



Summer fun in the Tuxertal

Tux-Finkenberg welcomes you with breathtaking nature and warm hospitality.

The hiking paradise of Tux-Finkenberg offers incredibly “high spirits”. Feel the positive power of the clear mountain air during an easy hike to a mountain hut, or a more challenging summit tour where crystal-clear mountain lakes, stupendous waterfalls and unique flora and fauna await. Your mountain adventure in Tux-Finkenberg is surrounded by the peaks of the Tux Alpine panorama.



Immerse yourself in the magnificent mountain world of the Tux Valley and allow yourself to be swept away by the veritable plethora of leisure opportunities!

BIKE & HIKE. The combination of (e-)mountain biking and hiking offers a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of nature at your own pace. You first enjoy a leisurely ride up the mountain pastures with your e-mountain bike, before continu-

ing in hiking boots to the top of the mountain peak.

EXPERIENCE THE HINTERTUX GLACIER. The Hintertux Glacier offers a varied range of activities

for young and old between 1,500m and 3,250m above sea level, 365 days a year! At the very top at 3,250 m, the Panorama Terrace offers fabulous panoramic views. It is also the starting point for gre-

at experiences such as Luis' Glacier Bug Park, Glacier Adventure Tour and much more. Nature's Ice Palace is an extraordinary natural treasure that enchants visitors with frozen waterfalls, glittering ice stalactites, a sparkling glacial lake and a gigantic glacial cathedral. The largest rock cave in the Central Alps, the Spannagelhöhle, is located one cable car station further down and is another natural experience that one simply must not miss.

A SUMMER BRIMMING WITH FESTIVITIES. The joy and zest for life the Tux-Finkenberg folk so obviously enjoy has always been characterised by tradition and custom. Hardly a summer week goes by without music and festival celebrations.

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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Mountains for the whole family

A tubing run, snow carousel or even a snowball fight in the middle of summer – thrilling excitement is guaranteed at Luis' Glacier Bug Park at 3,250 m, probably Europe's highest playground. “Almspielerei” Alpine Games at Eggalm is yet another refreshing place to let off steam on the mountain, where you can enjoy having a splash with a pond, tugboat and play raft. In Pepi's Kinderland at Penkenjoch, the eight-metre-tall giant bear Pepi, as well as Pepi's climbing garden and Pepi's swing paradise invite you to play and climb.

Welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

A mountain summer full of atmosphere!

Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

Spring is advancing inexorably towards the mountains of Tux. Preparations are already underway for the coming summer, which will be characterised by the anniversary Regular Guest Week. This is abiding proof of the warm relationship shared between long-time guests and their dedicated hosts. We are already looking forward to the tenth Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week and making preparations for an eventful week. In addition to traditional high-

lights, there are also some new features in store. What remains is the joy of seeing good friends again and the warm hospitality, with which we will once again accompany you on your extraordinary, relaxing and eventful holiday.

There is also much going on in Tux-Finkenberg. Finkenberg Town Band celebrates its 100th anniversary this year and Finkenberg Choir its 50th anniversary. I wish you all the best, good health and look forward to welcoming you back again this year to your summer holiday domicile of Tux-Finkenberg.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc,
Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

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Summer Concerts 2024



SUMMER CONCERTS BY BRASS BAND TUX

25.06., 09.07., 20.08., 27.08., 06.09.

Start: at **8:15 p.m.**

(at the Tux-Center and in fair weather at the Music Pavilion in Tux-Lanersbach)



SUMMER CONCERTS BY BRASS BAND FINKENBERG

21.06., 11.07., 18.07., 25.07., 01.08., 08.08., 15.08., 22.08., 29.08., 05.09.

Start: at **8:15 p.m.**

13.09. Final concert, **7:30 p.m.** (at the Music Pavilion in Finkenberg)

"Staudenfest"



A great atmosphere, ebullient moods and heaps of entertainment is promised at the traditional „Staudenfest“ in Tux on **20.07.2024** at the village square in Tux-Vorderlanersbach. A performance by Tux Town Band kicks off the morning session at 11:00 a. m. followed by great entertainment with live music! The lumberjacks then set to work with their axes at 1:30 p. m.

Fire Brigade Festival in Finkenberg

Finkenberg Voluntary Fire Brigade invites you to its Fire Brigade Festival at the Fire Station in Finkenberg Persal on **20.07.2024**. Where „Beggli Musi“ promise fabulous music entertainment from 15.30 onwards, followed by „Die Collis“ at 18.30 hrs.

Glacier picnic rucksack

Because we all know that fresh mountain air not only makes you happy, but also hungry and thirsty, there will be a new culinary adventure on the Hintertux Glacier onwards.

