernerhaus every day in winter. where they are spoiled with a choice of cuisine ranging from traditional to international fare and enjoy magnificent views of the glacier and Mount Olperer. A real challenge for Bernhard Kofler and the 40 employees at Fernerhaus. As head of catering at the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn, he coordinates the processes both in front and behind the scenes, for which two things, above all, are prerequisite: good planning and a well-established team. Bernhard is proud of his staff, many of whom have worked at the Fernerhaus for years.

STOCKING UP. They organise winter supplies in September, because as long as the road is clear, the storerooms at Tuxer Fernerhaus have to be replenished. „Twenty truck loads with a total of 260 pallets of groceries are required for this, including 450 barrels of beer. That will last roughly until Christmas,“ said Bernhard. To ensure that the house is nice and warm all winter long, 350

tons of wooden pallets will also be stored in autumn.

BY CABLE CAR. When the first big snowfalls in autumn transform the Hintertux glacier from a summer hiking area back into a fantastic glacier ski area, the Fernerhaus receives its supplies twice weekly by cable car. “This happens alongside regular ski operations. In the afternoon, when most winter sports enthusiasts are heading down to the valley, we transport the food up the mountain. Every box, every crate has to be put into the gondola manually at the bottom station and then taken out again at the top station and brought to the storeroom“, Bernhard describes the complex procedure. Meat, vegetables and milk are delivered daily in the morning.

HOMEMADE. “We make almost everything ourselves at the Fernerhaus. On fine winter days we prepare 3,000 to 4,000 dishes, so it must be done quickly. We are prepared for this“, says Bernhard. By early autumn 45,000 liver and bread dumplings, as well as 2.5 kilometres of apple strudel will be prepared and frozen. Not only that, around 1,000 litres of goulash soup, as well as 600 litres of meat sauce and tomato sauce and 3,000 litres of

clear beef broth are prepared three times a week.

GIGANTIC DIMENSIONS. Since its renovation and new construction in 2013, Tuxer Fernerhaus has 1,500 seats inside and another 1,500 seats on the large sun terrace. Tuxer Fernerhaus also has impressive dimensions away from the kitchen and restaurant. The ventilation system circulates 400,000 m³ of air per hour. To ensure that building services always function smoothly, there is a spare backup for almost all power, safety and monitoring devices. Up to 1,000 kilowatts of electricity is required at peak times for house operations, incl. the heating system, water supply and ventilation etc. In case of a power failure, the emergency power supply with approx. 380 kW ensures that the most important areas such as the heating system and water supply continue to function.

WATER SUPPLY. Bernhard pays special attention to the water supply, which is of great importance for Fernerhaus operations. First thing every day, he checks the water level and water pipes. „We pump all the water from our springs at the Sommerbergalm up to the Fernerhaus,“ explains Bernhard. Inside the Fernerhaus, a total of 50,000 liters of drinking wa-

ter and 200,000 liters of process and fire fighting water are stored. Since 1984 the Wastewater is disposed of via the 13 km long ski area sewerage system to Hintertux. From there it is routed via the public sewer system to the Zillertal sewage disposal plant.

ALWAYS ACTIVE. The Hintertux Glacier never really comes to rest in winter. 50 members of the cable car staff live in the Fernerhaus in winter. Night after night, they ensure that everything is prepared for the next day on the slopes, at the lifts and in the restaurant.



Bernhard Kofler has been in charge of the Zillertal cable car company-owned restaurant for the last 17 years. Before that, the trained chef acquired several years of experience in kitchens around the world and worked for 13 years in his parents' business.

Safely through winter

At the Hintertux Glacier, you are well prepared for the coming ski season. Valuable experience for the new situation was gained during the summer skiing months.

„ Since reopening after lockdown on 29th May 2020, we have been able to gain valuable experience for autumn skiing operations and the upcoming winter season," explains Matthias Dengg from the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn. Many people are keen to spend time in the mountains with family or friends. "Every day we experience that this process works smoothly and simply in practice and is now almost a matter of course", Matthias Dengg is delighted about the considerate behaviour of glacier guests. At present, it is mandatory to wear mouth and nose protection in the cable cars and gondolas. Furthermore, the one metre distance rule applies in all buildings and restaurants.

