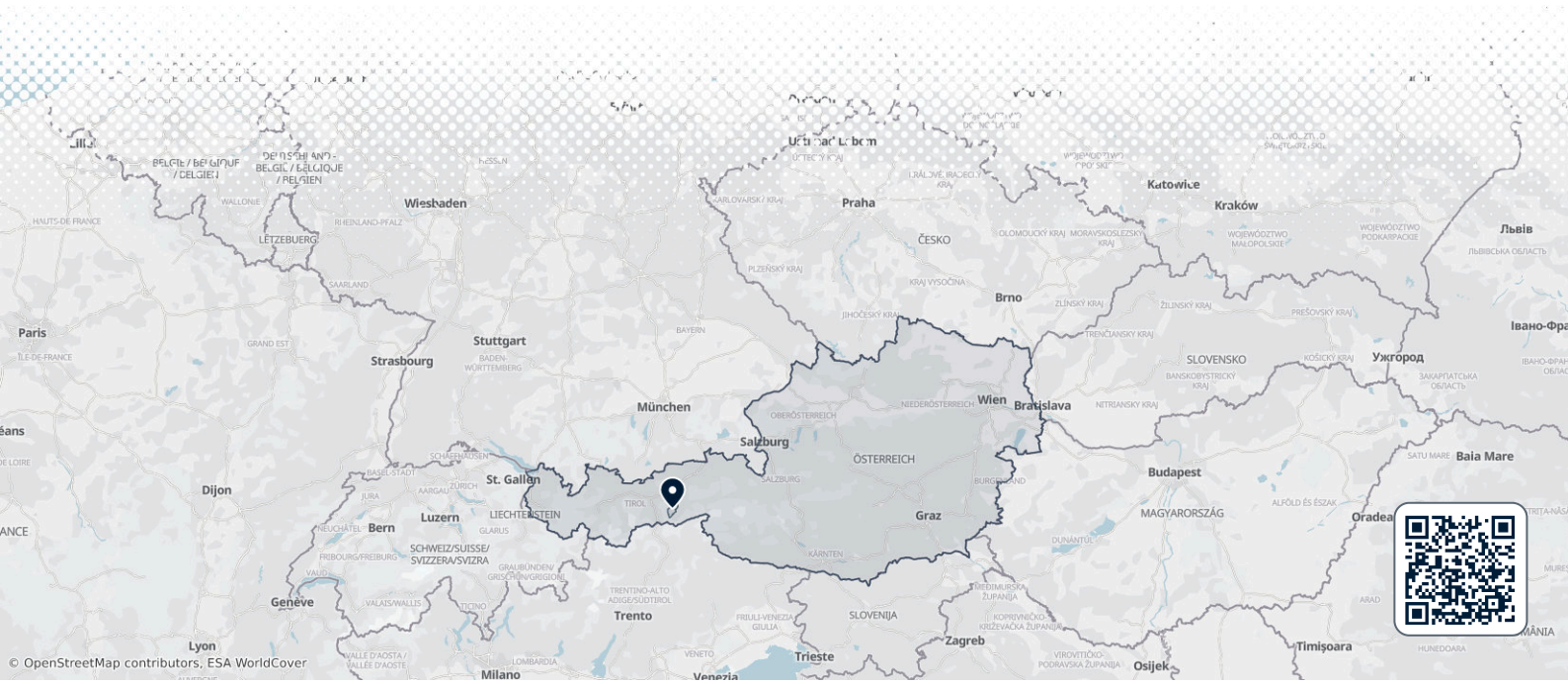


Tux

Tyrol · Austria

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Tux is a village at the start of the Tux valley, a side valley of the Zillertal in Tyrol, with the villages of Vorderlanersbach, Lanersbach, Juns and Hintertux stretching up to the Hintertux glacier. The valley is surrounded by the Tux Alps and the Zillertal Alps, and is known for the Hintertux glacier ski area, which offers skiing almost all year.

The valley is a mix of farms, small hotels and mountain lifts. It suits skiers, glacier visitors, hikers and anyone who wants a high-alpine base near Mayrhofen and Innsbruck.

