

Ramsau am Dachstein

Schladming · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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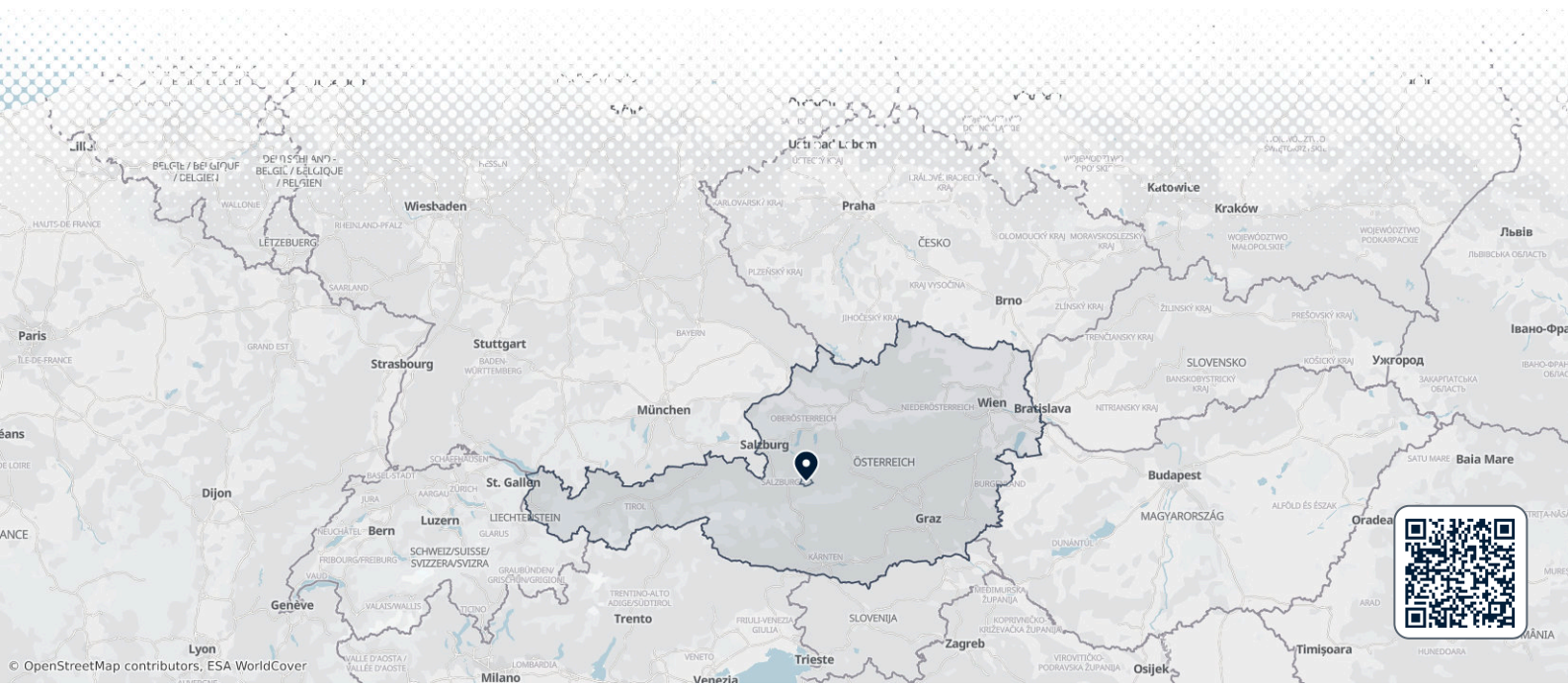


Overview

Ramsau am Dachstein is a village on a sunny plateau at about 1,100 m, just under the south face of the Dachstein massif, in Styria. It is famous for its cross-country skiing, its views and its rare Protestant tradition in an otherwise Catholic region.

The village is quiet, scattered and scenic. It is a base for the Dachstein glacier, for gentle plateau walks and for the Schladming-Dachstein region.

