

Mayrhofen

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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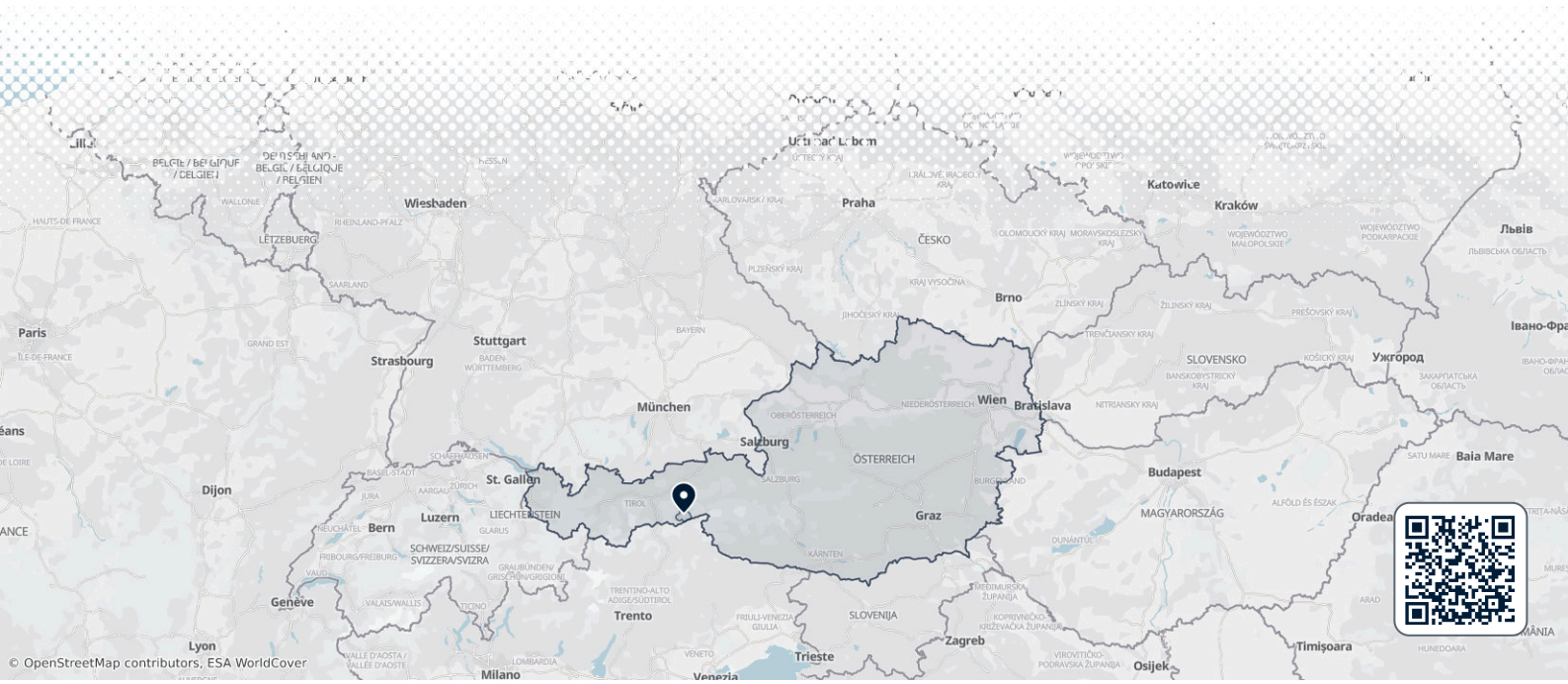


Overview

Mayrhofen is the main village of the Zillertal in Tyrol, at the end of a narrow valley surrounded by the Zillertal Alps. It is a resort for skiing in winter and hiking in summer, with a lively centre.

The village is the end of the Zillertalbahn, a narrow-gauge railway that runs up the valley from Jenbach. Nearby, the Hintertux Glacier offers year-round skiing.

