

Ischgl

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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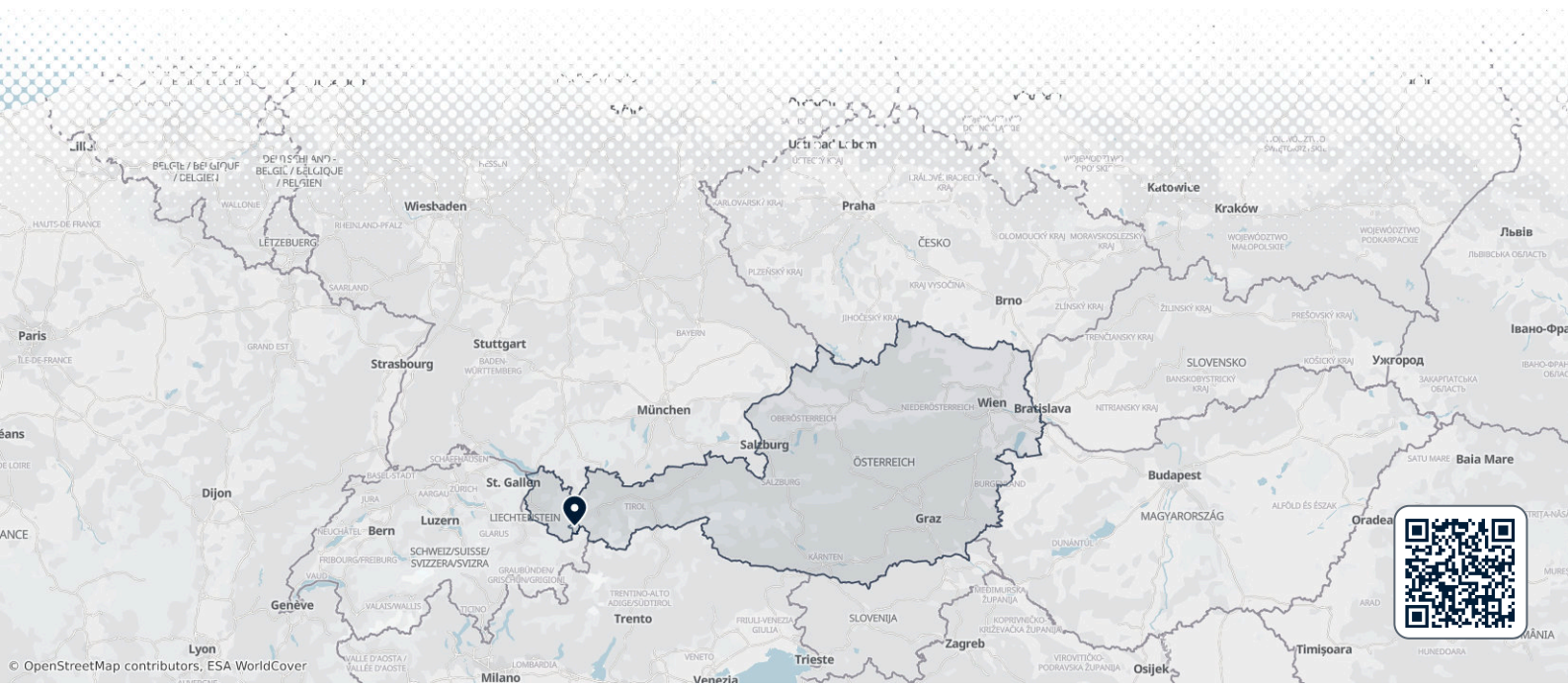


Overview

Ischgl is a high-altitude ski village at the head of the Paznaun valley in Tyrol. Together with Samnaun in Switzerland, it forms the Silvretta Arena, a large ski area that crosses the border. The area is known for its snow reliability, modern lifts and lively nightlife.

In summer the village is quieter. It offers hiking, mountain biking and high-alpine scenery in the Silvretta range.

