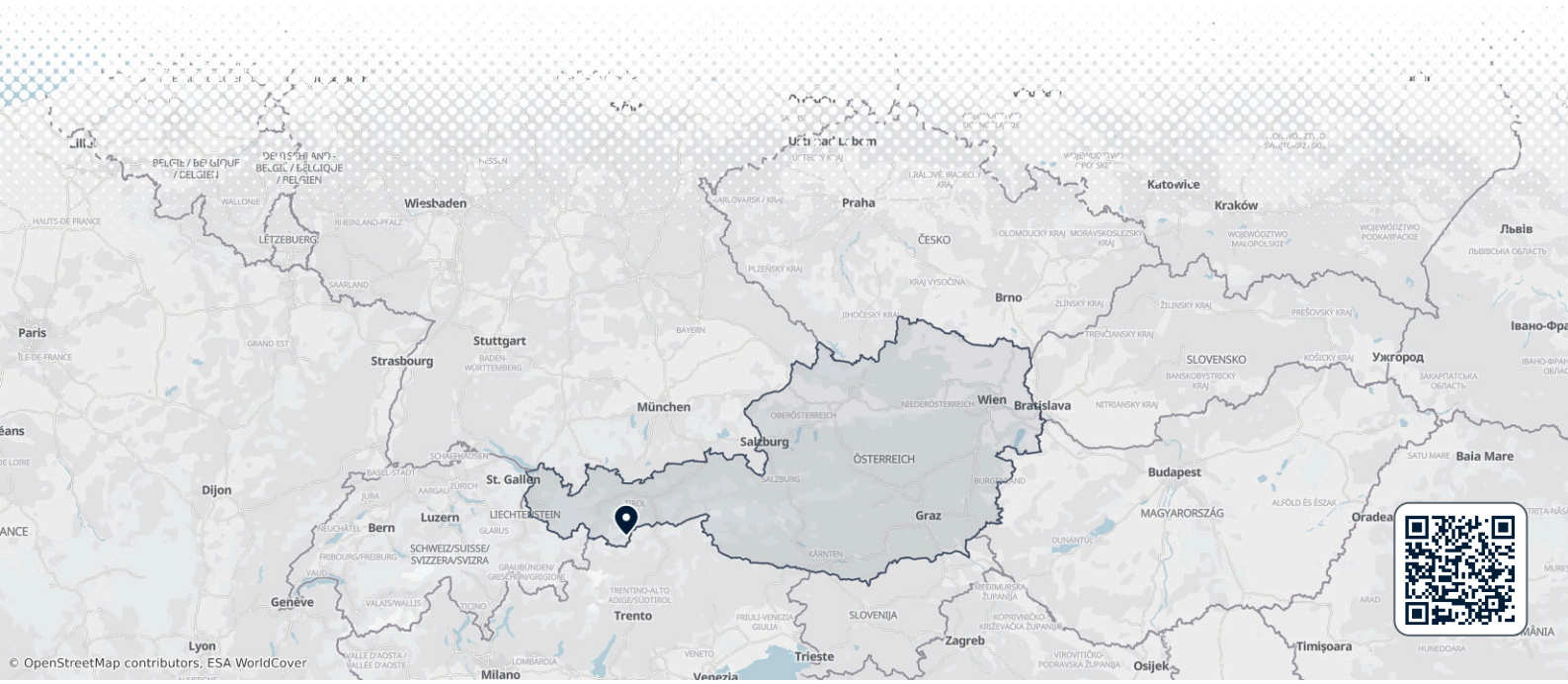


Obergurgl

Sölden · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Obergurgl is a village at about 1,930 m in the Ötztal Alps, and it is known as the highest parish village in Austria. It lies at the end of the Gurgler valley, a branch of the Ötztal, surrounded by glaciers and peaks over 3,000 m.

The village is small and sits high, so snow comes early and lasts long. With neighbouring Hochgurgl it forms a ski area, and in summer it is a base for high mountain walks.