When to visit

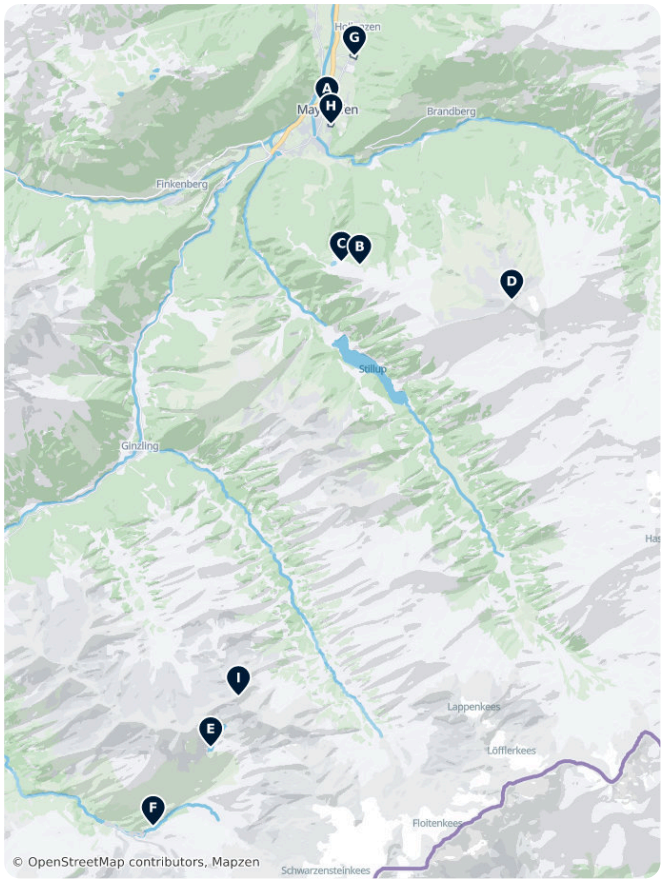
December to April is ski season, with the Hintertux Glacier open all year. June to September is best for hiking and cable car trips. April–May and October–November are quiet. Winters are cold and snowy. Summers are mild.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	4° / 9° Feels like 1°	-4° / -12°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-4° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17°	0° / -9°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22°	5° / -3°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	9° / 4°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for cycling	24° / 30°	14° / 8°	22 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Poor Poor for cycling	25° / 30°	15° / 10°	22 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds
August	Poor Poor for cycling	25° / 31°	15° / 10°	21 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	21° / 27°	11° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	17° / 23°	8° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17°	3° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	5° / 11° Feels like 2°	-2° / -12°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Mayrhofen is the village centre, with a main street, church and cafes.
- B Panoramaplattform Zillertal is a viewing platform with a view into the Zillertal.
- C Adlerbühne is the setting for bird of prey shows at the Ahorn.
- D Ahornspitze is a peak above the village and a popular summit hike.
- E Schwarzsee is a small lake in the Zillertal Alps, reached on a day hike.
- F Berliner Hütte is a mountain hut on the Berliner Höhenweg, a classic multi-day trail.
- G Erlebnissennerei Schau-Bauernhof is a farm and cheese dairy where you can see how mountain cheese is made.
- H Erlebnisbad Mayrhofen is a swimming pool complex for hot days.
- I Zsigmondyspitze is a peak for experienced alpine hikers.



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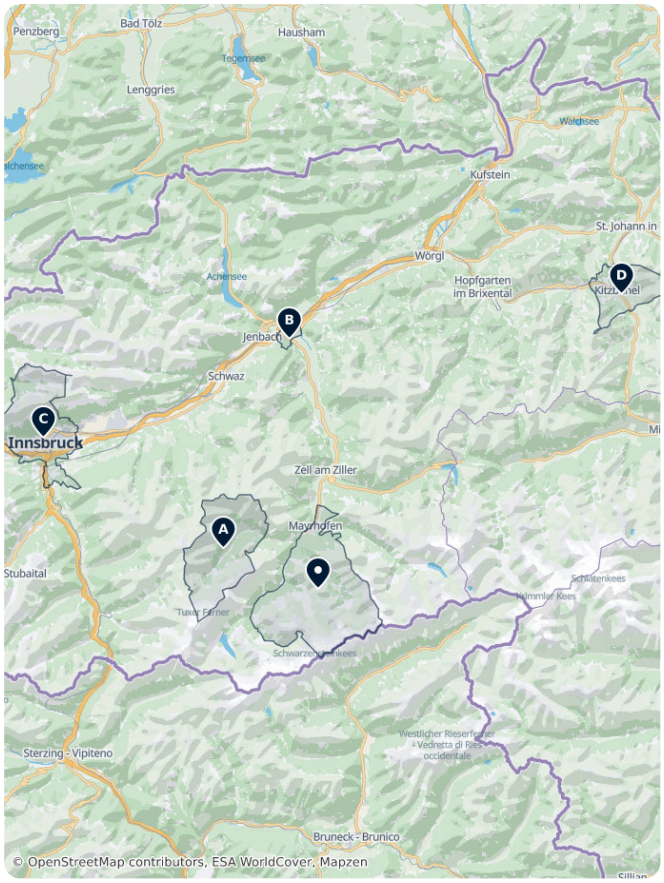
What to experience

- Ride the Penken and Ahorn cable cars.
- Ski the Hintertux Glacier at any time of year.
- Take the steam railway up the valley.
- Hike to a mountain hut.
- Try canyoning in the Zillertal.