FURTHER MEASURES. The multitude of measures for a carefree and safe time on the mountain have already proven their worth. Nevertheless, further measures will be taken in winter. The Tuxer Sportbus will therefore shuttle more often than its usual ten-minute intervals in winter, in order to reduce the number of people on the bus, especially during the morning and afternoon peak times.



BE CONSIDERATE. „Let's help together. Let's observe the required safety measures and then nothing will stand in the way of your usual fabulous glacier experience," Matthias Dengg appeals for people to take responsibility. This can be easily implemented even on a small scale. His tip: "You can start your ski day a little earlier or a little later in order

to avoid the rush hours between 09.00 and 10.00 hrs. With a little planning, you can also avoid peak times between 12.00 and 13.30 hrs in the ski huts and restaurants on the mountain, allowing you to have free choice of seats with sufficient distancing.

SKI SAFELY. There are no restrictions when skiing. This is

ensured by more than 200 kilometres of slopes and a piste area of 615 hectares.

„It is a pleasure to see that the ‚Glacier Experience‘ continues to fascinate people - almost unreservedly - and that the desire for sports in the great outdoors and skiing continues unabated," concludes Matthias Dengg.



Turbulent times

Six questions for Matthias Dengg from the Zillertaler Gletscherbahn about the Hintertux Glacier and skiing after lockdown.

Were operations stopped on the Hintertux Glacier?

Matthias Dengg: Yes, all ski operations in Tyrol were discontinued as of March 15, 2020 by official decree. As a year-round ski resort, we had no experience of "closing" on the Hintertux Glacier and were faced with new challenges virtually overnight.

What was it like from mid-March to the end of May in Hintertux?

Matthias Dengg: Eerily calm but still very labour-intensive

Was the mountain "closed down"?

Matthias Dengg: As over 20 employees have their permanent residence at Sommerberg and the Tuxer Fernerhaus all year round, the gondola was switched on daily at pre-given times. The employees were supplied with fresh food every day, and gondola operations down to the valley and back to the mountain were ensured.

How could the time during the "lockdown" be used?

Matthias Dengg: On April 15th, we were able to start the first revision work on the cable cars with smaller teams. Furthermore, we were able to start preparations for the snow depots and covering the glacier with protective fleece earlier than ever.

When did the Hintertux Glacier open again?

Matthias Dengg: The glacier reopened on 29th May 2020, accompanied by clear blue skies and 30 cm of fresh snow. It is every skiers' dream to experience deep winter conditions at the end of May.

How was the situation in summer?

Matthias Dengg: Very busy. Since mid-June, hikers, bikers and many families have been on the mountain in addition to the training teams and skiers. Thanks to the beautiful weather, our guests are currently experiencing two seasons in one day. Whether it's a snowball fight or a waterfall hike - there are multiple ways to enjoy a memorable time on the mountain, whether alone, as a couple or with the family.

A close look at the art of brewery

Visitors to BrauKunstHaus can expect a fascinating and multimedia view right inside the Zillertal Bier brewery, over an exhibition area of some 5,000 m².

BrauKunstHaus visitors follow the "beer trail" - from the high-quality ingredients to the brewing process and bottling of the beer specialties. You can look straight into the heart of Zillertal Beer - where the particularly exciting filling of the bottles and barrels can be observed from a balcony. Transport of the beer to the most beautiful, but often also the most remote inns and mountain huts in the country is another theme at the BrauKunstHaus. A large part of the exhibition

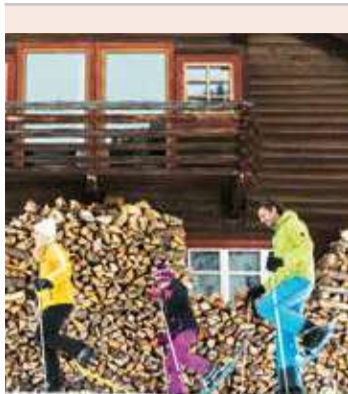
space in the BrauKunstHaus is also dedicated to the Ziller Valley. For example, the Gauder Fest, which has always been closely linked to Zillertal Beer, is presented in an exciting multimedia show.

The brewing process is also presented directly on the fermenters with the help of an elaborate video installation - thus providing a "glimpse inside" the tank. The visit culminates in sampling the Zillertal beer specialties in a unique atmosphere.