When to visit

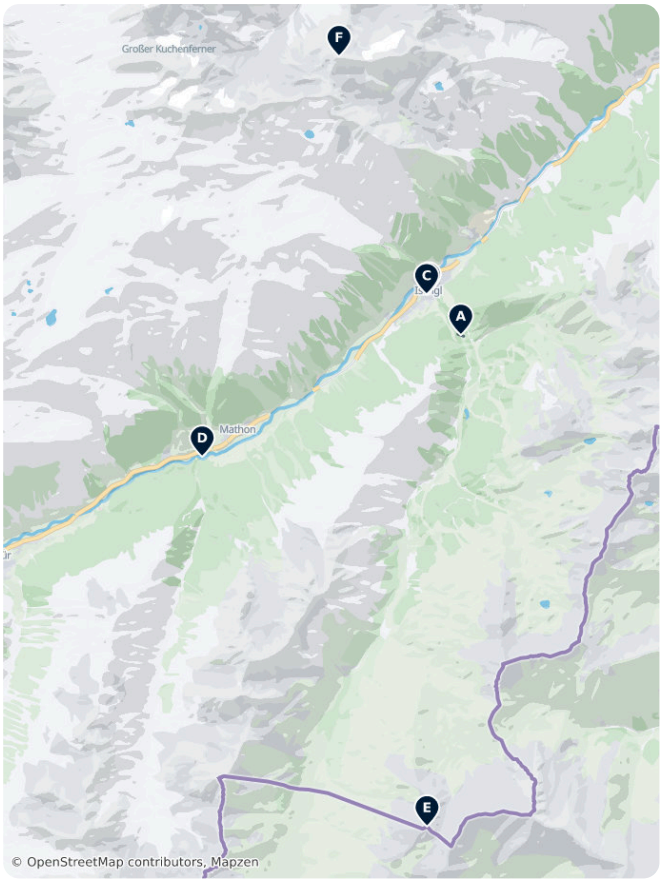
Ski season runs from late November to early May. The area hosts big concerts at the season opening and closing. July to September is best for hiking, though many lifts open only in part. May and October are quiet. Winters are cold and snowy.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	0° / 5° Feels like -4°	-9° / -17°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	1° / 6° Feels like -4°	-9° / -18°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	3° / 9° Feels like -1°	-5° / -14°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Poor Poor for skiing	9° / 17° Feels like 6°	-1° / -9°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	15° / 21°	4° / -1°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	10° / 5°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	10° / 5°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for cycling	16° / 23°	7° / 1°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Fair Fair for cycling	12° / 19°	3° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	-3° / -12°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-7° / -17°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Hängebrücke Bärenfalle is a suspension bridge over a gorge, reached on a short walk.
- B Sankt Nikolaus is the village church, with a baroque interior.
- C Seilbahnmuseum tells the story of the area's cable cars and skiing.
- D Wildpark Ischgl is a small wildlife park on the edge of the village.
- E Piz Val Gronda is a mountain on the ski area above Ischgl, at about 2,800 m.
- F Saumspitze is a peak in the Verwall range, reached on summer hikes.
- Samnaun, the Swiss duty-free village at the end of the ski area, is reached by lift from the Ischgl side in winter.



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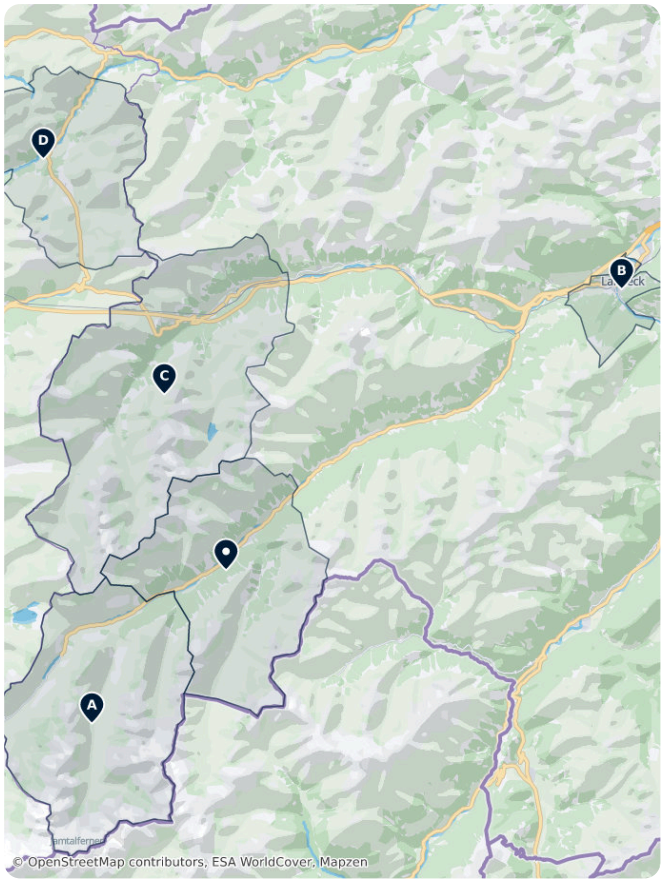
What to experience

- Ski across the border to Samnaun.
- Hike the Silvretta trails in summer.
- Visit a mountain hut for lunch.
- Take a bike tour on the valley trails.
- Enjoy après-ski in the village.

Day trips

- A Galtür is a quiet valley village further up the Paznaun, about 15 minutes by car.
- B Landeck is a town at the valley's entrance, about 45 minutes by car.
- C St. Anton is about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.
- D Lech is about 1 hour 30 minutes by car.
- Innsbruck is about 1 hour 45 minutes by car.



