

Kitzbühel

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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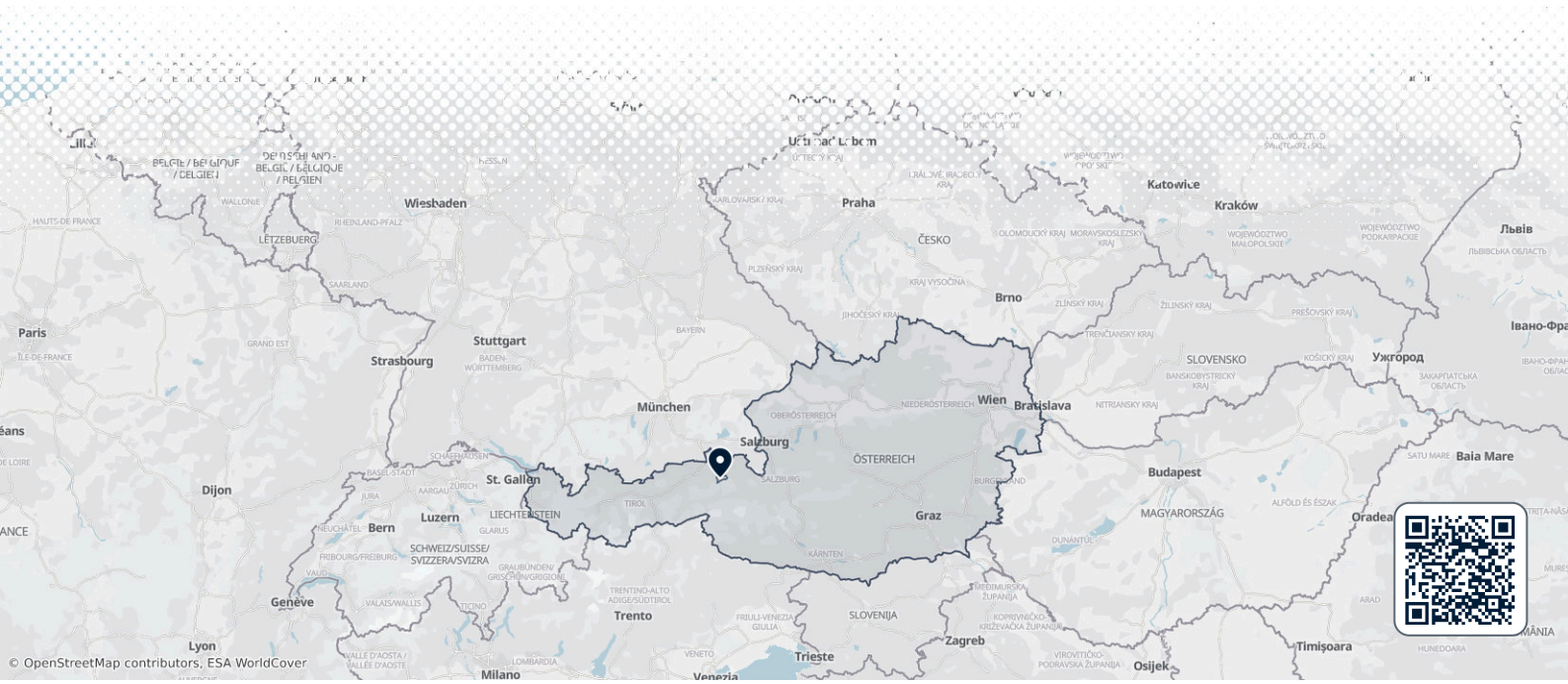

Overview

Kitzbühel is a medieval town in the Tyrolean Alps that has become one of Europe's best-known ski resorts. It has a pastel old town, a lively social scene and a mountain on its doorstep.

The Hahnenkamm race, the Streif downhill, is a highlight of the ski World Cup every January. In summer, the area turns to hiking, cycling and swimming in nearby lakes.