Thanks to this well-filled rucksack, you can enjoy regional delicacies, chilled and sustainably packaged, as well as the complete freedom of choice where to enjoy it. Whether as part of a hike through the wildly romantic landscapes of Weintental valley with a view of the Schleier waterfall, after conquering the Frauenwand summit, or in the middle of the Glacier Bug Safari – it's totally up to you!

DELICIOUS CONTENTS. The rucksack is equipped with a picnic blanket, comfortable cushions, cloth napkins, cutlery and regional delicacies such as Zillertal smoked bacon, hay milk cheese, spreads and delicacies such as tomato mozzarella, vegetable sticks



A picnic in the middle of the green alpine meadows gives body and soul the right energy and „motivation to continue hiking“.

and much more. Tux hay-milk yoghurt with fruit and homemade cake made to grandma's recipe provide a welcome tonic before you embark on yet further glacier adventures. Thirst quenchers are also included, as of course is a shot of schnapps for the summit. There is also a "Herzerl sweet-heart upgrade" for those in the mood for romance: raise a glass of chilled prosecco against the glacier backdrop, as your heart skips a beat under the mighty Mount Olperer. Needless to say, if your four-legged friend is accompanying you, we will also pack a treat for your pooch in the rucksack. Only one glacier rucksack is available per day, so advance booking is essential.

Information at:

www.hintertuxergletscher.at

Mountains full of adventure

Three cable cars – one offer

There's certainly no time for boredom between Finkenberg und Hintertux! Luis the glacier mascot, Alm Seppl at Eggalm and Penken-Pepi can hardly wait until summer finally arrives in the Tux Valley. They have plenty of mountain adventures ready and waiting for you. Whether climbing

fun in Pepi's low ropes course or snowball fights on the glacier - summer in the Tux Valley will be truly great and super cool! In addition to happy children, parents can also look forward to a special treat: this summer, the cable cars between Finkenberg and Hintertux are once again

offering a free hiking pass for children under the age of ten. Children accompanied by a parent receive their free day pass at the valley station ticket offices of the Finkenger Almabahn, Eggalm Bahnen and Hintertux cable cars. (Z-Card and ski tickets excluded).

This hiking ticket will whisk you up the mountain - where Luis the glacier mascot & his friends are looking forward to seeing you!



Playarena at Tux-Vorderlanersbach

A great meeting point for kids in the Tux Valley is of course Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach. Spread over 1,200 m², the cool indoor area of the play world with MultiBall Wall, high ropes course & climbing wall, trampoline park and much more promises great holiday entertainment. The age-appropriate, extensive

and professionally supervised outdoor adventure programme for children and young guests (from 2 to 16 years) from member establishments ensures there is never a dull moment! Open to the public every Saturday from 13.00 to 18.00 hrs. Online pre-registration at www.playarena.at

Sun, Fun & Planschparty at Finkenberg

One refreshing tip for families is a visit to the Finkenberg outdoor adventure pool. With a children's pool, water slide, air bubbles, waterfall and water surges etc., plenty of water-filled action and excitement is guaranteed. So, make a splash in the refreshingly cool waters! Many a sun worshipper can be found

enjoying a delicious ice cream or cool drink on the terrace of the swimming pool buffet. When not swimming, children can also while away their time at the playground.

Great fun is provided by the Sun, Fun & Splash Party on 16th July and 6th August from 13.00 hrs.





From the festive opening to the glamorous gala evening in the marquee to celebrate the event's conclusion - the Regular Guest Week anniversary will once again be one of the best holiday weeks for our many regular guests, with a variety of great and entertaining experiences.

10th Regular Guest Week: *Get together and celebrate*

The tenth Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week from 29th June to 7th July 2024 will be a festival of friendship and solidarity between the holiday domicile and its guests all over again.

The Tux-Finkenberg Regular Guest Week is celebrating a special anniversary this year. Loyal regular guests and their dedicated hosts are coming together for this extraordinary event for the tenth time - although it has always been a very special experience for everyone involved. When the Regular Guest Week was first held in 1988, it was hard to foresee what a success story this event, which is organised every four years, would eventually turn into.

But what is it that attracts so many guests to the Tux Valley for so many years? It is the warm hospitality and mutual respect that turn guests into friends and make Tux-Finkenberg a holiday domicile - and for many, a second home.

10TH REGULAR GUEST WEEK: This active friendship between long-standing guests and locals is particularly evident during the Regular Guest Week, which takes place this year from 29th June to 7th July. It's no wonder therefore

that the whole valley is busy organising a very special week for its long-standing regular guests. Months have been spent planning, rehearsing, organising and preparing. After all, the Regular Guest Week anniversary event is set to be a very special one.

GET TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE. Around 1,500 regular guests are expected this year. They will experience their holiday home from its most beautiful side and can look forward to many surprises. There will also, of course, be plenty of time to catch up with old and new acquaintances. After all, the whole celebration is about the warm relationship shared between hosts and regular guests.

