

Winter Love in Upper Austria

Experience the winter, discover the real thing

Winter in Upper Austria is like the people who live there. Sometimes adventurous and sporty, sometimes gentle and romantic, sometimes a haven of peace, sometimes a bubbling source of inspiration, in any case always grounded and genuine. And with great passion for combining tradition with the future.

A skiing holiday in Upper Austria is an adventure like no other because it allows you to experience all the things closest to your heart: Manageable slopes, child-friendly infrastructure and a fair price-performance ratio, for example. This is precisely why families feel extremely comfortable in Upper Austria. Perhaps it is also the desire for sporty downhill runs, the longing for untouched nature and endless freedom, such as freeriding. As different as the needs of winter sports enthusiasts are, as varied is Upper Austria's offer. The province shows its innovative side with the "Snow&Surf Kombiticket". Skiing or snowboarding on the Feuerkogel and then surfing on the biggest wave in Europe: THE.RIVERWAVE.

Gentle and atmospheric

The snow creaks softly under your shoes, your gaze sinks into the interplay of mountains and lakes. Whether cross-country skiing in the Nordic Center in the Bohemian Forest, ski touring, snowshoeing on the Feuerkogel, on the Kasberg and in Pyhrn-Priel or just walking through the snow – winter in Upper Austria can be discovered in many different ways. Ranger tours in the Kalkalpen National Park or guided ski tours for beginners will surely create unforgettable memories. More than 180 cross-country ski trails and over 80 winter hiking trails in Upper Austria invite you to get to know and fall in love with winter from its gentle side. There are also five thermal spas in Upper Austria, ranging from the Caribbean-style Therme Geinberg to the Lebensquell Bad Zell health resort in the hills of the Mühlviertel region and the EurothermenResorts in Bad Schallerbach, Bad Ischl and Bad Hall. Spa hotels such as the Kurhaus in Schärding, the Marienschwestern vom Karmel in Bad Kreuzen or the Spa Hotel Bründl in Bad Leonfelden make use of the effectiveness of natural healing, Waldness® and forest air bathing.

Whether you already know Upper Austria or are just getting to know it, you will be surprised in any case. On the one hand, the province invites you to enjoy the diversity of culture, ranging from modern art, history, nature exhibitions and the futuristic museum Ars Electronica Center to performances at the so-called Musiktheater in Linz. On the other hand, it impresses with its Christmas markets, where each one is so unique that it is best to visit all of them - the famous Wolfgangsee Advent, the new "Advent am Domplatz" in Linz and the Christkindl Post Office in Steyr are all very special.

In addition, Upper Austria welcomes guests with its celebrated regional cuisine. Besides the traditional specialties, young chefs have introduced their innovative cuisine to the many inns and award-winning restaurants. Upper Austria is also known for its breweries and numerous beer specialties.

Upper Austria Facts and Figures

- Number of ski resorts: 40 - including 7 Snow&Fun ski resorts
- Number of lifts: 91 lifts and cable cars
- Number of cross-country skiing km: 180
- Largest cross-country skiing area: Nordic cross-country skiing center Šumava with 78 km of trails
- More than 80 winter hiking trails
- About 700 km of bridle paths in the horse area Mühlviertler Alm
- 5 thermal spas: Therme Geinberg, health resort Lebensquell Bad Zell, EurothermenResorts in Bad Schallerbach, Bad Ischl and Bad Hall
- Health experts - with a focus on natural healing: Kurhaus in Schärding, Marienschwestern vom Karmel in Bad Kreuzen, Spa Hotel Bründl in Bad Leonfelden. Waldness® places and hosts with offers/programs for forest air bathing
- 47 restaurants awarded with Gault Millau toques
- Highest mountain: Dachstein 2,995 meters

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