Infos: www.braukunsthhaus.at



BrauKunstHaus offers an experience for all the senses, from the unique ingredients to the brewing process and bottling, to the traditions and remarkable features of the region.



Hiking with snowshoes

Experienced mountain guides accompany you to the most stunning spots in the Tuxertal on snowshoe hikes. No previous experience is required as the tours are offered in different levels of difficulty. As a result, everyone can enjoy this unique experience. The choice includes:

- ▶ Trapper trail at night
- ▶ „FUN“ snowshoe tour
- ▶ „Sporty“ snowshoe tour

You can hire equipment from the sport shops in Tux and Finkenberg.



Ice skating and curling

Ice skating and curling on the large natural ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach is an experience that adds variety to your holiday. Whether you're venturing onto the ice on fast blades or prefer to just watch the children twirling their pirouettes, fun is guaranteed!

Traditional curling promises a few funny and totally different hours away from the slopes. The ice rink in Tux-Lanersbach is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 3 to 10 p.m.

The Nature Park *House*

From summer 2022, Ginzling Nature Park House will host an extensive and impressive mineral exhibition. After the renovation and expansion, the additional exhibition space will also house a small shop and a terrace.

Nature Park House in Ginzling is a meeting and information point for the many visitors to the Zillertal Alps Nature Park. From summer 2022, it will shine in new splendour. Because once the renovation and generous extension of the house have been completed, there is plenty of space for a new attraction in Ginzling. "We want to give our visitors some deeper insights into the world of minerals", Willi Seifert, managing director of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park, reveals initial plans. The highlight will be the extensive mineral collection from Walter Ungerank, probably the most famous "stone seeker" from the Zillertal Valley. How did this imposing mountain range come



into being? Why are there so many minerals here? Answers to these and many other questions about the geology and nature of the Zillertal Alps are answered in an exciting and entertaining way in this exhibition.

To answer these questions and more, 350 m² of new exhibit-

on space will be created in the Nature Park House, along with a small shop and a lounge area with terrace, which will also house the Nature Park Library. "We would like to offer Nature Park visitors a comfortable lounge area, especially during off-peak times", says Willi Seifert

about the building concept. The handicapped accessible reconstruction including redesign of the outdoor area will cost around 2.5 million Euros. The successful "Glacier.Worlds" permanent exhibition will be replaced in future by changing exhibitions.

New emergency vehicle for *Tux voluntary fire brigade*

The fire engine is tailored to the special conditions found in the Tux Valley.

Since June 2020, the new TLFA 3000/100 fire fighting vehicle with the official nickname "Tank Hintertux" has been part of Tux voluntary fire brigade's fleet. The state-of-the-art emergency vehicle was specially tailored to the conditions of the glacial valley.

TUX FIRE BRIGADE is called out to deal with around 70 incidents every year. In addition to the main towns in the valley, they also service tiny villages on the mountain slopes. Winter conditions can often be expected at these altitudes (1,300 to 2,660 m above sea level).

HIGH REQUIREMENTS. "Two years of intensive preparation were necessary in order to find the optimum emergency vehicle for our special requirements," reports Benjamin Stöckl, Deputy Commander of Tux Volunta-



Tux Voluntary Fire Brigade's new TLFA 3000/100 fire-fighting vehicle is perfectly tailored to the requirements of the glacial valley.

ry Fire Brigade and head of the nine-member vehicle committee. During the summer of 2018, various vehicle types were inspected, field reports were acquired from fellow fire-fighting services and the chassis from several manufacturers were tested directly in Tux. After extensive consultation and the public invitation to tender by the municipality of Tux,

the contract for construction was awarded in March 2019.

HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT. The new fire-fighting vehicle is equipped, among other things, with four-wheel drive, differential locks, rescue shears and rescue rams. Pump and roll function, extinguishing water tank (3,000 l), foam compound tank

(100 l), thermal imaging camera, submersible pump, generator.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS. Special thanks go to the municipality of Tux and the state of Tyrol for their support in purchasing the new emergency vehicle for the Voluntary Fire Brigade.