WELL-KNOWN AND NEW PROGRAM ITEMS. Highlights such as the Star Hike on Mount Penken, the Glacier Day on the Hintertux Glacier or the Alpine Hiking Day at Eggalm have long been cherished traditions.

But there are also many new things to discover. For example,

Tux Voluntary Fire Brigade and the Tux branch of the Red Cross will be presenting their new operations centre in Tux-Vorderlanersbach. You can also take a look behind the scenes at various craft businesses and commercial enterprises.

GALA EVENING IN THE FESTIVAL MARQUEE. The traditional conclusion and social highlight of the Regular Guest Week will once again be the grand gala evening in the marquee in Hintertux, where

The gala evening is a heartfelt expression of solidarity, respect and authentic hospitality.

the special relationship between local hosts and their loyal regular guests takes centre stage. Everyone literally sits together

at one table on this evening, to celebrate the unique and long-standing bond between regular guests and their hosts. In addition to the outstanding gourmet menu, regular guests can once again expect a varied programme with lots of surprises and shows on the festival stage. „The traditional gala evening is so much more than a mere “thank-you” from the Tux Valley to its loyal regular guests. It is a heartfelt expression of solidarity, respect and authentic hospitality,“ says Markus Tipotsch, Chairman of Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board.

TUX-FINKENBERG AND ITS REGULAR GUESTS – an undoubtedly special relationship, which will once again be cultivated during the anniversary Regular Guest Week from 29th June to 7th July 2024, when the focus will be on getting together and celebrating. And when it's time to say goodbye, everyone is already looking forward to seeing you again soon and the 11th Regular Guest Week in 2028.

10th Regular Guest Week Highlights

Saturday, 29th June 2024

➔ Arrival and Mountain Fire

Sunday, 30th June 2024

➔ Festive Opening and Village Adventure Street in Tux



Monday, 1st July 2024

➔ Alpine Hiking Day at Eggalm
➔ A look behind the scenes at the operations center and at various craft businesses and commercial enterprises

Tuesday, 2nd July 2024

➔ The Fascination of Hintertux Glacier



➔ Gala Concert by Brass Band Tux

➔ “Schmankerl” (Food) Festival in Finkenberg with honours its Regular Guests

Wednesday, 3rd July 2024

➔ Star Hike and Mountain Mass at Penkenjoch



➔ Premiere by Volksbühne Tux (People's Theatre) „Der Meisterboxer“, 8:30 p. m.

Thursday, 4th July 2024

➔ Tour of the Dam Wall and Nature Park House
➔ 3rd Regular Guest Golf Tournament
➔ Gala Concert by Brass Band Finkenberg
➔ Tux Honours its Regular Guests

Friday, 5th July 2024

➔ Gala Evening in Hintertux

Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th July 2024

➔ Time to rest and say goodbye

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New Play by Volksbühne Tux

With the play „Der Meisterboxer“ the Volksbühne Tux (People’s Theatre) will again demonstrate its acting skills (performed in German).

Premiere:

03.07.2024, 8:30 p.m.

Dates:

10.07., 13.07., 17.07., 31.07., 07.08., 14.08.

Starts: at 8 p.m.

Hintertux Oktoberfest



Hintertux Oktoberfest will take place again on **27. and 28.09.2024**. A fantastic atmosphere and great entertainment with top bands guarantees a one-of-a-kind festival amidst stunning autumnal scenery. The highpoint is when the cattle are herded down from the Bichlalm - one of the most beautiful cattle drives in the whole of Tyrol.

Programme

Friday, 27.09.2024

- ➔ 19.30 hrs, Opening concert by Tux Town Band
 - ➔ 20.30 hrs Läts Fetz
 - ➔ 23.00 hrs Party marquee with DJ Realize - gin & wine marquee with DJ Mox
- Admission € 12.00

Saturday, 28.09.2024

- Festival grounds & “Almabtrieb” cattle drive
- ➔ 10.00 hrs Farmers’ Market
 - ➔ 12.00 hrs the “Jungen Höllnstoana”, live music & traditional flag-twirlers
 - ➔ 13.00 hrs, dressing of the cows in their finery at the Bichlalm, Zillertal Weisenbläser brass band
 - ➔ Ca. 14.00 hrs arrival of the cows at the festival site

Festival Marquee

- ➔ 12.00 hrs Kasermandl Duo
 - ➔ 19.00 hrs Brass band concert
 - ➔ 20.30 hrs Die Sumpfröten
 - ➔ 23.00 hrs Party marquee with DJ Realize - gin & wine marquee with DJ Mox
- Admission from 18.00 hrs: Euro 14.00

Research in the Nature Park

The Nature Park House exhibition and a new hiking guide offer insight into the earth’s history, while new findings will be presented at the „Evening of Research“.

