

Kitzsteinhorn & Maiskogel

Winter sports from fall until early summer

There is hardly a ski resort so varied as the one on and around the Kitzsteinhorn in the Zell am See-Kaprun region. In the high-alpine Kitzsteinhorn glacier ski resort, winter sports enthusiasts enjoy an extra-long ski season from fall until early summer due to its snow-secure altitude and top-notch snow management. The close-to-town Maiskogel ski resort enjoys great popularity especially among families and mellow-minded skiers. Independently of skis and snowboards, both Kaprun town mountains offer incomparable nature and panorama bliss with unique attractions and adventure offerings at the Hohe Tauern National Park border.

Winter sports

K-ONNECTION During peak season, the 12-km-long cable car route K-ONNECTION connects the Kaprun town center via the Maiskogel family mountain directly with the Kitzsteinhorn glacier ski resort. For winter sports fans, this means: ski-in ski-out from 768 to 3,029 meters.

Skiing & Snowboarding Kitzsteinhorn's wide glacier slopes are covered in natural snow, perfectly groomed and feature a spectacular high-alpine backdrop for skiing and snowboarding. 41 kilometers of slopes feature easy, intermediate and difficult/expert slopes to choose from. Further down, especially families and mellow-minded skiers enjoy the moderate slopes and closeness to town of the Maiskogel. Beginners make their first turns on the Lechnerberg in the Kaprun town center.

Freeriding The Kitzsteinhorn ranks among Austria's most popular freeride spots and has long been world-famous in the scene: The legendary X OVER RIDE has been held on the Lakarschneid competition face for years – since 2024 even as 4* Freeride World Tour Challenger event. Skiers and snowboarders ride fresh lines on five varied close-to-lift routes in the soft powder. The Freeride INFO BASE at the Alpincenter shows an overview of all freeride routes as well as a code of conduct for backcountry riding and features an avalanche transceiver checkpoint. All route access points are equipped with an INFO POINT with details on the respective route's characteristics and tips on safe backcountry riding.

Snowparks The snowparks on the Kitzsteinhorn are world-class and impress freestylers with varied setups. The "Glacier Park" on the glacier plateau at 2,900 meters provides first features already in fall. When it closes in December, the "Easy Park" at 2,600 meters opens. The "Central Park" and "South Central Park" offer numerous features from approx. February through April.

Superpipe In November, the perfectly-shaped superpipe built by Olympia shaper Alli Zehetner attracts the elite of halfpipe riders to the proximity of the Sonnenkarbahn cable car on the Kitzsteinhorn. Legendary names of the international freestyle scene use the mighty halfpipe with its up to 6.5-m-high walls to train for their upcoming competitions at the annual "Pipe Training Weeks". During the event, riders book exclusive training slots before the pipe opens to everyone in December.

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There are two marked routes for ski tourers on the Kitzsteinhorn, starting at Langwied: The "Schneekönigin" (snow queen) is a moderate tour to the Alpincenter at 2,450 meters with an elevation gain of 474 meters. Up to this point, the "Eisbrecher" (ice breaker) runs parallel to the "Schneekönigin" to then continue up to the Mauererlift's top station at 2,875 meters. In sum, ski tourers with great stamina cover 899 vertical meters. There is also a route on the Maiskogel that starts at the Maiskogel parking lot and leads up either to the 3K K-connection valley station at 1,570 meters or the Almbahn top station at 1,733 meters.

Winter hiking

Access points to truly beautiful winter hiking trails on the Kitzsteinhorn await at Langwied at 1,976 meters, next to the Alpincenter at 2,450 meters and by the Gletscherjet 4 top station at 2,926 meters. The trails from Langwied and the Gletscherjet 4 top station lead to viewing points, the trail from the Alpincenter to the ICE CAMP presented by Audi.

Fun slopes & competitions

"Black Mamba" ▶ Those who want to conquer her, love steep riding: Having a gradient of up to 63%, the Black Mamba is Kitzsteinhorn's blackest slope.

"Eagle Line" ▶ The fun slope for aspiring freestylers who want to approach different terrain forms: The course is packed with waves, berms and other alternating features. Advanced riders will have loads of fun here, too, while whizzing through the air and feeling the centrifugal forces in the berms.

"Maisi Line" ▶ Kids can romp around on this wave track on the Maiskogel.

"Skiline.cc" ▶ Checking what has been accomplished at the end of the ski day – the free Skiline app makes that possible. It tracks vertical meters, cable car rides and slope km and displays the data as a diagram. Moreover, the app records the speed checks at the Kristallbahn top station and on the Maiskogel as well as a ski movie of the giant slalom track by the Kitzlift. There is also the "Kitzsteinhorn K-ONNECTION CUP" with seven exciting competitions each winter. Those who master four out of seven challenges can win special prizes.