When to visit

December to March is ski season, and the Hahnenkamm races take place in January. June to September is good for hiking, cycling and lake swimming. April–May and October–November are quiet, with some lifts and hotels closed. Winter is cold and snowy. Summer is mild.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	3° / 8° Feels like -1°	-5° / -14°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	4° / 11° Feels like 0°	-4° / -14°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 16° Feels like 5°	-1° / -10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	13° / 22°	3° / -4°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	18° / 25°	8° / 3°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	21 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	23° / 30°	13° / 9°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22°	6° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17°	1° / -8°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-3° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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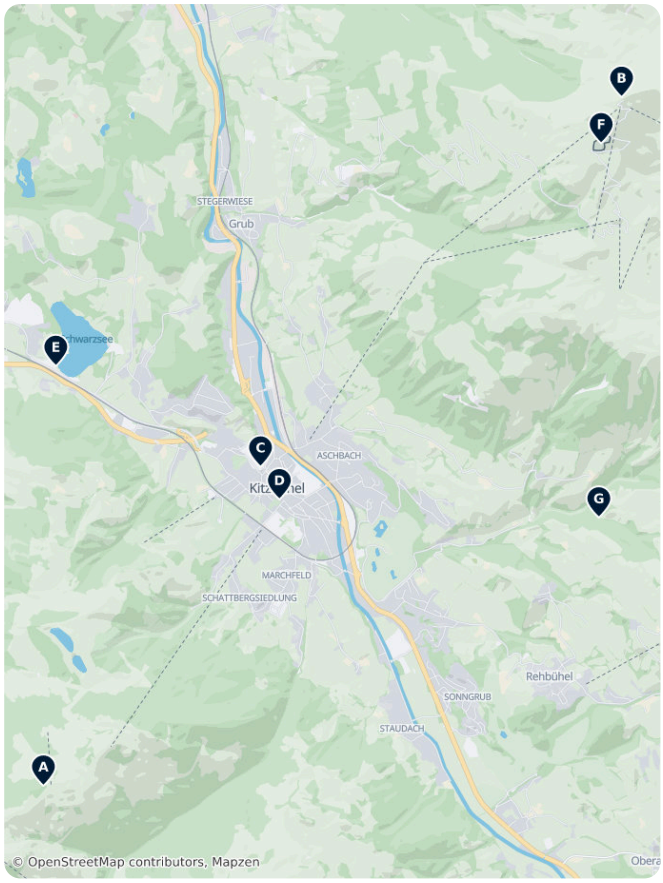
Top sights



- A Hahnenkamm is the main ski mountain, home to the Streif downhill. In summer it is a hiking area.
- B Kitzbüheler Horn is a second mountain with a toll road, cable car and a flower-rich summit.
- C Pfarrkirche Zum Heiligen Andreas is the parish church in the old town, with a Gothic structure.
- The Liebfrauenkirche is the church above the old town, which has two levels.
- D Museum Kitzbühel shows local history, art and winter sports.
- E Strandbad Schwarzsee is a small lake with a warm beach and a good swimming spot.
- F Alpenblumengarten is an alpine flower garden on the Kitzbüheler Horn.
- G Schleierwasserfall is a waterfall near town, reached on a short walk.

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What to experience

- Ski or ride the lifts up the Hahnenkamm.
- Walk or drive up to the Kitzbüheler Horn for summit views.
- Swim at Schwarzsee in summer.
- Hike a Gipfelrunde on the Kitzbüheler Alpen trail network.
- Walk the old town shops and cafes in the evening.

Day trips

- A Zell am See is a lake town with a ski mountain, about 45 minutes by car.
- B Saalbach is a big ski area in Salzburgerland, about 45 minutes by car.
- C Innsbruck is about 1 hour 15 minutes by train.
- D Salzburg is about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.
- The Grossglockner High Alpine Road is a scenic mountain road reached in about 1 hour by car in the summer season.



