Winter at Kitzsteinhorn & Maiskogel

Ski & Snow Bliss from Fall Through Early Summer

Few ski areas are as versatile as Kitzsteinhorn and its surroundings in the Zell am See-Kaprun region. At the high-alpine Kitzsteinhorn glacier ski resort, winter sports enthusiasts enjoy an extra-long ski season from fall through early summer, thanks to its snow-sure altitude and top-notch snow management. The Maiskogel ski area, close to the town of Kaprun, is especially popular with families and leisure skiers. Beyond skiing and snowboarding, both Kaprun mountains offer unique attractions and adventure experiences, providing unmatched natural beauty and panoramic views on the edge of Hohe Tauern National Park.

Winter Sports

K-ONNECTION Ski-in Ski-out	During peak season, the 12-km-long K-ONNECTION lift axis links Kaprun's town center, via the family-friendly Maiskogel, directly to the Kitzsteinhorn glacier ski resort. For winter sports enthusiasts, this means ski-in, ski-out access from 768 to 3,029 meters.
Skiing & Snowboarding	Perfectly groomed natural snow slopes on wide glacier terrain against a spectacular high-alpine backdrop make skiing and snowboarding at the Kitzsteinhorn a truly special experience. Across a total of 41 km of slopes, skiers can choose from blue, red, and black runs. Further down, families and leisure skiers especially appreciate the gentle slopes and the proximity of the Maiskogel to the town. In Kaprun's town center, beginners take their first turns on the Lechnerberg.
Freeriding	The Kitzsteinhorn is one of Austria's most popular freeride spots and is world-renowned within the scene: the legendary X OVER RIDE, a Freeride World Tour Challenger event, has been held for years on the Lakarschneid competition face. Freeriders can carve their lines in the finest powder along five varied routes close to the lifts. The Freeride INFO BASE at the Alpincenter provides an overview of all freeride routes, guidelines for riding in open terrain, an avalanche transceiver (LVS) checkpoint, and the current avalanche warning level. At the start of each route, an INFO POINT offers details on the slope's conditions and safety tips for off-piste riding.
Snowparks	The snowparks at Kitzsteinhorn are world-class, offering freestylers a wide variety of setups. The freestyle season kicks off as early as fall at the *Glacier Park* on the glacier plateau at 2,900 meters, which remains open through December. After that, the *Easy Park*, *Central Park*, and *South Central Park* become a playground for freestylers of all levels through early May.
Superpipe	In November, the expertly shaped superpipe in the Sonnenkarbahn area at Kitzsteinhorn, crafted by Olympic shaper Alli Zehetner and his team, draws the world's elite halfpipe riders to the glacier snow. During the annual *Pipe Training Weeks*, legendary names from the international freestyle scene use the massive halfpipe, with walls up to 6.5 meters high, to prepare for competitions.

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Ski Touring

For ski tourers, Kitzsteinhorn offers two marked ascent routes starting from Langwied: On the *Schneekönigin* route, recreational ski tourers climb 474 meters up to the Alpincenter at 2,450 m. The *Eisbrecher* route runs parallel to the Schneekönigin up to this point and then continues to the top station of the Maurerlift at 2,875 m – ambitious tourers cover a total of 899 meters of elevation here. The route on Maiskogel starts at the Maiskogel parking lot and leads either to the base station of the 3K K-onnection at 1,570 m or to the top station of the Almbahn at 1,733 m.

Winter Hiking

At Kitzsteinhorn, the starting points for stunning winter hiking trails await at Langwied (1,976 m), the Alpincenter (2,450 m), and the Gletscherjet 4 top station (2,926 m). From Langwied and the Gletscherjet 4 top station, the trails lead to scenic viewpoints, while from the Alpincenter they lead to the ICE CAMP presented by Audi.

Themed Runs & Challenges

Black Mamba ▸ For those who like it steep: With a gradient of up to 63%, Black Mamba is the blackest run at Kitzsteinhorn.