When to visit

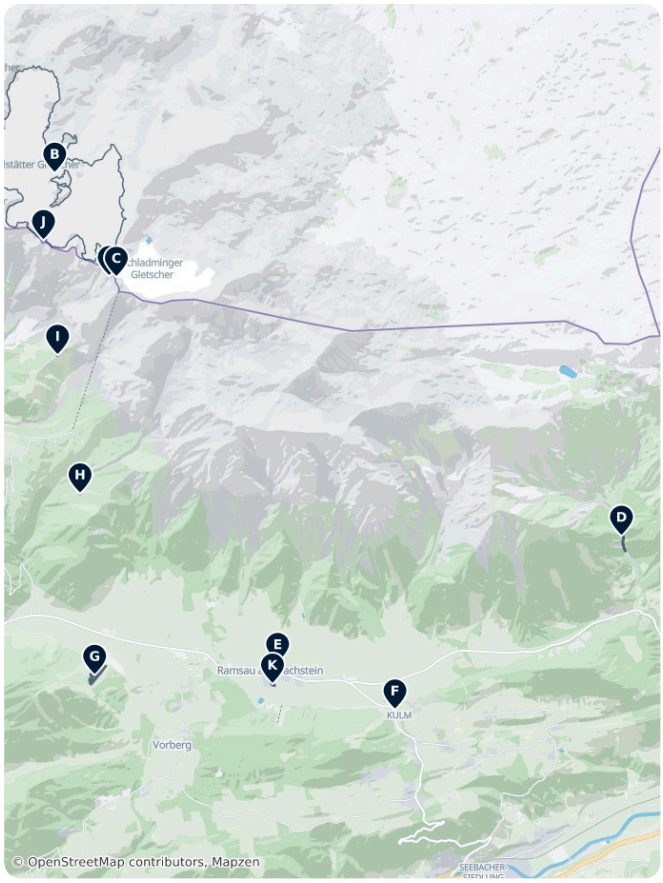
December to March is best for cross-country skiing, with a well-known Nordic centre, and for the glacier ski area. June to September is best for hiking and cycling. Autumn has clear light.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	0° / 6° Feels like -4°	-8° / -16°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	1° / 9° Feels like -3°	-7° / -16°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	5° / 14° Feels like 2°	-3° / -11°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	11° / 19°	0° / -6°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	15° / 23°	5° / 0°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 27°	11° / 6°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 27°	11° / 6°	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	6° / 14° Feels like 3°	-2° / -10°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-6° / -16°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- The Dachstein South Face cable car climbs to a glacier plateau, with a viewing platform and a ski area.
- A Treppe ins Nichts is a glass viewing platform that extends over a long drop.
- B Hallstätter Gletscher is a glacier at the top of the cable car.
- C Dachstein Ice Cave is a giant ice cave on the Obertraun side of the mountain.
- D Silberkarklamm is a gorge with waterfalls and a walking path.
- E Evangelische Pfarrkirche is the Protestant church, one of the oldest in the region.
- F St. Rupert am Kulm is a pilgrimage church on a hill.
- G Rittisberg Coaster is an alpine coaster.
- H Austriahütte, I Dachsteinsüdwandhütte and J Seethalerhütte are huts on Dachstein routes.
- K Ramsauer Badeparadies is a pool and leisure centre.



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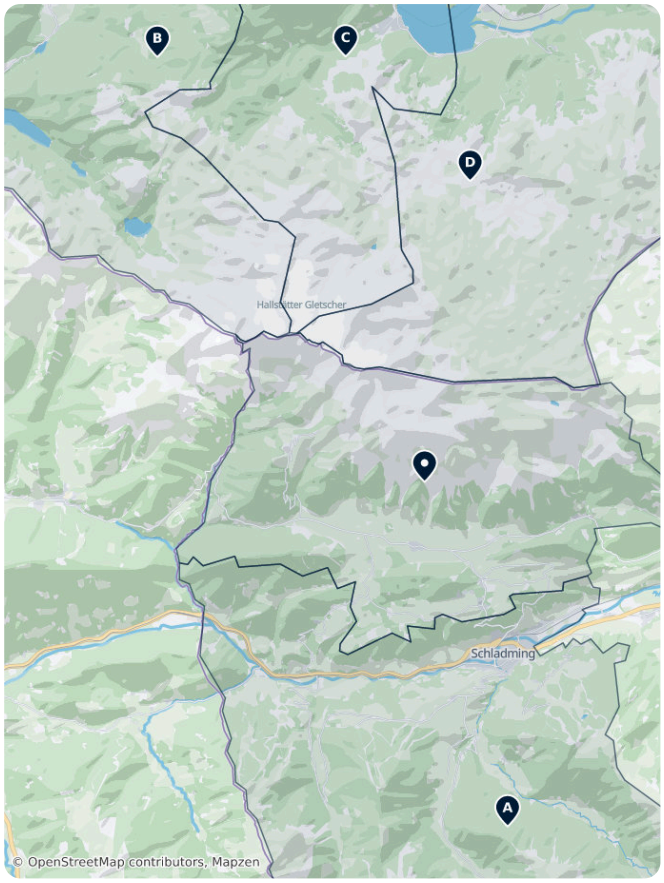
What to experience

- Ride the glacier cable car.
- Cross-country ski the plateau.
- Walk the Silberkar gorge.
- Try the alpine coaster.
- Hike to a Dachstein hut.