When to visit

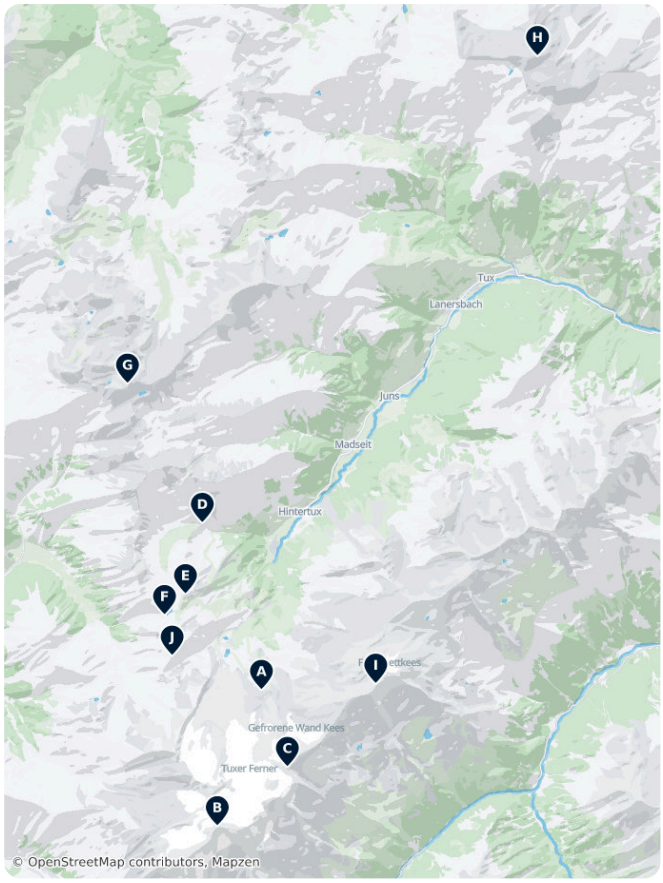
December to April is ski season in the valley. The Hintertux glacier is open for skiing in summer and autumn. June to September is best for hiking. Spring and November are quiet.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	0° / 5° Feels like -4°	-8° / -16°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-8° / -17°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	5° / 12° Feels like 1°	-4° / -13°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	1° / -7°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for cycling	15° / 22°	5° / 0°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	20° / 26°	9° / 4°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 26°	11° / 5°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	21° / 26°	11° / 6°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	17° / 23°	7° / 1°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	12° / 19°	4° / -3°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for skiing	6° / 13° Feels like 3°	-2° / -11°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-7° / -16°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- The Hintertux glacier is a year-round ski area at the end of the valley, with lifts and views of the ice.
- A Spannagelhöhle is a high alpine cave near Hintertux that can be visited on guided tours.
- B Olperer is a famous high peak above the valley.
- C Gefrorene-Wand-Spitzen are glacier peaks above Hintertux.
- D Schleierfall is a waterfall on a short walk.
- E Tuxerjoch Haus and F Tuxer Joch are a mountain hut and pass above the valley.
- G Geier, H Rastkogel, I Hoher Riffler and J Frauenwand are peaks for hikers and ski tourers.



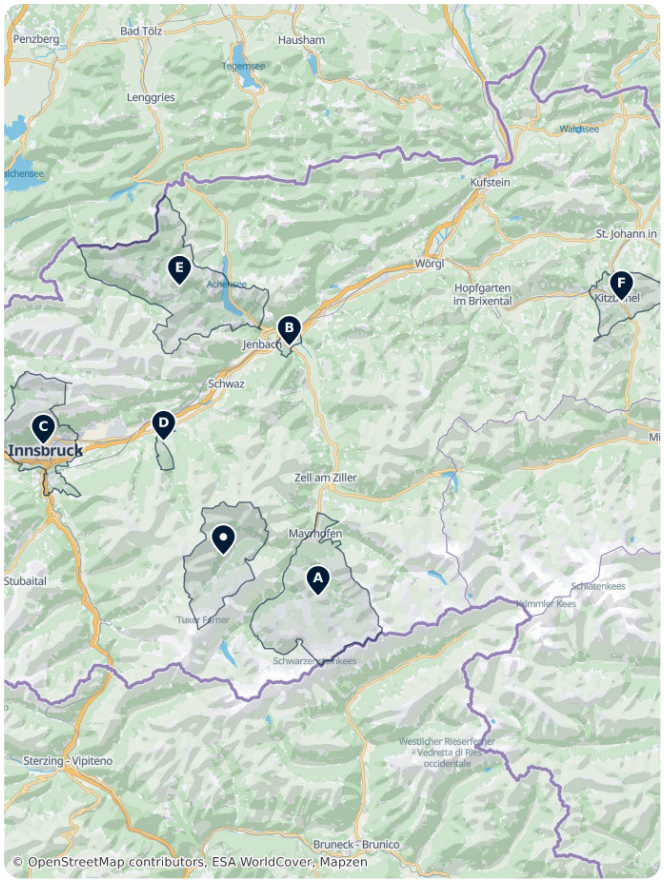
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What to experience

- Ski on the glacier.
- Hike to a mountain hut.
- Visit the high alpine cave.
- Soak in a spa hotel.
- Ski tour in winter.