Where to explore

- Zell am See and Saalbach are the closest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck and Salzburg airports are both about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car. Munich is about 2 hours.
- By train: Kitzbühel has two stations. Direct trains from Innsbruck take about 1 hour 15 minutes, and Salzburg takes about 2 hours with a change. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Kitzbühel is reached via the Inn valley and the B170 road.

Getting around

The town is small and walkable. Free ski buses run in winter. Local buses reach the lakes and valley stations. Cable cars leave from the edge of town.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The medieval centre is small and pedestrian-friendly. Ski areas start on the edge of town.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Many marked cycling and mountain bike routes run from the town in summer.

Driving

A car is not needed in town. It helps for the lake and side valleys. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Parking in the old town is limited and metered. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food is hearty, with *Kasspatzln*, *Tiroler Gröstl* and *Kaiserschmarrn*. Many mountain huts serve simple dishes. The town has many fine restaurants, bars and a lively après-ski 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

Kitzbühel is very safe. On the slopes, stay on marked runs and follow avalanche warnings. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Kitzbühel was a mining town in the Middle Ages, with copper and silver mines nearby. It received town rights in 1271. Skiing arrived in 1893, when a local brought the first skis from Norway. The Hahnenkamm race began in 1931 and became a classic.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

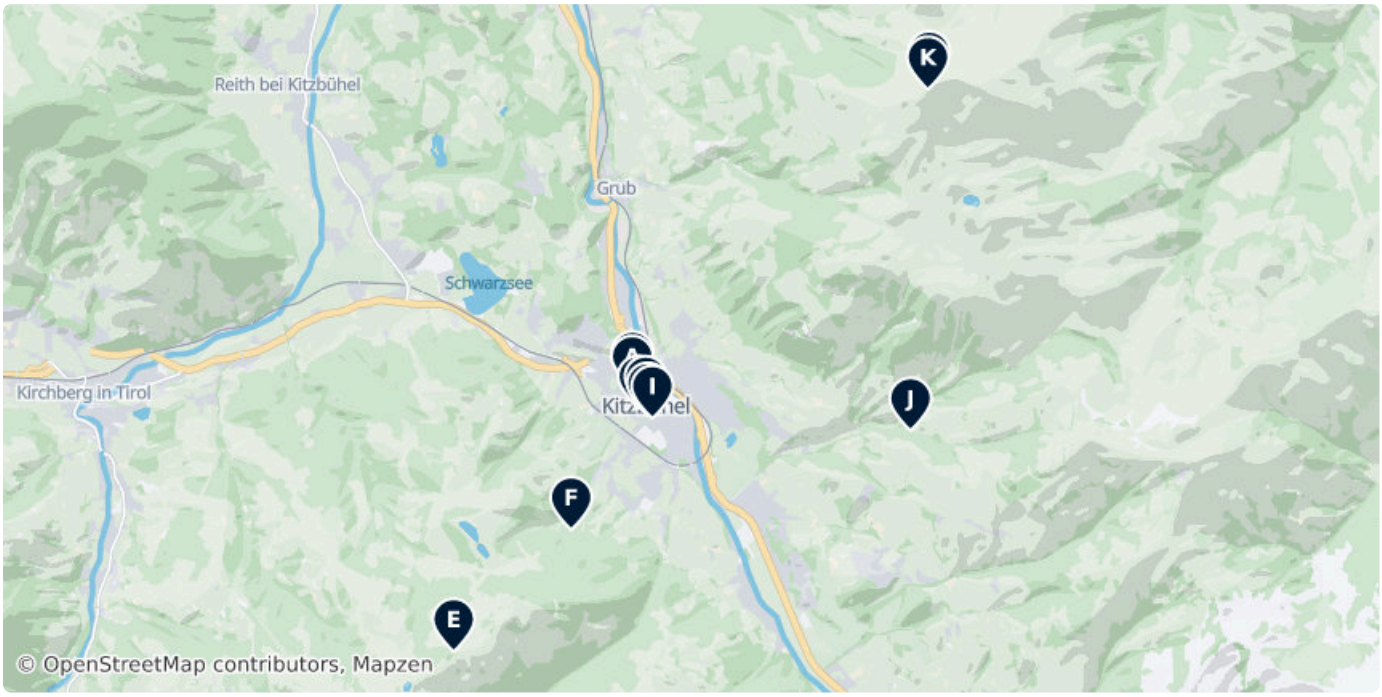
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Kitzbühel's Unmissable Highlights