The renovated and extended Nature Park Centre in Ginzling opened last summer and has already proved to be very popular with visitors. The main attraction is, of course, the „Hidden Treasures“ exhibition, which presents the geology of the region in a vivid and interactive format. Walter Ungerank has a wealth of stories to tell, while providing interesting background information on the individual exhibits. The mineral expert and show founder will personally accompany regular tours of the exhibition this summer.

GEOLOGICAL HIKING GUIDE. The Zillertal and Tux Alps are one of the most geologically fascinating and complex areas in the Alps. Due to its location in the western sector of the so-called „Tauern Window“, the region is regarded by scientists as a hot spot for geological research. Those interested can also go on a voyage of discovery in the Nature Park. The hiking guide,



As part of school projects, over 6,000 native plants and mountain flowers were planted around the new Nature Park House in Ginzling.

„Wanderungen in die Erdgeschichte“ (Hiking Through the Earth’s History - 2 volumes in German) explains and describes geological phenomena such as the abundance of minerals in the region, or the

different rock strata in 16 tours. A detailed geological map of the Nature Park has also been published.

ROCK PTARMIGAN (GROUSE). After initial studies in 2020, the

second phase of research and documentation of the rock ptarmigan will commence this summer. „We are particularly proud of this research project,“ explains Willi Seifert, Managing Director of the Zillertal Alps Nature Park. The focus is on genetic health, spatial behaviour and the development of populations with regard to climate change. Acoustic boxes are being set up in the area from Löschbodenalm to Zillergrund, in order to accurately determine the density and territories of the species and identify their songs and sounds.

EVENING OF RESEARCH. On Thursday, 25th July 2024, the Nature Park team invites you to the „Evening of Research“ in Ginzling. The programme includes scientific lectures and „The Zillertal Garnet“ documentary film by Paul Rose.

On Thursday, 20th June, a lecture by Thomas Hornung at the Tux Centre in Tux-Lanersbach will focus on the geology of the Tux Alps.

Tour of the dam wall

Schlegeis dam is one of the largest in Austria. During a guided tour, you have the opportunity to learn about the latest associated technology and hydroelectric power generation in the Alps.

Power generation in the Zillertal Valley goes back a long way. The expansion of hydropower in Zillertal has been an ongoing project since the beginning of the 20th century. Construction of Bösdornau power station in Finkenberg with the Tuxbach sub-power station was realised at the end of the 1920s. Schlegeis dam was built between 1965 and 1972. The reservoir has a capacity of 126.5 million cubic metres of water and is one of Austria’s largest reservoirs.

SCHLEGEIS DAM. Schlegeis reservoir dam wall is a technical masterpiece. Favourable geological conditions made it possible to build a 131-metre-high, double curvature arch dam, with an unusually long crest length of 725 metres, which required the use of almost one



Schlegeis reservoir is a popular excursion destination and starting point for hikes to the surrounding mountains and huts.

million cubic metres of concrete to complete. An elastic waterproofing membrane was installed in the valley floor to seal the subsoil. Around 700 measuring devices were installed for comprehensive monitoring of the dam. Interested guests have the opportunity to take part in a dai-

ly guided tour of the Schlegeis dam. Accompanied by expert guides, they will discover many interesting facts about the operation and monitoring of this unique structure during the one-hour tour. Guided tours take place between 10:00 and 16:00 hrs. Meeting point and regis-

tration at the barrier keeper’s house. These tours are not freely accessible, nor suitable for those with physical disabilities!

TAKE THE E-BUS TO THE RESERVOIR. The thirteen-kilometre long Schlegeis Alpine Road (toll road) is open from mid-May to the end of October. We recommend travelling by public transport in summer. The electric buses on route 4102 operate from Mayrhofen railway station to the Schlegeis reservoir and back, providing a comfortable, environmentally friendly and direct connection.



Tip:
Book your toll ticket online via QR code or at www.verbund.com

Moving safely through the mountains with expert tips

Mountain guide Florian Wechselberger gives tips on equipment and tour planning.

It's not always easy to think of everything when preparing for a mountain tour. Florian Wechselberger is a qualified mountain guide for all alpine areas, risk manager for alpine natural hazards, snow and avalanche specialist, works in the alpine operation of ÖAMTC air rescue services and is chairman of the Zillertal Mountain Guides. The expert shares tips on what to be aware of when undertaking a mountain tour.

How can I prepare for alpine hazards such as rain, snow, thunderstorms, cold or heat, etc.?