Day trips

- A Mayrhofen is about 30 minutes away by car.
- B Strass im Zillertal is about 40 minutes away by car.
- C Innsbruck is about 1 hour away by car.
- D Wattens is about 50 minutes away by car.
- E Eben am Achensee is about 1 hour away by car.
- F Kitzbühel is about 1 hour 30 minutes away by car.



Where to explore

- Mayrhofen and Strass im Zillertal are the nearest preferred destinations.

Getting there

- By air: Innsbruck Airport is about 1 hour away by car. Munich is about 2 hours 15 minutes.
- By train: Take a train to Jenbach, then the Zillertalbahn to Mayrhofen, then a bus up the Tux valley of about 30 minutes. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: Leave the A12 at Zillertal and follow the valley road.

Getting around

A valley bus runs the length of the Tux valley, and ski buses link the lifts. A car helps for side valleys. The villages are spread out.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Low

The villages are spread along a long valley, and trailheads need a bus.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The valley road is steady, and mountain bike routes climb into the Tux Alps.

Driving

The valley road is well kept but can be busy at ski weekends. Winter tyres or chains are required in snow. Parking at the glacier cable car may be limited. Motorways in Austria need a vignette.

Food & drink

Tyrolean food is hearty. Try *Tiroler Gröstl*, a pan of potatoes and meat, and *Zillertaler Krapfen*, filled dough pockets. Mountain huts serve soups and cakes.

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

Tux is very safe, but the high mountains are serious. Glacier and ski routes carry avalanche risk, so check the bulletins. Weather changes fast. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112. The mountain rescue number is 140.

History

The Tux valley was a farming area for centuries. A cave in the valley was explored in the early 20th century. In the 1960s lifts opened up the Hintertux glacier, and the valley became one of the first to offer year-round skiing in Austria.

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

Tux Essentials

Tux is anchored by the Hintertux Glacier, Austria's only year-round ski resort, featuring slopes reaching 3,250 meters. The area includes the Spannagel Cave, Europe's highest altitude show cave, and prominent peaks like the 3,231-meter Hoher Riffler and the 2,762-meter Rastkogel. High-altitude dining and shelter are provided by the Fernerhaus and Tuxerjoch Haus, while the Schleierfall waterfall offers a natural landmark within the Zillertal Alps' dramatic landscape.





A Hintertux Glacier Ski Resort

The Hintertux Glacier is the tourist name for the glaciers of the Gefrorene-Wand-Kees, also called the Tuxer Ferner, and the nearby...

Sommerbergalm, 6294, Austria (47.08489, 11.66691)

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B Spannagel Cave

The Spannagel Cave is a show cave near Hintertux, in the Zillertal Alps in the Austrian state of Tyrol.

Sommerbergalm, 6294, Austria (47.08007, 11.67142)

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C Gefrorene Wand

Panorama viewpoint at 3,250 meters on the Hintertux Glacier, providing 360-degree views of the Zillertal Alps, the Dolomites, and the Zugspitze.

(47.06265, 11.68063)



D Rastkogel

The Rastkogel is a 2,762 metre high, pyramidal, mountain on the main crest of the Tux Alps in the Austrian federal state of Tyrol.

6133, Austria (47.20430, 11.75088)



E Hoher Riffler

The Hoher Riffler is a 3,231 metre high mountain in the Zillertal Alps, on the eastern part of the main chain of the Tux, in the Austrian...

6295, Austria (47.08128, 11.70433)



F Gefrorene-Wand-Spitzen

The Gefrorene-Wand-Spitzen are two summits on the Tux Crest, a mountain chain in the Zillertal Alps, one of the ranges of the central...

6294, Austria (47.06495, 11.67889)



G Frauenwand

A 2,541-meter-high peak in the Zillertal Alps, situated between the Tuxerjoch and the Hintertux Glacier.

6154, Austria (47.08677, 11.64572)



H Fernerhaus

High-altitude restaurant and service station at 2,660 meters on the Hintertux Glacier, serving traditional Tyrolean and Bavarian cuisine.

Sommerbergalm, 6294, Austria (47.07704, 11.67031)

I Tuxerjoch Haus

Alpine mountain hut of the Austrian Tourist Club located at 2,313 meters, offering regional Tyrolean dishes near the Tuxerjoch pass.

(47.09887, 11.64953)

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J Schleierfall

A veil-like waterfall located in the Tux valley, cascading down the rock faces of the Zillertal Alps.

(47.11282, 11.65440)

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