

Ski Openings and Event News

Winter 2023/24

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Tirol

Ski Openings & Closings

Stubai Glacier

When: October (depending on snow condition) - May

The mountain panorama, the wide and varied slopes, the family-friendly offers- Stubai promises yet another unforgettable winter season.

Website: <https://www.stubaier-gletscher.com/en/ski-area/opening-hours/>

Gurgl/Ötztal

When: 16 November 2023 - 2 April 2024

One of Tirol's highest winter sport areas featuring 25 lifts and 112 km of slopes.

Website: <https://www.gurgl.com/winter/events/event-calendar.html>

Ischgl - Paznaun

When: 23 November 2023 - 1 May 2024

Where ski days turn into epic ski days, and ski holidays into ski unforgettable holidays.

Website: <https://www.ischgl.com/en/Active/Active-Winter/Ski-Pass-Prices-and-Operating-Hours>

Kitzbühel

When: 25 November 2023 – 7 April 2024

Experience dreamy slopes and much more.

Website: <https://www.kitzski.at/en/ski-area-tirol/timetables-operating-times.html>

St. Anton am Arlberg

When: 1 December 2023

In early December, St. Anton is gearing up for the winter with a fun-packed opening weekend filled with great snow sports and free demos of the latest ski and snowboard gear.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-st-anton-ski-open>

Zillertal- Hochfügen, Mayerhof, Zillertal Arena

When: 2 December 2023

Where boundless freedom awaits and enjoyment is the top priority. Sheer endless pistes, snow-covered slopes and fascinating mountains await you here.

Website: <https://www.skiresort.info/snow-reports/seasonstart/zillertal/>

SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser - Brixenal

When: 8 December 2023 – 1 April 2024

One of the largest and most modern ski resorts in the world.

Website: <https://www.skiwelt.at/en/operating-dates.html>

St. Johann in Tirol

When: 8 December 2023 – 1 April 2024

The St. Johann in Tirol ski area is a real insider tip for leisurely skiers and families.

Website: <https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/stjo/wi/ski/skistar-st-johann-in-tirol.html>

SkiJuwel Alpbachtal Wildschönau

When: December 2023 – 7 April 2024

Experienced winter sports enthusiasts and newbies on the slopes alike can look forward to a great range of different slopes.

Website: <https://www.skijuwel.com/en/winter/operating-times>

Events

Sölden World Cup Race Weekend

Where: Sölden/ Ötztal

When: 28 – 29 October 2023

The kick off of Sölden's new winter season: The best Alpine ski racers in the world are back on Rettenbach Glacier for a weekend of thrill and some serious racing action.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-world-cup-race-soelden>

AUDI FIS Skiweltcup Gurgl

Where: Gurgl/ Ötztal

When: 16 – 19 November 2023

Gurgl kicks off the new winter season with a men's slalom as part of the AUDI FIS Alpine Ski World Cup. Guided tour and meet and greet with Dave Ryding on 19 November.

Website: <https://www.gurgl.com/winter/events/skiworldcup.html>

Reutte on Ice

Where: Nature park Reutte

When: 17 November - February 2024

As early as November 17th, 2023, the thrilling new event "Reutte on Ice" will open with a concert by DJ Ötzi in the Naturparkregion Reutte. "Reuttener Eistraum" (Ice Dream) will be extended to over 2,000 m² with skate ways through the park of Reutte and a second ice rink, making it the largest ice-skating facility in western Austria and one that can also be used for activities such as curling and ice hockey. Featuring a harmonious lighting concept, the ice rink in the centre of Reutte will become the region's wintry highlight, which will be open for locals and guests until the end of February 2024.

Website: www.reutte.com/en/landingpage/reutte-on-ice (in German only)

FIS Freeski World Cup in Stubai

Where: Neustift/ Stubai

When: 22 – 25 November 2023

The world's best freeskiers compete at the Freeski World Cup on the Stubai Glacier.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-fis-freeski-world-cup>

Top of the Mountain Opening Concert

Where: Ischgl - Paznaun

When: 25 November 2023

The Top of the Mountain Opening Concert has become one of the classics among the concerts in the Alps, and yet it continues to surprise every year.

The star will be announced shortly.

Website: https://www.ischgl.com/en/Events/Top-Events/Top-of-the-Mountain-Opening-Concert_topevent_55277883

Name: Rattenberger Advent

Where: Kufstein

When: December 2023

Kufstein Fortress will once again be the setting for the Kufstein Light Festival. Under this year's theme "Voice of the Castle", the audience will be taken on a journey through time, from past to future. The festival offers a unique light show and provides insights into the almost one thousand-year-old history of the.

Website: <https://lichtfestival.kufstein.at/en/lichtfestival-kufstein.html>

Hahnenkamm World Cup Races

Where: Kitzbühel

When: 15 – 21 January 2024

The world's most famous racecourse ("Streif") with the best athletes from around the world - an incredible weekend of ski fans every year.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-hahnenkamm-race-kitzbuehel>

International Dolomites Run

Where: Obertilliach/ Osttirol

When: 19 – 21 January 2024

Held annually for more than 50 years, the International Dolomites Run in Lienz is considered one of the most iconic and scenic Nordic ski races in Austria.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-41st-international-dolomites-run>

Nordic Combined World Cup

Where: Seefeld

When: 2 – 4 February 2024

The Olympic venues of Seefeld will host the 11th Nordic Combined World Cup in early February, including the "Nordic Combined Triple".