Where to explore

- Galtür and Landeck are the closest preferred places.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 1 hour 45 minutes by road. Zurich and Munich are also used.
- By train: The closest station is Landeck-Zams, with a bus of about 45 minutes to Ischgl. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Ischgl is reached from the A12 motorway at Landeck via the B188 road.

Getting around

The village is small, and most hotels are near the lifts. Ski buses run in winter. A regional bus goes through the valley. Gondolas leave from the village centre.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village centre is compact, but the streets are on a slope and winter conditions can be icy.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

There are valley paths and mountain bike trails, but climbs are steep.

Driving

A car is not needed in winter. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. The road up the Paznaun valley can close in heavy snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food is hearty: *Kasspatzln*, *Tiroler Gröstl* and *Kaiserschmarrn*. Mountain restaurants range from simple huts to gourmet venues. The village has a lively dining and bar scene in winter.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Wiener Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet, traditionally served with potato salad or parsley potatoes and a wedge of lemon.

Tafelspitz
Boiled beef in broth, served with roast potatoes and a sauce of apples and horseradish — a favourite of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Viennese Goulash · Wiener Saftgulasch
A rich beef stew slow-cooked with onions and paprika, typically served with a bread dumpling or bread roll.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Käsekrainer
A grilled pork sausage studded with melty cheese, a classic order at Vienna's ubiquitous Würstelstand (sausage stands).

Sausage Stand Snack · Würstel vom Würstelstand
Grilled or boiled sausages (Bratwurst, Frankfurter, Bosna) served with mustard, bread and a pickle from street kiosks.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Apfelstrudel
Thin pastry rolled around spiced apples, raisins and breadcrumbs, usually served warm with vanilla sauce or cream.

Sachertorte
A dense chocolate cake with a thin layer of apricot jam under a dark chocolate glaze, famously served with unsweetened whipped cream.

Kaiserschmarrn
A fluffy shredded pancake caramelised with sugar and dusted with icing sugar, served with plum or apple compote.

Marillenknödel
Apricot dumplings wrapped in potato or quark dough, rolled in buttery breadcrumbs — a Wachau and Viennese summer specialty.

DRINKS

Viennese Melange · Wiener Melange
The signature Viennese coffee: espresso topped with steamed milk and milk foam, the centrepiece of coffeehouse culture.

Grüner Veltliner
Austria's flagship crisp, peppery white wine, widely poured in Vienna's Heuriger (wine taverns).

Sturm
A cloudy, lightly alcoholic partially-fermented grape must, available only for a few weeks in autumn.

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Safety & health

Ischgl is safe. Avalanche risk is real off-piste, so check bulletins and use a guide. Stay on marked runs otherwise. Altitude can cause headaches for some visitors. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Ischgl was a poor farming village until the first ski lifts opened in the 1960s. It grew into a major resort with the Silvretta Arena, which opened to Samnaun in Switzerland in the 1960s and 1970s. It is known for large concerts at the opening and closing of the ski season.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

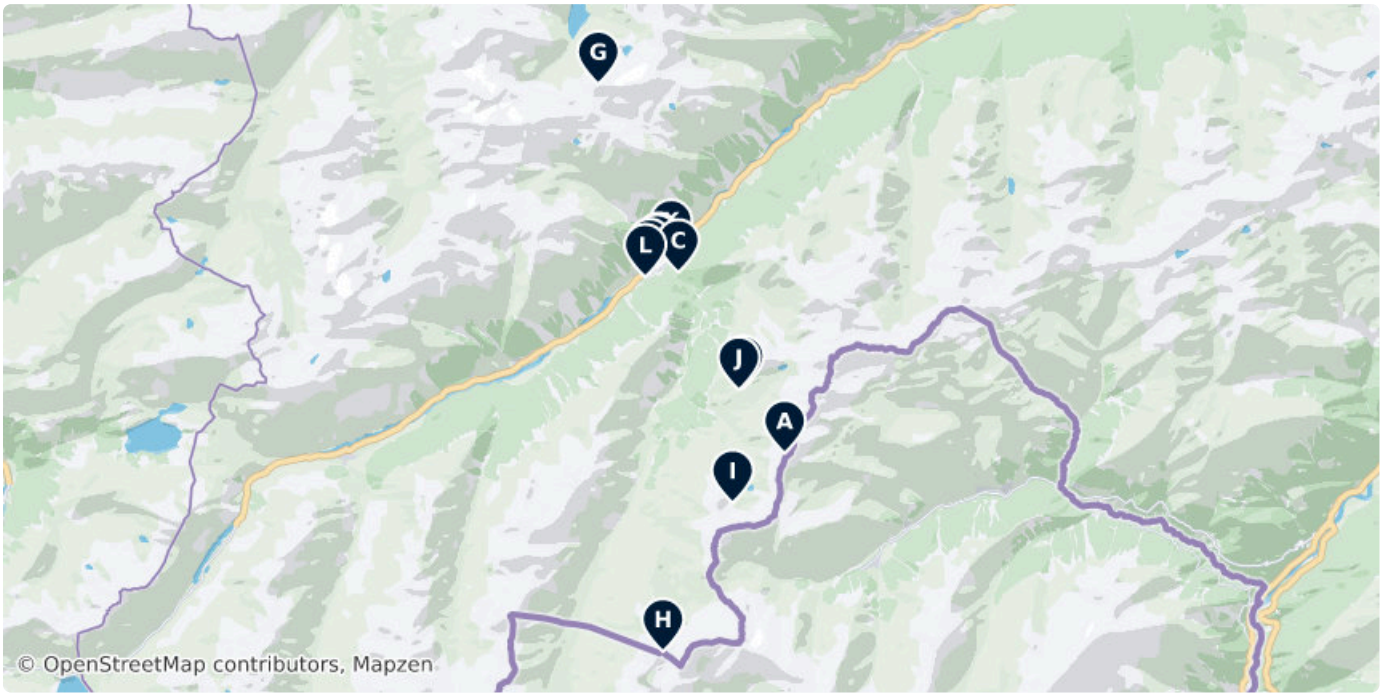
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Ischgl Essentials