Day trips

- A Schladming is about 15 minutes away by car.
- B Gosau is about 1 hour 15 minutes away by car.
- C Hallstatt is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- D Obertraun is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- Salzburg is about 1 hour 20 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Schladming is the nearest preferred destination, and Hallstatt, Obertraun and Gosau sit on the other side of the Dachstein.

Getting there

- By air: Salzburg Airport is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.
- By train: The nearest station is Schladming on the Ennstal line, then a bus to Ramsau. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A10 at Eben and follow the road through Schladming, then up to Ramsau.

Getting around

The plateau is spread out, so a car or the local bus is useful. Ski buses run in winter. Cycling is pleasant on the flat parts.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Low

The village is spread across a sunny plateau, and sights lie far apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The plateau has gentle roads and trails, with steep climbs to the valley.

Driving

A car helps for the plateau. The road up from Schladming is steep, and winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Styrian food includes *Ennstaler Steirerkas*, a local sour-milk cheese, and *Backhendl*, fried chicken. Huts serve dumplings, soups and *Kaiserschmarrn*. Local trout and cured meats are common.

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

Ramsau is very safe. The Dachstein glacier is a high-alpine area, with fast weather changes. Stay on marked routes. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

Ramsau became a centre of Protestantism in the 16th century, and many farmers kept their faith in secret. The Toleration Patent of 1781 allowed open worship, and the village's Protestant church was built soon after. Cross-country skiing and the Dachstein cable car shaped its modern tourism.

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

Ramsau am Dachstein Essentials

Ramsau am Dachstein sits on a high plateau beneath the south walls of the Dachstein massif. This selection features the Dachstein Glacier, accessible via a panoramic cable car, and high-altitude attractions including the glass-bottomed Skywalk, the 'Stairway to Nothingness', and the Ice Palace. Below the peaks, the area offers the Schladminger Glacier and the Rittisberg Coaster. The list also includes traditional Styrian mountain huts like the Austriahütte and Silberkarhütte, alongside the historic 19th-century Protestant parish church in the village center.





A Stairway to Nothingness

The bridge features a construction which is also called "stairway to nothingness". Breathtaking views are guaranteed.

8972, Austria (47.46929, 13.62448)



B Dachstein Glacier Cable Car

Impressive cable car that will take you on top of the Schladming glacier to 2700 m above the sea level.

Schildlehen 79, 8972 Ramsau am Dachstein, Austria (47.45927, 13.62211)

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C Skywalk

An observation deck at 2,700 meters on the Dachstein glacier featuring a glass floor section. It offers 360-degree views extending to the Hohe Tauern peaks and across the borders of Slovenia and the Czech Republic.

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derdachstein.at/de/dachstein-gletscherwelt/gletscher-erl...



D Dachstein Ice Cave

This ice cave is rebuilt every year and showcases nicely lit ice sculptures as well as thick layers of the glacier itself.

Hunerkogellift, Obertraun 4831, Austria (47.46919, 13.62575)



E Ice Palace

Located deep within the Dachstein Glacier, this attraction features intricate ice carvings, columns, and light installations sculpted directly into the permanent ice.

4831, Austria (47.46938, 13.62498)



F Hoher Dachstein

Hoher Dachstein is a strongly karstic mountain in central Austria and the second-highest mountain in the Northern Limestone Alps.

4830, Austria (47.47485, 13.60557)



G Schladminger Gletscher

The third-largest glacier in the Dachstein Mountains, providing terrain for year-round cross-country skiing and high-altitude winter sports.

4831, Austria (47.46977, 13.63357)

H Rittisberg Coaster

An all-weather alpine coaster on the Rittisberg mountain. Sleds are mounted on steel rails and travel 1,300 meters down the slope with manual braking systems for speed control.