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-nordic-combined-world-cup>

Winter Pride Sölden

Where: Sölden/ Ötztal

When: 16 – 23 March 2024

Gay Snow Happening! A fun-packed skiing and party week in one of Austria's top winter sports resorts with hundreds of participants. Sölden's rainbow week has become one of the highlights in Austria's event calendar.

Website: <https://www.gaytravel4u.com/event/gay-snow-happening-solden>

Electric Mountain Festival

Where: Sölden/ Ötztal

When: 8 – 12 April 2024

Mountains full of beats: the unrivalled electric music festival is a mix of skiing fun, dance music and culinary delights.

Website: <https://www.soelden.com/winter/events/electric-mountain.html>

Snowbombing Festival 2024

Where: Mayerhofen/ Zillertal

When: 8 – 13 April 2024

An exhilarating week-long mix of brilliant bands and world class DJs in the chocolate box setting of Mayrhofen.

Website: <https://www.tyrol.com/things-to-do/events/all-events/e-snowbombing>

Red Bull Illume

Where: Sölden/ Ötztal

When: Winter 2023/24

Red Bull Illume is the world's largest adventure and action sports photography competition. In 2023, Sölden will host the Winner Award Ceremony with a three-day event, including workshops, talks and networking opportunities. The guest list includes some of the industry's most influential players - including the 50 competition finalists, judges, partners and media representatives.

Website: <https://www.redbullillume.com/int-en/win-a-guided-photoshoot-in-soelden-austria>

Christmas Markets

Innsbruck: Christmas Market in the old town

When: 15 November – 23 December 2023

The medieval houses of Innsbruck's Old Town provide the framework for what is most likely the most traditional Christmas market in the city. Seventy Christmas stalls form lines beneath the lighted Christmas tree. Scented almonds, lovingly carved nativity figures and colourful felt hats: the Christmas Market is all about folk art. Stroll through the Märchengasse or enjoy a spicy mulled wine on the viewing platform.

Website: <https://www.christkindlmarkt.cc/en/markets/innsbruck-old-town/35-0.html>

St. Johann in Tirol: St. Johanner Christmas Market

When: 1 – 24 December 2023

The Christmas market takes place in St. Johann's charming town. Expect festive lights and food stalls all around the pedestrian zone – the perfect place to get into the Christmas spirit and sample all the local delights!

Website: <https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/stjo/christmas-market.html>

Mayerhofen/Zillertal: Mayerhofner Advent

When: 1 – 22 December 2023 (Friday to Sunday)

The traditional Mayrhofner Advent offers relaxation, peace, and quiet. Check out traditional decorations and Christmas jingles and immerse yourself in local customs, rediscovering the true spirit of Christmas far away from noise and commercialism.

Website: <https://advent.mayrhofen.at/en>

Salzburg

Ski Openings

Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn

When: 1 December 2023

Almost endless snow-covered slopes and a fascinating landscape: The Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn offers skiing fun at the highest level. With 270 km of [ski slopes](#), it is one of the largest ski areas in Austria.

Website: <https://www.saalbach.com/en/winter/ski-resort>

Obertauern

When: 1- 3 December 2023

A massive party to kick off the new winter season with an international headliner – artist TBC shortly.

Website: <https://www.obertauern.com/en/events/ski-opening.html>

Events

Rave on Snow

Where: Skicircus Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn

When: 14 – 17 December 2023

A unique combination of breathtaking scenery, winter sports and rich bass. Expect open air & indoor parties on 14 floors and more than 70 DJs.

Website: <https://raveonsnow.com/home>

Christmas Markets

Zell am See: Zeller Sternenadvent

23 November – 24 December 2023

The romantic "Starry Advent Market" in the Elisabethpark right on the shores of Lake Zell opens its doors again.

Website: <https://www.sternenadvent.at/> (in German only)

Styria

Ski Openings

Schladming-Dachstein Region

When: 7 December 2023

Kick off for the new winter season.

Website: <https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/winter>

Events

4 - Mountain Ski Opening

Where: Schladming - Dachstein

When: 7 – 8 December 2023

Robbie Williams is headlining the first 4 – Mountain Ski Opening in the Schladming-Dachstein region after a 3-year break. The Planai Stadium will be transformed into a spectacular concert arena with a breathtaking stage and show.

Website: <https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/winter/ski-opening>

Vienna

Events

Viennese Ice Dream 2024

When: 11 November 2023 – 7 January 2024

29th edition of the winter event – skate on a giant ice rink (8,500 m²) right in front of Vienna's town hall.

Website: <https://www.wienereistraum.com/en/>

New Year's Eve in Vienna

When: 31 December 2023

A annual highlight is the Vienna New Year's Eve Trail throughout the city centre with live music, entertainment, foods, and drinks 2 PM.

Website: <https://www.wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/new-years-eve-354224>

Burgenland

Events

35th anniversary of the Gars Castle Opera Festival

Where: Gars Castle

When: September 2023 - 2026

Baritone Clemens Unterreiner takes over as artistic director of the Burg Gars Opera in Lower Austria for the 2024 to 2026 seasons.

Website: <https://operburggars.at/> (in German only)