Florian Wechselberger: Countless accidents with dramatic consequences have revealed that people are often underprepared and travelling in the mountains with inadequate equipment. You can experience unforgettable days in the mountains by following just a few rules and nature's guidelines. Careful preparation, as well as car-



Florian Wechselberger is the chairman of the Zillertal Mountain Guides and knows the mountains of the Zillertal and Tux Alps like the back of his hand.

rying and the use of appropriate equipment can make for enjoyable tours. Preparatory measures begin with the planning stage of every tour. We should ask ourselves the following questions: What is our route? How long is the tour and how many metres

in altitude do we have to cover? Have I checked the condition of the hiking trails? What does the weather forecast say? If the day of the tour is sunny, don't forget sun protection for your eyes and skin. If bad weather is forecast, always consider whether the tour is even possible. In any case, take appropriate weather clothing with you. An aluminium rescue blanket per person and a 2-man bivouac sack are essential items of equipment on the mountain, which protect against hypothermia and also

provide good protection against adverse weather conditions such as rain, snowfall (even in summer) and wind, thus saving lives. Do we have a spot to sleep in the proposed mountain hut? Huts are often fully booked these days, so it is essential to reserve overnight accommodation in advance. Stones and paths are often slippery in rain, snow or damp conditions. Sturdy hiking boots (above ankle height) with a robust sole can prevent slipping. Poles, if used correctly, are very helpful for the ascent and descent, but can also cause you to trip if you don't concentrate.

Which tours can I manage on my own and when should I avail myself of the services of a mountain guide?

Florian Wechselberger: You can move freely in the mountains, as long as you are aware of your own mental and physical limitations. The Tyrolean hiking trail network is categorised into three levels of difficulty: blue marked trails are easy, red marked trails are medium and black marked trails are difficult. Blue and red marked hiking trails can be walked alone, or with a Tyrolean mountain hiking guide. We recommend using the services of a mountain guide when negotiating black trails or pathless terrain, such as summit ascents, glacier tours or climbing tours, where you should be secured with a rope. www.bergfuehrer-zillertal.at

Why should I stick to marked trails and not just go off the beaten track?

Florian Wechselberger: Hiking trails are marked and signposted, regularly maintained and marked on topographical maps. Mountain bike routes are also marked, signposted and specially designed for uphill and downhill bikers. There are also some shared trails where walkers and cyclists use the same paths. Please do not take any shortcuts, as this destroys habitat, nature, vegetation and the landscape. There is also the added danger of falling if you leave authorised routes.

Basic equipment for high alpine tours

The following basic equipment is recommended for hut-to-hut tours over a period of several days:

- Rucksack with a change of clothes
- sturdy mountain boots (above ankle height)
- weather clothing, hat, gloves
- sunglasses, sun protection
- topographical map
- mobile phone for emergency calls
- first aid kit, aluminium rescue blanket, bivouac sack, headlamp
- tea bottle, muesli bar, cash
- personal utensils

„Prerequisites for tours lasting several days are physical and mental fitness of all participants tours, appropriate tour planning with checks on whether trails are even open, confirmed overnight accommodation in the huts and safe weather conditions," adds Florian Wechselberger.



Summit ascents to Olperer, Fußstein and Schrammacher are undergoing renovation.

In early summer 2024, the existing footholds on summit ascents to Olperer (3,476 m), Fußstein (3,380 m) and Schrammacher (3,410 m), which were installed with great care and diligence by mountaineers and mountain guides back at the beginning of the 20th century, are to be renovated and brought up to the latest technical standards. The objective is to preserve the natural-

ness, originality and unspoilt nature of the mountains, whilst maintaining the attractiveness of tours with their alpine character. „This project is focussed on significant increase in safety for all mountaineers. We won't be building any via ferratas, we'll even be dismantling existing via ferrata ropes," says Florian Wechselberger on the forthcoming project.

Wood Chopping Championship



The best wood choppers demonstrate how they use strength, the right technique and considerable speed to make firewood from giant tree trunks at the wood chopping Championship on Saturday, **17.08.2024** in Tux-Lanersbach. At **11.00 a.m.**, morning drinks accompanied by the town band, followed by live music. Exciting fun then begins at **01.30 p.m.**, when the wood choppers set to work with their axes.

Schürzenjäger Open Air 2024



Fans will be on the move again when the Schürzenjäger Band return to their legendary Open Air venue in Finkenberg on Saturday, **03.08.2024**. Back then, just like today. Schürzenjäger time is a rich musical celebration, peppered with popular Schürzenjäger hits and new titles. This legendary mix of folk-inspired music, rock and pop by this group of 6 musicians headed by Alfred Eberharter senior, band leader Alf junior and neo-frontman Dominik Ofner, is what makes the Schürzenjäger tradition so special. It all starts at 14:00 hrs!

As a prelude and exclusively for their fans, the Schürzenjäger are organising a Hey Mann Festl at the Music Pavilion in Finkenberg on Wednesday, **31.07.2024**, starting at 17.30 hrs. Meet the Schürzenjäger up close and get in the mood for the great Open Air!