Eagle Line ▸ Perfect for aspiring freestylers looking to tackle a variety of terrain: This course is packed with waves, banked turns, and humps with changing obstacles. Even experienced riders will have a blast soaring through the air and feeling the G-forces in the steep turns.

Maisi Line ▸ On this fun run at Maiskogel, the youngest freestylers can let loose.

Skiline.cc ▸ All tracking features are available in the app: vertical meters, lift rides, and ski kilometers can be monitored; speed checks at Kristallbahn top station and Maiskogel are accessible; and a SkiMovie of the giant slalom course at the Kitzlifte can be recorded. The *KITZSTEINHORN CUP* includes seven disciplines – completing four out of seven gives participants a chance to win exclusive prizes.

Mogul Run ▸ at Kitzsteinhorn

Attractions & Adventure Experiences

TOP OF SALZBURG

The high-alpine adventure world at 3,029 meters is not only Salzburg's highest-situated attraction, but also the highest point in the state of Salzburg accessible by cable cars.
From the two panoramic platforms, *TOP OF SALZBURG* and *Nationalpark Gallery*, visitors enjoy a breathtaking view over the seemingly endless sea of peaks in the adjacent Hohe Tauern National Park, the largest protected area in the Alps.
Austria's highest-altitude cinema, *Cinema 3000*, screens the film "Kitzsteinhorn – THE NATURE", immersing viewers in the unique natural, plant, and animal world of the Kitzsteinhorn before an eight-meter-wide screen.
One floor below, a dark passage becomes visible behind a glass sliding door – the 360-m-long *National Park Gallery* tunnel runs directly through the Kitzsteinhorn. Along six information stations, it explores fascinating questions, such as how mountain crystals form or what permafrost is all about. At the end of the tunnel, the spectacular view from the panorama platform of the same name provides a striking contrast to the mystical interior world of the Kitzsteinhorn. From here, the summit of Großglockner, Austria's highest mountain, is visible.

3K K-onnection

The journey to TOP OF SALZBURG already holds an unforgettable highlight: the ride on the 3K K-onnection – one of the most modern and energy-efficient cable cars in the world. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding high-alpine winter landscape, stretching all the way down to the Zell Basin.

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Guided Ranger Tours

On the *Kitzsteinhorn Explorer Tour*, a National Park ranger leads a fascinating journey of discovery from the town center of Kaprun all the way to TOP OF SALZBURG. Along the way, stories and insights into the unique flora and fauna of the Kitzsteinhorn unfold – highlighted by the ride on the 3K K-onnection. Special explorer cabins offer uninterrupted panoramic views of the breathtaking high-alpine winter landscape. The subsequent *National Park Gallery Tour* promises a mystical journey into the heart of the Kitzsteinhorn. At six stations, the ranger provides captivating insights into the mountain's history, technology, natural treasures, flora, and fauna, as well as the Hohe Tauern National Park.

ICE CAMP
presented by Audi

At 2,600 meters, ice and snow create a breathtaking work of art. From mid-January to mid-April, three igloos shape the winter landscape at Kitzsteinhorn. Inside, they host a setting that perfectly captures the spirit of the times. Ice sculptures, light installations, and soundscapes tell a new story each year, transporting visitors to a different world every season. It's a fully immersive experience that delights all the senses and continues to captivate guests year after year. The materials for the ICE CAMP come from the surrounding nature, which gracefully reclaims them as temperatures rise in spring. In addition to an Audi showroom, the ICE CAMP features a sun deck with a snack bar, lounge chairs, and chill music, all with stunning views. This is where *ICE CAMP Sounds* takes place on select Saturdays in March and April – the popular event series featuring live acts.

Maisi Flitzer

The Maisi Flitzer alpine coaster on the family mountain Maiskogel sets both young and old hearts racing all year round. At the end of a great day of glacier skiing, it offers an especially action-packed ride down the valley over waves, jumps, and spirals.