Attractions & adventure offerings

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 to be reachable via cable cars. Those who stand on the two panoramic platforms "TOP OF SALZBURG" and "Nationalpark Gallery" enjoy a breathtaking view of the seemingly endless ocean of summits of the adjacent Hohe Tauern National Park, Alps' largest nature reserve.

Austria's highest-situated movie theater "Cinema 3000" shows the movie "Kitzsteinhorn – THE NATURE" – viewers dive in Kitzsteinhorn's unique adventure, plant and animal world.

One floor below, a glazed sliding door outlines a dark hallway – the 360-m-long info tunnel "National Park Gallery" runs directly through the Kitzsteinhorn and responds to interesting questions, such as how mountain crystals form or what permafrost is. At the end of the tunnel, the spectacular view from the same-named panoramic platform provides a sharp contrast to the mystical world inside the Kitzsteinhorn. From here, the summit of the Grossglockner, Austria's highest mountain, is also visible.

3K K-connection The way to TOP OF SALZBURG holds an unforgettable highlight: the ride with the 3K K-connection – one of world’s most modern and energy-efficient cable cars. Nature enthusiasts enjoy a spectacular view of the surrounding high-alpine winter landscape all the way down to the Zell basin.

Guided ranger tours The “Kitzsteinhorn Explorer Tour” leads on a journey through four climate zones, with cable car rides from the Kaprun town center to TOP OF SALZBURG at 3,029 meters, accompanied by a National Park ranger. The way holds compelling stories about and fascinating insights into Kitzsteinhorn’s flora and fauna as well as a ride with the 3K K-connection – special explorer gondolas give a crystal clear panoramic view of the spectacular high-alpine winter landscape. The following “National Park Gallery Tour” leads through all TOP OF SALZBURG attractions, with focus on the 360-m-long info tunnel in the Kitzsteinhorn. The ranger narrates at six info stations, how mountain crystals form, what permafrost is and much more.

ICE CAMP presented by Audi On 2,600 meters, ice and snow form a fantastic work of art. From approximately mid-January through mid-April, the wintry landscape on the Kitzsteinhorn features three igloos. They house a scene that meets the zeitgeist. Ice sculptures, light installations and sounds narrate a new story and carry to another world year after year. It’s an experience for all senses that delights visitors each time. The building material for the ICE CAMP comes from the surrounding nature, and as soon as temperatures start to rise in spring, nature takes back what belongs to her. Besides an Audi showroom, there is also a sun deck with bar, loungers and lounge music with a view of the Kitzsteinhorn summit.

Maisi Flitzer The Maisi Flitzer alpine coaster on the Maiskogel family mountain makes little and big hearts leap with joy all year round. At the end of a beautiful glacier ski day, it provides an extra-fun valley descent over bridges, waves and turns.

Weekly Winter Program 2024/25 *

MO “Freeride Monday” ▶ 2.12.2024 to 21.4.2025
Diving in the freeride world as a newbie or refining existing techniques as an advanced rider with winter sports pros – for skiers and snowboarders aged 13 and older

DI “Kitzsteinhorn Explorer Tour” ▶ 24.12.2024 to 25.3.2025
An expedition through four climate zones with a National Park ranger – from 768 meters to TOP OF SALZBURG at 3,029 meters, spectacular panoramic ride with the 3K K-connection included

“Nationalpark Gallery Tour” ▶ 24.12.2024 to 25.3.2025
Discovering all TOP OF SALZBURG attractions, diving in the mystical world inside the Kitzsteinhorn and learning exciting things about the Hohe Tauern with a National Park ranger

MI “Guided Snowshoe Hike” ▶ 15.1. to 9.4.2025
Hiking from the Alpincenter over the ICE CAMP Trail to the legendary ICE CAMP presented by Audi

DO “Ski Touring Thursday” ▶ 26.12.2024 to 17.4.2025
Ascending to the Tristkogel amid untouched nature, gaining 660 vertical meters, with a state-certified mountain guide