When to visit

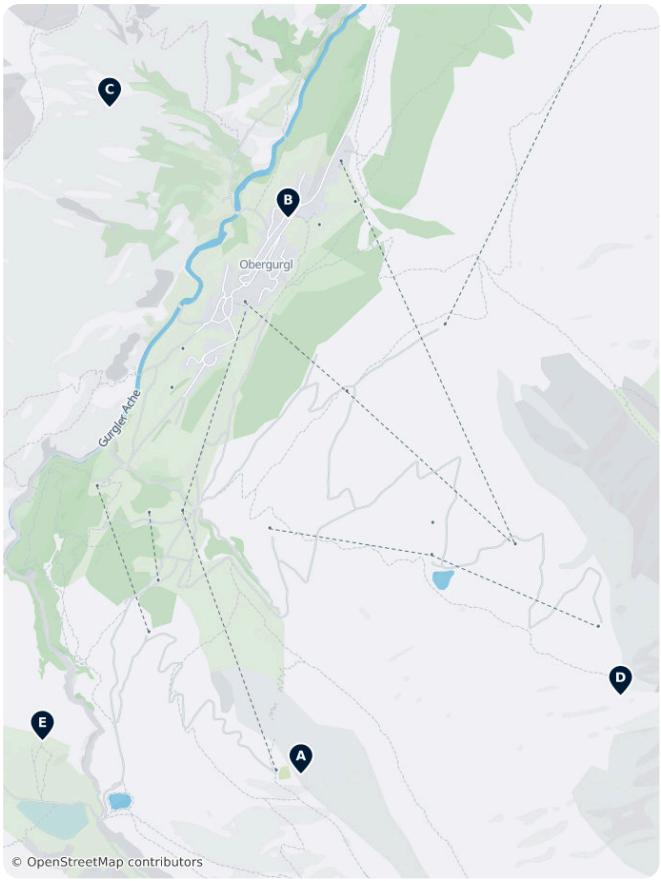
Late November to early May is the ski season, with reliable snow. July to September is best for hiking, when the huts and lifts are open. Autumn colour is good in September. The village is quiet in the shoulder seasons.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	-5° / 0° Feels like -9°	-14° / -21°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	-4° / 1° Feels like -8°	-13° / -21°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Great Great for skiing	0° / 8° Feels like -4°	-9° / -18°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for skiing	6° / 14° Feels like 2°	-4° / -12°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Poor Poor for hiking	11° / 18°	0° / -5°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	15° / 21°	5° / -1°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for sightseeing	16° / 22°	6° / 1°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	16° / 22°	6° / 1°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 19°	3° / -4°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Fair Fair for skiing	8° / 15° Feels like 5°	-1° / -8°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Great Great for skiing	1° / 8° Feels like -3°	-7° / -15°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	-3° / 2° Feels like -8°	-12° / -21°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Hohe Mut is a high viewpoint above the village, reached by cable car, with a view of many 3,000 m peaks.
- B Naturpark Ötztal is a protected area covering the high valleys of the Ötztal.
- C Gurgler Tal is the valley leading to the glaciers.
- D Festkogel and E Schönwieskopf are peaks above the village.
- The Rotmoos waterfall and the Rotmoostal valley offer an easy walk in summer.
- A memorial in the village marks the landing of Auguste Piccard's stratosphere balloon in 1931.
- The Timmelsjoch High Alpine Road leads to South Tyrol in summer.