Technical specifications

Vehicle type: TLFA 3000/100
 Chassis: Volvo FMX 370, 4 × 4
 Transmission: Automatic Volvo I-Shift
 Engine: 6-cylinder diesel engine
 Engine capacity: 10,837cm³, Euro 5
 Power: 272 kW / 370 HP
 Maximum speed: 100 km/h
 Length/width/height: 8.3/2.5/3.7 m
 Unladen weight: 12.5 t
 Maximum permissible gross laden weight 18 t
 Crew: 1 plus 7

When three chefs sit at one table, ...

... what do they talk about? Cooking of course! Jan Vostrovsky from the Hotel Stock Resort in Finkenberg, Sebastian Stock from Hotel Bergfried in Tux-Lanersbach and Maximilian Stock from Hotel Alpenhof in Hintertux talk about their passion for cooking, regional foods, their determination to keep improving and their private favourite dishes.

It is early afternoon, blue sky, sunshine - and pleasantly warm on the Tux-Center balcony in Tux-Lanersbach. The three chefs are in a buoyant mood, there is much laughter. They know each other, they understand each other, even though each of them has a special story: Jan has been in charge of the kitchen at the Stock Resort for the past fifteen years and played a major role in developing the hotel's excellent reputation for fine dining. After a kitchen crisis, "Basti" took on the head chef role at Hotel Bergfried at the tender age of 21 and, as the youngest member of the family, has actively shaped the family business development ever since. "Maxi" became head chef at Hotel Alpenhof two years ago - and now serves award-winning cuisine, the quality of which Gault Millau recognised again in 2020 - with a 12-point award.

WHY DO CHEFS ALWAYS TALK ABOUT COOKING?

"Because cooking is a hobby," they all say in agreement. For them, practically everything revolves around tasting, smelling and feeling. Because nothing works without the right ingredients. "Alpine Taste - a regional, alpine taste sensation", is how Maximilian describes his philoso-



Cooking is a hobby for Jan Vostrovsky from the Hotel Stock Resort in Finkenberg, Sebastian Stock from Hotel Bergfried in Tux-Lanersbach and Maximilian Stock from Hotel Alpenhof in Hintertux.

phy. Regional food of the highest quality is naturally prerequisite. Regular visits to the farmers and producers in the valley are part and parcel of the service. "I know the cows from which the milk is used to make the yoghurt. It completely changes the respect you have for food," says Jan. Sebastian also hand-picks a calf from time to time, which he later processes in the kitchen in its entirety. For him, the welfare of the animal is more important than any organic labels: "Why should the animal on my neighbouring farm be any different? I tell the guests on which farm the lamb was reared in the Tux Valley. That is worth

so much more." The mutual appreciation between guest, cook and producer is also important to Jan: "This way people understand how much work goes into the food and the preparation of the dishes."

WHAT SPURS THE THREE OF THEM ON?

Satisfied guests and making continual improvements. "We have to get it right, every day," is what not only Maximilian strives for. But sometimes things don't always go to plan and it can get a little heated in the kitchen. What then? A head chef must be able to lead the way and have a good

team that follows. Not easy to find, Jan admits, but: "If someone does something particularly well and it fits in with our philosophy, we sometimes shift our focus a little." Sebastian certainly understands that young chefs want to gain experience and often move on after a year: "I did the same thing myself. Not only that, it means that new perspectives keep coming into the kitchen, which is important for further development.

WHAT ARE THE LATEST DINING TRENDS?

There is one trend that stands out very clearly in the Tux Valley: Traditional classics of old home-style cooking "When on holiday, guests want to enjoy themselves and that, in particular, includes the food," Jan sums up. "Carefully prepared with regional products that everyone likes," says the head chef from Alpenhof.

WHAT DO THE CHEFS EAT IN PRIVATE?

They all grin, slightly embarrassed - because they like quick and easy food. They all love tomatoes and mozzarella, or a toasted sandwich. Sebastian's favourites include "Schlutzkrapfen" (ravioli) or "Spätzle" (egg noodles), preferably straight from the pan. Jan likes fish - classics indeed of old home-style cooking. ■



Betterpark Hintertux

Betterpark Hintertux is one of the best Snowparks in the Alps. The entrance to the park at 3,200 metres above sea level at the foot of the majestic Ötztal Mountain is a favourite meeting point for local riders, as well as the international scene. The perfectly formed snow park landscape consists of five lines (Pro Line, Large Line, Medium Line, Small Line, Jib Line) and is groomed twice daily by a dedicated team. Rider safety is always afforded utmost priority. Betterpark Hintertux is open from mid-September to December and again from early April to the beginning of June.