Kitzbühel combines medieval heritage with significant alpine history. The town center features 14th-century Gothic architecture, including the Parish Church 'Zum Heiligen Andreas' and the Liebfrauenkirche with its renowned bells. The Municipal Museum preserves the works of Alfons Walde, the first artist to paint skiing. Legendary peaks like the Hahnenkamm and Kitzbüheler Horn dominate the landscape, while memorials to ski pioneers Franz Reisch and Toni Sailer highlight the town's role in developing modern winter sports.





A Parish Church "Zum Heiligen Andreas"

This Gothic style church was built on the spot of early religious buildings. Note its unusual high altar.

Pfarrau 2, 6370 Kitzbühel, Austria (47.44805, 12.38928)

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B Church of Our Lady

This Gothic church features a tall belltower. The sound of its bell ringing is considered to be "Kitzbühel's pride and joy".

2 Lebenbergweg, Kitzbühel 6370, Austria (47.44846, 12.38932)



C St. Catherine's Church

The 14th century church is a classic example of high Gothic architecture. Its tower used to be the dominant of the town.

20 Vorderstadt, Kitzbühel 6370, Austria (47.44616, 12.39112)



D Kitzbüheler Horn

The Kitzbüheler Horn is a mountain in the Kitzbühel Alps in Tyrol, Austria, whose western flank lies near the smart ski resort of Kitzbühel.

11a Ried am Horn, 6370, Austria (47.47612, 12.42979)

E Hahnenkamm, Kitzbühel

The Hahnenkamm is a mountain in Europe, directly southwest of Kitzbühel in the Kitzbühel Alps of Austria.

19 Hahnenkamm, 6370, Austria (47.42379, 12.36492)

F Hahnenkammbahn

This aerial cableway, originally opened in 1928, transports passengers from the town center to the Hahnenkamm mountain. It features modern, heated gondolas.

6370, Austria (47.43502, 12.38094)

G Municipal Museum of Kitzbühel

The museum's permanent exhibition shows the collections of Alfons Walde. He was the first artist to bring skiing as a subject into painting.

Hinterstadt 32, 6370 Kitzbühel (47.44556, 12.39140)

Mo–Fr	10:00–13:00
Sa	10:00–17:00
Su	10:00–13:00

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H Kitzbühel Town Hall

This town hall dates back to the 16th century. It features a memorial to Franz Reisch, the first man to ski down from the Kitzbueheler Horn.

1 Franz-Reisch-Straße, Kitzbühel 6370, Austria (47.44622, 12.39016)

Mo–Fr	08:00–12:00

kitzbuhel.at/system/web/abteilung.aspx, +43 5356 62161



I Birthplace of Toni Sailer

Anton Engelbert "Toni" Sailer was an Austrian alpine ski racer, considered among the best in the sport.

8 Bichlstraße, Kitzbühel 6370, Austria (47.44529, 12.39203)

K Aussichtsplattform Kitzbüheler Horn

A wooden pedestrian bridge and viewing platform located at the summit of the Kitzbüheler Horn, providing panoramic views of the Kitzbühel Alps and the Grossglockner.

11a Ried am Horn, 6370, Austria (47.47562, 12.42963)

J Schleierwasserfall

A natural waterfall situated on the slopes of the Wilder Kaiser massif, known for its scenic drop and the surrounding limestone cliffs.

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