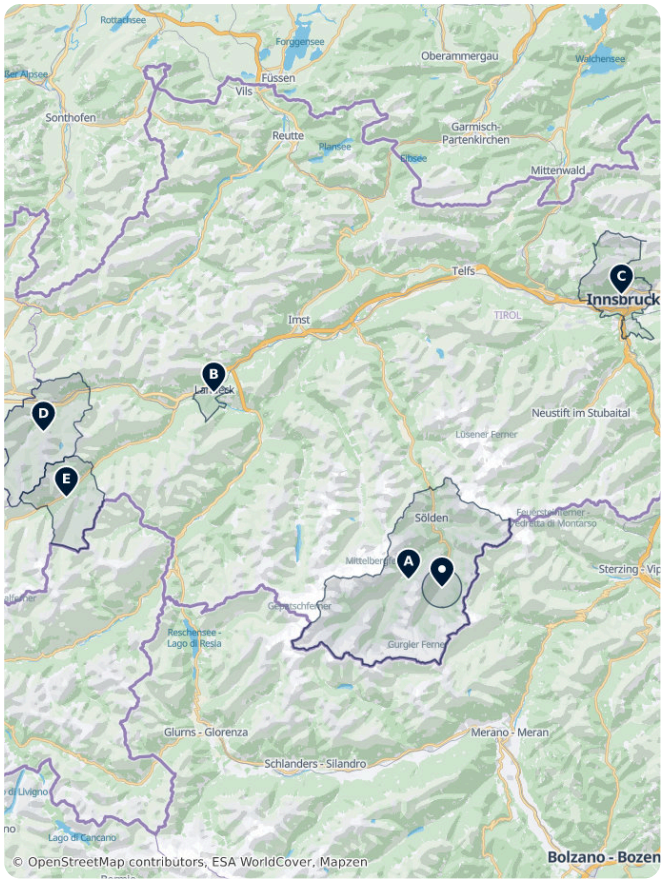
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What to experience

- Ski above 2,000 m.
- Ride up to the Hohe Mut viewpoint.
- Walk the Rotmoostal.
- Hike to a glacier view.
- Drive the Timmelsjoch road in summer.

Day trips

- A Sölden is about 30 minutes away by car.
- Sölden's Ötztal Glacier Road is on the way down the valley.
- B Landeck is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- C Innsbruck is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- Merano in South Tyrol is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car in summer via the Timmelsjoch road.
- D St. Anton am Arlberg and E Ischgl are about 2 hours away by car.



Where to explore

- Sölden is the nearest preferred destination.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car. Munich is about 3 hours.
- By train: Take the main line to Ötztal station, then a bus of about 1 hour up the valley. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A12 at Ötztal and follow the Ötztal road to its end.

Getting around

The village is small and walkable. Free ski buses link Obergurgl and Hochgurgl in winter. Cable cars and lifts start near the centre.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is compact at high altitude, with slopes and lifts at the edge.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

The valley road is steep and the air is thin, so cycling suits strong riders only.

Driving

The valley road is steep, and a car helps for day trips. The Timmelsjoch road is a toll road and closes in winter, usually from autumn to early summer. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food includes *Tiroler Gröstl*, fried potatoes with meat and egg, *Kaspressknödel*, cheese dumplings in broth, and *Kaiserschmarrn*, a sweet shredded pancake. Mountain restaurants serve hearty meals at the lifts.

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

Obergurgl is very safe. The altitude can cause headaches in some visitors, so take it easy on the first day. Check avalanche reports before you leave marked ski runs. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Obergurgl was a remote farming hamlet for centuries, cut off by snow. In 1931 the Swiss scientist Auguste Piccard landed his stratosphere balloon on the nearby glacier after a record flight. Skiing made the village known from the 1930s, and it is now one of the high resorts of the Ötztal.

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

Top sights



A Hohe Mut

6456, Austria (46.84868, 11.03048)

B Nature Park Ötztal

Hiking and educational trails await you here. Admire the natural beauty of the Ötz valley and enjoy a day out.

Gurglerstraße 104, 6456 Obergurgl, Austria (46.87320, 11.02966)

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C Gurgler Tal

(46.87808, 11.01816)

D Festkogel

6456, Austria (46.85214, 11.05109)

E Schönwieskopf

6456, Austria (46.85015, 11.01382)

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