Ischgl anchors the Silvretta Arena, one of the largest cross-border ski areas connecting Austria to Samnaun, Switzerland. This selection highlights the 239 kilometers of slopes accessible via high-tech infrastructure like the heated Palinkopfbahn and the Piz Val Gronda cable car. The list covers essential valley landmarks, from the 120-meter Kitzloch suspension bridge to Michelin-starred dining at Paznaunerstube and the high-altitude culinary hub at Idalp. It also features the village's established après-ski venues and luxury wellness facilities.





A Ischgl Ski Resort

Part of the Silvretta Arena, this cross-border resort offers 239 kilometers of groomed slopes connecting Austria to Samnaun, Switzerland, serviced by 45 modern cable cars and lifts.

(Unnamed Road), 6561, Austria (46.96790, 10.33108)

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B Ischgl Silvrettabahn

A central gondola lift that transports passengers from the heart of Ischgl village directly to the Idalp mountain hub at an elevation of 2,320 meters.

(47.01003, 10.28945)

C Hängebrücke Kitzloch

A 120-meter long suspension bridge spanning the Fimbabach gorge at a height of 70 meters, providing a pedestrian link between the village center and the Fimbabahn.

(47.00851, 10.29604)

D Idalp-Panorama

A large-scale restaurant located at the Idalp transport hub, featuring a self-service area and an outdoor terrace specializing in regional Tyrolean dishes.

1 Pardatsch-Idalpe, 6561, Austria (46.98246, 10.31740)

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E Kuhstall

Come early to find a place to sit, this bar gets crowded early in the evening! This is a must if you like to party.

Dorfstrasse 74, 6561 Ischgl, Austria (47.00963, 10.28897)

kuhstall.at, +43 (0) 54 44/52 23

F Paznaunerstube

The hotel boasts a Michelin-starred restaurant with a celebrity chef. Here you can experience a true gourmet dinner.

Dorfstraße 95, 6561 Ischgl, Austria (47.00872, 10.28656)

trofana-royal.at, +43 5444 600



G Saumspitze

The Saumspitze is a 3,039 m mountain in the Verwall Alps, a mountain range of the Central Eastern Alps.

6580, Austria (47.05084, 10.26962)



H Piz Val Gronda

A 2,812-meter peak in the Samnaun Alps. Since 2013, a cable car provides access to the summit, which serves as a starting point for extensive freeride terrain into the Fimba valley.

6561, Austria (46.92327, 10.29096)

I Palinkopfbahn

A high-speed six-seater chairlift equipped with heated seats and protective weather bubbles, ascending to the 2,853-meter summit of the Palinkopf.

6561, Austria (46.95673, 10.31392)

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J Alpenhaus

A mountain lodge at Idalp featuring a rustic ground-floor restaurant and a refined VIP lounge on the first floor, offering a mix of regional and international cuisine.

(46.98214, 10.31598)

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K Schatzi Bar

An après-ski venue located at the base of the valley run, known for its outdoor terrace, DJ sets, and waitstaff performing in traditional Tyrolean attire.

4 Fimbabahnweg, Ischgl 6561, Austria (47.01304, 10.29362)

L Seiblishof Spa

After a busy day in the mountains, you deserve to relax. Here you will find a pool with massage benches, sauna, steam baths, and many more!

Pasnatschweg 1, 6561 Ischgl, Austria (47.00749, 10.28510)

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