Culinary delights

Fabulous food is an integral part of a great winter's day. There are more than 30 ski huts and over 50 restaurants to choose from in the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region. Relax in a sun-lounger or on the sun terrace with an alpine panorama backdrop, whilst enjoying traditional fare, or fine dining in a gourmet establishment - there is something to suit every taste here. In the Tux Valley, we place great emphasis on the use of local products, natural foods and regional produce in our cuisine. Zillertal delicacies such as "Kaspressknödel" (cheese dumpling), "Gröstl" (sautéed potatoes with meat, onion and fried egg), "Käsespätzle" (cheese pasta), "Brettljause" (mixed cold platter), "Kaiserschmarrn" (sweet, chopped pancake), ... are all particularly delicious. Tip: enjoy a gondola brunch whilst marvelling at the mountain panorama from every angle during a gondola breakfast on the Hintertux Glacier.

Convenient travel to the Tux Valley – Tux-Finkenberg is within easy reach by train

For a relaxing, laid back journey to the Tux valley you can leave the car at home. There are numerous speedy travel options from our public transport network, with the final stage in an enchantment class of its own; the "Zillertalbahn" is counted as one of the world's most famous narrow-gauge railways. This service gives you direct access to national and international long-distance trains from Jenbach station, found at the entrance to the Zillertal valley. Additionally, Innsbruck airport is within easy reach

of the Zillertal with daily scheduled flights throughout Europe. The convenient airport transfer brings guests comfortably to their accommodation. Thus light work is made of journeys from Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt or Vienna. The Tux Valley is also easily accessible for our guests from both Munich and Salzburg airports. Your car will be superfluous here – the extensive ski-bus network brings you quickly and comfortably to your destination with the bonus of very short waiting times!



Fun highlights



FUNSLOPE HINTERTUX

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

KIDSSLOPE HINTERTUX

Luis, the glacier mascot, invites even the youngest boarders on a voyage of discovery away from the regular runs at Kidsslope Hintertux. The attraction can be found in the flat beginner's area in the Sommerbergalm winter ski area.

FLOHPARK HINTERTUX

Flohpark Hintertux is located at the end of the Schwarze Pfanne valley run, where children and beginners 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.

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 and over snow waves.



PEPIS KIDS' CLUB AT PENKENJOCH

Learning to ski and all kinds of fun is now guaranteed. All kids and beginners can make their first playful attempts on skis at Pepi's Kinderland at Penkenjoch, where young winter fans can learn basic skiing techniques on ideal beginner's terrain.



9th Regular Guest Week from 26.06. to 04.07.2021

The Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile is already looking forward to welcoming its family of regular guests back to the Tux Valley for the highlight of the year.

The Regular Guest Week has been a fixture in Tux-Finkenberg for decades and has developed into an extraordinary event over the years.

CELEBRATE TOGETHER. "The entire valley is already looking forward to the last week of June 2021. After all, this time the regular guest family will have waited five years for the joyful rendezvous to take place," says Markus Tipotsch, chairman of Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board. He regrets the postponement. At the same time, he is encouraged by the positive feedback from our loyal regular guests. Many of them have spent eventful and relaxing vacations

in their holiday domicile in summer 2020 and are already looking forward to meeting again at the 2021 Regular Guest Week.

PREPARATIONS. Preparations for the ninth Regular Guest Week 2021 are already in full swing, as there is much to organise and plan. "This week is a way of expressing our deep gratitude in recognition of the abiding friendships between our dear regular guests and their dedicated hosts," emphasises Hermann Erler, Managing Director of Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board. There will be an exciting series of excursions, hikes as well as

cultural and social festivities that will make the ninth Regular Guest Week an unforgettable experience all over again. 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 honorary helpers, the whole valley is actively involved in organising and implementing the festival.

CELEBRATIONS. The Regular Guest Week demonstrates the close relationship between holiday hosts and their guests. Around 1,500 visitors are expected at the Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week 2021. The

programme promises much diversity. Traditional activities such as the "Star Walk" on Penkenjoch, Alpine Hike to Eggalm and "Fascinating Glaciers" are accompanied by a number of innovations. The social highlight of the festivities will be the Gala Evening with awards ceremony.