Weekly Winter Program 2026/27 *

MO **Freeride Monday** ▸ Dec. 14, 2026, through Apr. 19, 2027
Workshops on safe runs along the most scenic routes beyond the glacier slopes – for both beginners and advanced riders

DI **Kitzsteinhorn Explorer Tour** ▸ Dec. 22, 2026, through Mar. 30, 2027
Exciting discovery tour with a National Park ranger from the town center of Kaprun, including spectacular panoramic cable car rides all the way to TOP OF SALZBURG at 3,029 m

National Park Gallery Tour ▸ Dec. 22, 2026, through Mar. 30, 2027
Free guided ranger tour through the National Park Gallery info tunnel – an informative journey into the mystical world inside the Kitzsteinhorn

MI **Mogul Wednesday** ▸ Dec. 23, 2026, through Apr. 28, 2027
Introductory workshop on mogul skiing with professional video technique analysis

Snowshoe Hike ▸ Jan. 13 through Apr. 7, 2027
Guided tour from the Alpincenter through the high-alpine winter landscape to the ICE CAMP presented by Audi – one of the most extraordinary art projects in the Alpine region

DO **Ski Touring Thursday** ▸ Dec. 31, 2026, through Apr. 15, 2027
Guided ski tour from Langwied through pristine nature to the Tristkogel – with valuable tips on ski touring in open terrain and a dreamlike descent

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Event Highlights Fall/Winter 2026/27 *

Kitzsteinhorn Ski & Board Test Nov. 7 & 8, 2026	For one weekend, leading brands such as Atomic, Blizzard, and Nitro provide winter sports enthusiasts with free access to their latest ski and snowboard models – the perfect chance to discover the season's highlights and find the right gear. On Saturday, the Glacier Park will also host a Cash4Tricks contest with the Kitzsteinhorn Snowpark team.
Bergwelten Skitouren-Testival Nov. 27–29, 2026	Ski touring fans can join guided tours with mountain guides from Naturfreunde and test the newest touring gear for the season. A professional product workshop is also included, along with an avalanche safety refresher in the LVS training field.
Mystic Mountain Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, 2027	In the glow of the moon, guests are invited to an exclusive dining experience on the Kitzsteinhorn. After a scenic cable car ride, the evening begins at the Gletschermühle Restaurant with an aperitif and alpine-inspired antipasti. A multi-course menu featuring regional specialties takes center stage. The dinner is accompanied by soulful live music and atmospheric light effects, creating an ambiance that balances elegance with a touch of mystique.
X OVER RIDE Mar. 12–15, 2027	Freeride World Tour Challenger – on the Lakarschneid face, the world's best freeriders battle for a coveted ticket to the following year's Freeride World Tour. [The event takes place on one day between Mar. 12 and 15, depending on weather conditions.]
Austrian & German Masters Mar. 29–31, 2027	Austria's and Germany's top snowboarders compete for their national titles in big air. Riders from around the world can also collect valuable World Snowboard Ranking and Europa Cup points.
World Rookie Tour Finals Mar. 31–Apr. 5, 2027	The rising stars of snowboarding compete in slopestyle and rail for the title of *World Rookie Champion*.
Culinary Ski Days at Kitzsteinhorn Apr. 9 & 10, 2027	For two days, the Kitzsteinhorn is all about fine food and exceptional wines: with *HOCHGENUSS* and *Wine Flight & Tapas Delight* — the highest-altitude highlights of the renowned *Falstaff Culinary Ski Days* in the Zell am See-Kaprun region. The place to be for wine lovers: *Wine Flight & Tapas Delight* invites guests to sample exquisite wines – perfectly paired with refined regional tapas – at select stations across the ski area. An exclusive gourmet evening at Salzburg's most elevated restaurant at 3,029 meters: *HOCHGENUSS* combines the impressive Alpine backdrop with outstanding fine dining.
Glacier Spring Festival May 1 & 2, 2027	The legendary end-of-season celebration at the Kitzsteinhorn: as spring slowly climbs past 2,000 meters, the glacier welcomes it in style – with perfect spring snow on wide glacier slopes, culinary highlights, live beats, and free ski testing. The perfect setting to bid farewell to a successful winter season at Kitzsteinhorn and enjoy sunny spring skiing.
Ski & Golf WM May 6, 2027	Under the motto "Ski turns meet golf swings between glacier and green", athletes compete for the world championship title with giant slalom racing at Kitzsteinhorn and a golf tournament on the greens of Golfclub Zell am See-Kaprun-Saalbach.