Blues Night

SchwindelFREI cultural association presents Blues Night with Chris Grey & The BlueSpand. from Denmark on Saturday, **14.09.2024**, 8.00 p. m., in Tux-Lanersbach. The musicians became famous on Facebook and now plan to impress their fans with live performances.



Ultraks Zillertal with TUX070

TUX070 (70 km, 4,000 m) is part of the Mayrhofen Ultraks event and starts on Saturday, 7th September 2024 at 5.30 hrs at the valley station of the Hintertux Glacier Lift. Participants can look forward to great views and a unique sunrise. The route leads to Tuxerjoch, the main ridge of the Tux alpine foothills and via Junsjoch and Geiseljoch to Rastkogel. A technical downhill then leads down to the finish in Mayrhofen.

mayrhofen.ultraks.com

Steinbock March & Steinbock Run

The Steinbock March on Saturday 17th August 2024 will take hikers and climbers on a 30 km long trek from Ginzling village to Breitlahner Alpine Guest House. An ascent of 1,817 metres and descent of 1,613 metres must first be mastered before the worthy winner can raise the coveted Zillertaler Steinbock trophy aloft. The Steinbock March Festival in Ginzling is a day-long celebration with activity and handicraft stations, a climbing tower, live radio broadcasts, DJs, live music and a concert by the Ginzling Town Band.

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www.myzillertal.app



Apple App Store



Google Playstore



Finkenberg Town Band today (left) and at the founding ceremony one hundred years ago (above).

Finkenberg Town Band

Festival celebrations will be held on 26th May 2024 at Finkenberg Music Pavilion.

Preparations to establish a town band in Finkenberg began way back in 1923, with primary school teacher Maria Unterburger providing the driving force. She taught music, organised rehearsals and recruited new members. After a brief period, senior teacher Alois Moll from Fügen was recruited as bandmaster for the 22-strong ensemble. The founding festival was celebrated in 1924. Even then, the marching band was an important element of all local festivities. After the war years, "normal" village life slowly resumed in 1946 and the band was quickly re-established. In 1950, the band's sound changed, as

the acquisition of clarinets gave the music a new "tone" and the timbre of the woodwind instruments offered a welcome change from brass. A regular musical schedule gradually developed over the course of the year with various church and secular events. A highlight occurred in 1980 at the grand reception for Olympic gold medallist Leonhard Stock. The specially composed march "Leonhard Stock Olympia Marsch" by Tyrolean composer Hubert Klier was premiered at the celebrations and later recorded on disc.

In 2011, a young music group was founded under the name "Crazy Instruments", which

takes place during the summer months as a summer project.

NEW MUSIC PAVILION. Not only did the Corona pandemic curtail musical activities, but the eagerly awaited new pavilion also had to wait. The new pavilion and rehearsal rooms were finally inaugurated in 2022. Finkenberg Town Band is currently under the musical direction of bandmaster Emanuel Sporer. Markus Troppmair has been chairman and thus responsible for organisational activities since 2013.

DIVERSE MUSICAL YEAR. Our Town Band's annual programme is undoubtedly characterised by



numerous traditions and recurring events, both religious and secular. Highlights of the musical year certainly include the "Longes eiblosen" concert in spring and open-air concerts in summer. A varied programme was put together especially for the anniversary year to celebrate the 100th anniversary in appropriate style. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at this special get-together.

50 years of the Finkenchor Choir

Celebrations take place on 14th June and 10th August 2024 at the Music Pavilion in Finkenberg.

The motto "We are just as capable of doing what a cassette recorder can" was used by Rosa Wechselberger, when she founded her youth choir - the „Finkenchor“ - with a few schoolgirls in spring 1974. They rehearsed enthusiastically and were soon able to organise the first church service with their rhythm-filled songs. Other church services, weddings, funerals and baptisms soon followed and the Finkenchor with its guitarist Richard Pfister, who was later joined by Gerhard Oberhuber, was soon in demand throughout the country. The youth choir also organised Advent performances and balls and recorded its own "Finkenchor cassette" as a highlight. Collaborative projects with other choirs followed, as well as radio productions for "Car drivers on the road" and holy mass on the radio. The Zillertal-Ahrntal

meeting took the choir to neighbouring South Tyrol several times, from where they returned with their secret anthem, the hymn, "Ich sucht in der Ferne" (I searched afar). The group also rehearsed diligently for concerts and performances at various events. Musical excursions to Hamburg, Vienna, Munich and Stuttgart were highlights for the now 30-strong ensemble. Manuela, Marion, Maria and Sabine from the original choir are still with us today. The Finkenchor will celebrate its 50th anniversary on 14th June 2024 with a concert by "Tschentig" and an "Anniversary Holy Mass" with an open-air ball on 10th August 2024, at which the "Beggli Musi" will perform. Both events will take place at the Music Pavilion in Finkenberg. The singers are looking forward to welcoming many visitors to the celebrations!