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY! The holiday hosts of the Tux Valley are looking forward to welcoming their guests and friends and celebrating together with them. So don't forget to note the dates for the Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week from 26th June to 4th July 2021 in your diary now!

Fun and Games in the Playarena

An outstanding outdoor playpark of some 1,000 m² with childcare.

The Play arena Tux family specialists have created a first-class indoor playground of some 1,000 m² – a fantastic attraction for our smaller guests to the Tux valley. A major Highlight of the Play arena is the age-appropriate professional and extensive baby and child care team – allowing parents to thoroughly enjoy a relaxing winter holiday. Hotspots include the huge

soft play area, trampoline park, bouncy castle, climbing wall, high-ropes course, go-kart track, cinema and children's theatre. Tiny tots through to teens up to 16 years old are all well catered for with the age-relevant great adventure and animation programme. Every Saturday the fun and games mecca is open to all Tux and Finkenberg guests. www.playarena.at



Staying healthy together

Enjoy your winter holiday in Tux-Finkenberg with appropriate distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette.

The Corona rules of conduct have been with us since spring 2020 and will probably continue to do so for a while, says Dr. Peter Peer, general practitioner in Tux/Juns. "Keep your distance, wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette, are the most important preventative measures," explains Dr. Jutta Wechselberger, general practitioner in Tux-Lanersbach. The two doctors look after the health of the people of Tux and the valley's many guests.



Dr. Jutta Wechselberger, general practitioner in Tux/Lanersbach



Dr. Peter Peer, general practitioner in Tux/Juns

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. They are also particularly keen to implement precautionary measures with regards to Covid-19. „During the summer months,

is impressed with the solidarity shown in the valley: "Everyone has really pulled together. This way, precautionary measures can be implemented quickly. Employees come to the tests voluntarily and regularly. This is a valuable contribution and testifies their high level of loyalty. The physicians are also very pleased with the discipline showed by the summer guests.

„I was delighted with the discipline of the summer guests.“

In the beginning it was difficult to organise protective equipment, but today there are stocks of masks, protective suits, etc. that will keep us going for two months. Tests are also available in sufficient supply. "To ensure that results are available in the shortest possible time, the tourism association has organized two PCR test devices," reports Dr. Wechselberger. The screening procedure has proven to be very successful in the last few months and is carried out as easy and quickly as possible.

we regularly tested the majority of employees in the hotels and restaurants for Covid-19," says Dr. Peer. The physician attributes the fact that there were hardly any positive cases among the 700 to 800 weekly tests to the good preventive measures practised in the valley: „I was particularly pleased with the positive response by local companies. After all, the weekly tests involve a great deal of time and effort.“ Dr. Wechselberger

is impressed with the solidarity shown in the valley: "Everyone has really pulled together. This way, precautionary measures can be implemented quickly. Employees come to the tests voluntarily and regularly. This is a valuable contribution and testifies their high level of loyalty. The physicians are also very pleased with the discipline showed by the summer guests.

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MEDICAL PRACTICES. „It is important that people go to the doctor if they feel ill," says Dr. Peer. As far as he is concerned, tele-medicine doesn't work that well. A doctor works with all of his/her senses and there are many things that cannot be clarified over the Internet. „Before patients come to the practice, they have to make an appointment by phone and normally receive their appointment on the same day," Dr. Peer explains the procedure. There is an extensive

safety concept in the doctor's surgery; for the most part, masks and protective suits are used. This, however, has massively increased organisational procedures and significantly extended working hours.

RULES OF CONDUCT. „We have learned much about dealing with the disease in recent months and now know that over 90 percent of transmissions occur through the air, mainly in confined spaces. You don't need to be worried about being outdoors in the future either," confirms the physician. However, he added that easing various measures always goes hand in hand with increased personal responsibility for every individual. „So don't let up and continue to observe the rules of conduct," the physicians appeal to everyone.

STRENGTHEN YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM. In order to increase immune levels and prepare for autumn and winter, the physicians recommend, as far as your physical condition allows, extensive exercise in the fresh air, a balanced diet with little meat and abstaining from nicotine. They advise people belonging to high risk groups to get a pneumococcal vaccination and that everyone gets a flu jab. And one final piece of advice: "If something is unclear, make sure you go to the doctor", say Dr. Peer and Dr. Wechselberger. ■

Hiking in the winter



You can restore your batteries, enjoy the silence of nature and listen to the snow crunching under your boots on the 68 km of cleared winter hiking trails around Tux and Finkenberg. One challenge is the winter hiking trails up to the Eggalm and Sommerbergalm. Your reward is the rustic mountain huts and panoramic restaurants with Zillertal specialities that await you.