Day trips

- A Tux is the valley of the Hintertux Glacier, about 30 minutes by car or bus.
- B Strass im Zillertal is on the valley floor, about 20 minutes by train.
- C Innsbruck is about 1 hour 15 minutes by train and bus.
- D Kitzbühel is about 1 hour 30 minutes by car.
- Krimml Waterfalls, among Europe's tallest, are about 1 hour 15 minutes by car.



Where to explore

- Tux and Strass im Zillertal are the closest preferred places in the Zillertal.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes by road. Munich and Salzburg are the other options.
- By train: The Zillertalbahn runs from Jenbach to Mayrhofen in about 1 hour. Jenbach is on the main Innsbruck–Munich line. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Take the A12 motorway to Zillertal and then the B169 road up the valley.

Getting around

The village is small and walkable. Ski buses and local buses run through the valley. Cable cars leave from the village. Guest cards usually include local transport in summer.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The village centre is flat and compact. The mountains are reached by cable car.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Valley paths are easy, while mountain bike routes are steep.

Driving

A car is helpful for the side valleys and the Zillertal Alpine Road. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Parking in the village is metered. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Zillertal food includes *Zillertaler Krapfen*, cheese-filled pastries, and *Kasspatzln*. Dairy farms make mountain cheese. Many huts serve simple dishes, and local beer is brewed in the valley.

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

Mayrhofen is safe. Mountain weather changes quickly. Check forecasts and avalanche bulletins before going up. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

The Zillertal was settled by farmers and miners. The railway arrived in 1902 and brought tourism. Mayrhofen grew into a leading resort in the 20th century and the Hintertux Glacier lifts followed.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

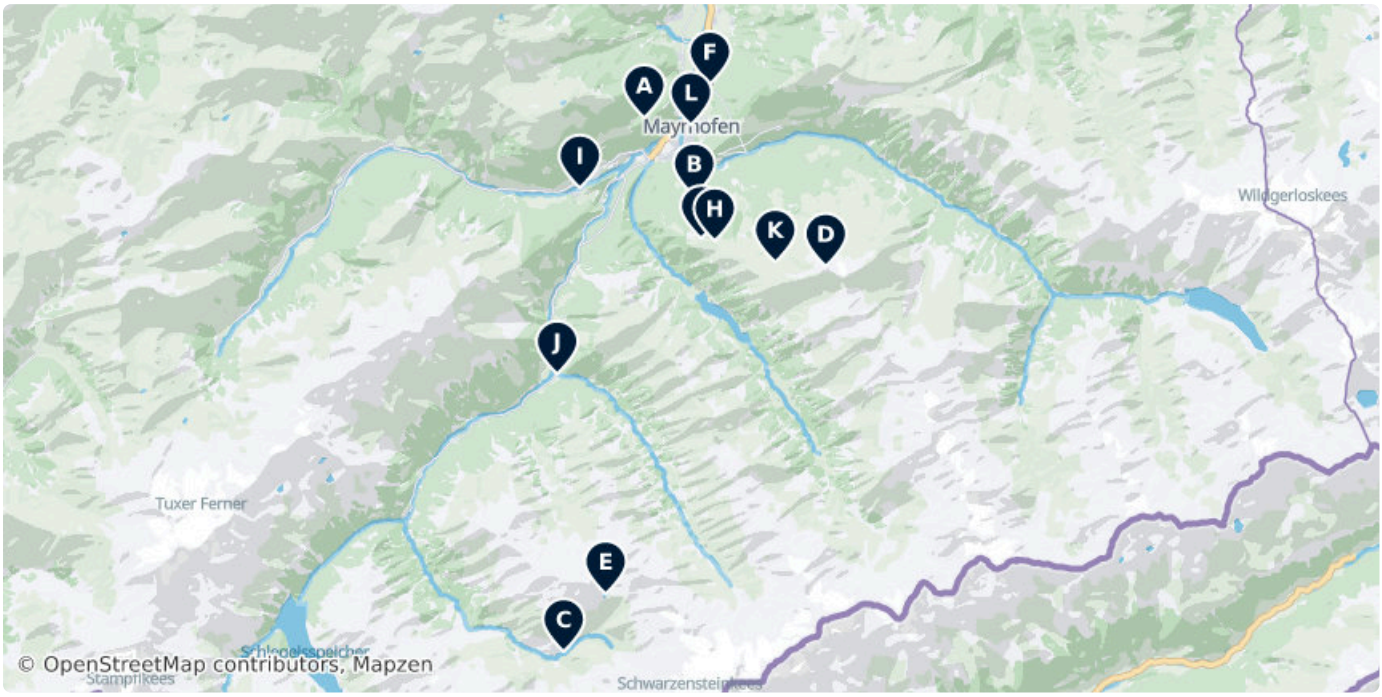
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Mayrhofen Essentials