(47.42236, 13.62384)



I Evang. Pfarrkirche

A 19th-century Protestant parish church built in a simple Neoclassical style. It serves as a significant landmark reflecting the local history of the Ennstal region.

(47.42268, 13.65445)

ramsau-evang.at



J Austriahütte

The oldest alpine hut in the Dachstein region, built in 1880. Located at 1,638 meters, it houses the Alpinmuseum, which documents the history of local mountaineering.

(47.44310, 13.61929)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

austriahuette.at



K Silberkarhütte

An alpine hut at 1,223 meters situated at the end of the Silberkar Gorge. It serves traditional Styrian organic products and acts as a base for several via ferrata climbing routes.

8972, Austria (47.44376, 13.71268)



L Ramsau am Dachstein Ski Region

If you are looking for a skiing experience with sunshine illuminating the area, this is a place for you.

Ort 177, 8972 Ramsau am Dachstein, Austria (47.42662, 13.63213)

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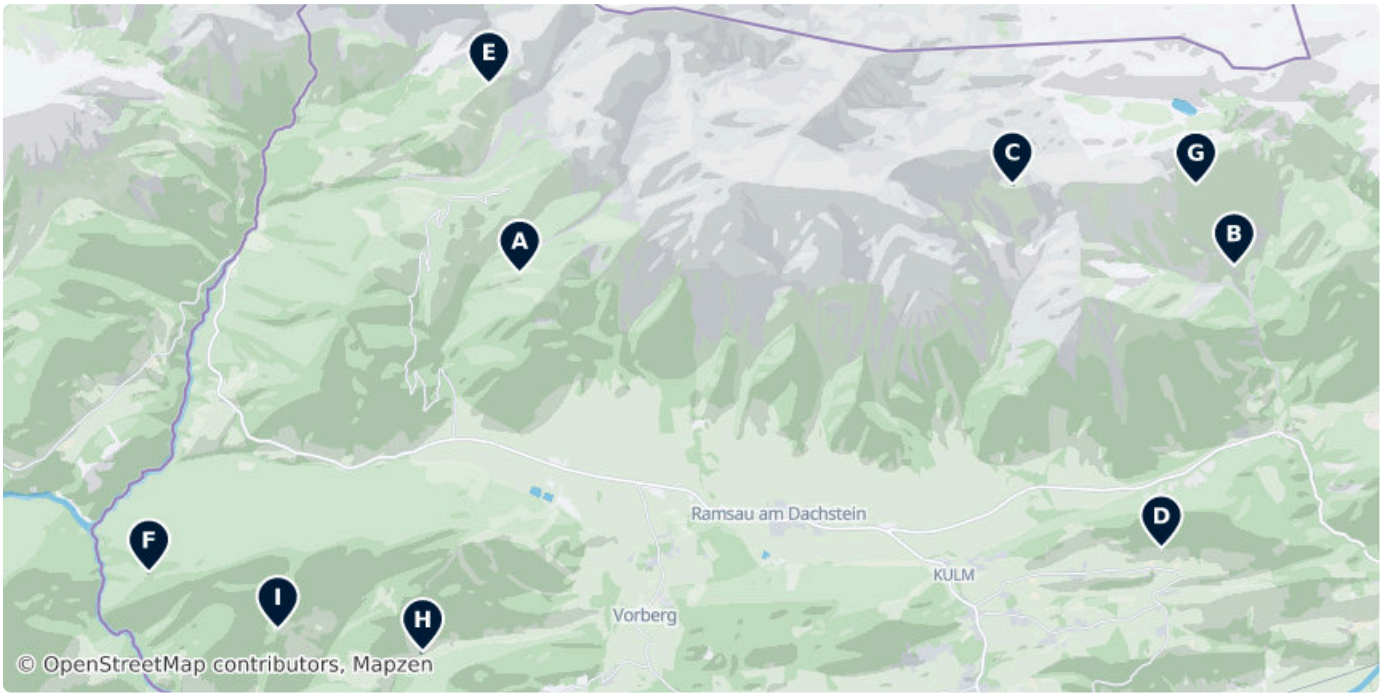
Alpine Huts & Mountain Shelters

This collection features traditional mountain shelters and alpine huts situated across the Dachstein massif near Ramsau. Ranging from the Austriahütte at 1,638 meters to the high-altitude Guttenberghaus at 2,146 meters, these destinations serve as critical rest stops for hikers. Most huts offer regional Styrian cuisine, and several provide overnight accommodations with facilities like showers and Wi-fi. Many are positioned along key hiking trails, such as those leading to the Dachstein south face or through the Silberkar Gorge.