Hiking tips

FROM HINTERTUX: Sommerbergalm – Bichlalm – Hintertux: Trip up to the Sommerbergalm, walk town on a prepared trail, approx. 2 ½ hours to Hintertux. (Danger of avalanches – the no-entry signs must be observed!)

FROM MADSEIT: valley hiking trail Madseit direction Tux-Vorderlanersbach 2 hour – path Nr. 10

FROM JUNS: Tux mill – high-altitude trail To Tux-Lanersbach, approx. one hour – trail no. 21

FROM TUX-LANERSBACH: Trip up on the Eggalmbahnen cable car, walk down via Latenalm and Gemais to Tux-Lanersbach or Tux-Vorderlanersbach, approx. 2 hours

FROM TUX-VORDERLANERSBACH: Mountain road to the Geiselhöfen (restaurant), approx. 1 ½ hours

FROM FINKENBERG: Finkenberg village – Hochsteg – trail no. 32 (approx. 40 minutes) or Dornau to the Teufelsbrücke over Bergstraße as far as Brunnhaus (approx. 45 minutes)

Cross-country skiing trail

Experiencing Tuxertal from a cross-country skiing trail for once has its own very special charm. The Luggi-Gredler cross-country 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 in 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.



Floodlit toboggan runs

You can also glide down to the valley at a tearing pace on three toboggan runs away from the slopes in Tuxertal. There's a three kilometre long floodlit run from the Bichlalm in Hintertux. In Tux-Lanersbach, the Höllensteinhütte also awaits tobogganing fans with a floodlit, four kilometre run. In Juns the five kilometre and of course also floodlit toboggan run can be tackled from the Grieralm. For all those tobogganers who look forward to the ride down more than the walk up, there are toboggan taxis available throughout Tuxertal.



New members of the regular guest family

The Tux-Finkenberg family of regular guests is getting bigger and bigger. In the summer of 2020, we were able once again to honour long-time guests and express our thanks and appreciation for their loyalty to our holiday domicile.



Family Ann Meskens and Lieven Noppe with Thomas and Mathieu – 20 times Hotel Alpenhof



Birgit Meier and Jörg Erber – 20 times and 10 times Haus Alexandra



Family Dana and Alexander Seemann with Leni – 10 times Alpendorf Anno Dazumal



Family Jacqueline and Urs Burger – 20 times Hotel Alpin Spa Tuxerhof



Gerhard Utecht – 30 times Pension Alpenrose



Olaf Preising – 10 times Sporthotel Kirchler



Jutta Heesen – 80 times Pension Sonnleitner



Kerstin and Michael Illek – 70 times and 30 times Residence Adlerhorst



Family Miriam and Roland Diekema with Louise, Frederike and Philip – 10 times Hotel Klausnerhof



Family Petra and Matthias Steinberg with Julian – 20 times Ferienwohnungen Magdalena



Anja and Heiko Piechocki – 10 times Hotel Vierjahreszeiten



Family Konstanze Brähler-Bongartz and Dr. Albrecht Bongartz – 10 times Hotel Alpin Spa Tuxerhof

All events can be found on www.tux.at/en/events/

Event highlights and weekly events are often red-letter days 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 a simple leisure programme - it is celebrating deep tradition and custom. The Tux Valley is cheerful, contemplative and diverse in winter. All events and more information can be found on www.tux.at.



Gift Vouchers

A great present for holiday pleasures in the Tux Valley.

For loved ones, good friends or just to reward yourself. Gift vouchers from Tux-Finkenberg holiday domicile are the perfect present - either as a souvenir or holiday surprise. The vouchers can be redeemed in the entire valley and are available from the Tux-Lanersbach and Finkenberg tourist information offices. Gift vouchers from Tux-Finkenberg allow the bearer to enhance their holidays in the Tux Valley at will, whether in restaurants or hotels, in shops or for a variety of leisure activities. With all its diversity, this gift is hard to beat. **Info: www.tux.at**



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