Mayrhofen serves as a central hub in the Zillertal Alps, defined by the Penkenbahn and Ahornbahn cable cars which provide access to high-altitude terrain. The area features the historic Berliner Hütte, a protected monument dating back to 1879, and the 2,973-meter Ahornspitze. Cultural and educational sites include the Adlerbühne falconry center, the Erlebnissennerei Zillertal dairy, and the Naturparkhaus, which details the region's mountaineering history and biodiversity.





A Penkenbahn

Modern 3S gondola lift connecting Mayrhofen to the Penken mountain. It facilitates bicycle transport and provides access to extensive hiking trails and paragliding launch sites.

6292, Austria (47.16977, 11.84512)



B Ahornbahn

Austria's largest aerial tramway, carrying up to 160 people per cabin to the Ahorn plateau. It serves as the primary access point for the Adlerbühne falconry show and the Ahornspitze summit trail.

6290, Austria (47.14846, 11.86511)



C Berliner Hütte

Historic alpine refuge built in 1879, known for its grand wood-paneled dining hall and status as a protected monument. It is a landmark stop on the Berlin High Trail.

(47.02453, 11.81290)

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D Ahornspitze

A prominent 2,973-meter peak overlooking the Zillertal. The summit is accessible via a challenging mountain trail from the Ahornbahn top station and offers views of the Reichenspitz group.

6290, Austria (47.12940, 11.91773)



E Schwarzsee

Schwarzsee is a lake of Tyrol, Austria.

6295, Austria (47.04026, 11.82971)

F Erlebnissennerei Zillertal

Show dairy and farm where visitors can observe the production of hay-milk cheese and yogurt. The facility includes a tasting room and a shop for regional Zillertal products.

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Mo–Fr	08:00–18:00
Sa–Su	08:00–17:00

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G Adlerbühne

High-altitude birds of prey station located at 2,000 meters on Mount Ahorn. It hosts regular falconry demonstrations featuring eagles, falcons, and owls.

6290, Austria (47.13696, 11.86791)

H Panoramaplattform Zillertal

Elevated viewing platform on Mount Ahorn providing 360-degree views of the Stilluptal valley and the surrounding peaks of the Zillertal Alps.

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I Teufelsbrücke

Historic wooden bridge spanning the Tuxbach gorge. Originally built in 1876, this timber structure is a notable example of traditional Alpine engineering.

301 Dornau, Finkenberg 6292, Austria (47.15068, 11.81940)

J Naturparkhaus Zillertaler Alpen

Visitor center for the Zillertal Alps Nature Park, featuring interactive exhibitions on geology, Alpine flora, and the history of mountaineering in the region.

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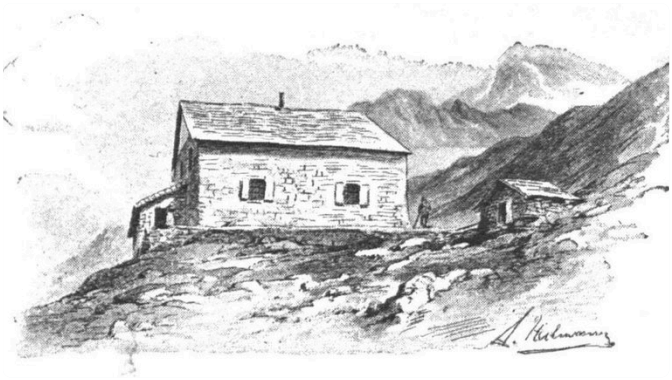

K Karl-von-Edel-Hütte

Alpine club hut located at 2,238 meters at the foot of the Ahornspitze. It serves as a base for hikers on the Berlin High Trail and climbers ascending the nearby peaks.

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L Mayrhofen

The municipal office and administrative center for the town of Mayrhofen.

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Mo–Th	07:30–12:00, 13:00–17:00
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