A Austriahütte

Managed by the Austrian Alpine Club (ÖAV) at 1,638 meters, this hut features an on-site restaurant serving regional cuisine and offers amenities including Wi-fi and showers for overnight guests.

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B Silberkarhütte

A mountain hut and restaurant situated at the end of the Silberkar Gorge, specializing in regional Styrian dishes.

8972, Austria (47.44376, 13.71268)



C Guttenberghaus

At 2,146 meters, this is the highest mountain hut in Styria. Operated by the ÖAV, it serves as a base for high-alpine tours and via ferratas.

107, 8972 Ramsau am Dachstein, AT (47.45092, 13.68369)

alpenverein.at/guttenberghaus/, +43368781345



D Sattelberghütte

A traditional alpine restaurant located on the Sattelberg mountain, frequently visited by families using the nearby nature teaching trails.

(47.41880, 13.70317)

E Dachsteinsüdwandhütte

A private alpine hut situated at 1,871 meters, directly below the imposing south face of the Dachstein. It offers a restaurant serving regional specialties.

(47.45978, 13.61528)

F Ochsenalm

Traditional alpine hut located in the hiking area of Ramsau am Dachstein.

26, 8974 Schladming, AT (47.41666, 13.57082)

Mo–Su 10:00–20:00

rittisberg.at/de/huetten/ochsenalm.html, +43 650 4764308

G Stangalm

Mountain hut located near the hiking paths of the Ramsau plateau.

8972, Austria (47.45088, 13.70769)

H Röster Alm

Alpine pasture hut offering local snacks and refreshments for hikers.

15, 8974 Schladming, AT (47.40965, 13.60660)

I Wiesmahd Alm

Mountain shelter and alpine hut situated in the Ramsau am Dachstein region.

8974, Austria (47.41163, 13.58766)

Ski Resorts in Ramsau

Ramsau am Dachstein offers a diverse skiing landscape situated on a high sunny plateau below the Dachstein Glacier. This collection includes the main ski region along with specialized facilities like the Rittisberg slopes and the high-altitude Mitterstein chair lift. The area is particularly noted for its extensive network of T-bar lifts and dedicated schools for both alpine and cross-country skiing. Many lifts, such as the Drachenlift and Kalilift, cater to beginners and families, while glacier-based installations provide access to high-altitude terrain at 2,700 meters.





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B Rittislift

T-bar lift providing access to the Rittisberg slopes.

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C Mitterstein

High-capacity chair lift serving the Dachstein Glacier terrain.

4831, Austria (47.47439, 13.63860)

D Hunerkogellift

High-altitude T-bar lift located on the Dachstein Glacier at 2,700 meters.

(47.46929, 13.62663)

E Austriascharte

Drag lift situated on the Dachstein Glacier plateau.

(47.46757, 13.63082)

F Sport Pitzer Schischule

Alpine ski school and rental center located in Ramsau am Dachstein.

(47.41492, 13.67557)

G Langlaufschule

Specialized cross-country skiing school accessing the region's 220 kilometers of trails.

(47.41984, 13.65324)

H Kalilift

Beginner-friendly rope tow lift located within Kali's Winter World.

(47.42477, 13.62475)

I Klanglift

T-bar lift on the sunny plateau, equipped for night skiing.

(Unnamed Road), 8972, Austria (47.42642, 13.65635)

J Bergkristalllift

T-bar lift serving the practice slopes near the village center.

8972, Austria (47.42898, 13.65021)

K Adlerlift II

T-bar lift serving the ski slopes in the Ramsau-Ort sector.

(Unnamed Road), 8972, Austria (47.44134, 13.60784)

L Adlerlift I

T-bar lift connecting the lower station to the upper alpine runs.

(Unnamed Road), 8972, Austria (47.44632, 13.61040)

M Drachenlift I

T-bar lift located in the family-oriented Fair-Play-Park.

8972, Austria (47.41129, 13.63872)

N Drachenlift II

Secondary T-bar lift supporting beginner slopes in the Fair-Play-Park.

8972, Austria (47.40930, 13.63769)

O Zauberlift

T-bar lift serving the blue-graded practice runs on the plateau.

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