

# Winter in Austria

From a huge variety of skiing options for all levels, perfectly groomed slopes and first-class ski instruction to unrivalled hospitality and countless off-piste activities - why go anywhere else?

## Getting there

### BY PLANE

For the journey from Australia to Austria there are plenty of options to choose from. Besides flying into Vienna, Austria's capital, it is also possible to fly into Munich or Zurich for easy access to Austria's ski resorts in the west. One stop offers are available from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth with airlines like Emirates, Qatar Airways, Etihad, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines. Salzburg and Innsbruck Airport are great options if you are already in Europe.



### BY CAR

Austria Driving in Austria is uncomplicated and offers great flexibility and freedom. An excellent motorway, highway and federal road network connects Austria with all its neighbouring countries. All main border check points are open day and night.

### BY TRAIN

From Vienna Airport ÖBB Railjets depart twice hourly for Salzburg and there are hourly connections to Innsbruck, Tirol's capital city in the heart of the Austrian Alps. Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) offers train connections from Munich and Zurich to any major city in Austria.  
[www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)

## The Arlberg Region The Birthplace of Alpine Skiing

### St. Anton | St. Christoph | Lech | Zürs | Stuben

The region, which nestles between the provinces of Vorarlberg and Tirol in the mountainous west, is Austria's largest interconnected ski area and the fifth largest in the world. More than 100 years of skiing tradition, true Austrian hospitality and exquisite gastronomy make the Arlberg region one of a kind. Although this is one of the world's largest ski areas, you'll nevertheless find that all the villages have managed to preserve their authentic Austrian charm.

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

-  300 km groomed slopes & 200 km off-piste runs
-  diverse runs for beginners and pros
-  85 state-of-the-art lifts
-  one of the most snow reliable resorts in the Alps
-  included in the EPIC PASS
-  9 ski schools with world-wide recognition



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# Ski areas

Austria's mountain resorts offer activities for skiers and non-skiers alike. Here are our top picks for adrenaline junkies and families alike.

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## SAALBACH-HINTERGLEMM - SALZBURGER LAND

One of the largest ski areas in Austria, it features a wide variety of terrain and ski runs for all skill levels, and is known as a freeride paradise. One of its highlights: more than 60 cosy mountain huts.

[www.saalbach.com](http://www.saalbach.com)

## ZELL AM SEE - SALZBURGERLAND

A lakeside ski resort with stunning alpine views, Zell am See offers over 400 km of slopes in the Ski ALPIN CARD area, connecting with Kaprun and Saalbach. Glacier skiing, lakefront charm, and a vibrant winter atmosphere make it a perfect blend of nature, sport, and relaxation.

[www.zellamsee-kaprun.com](http://www.zellamsee-kaprun.com)

## HOCHKÖNIG - SALZBURGER LAND

More than 120km of pistes are draped in almost exclusively easy and intermediate slopes, making this area perfect for beginners and families, especially with its Schneewutzel kids club.

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

## SKIWELT WILDER KAISER - TIROL

One of Austria's largest ski areas with 270 km of slopes, 80+ huts, and stunning Wilder Kaiser views. A family-friendly favourite and now part of the Indy Pass network.

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

## ISCHGL - TIROL

Famed for its high-altitude skiing and legendary après-ski, Ischgl combines 239 km of pistes with state-of-the-art lifts in the Silvretta Arena. The resort is known for linking Austria with Switzerland and hosting international open-air concerts, offering a lively blend of sport, luxury, and entertainment. Included in the IKON PASS.

[www.ischgl.com](http://www.ischgl.com)

## ALPBACH - TIROL

Set in one of Austria's most picturesque villages, Alpbach combines traditional wooden architecture with a modern ski experience. Part of the Ski Juwel region, it offers 113 km of pistes, ideal for families and relaxed skiers. Its charm lies in peaceful slopes, panoramic views, and genuine Tyrolean hospitality.

[www.skijuwel.com](http://www.skijuwel.com)

## STUBAI GLACIER - TIROL

Austria's largest glacier ski area guarantees snow from October to May. With over 35 slopes, a snow park, and a family-friendly ski area, Stubai is ideal for early- and late-season skiing. The breathtaking mountain views and accessibility from Innsbruck make it a year-round favorite.

[www.stubaier-gletscher.com](http://www.stubaier-gletscher.com)

## KITZBÜHEL - TIROL

Outstanding Tirolean hospitality and the world's most famous ski race "Hahnen-kammrennen" define Kitzbühel. There is probably no winter sport, which cannot be practiced. The ski area is an eldorado of manicured pistes, a top-notch funpark for snowboarders, and mountains perfect for ski tours.

[www.kitzbuehel.com](http://www.kitzbuehel.com)

## INNSBRUCK - TIROL

Where culture meets world-class ski resort. Innsbruck has earned the reputation of being THE winter sports capital. The city is surrounded by nine ski resorts with easy access from the Old Town. And don't forget about the festive Christmas markets.

[www.innsbruck.info](http://www.innsbruck.info)

## ÖTZTAL VALLEY - TIROL

Three mountains over 3000m, two glacier ski areas and one of the longest snow seasons in the Alps. The six ski resorts in the Ötztal Valley guarantee both variety & absolute snow reliability.

[www.oetztal.com](http://www.oetztal.com)

## MONTAFON - VORARLBERG

Five separate ski areas and first-class hospitality await in the Montafon ski area of Vorarlberg. Top snowparks and the huge network of hiking paths on the sunny Bartholomäberg are some of the area's many highlights.

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

# It's not all about skiing

**TOBOGGANING** is a true winter classic during the day as well as at night. Our top tips: Hirschenkogel at Semmering illuminated by the most powerful floodlight system in Europe. The World's Longest Floodlit Run can be found on the Wildkogel in SalzburgerLand.

**SNOWSHOEING** allows you to enjoy spectacular views far away from the prepared runs. Marked paths offer relaxation in snow-covered nature. Our top tip: Rauris Valley in SalzburgerLand.

Without the hustle and bustle, accompanied by the clanging bells of the horses a **HORSE-DRAWN SLEIGH RIDE** is an incredible experience. Our top tips: Verwall Valley, St. Anton/Arlberg; Saalbach-Hinterglemm, SalzburgerLand.

From November until the end of the year, Austria is THE place to find romantic **CHRISTMAS MARKETS**. Glistening lights, seasonal treats and snow-covered roofs make for a magical experience in every Austrian town.



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