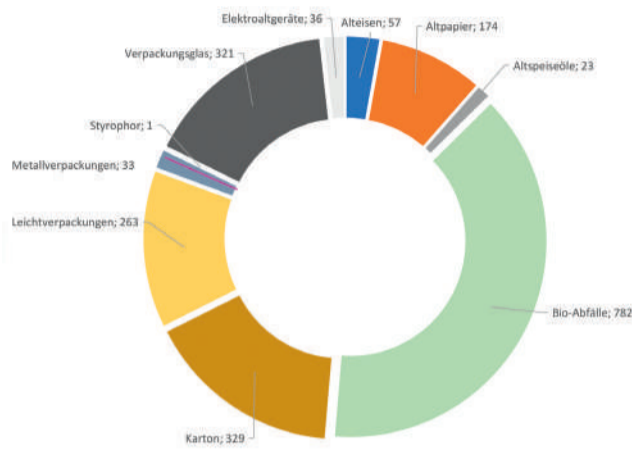
Sustainable enjoyment

In an alpine valley like Tux, people have always treated their living space very sustainably.

At a time when we are becoming increasingly aware of the need to protect and preserve our environment, mindful behaviour is becoming more important, especially when planning our holidays. Travel itineraries, means of transport and destinations have a major influence on just how sustainable a holiday can be.

HIGH ALPINE VALLEY. The people in Tux-Finkenberg are aware of their responsibility for the sensitive ecosystem of their homeland. After all, life in a high alpine valley such as Tux has always been characterised by careful management. And that has never changed. Much of the food and produce must be painstakingly brought down into the valley and waste has to be disposed of elsewhere (see graph).

REGIONAL ENERGY PRODUCTION. When it comes to energy, the natural abundance of water and forest helps. In the region, small hydropower plants with a total capacity of approx. 2,200 kW and photovoltaic systems with approx. 1,700 kW generate around 13.5 million kW/h of renewable energy every year. This equates



In 2022, a total of 2,019 tonnes of recyclable materials were collected in Tux-Finkenberg, which are separated into individual categories (graph) and sent for recycling.

to the electricity consumption of around 4,400 households! Buildings, whether new builds or renovations, are constructed to high energy standards and equipped with modern heating technology. In Tux, all public buildings such as the town hall, schools and kindergarten, the Tux Centre, the operations centre and many accommodation establishments are heated with wood chips. The fuel comes from local forests and is a (waste) resource generated during woodworking operations.

SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOUR on holiday and in everyday life does not always require drastic change. Switching off lights, lowering room temperatures to a comfortable level or avoiding excessive hot water consumption are small steps that, taken together, have a big impact without reducing comfort. Many hosts offer sustainable options to their guests: they provide, for instance, towels or bed linen that can be used over several days, and dispensers with biodegradable personal care products in the

bathroom. Purchasing everyday goods directly from local producers, as well as the sophisticated preparation of food into delicious multi-course meals, eliminates the need for huge amounts of disposable packaging and minimises food waste.

REGIONAL PRODUCTS. It is often the small, conscious decisions that can make a big difference. Many businesses and shops in Tux-Finkenberg offer local and seasonal food sourced directly from farmers in the region (sausage and meat products, dairy products, cheese, bread, etc.), which supports farmers in the valley and avoids long transport routes.

OUR DECISIONS. By endeavouring to make more sustainable choices, we are not only helping to protect our environment, but also creating a better future for generations to come. The lunch box we reuse, the water bottle we refill, even the cloth bag we keep recycling are small steps that cost nothing, require no effort and achieve so much. We just have to think about it and act accordingly.



Alpine cattle drive festival in Finkenberg

On Saturday, 14th September 2024, the Finkenberg Sheep Breeders' Association and Finkenberg Home Guard once again invite you to the traditional sheep and horse cattle drive festival in Finkenberg Dornau. The breeders, dairy-men and shepherds set off with their impressive procession of mountain sheep from the „Berliner Hütte“ in Zemmgrund in the early hours of the morning, from where they have a 30 km long trek home to Finkenberg ahead. Along the way, the animals and their keepers stop for a rest in the mountaineering village of Ginzling, where those interested, can join the group and walk together with them to Finkenberg.