Event Highlights Fall/Winter 2024/25*

- SnowTime**
8.–10.11.24
- The second weekend in November holds numerous exciting events both on the mountain and in the valley – from the Freeride Filmfestival over the SnowTime Expert Talk to a free ski and snowboard test, a freestyle contest, a vertical meters competition and much more.
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- Bergwelten Skitouren-Festival**
22.–24.11.24
- Ski touring fans can participate in guided ski tours with Naturfreunde mountain guides and test the new season's ski touring gear. Moreover, a professional product training takes place and participants can update their avalanche know-how on the avalanche transceiver training area.
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- X OVER RIDE**
15.3.25
- Since 2024, this legendary Freeride World Tour event on the Kitzsteinhorn is held as 4* Challenger. World's best freeriders fight for a ticket to the upcoming year's Freeride World Tour on the Lakarschneid face.
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- World Rookie Tour Finals**
23.–28.3.25
- National and international snowboard rookies fight for the "World Rookie Champion" title in the disciplines slopestyle and halfpipe.
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- A&G Masters**
30.3.–3.4.25
- At the Austrian & German Masters, Austrian and German snowboarders compete for their respective National Champion title in the disciplines slopestyle and halfpipe. Moreover, participants from all around the world can collect valuable points in the World Snowboard Ranking and the European Cup. The competitions are open to all ages and skill levels.
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- HOCHGENUSS**
4.4.25
- An extraordinary culinary evening in Salzburg's highest-situated restaurant with spectacular high-alpine backdrop at 3,029 meters: This exclusive event on the Kitzsteinhorn takes place every year as part of the "Culinary Ski Days by falstaff" and impresses with top-notch gourmet cuisine accompanied by select wine.
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- Wine Flight & Tapas Delight**
5.4.25
- The place to be for wine lovers – stations in different locations throughout the ski resort invite for varied wine tastings, all accompanied by finest local tapas.
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- Glacier Spring Festival**
26. & 27.4.25
- The legendary winter closing event on the Kitzsteinhorn: When spring slowly approaches the 2,000 meters ASL line, the Kitzsteinhorn greets it cheerfully – with finest firn on wide glacier slopes, culinary highlights, live music and free ski test, offering the perfect setting for closing a successful winter season on the Kitzsteinhorn and ringing in the glacier spring with spring skiing until mid-May.

* Subject to change

Overview – Winter 2024/25 on the Kitzsteinhorn & Maiskogel

The Kitzsteinhorn – Maiskogel – Lechnerberg ski resort

- › Elevation: 768 to 3,029 m
- › Extra-long ski season from fall until early summer in the glacier ski resort
- › 24 cars & ski lifts
- › 61 km of slopes
- › K-ONNECTION: ski-in ski-out from the Kaprun town center to the glacier ski resort at 3,029 m
- › 17 huts, restaurants & bars – from the Maisi Alm in front of the MK Maiskogelbahn valley station to the Gipfel Restaurant with 5* panorama at 3,029 m (Salzburg's highest-situated restaurant)
- › Part of ALPIN CARD: enjoying up to 408 km of slopes and 121 cable cars and ski lifts in the three premium ski resort Skircircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn, Schmittenhöhe in Zell am See and Kitzsteinhorn Kaprun with the Ski ALPIN CARDS. Detail on alpincard.at

Winter sports variety

- › **Freeriding:** 5 freeride routes incl. extensive infrastructure (INFO BASE & INFO POINTS)
→ **"Freeride Monday"**: freeride workshops for beginners and advanced riders, on Mondays
- › **Ski touring:** 3 ski touring routes
→ **"Ski Touring Thursday"**: guided ski tour with mountain guide to the Tristkogel (2,642 m), on Thursdays
- › **Freestyle:** 4 snowparks & a superpipe
- › **Winter hiking:** 3 winter hiking trails
→ **"Guided Snowshoe Hike"**: to the ICE CAMP presented by Audi, on Wednesdays
- › **Black Mamba:** schwarze Piste mit einem Gefälle von bis zu 63 %
- › **Eagle Line:** fun slope with berms, waves and jumps
- › **Maisi Line:** wave track for kids
- › **Skiline.cc:** vertical meter profile, speed checks, ski movie track
- › **K-ONNECTION CUP:** winning by mastering four out of seven Skiline.cc challenges (Jan. to Mar. 2025)

Attractions & adventure offerings

- › **TOP OF SALZBURG:** high-alpine adventure world at 3,029 m at the Hohe Tauern National Park border
→ open year-round, reachable comfortably via cable cars
→ panoramic platforms "TOP OF SALZBURG" & "Nationalpark Gallery"
→ Austria's highest-situated movie theater "Cinema 3000" shows the movie "Kitzsteinhorn – THE NATURE"
→ 360-m-long tunnel "Nationalpark Gallery" with six info stations
- › **Guided National Park ranger tours:** on Tuesdays
- › **ICE CAMP presented by Audi:** artfully designed igloo world made of ice & snow with snack bar and sun deck at 2,600 m
- › **Maisi Flitzer:** year-round open alpine coaster next to the MK Maiskogelbahn valley station in the Kaprun town center