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Overview Winter 2026/27 at Kitzsteinhorn & Maiskogel

The Kitzsteinhorn – Maiskogel – Lechnerberg ski resort

- Elevation: 768 to 3,000 m
- Extra-long ski season from fall through early summer in the glacier ski resort
- 24 cable cars and lifts
- 62.5 km of slopes
- K-ONNECTION: ski-in ski-out from Kaprun town center all the way up to the glacier ski area at 3,029 m
- 17 huts, restaurants, and bars – from the Maisi Alm at the MK Maiskogelbahn valley station to the Gipfel Restaurant with 5-star panoramic views at 3,029 m (Salzburg's highest-altitude restaurant)
- Part of ALPIN CARD: with the Ski ALPIN CARD, access up to 408 km of slopes and 121 cable cars and lifts across the three premium ski regions Kitzsteinhorn Kaprun, Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn, and Schmittenhöhe in Zell am See. Details on www.alpincard.at

Winter Sports Variety

- **Ski & Board**: wide-open glacier slopes at Kitzsteinhorn, gentle runs at Maiskogel
- **Freeride**: 5 freeride routes plus full infrastructure (INFO BASE & INFO POINTS)
  ⇢ **Freeride Monday**: freeride workshops for beginners and advanced riders, every Monday
- **Freestyle**: 4 world-class snow parks
- **Ski touring**: 3 marked routes
  ⇢ **Ski Touring Thursday**: guided ski tour with a mountain guide to Tristkogel (2,642 m), every Thursday
- **Winter hiking**: 3 winter trails
  ⇢ **Snowshoe Hike**: to the ICE CAMP presented by Audi, every Wednesday
- **Black Mamba**: black run with a gradient of up to 63%
- **Eagle Line**: fun slope with banked turns, waves, and jumps
- **Maisi Line**: fun run with waves and a variety of features for kids
- **Mogul Run**: at Kitzsteinhorn
  ⇢ **Mogul Wednesday**: introductory workshop on mogul skiing, every Wednesday
- **Skiline.cc**: elevation profile, speed checks, and SkiMovie course
- **KITZSTEINHORN CUP**: complete four out of seven Skiline.cc Challenges for a chance to win

Attractions & Adventure Experiences

- **TOP OF SALZBURG**: high-alpine adventure world at 3,029 m
  ⇢ on the edge of Hohe Tauern National Park
  ⇢ open year-round, easily reached by cable cars
  ⇢ panoramic platforms *TOP OF SALZBURG* and *National Park Gallery*
  ⇢ Austria's highest-altitude cinema, *Cinema 3000*, featuring the film "Kitzsteinhorn – THE NATURE"
  ⇢ 360-m-long *National Park Gallery* tunnel with six info stations
- **Guided National Park Ranger Tours**: each Tuesday
- **ICE CAMP presented by Audi**: artfully designed igloo world made of ice and snow, with snack bar and sun deck at 2,600 m
  ⇢ **ICE CAMP Sounds**: event series with live acts on the ICE CAMP sun deck on selected Saturdays in March and April
- **Maisi Flitzer**: year-round alpine coaster at the MK Maiskogelbahn valley station in the center of Kaprun

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