Rules of behaviour to ensure your safety on mountain pastures

- ➡ Avoid contact with grazing cattle, do not feed animals, keep a safe distance!
- ➡ Keep calm, do not startle grazing animals!
- ➡ Mother cows will protect their calves, avoid encounters between mother cows and dogs
- ➡ Always keep dogs under control and on a short leash. If a grazing animal seems likely to attack: unleash your dog immediately!
- ➡ Do not leave marked hiking trails on alpine grazing pastures and meadows!
- ➡ If a grazing animal blocks your path, keep as much distance as possible!
- ➡ When approaching grazing animals: stay calm, do not turn your back, move away from the animals!
- ➡ Leave the grazing area quickly at the first sign of any agitation!
- ➡ Pay attention to fences! If there is a gate, use it, then close it properly and cross the pasture quickly!
- ➡ Treat the people working here, nature and the animals with respect!

Meals on Wheels

Many chefs in Tux ensure variety and maximum enjoyment.

A balanced diet and regular meals are essential for well-being, especially in old age. Some people, however, are no longer able to cook for themselves. „Meals on wheels“ provides welcome relief in such situations, for family members too. With this in mind, the „Meals on Wheels“ association was founded in Tux in 2018. „The special aspect of our ‚Meals on Wheels‘ is that the menus are prepared by hotels, inns and restaurants in Tux,“ says Alexandra Peer, chairwoman of the association, who is delighted with the fantastic involvement shown by the local catering trade. Every month, the menus are lovingly prepared by a different establishment, ensuring there is always plenty of variety on the menu. Meals are adapted to individual requirements for those in need of a special diet.



The association's volunteer drivers are on the road from Monday to Friday between Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Hintertux.

SOCIAL CONTACT. The association's volunteer drivers are on the road from Monday to Friday between Tux-Vorderlanersbach and Hintertux to distribute the meals. And even though their efforts are governed by a tight schedule, there is always time left over for a little chat. How are you doing? What's new in the village - there's

always something to talk about. „Older people have made Tux what it is today. That's why it's important for everyone in the village to try and make their twilight years as pleasant as possible,“ says Alexandra Peer. The cooks regularly provide culinary surprises, delicacies from grandma's kitchen for example, and have even delivered

Socially sustainable

These businesses cook for the „Meals on Wheels“ campaign in Tux

- ➡ Pension Alpenfriede
- ➡ Hotel Jäger
- ➡ Natur- und Wanderhotel Tuxertal
- ➡ Hotel Neuhintertux
- ➡ Tuxer Grillkuchl
- ➡ Kinder- & Gletscherhotel Hintertuxerhof
- ➡ Hotel Klausnerhof
- ➡ Hotel Alpin Spa Tuxerhof
- ➡ Die Pension – Das Lokal
- ➡ Hotel Der Rindererhof
- ➡ Hotel das Alois
- ➡ Brugger's Genießerhotel Lanersbacher Hof

meals in person to find out more about personal preferences. „You get so much back in return,“ says Alexandra happily. That's why the employees in the association and participating businesses are always coming up with new ideas. This year, for example, a traditional New Year message was delivered by a „Perchte“ well-wisher and kindergarten children made small gifts. These always provide a happy surprise and bring a smile to the recipients' faces.

Event tip

GLACIER TOUR IN THE TUX VALLEY

The fascination of snow and ice

Dates: every Thursday from 6th June to 26th September 2024

Meeting point: 10.00 or 12.00 hrs, depending on registration.

Tuxer Fernerhaus forecourt (sign: meeting point for Glacier Tour)

www.myzillertal.at



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Exhibition at the Nature Park House Ginzling

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VERBORGENE SCHÄTZE



Die „Verborgenen Schätze“ sind das neue Schmuckstück des Naturparkhauses. Die Ausstellung erstreckt sich über zwei Etagen und mehr als 500 m² und nimmt die Besucher mit auf eine einzigartige Reise durch die geologische Geschichte der Zillertaler Alpen und zeigt die funkelnden Kristallschätze, die über Millionen Jahre im Inneren der Berge entstanden sind. Im Fokus steht immer wieder der Mensch, der seit Jahrtausenden in den Bergen unterwegs ist, um diese Schätze zu suchen, zu finden, abzubauen und zu handeln. Vor allem am Beispiel des Bergkristalls und Granats werden viele spannende Geschichten erzählt. Ein großes Relief der Zillertaler Alpen, interaktive Stationen, faszinierende Installationen wie das Kaleidoskop und ein Bergkino mit spannenden Filmen sind einige Highlights, die die Besucher erwarten ...

ÖFFNUNGSZEITEN

Mitte Juni bis Mitte September: TÄGLICH 08:30–12:00 und 13:00–17:00 Uhr

Mitte September bis Mitte Juni:

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Anniversaries in the Tux Valley

The Ferienheimat Tux-Finkenberg would like to express its heartfelt thanks to all regular guests for their many years of loyalty.

Thank you!



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Family Lewitzki



120 times in the Tux Valley:
Mr Herbert Keutgen



120 times in the Tux Valley:
Mr Jens Riemer



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