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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Top 10 Biggest Ski Resorts in Austria! In this eBook, we've compiled everything you need to plan an unforgettable skiing adventure on Austria's slopes



Here, you'll find:

- Detailed descriptions and parameters of the resorts, complete with maps
- -O Specifications of the top ski runs
- -O Stunning photos and videos of the ski runs

This is not just an ordinary guide.

We personally test, record, and document our experiences so you can see everything with your own eyes.

In this guide, you'll find links to videos of ski runs—just click the link marked with the icon to transport yourself straight to the slopes!



AUSTRIA: A SKIING POWERHOUSE

Austria is one of the world's premier skiing destinations, boasting a rich skiing tradition, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and diverse terrain. The country offers exceptional opportunities for both beginners and advanced skiers. With a vast number of ski resorts, top-quality trails, and breathtaking alpine landscapes, the Austrian Alps attract winter sports enthusiasts from all over the world.

Why Does Austria Offer Outstanding Skiing Conditions?

Extensive Mountain Ranges - Austria is largely covered by the Alps, making it a natural paradise for skiing.

The key skiing regions include:

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- Tyrol (e.g., St. Anton, Ischgl)
- Salzburgerland (e.g., Zell am See, Saalbach-Hinterglemm)
- Vorarlberg (e.g., Lech am Arlberg)
- Carinthia (e.g., Nassfeld, Bad Kleinkirchheim)
- Upper Austria & Styria (e.g., Dachstein, Schladming)

Variety of Slopes - Austria offers an extensive range of slopes for all skill levels:

- For beginners Gentle, wide slopes with easy lift access, found in resorts like Alpbach and Mayrhofen.
- For intermediates Numerous red runs in areas like Saalbach-Hinterglemm and Zell am See.
- For advanced skiers Challenging black runs and worldclass freeride areas, such as St. Anton am Arlberg.
- Glacier skiing Year-round skiing is possible on glaciers like Hintertux, Stubai, and Kitzsteinhorn.



3 Excellent Infrastructure - Austria is known for its highly developed ski infrastructure, including:

- High-speed gondolas and high-capacity chairlifts.
- Advanced snowmaking systems ensuring excellent conditions even in low-snowfall periods.
- Extensive cross-country skiing trails, snow parks, and dedicated freeride zones.

Reliable Winter Climate

- Stable winter conditions with abundant snowfall from November to April.
- Glaciers that provide skiing opportunities year-round.

5 World-Famous Après-Ski Culture - Austria is renowned for its vibrant après-ski scene, with many resorts offering:

- Legendary après-ski bars and clubs, such as Mooserwirt in St. Anton or Kuhstall in Ischgl.
- Restaurants serving local specialties like Wiener Schnitzel, Kaiserschmarrn, and regional beers.



Austria is home to some of the best skiing conditions in the world. With its diverse terrain, cutting-edge infrastructure, incredible après-ski atmosphere, and reliable snow, it remains a top winter destination. Whether you're a first-time skier or a seasoned expert, Austria's ski resorts offer an unforgettable experience, making it one of the most sought-after ski destinations in Europe.





No.	Ski Resort	Region	City	Ski run length (km)	Altitude difference (m)
1	Ski Arlberg - St. Anton-St. Christoph-Stuben/Lech- Oberlech-Zürs/Warth- Schröcken	Vorarlberg	St. Anton, St. Christoph, Stuben, Lech, Oberlech, Zürs, Warth, Schröcken	302	1496
2	Saalbach	Salzburg	Saalbach, Hinterglemm, Leogang, Fieberbrunn	270	1250
3	SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser - Brixental	Tyrol	Brixen, Ellmau, Going, Hopfgarten, Itter, Kirchberg, Kirchbichl, Scheffau, Söll, Wörgl	270	1250
4	Snow Space Salzburg - Flachau / Wagrain / St.Johann / Flachauwinkl / Zauchensee	Salzburg	Flachau, Wagrain, St. Johann, Alpendorf, Flachauwinkl, Zauchensee	210	1240
5	KitzSki	Tyrol	Kirchberg	188	1200
6	Serfaus - Fiss - Ladis	Tyrol	Serfaus, Fiss, Ladis	186	1628
7	Ischgl - Silvretta Arena (AT)	Tyrol	Ischgl	167	1472
8	Zillertal Arena	Tyrol	Zell am Ziller, Gerlos, Königsleiten, Hochkrimml	150	1920
9	Sölden / Ötztal	Tyrol	Sölden	144	1990
10	Mayrhofner Bergbahnen / Rastkogel	Tyrol	Mayrhofen	142	1870



CRITERIA FOR THE "TOP BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" RANKINGS

1. The ranking includes the largest ski resorts, in terms of the length of ski runs counted in kilometers. The results of the ranking have been compiled taking into account the following principles:

a. The runs in the resort are connected by a network of ski lifts and do not require travel by bus or car.

b. Only the groomed ski runs marked as blue, red and black are taken into account. Ski touring and freeride routes are not included.

c. If the length of the ski runs in the resorts is comparable, the parameter of elevation, i.e. the difference in height between the highest and the lowest point on the runs in the resort, is also taken into account. The resort with the higher elevation has a higher ranking.

d. The resort was open (most runs open) for more than 30 days in the 2022/23 ski season.

e. If the resort is located on the border of two countries:

- The entire resort is included in the TOP 10 Europe ranking;

- Only the part of a resort that is located in a particular country is included in the TOP 10 Country ranking;

- Only the part of a resort that is located in a particular region is included in the TOP 10 Region ranking.

f. In the case of resorts situated on the border of two regions, only the part of a resort that is located in a region (the region where the majority of the resort is situated) is taken into account.

g. Each of the ten countries was divided into Ski Regions with the

highest number of ski resorts and ski runs. If a country has a small area or less than 3 ski regions meeting the minimum criteria, then the whole country is regarded as one Ski Region, e.g. Slovenia, or is combined with a neighboring country like Andorra, added as an Andorra Ski Region of Spain.

2. The compilation covers 10 European countries: Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland.

3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN EUROPE ranking - a list of the ten largest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in Europe.

4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ONE COUNTRY ranking - a list of the ten biggest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in each of the 10 countries separately:

- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN AUSTRIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CZECH REPUBLIC
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN FRANCE
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN GERMANY
- TOP10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ITALY
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN POLAND
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SLOVAKIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SLOVENIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SPAIN
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SWITZERLAND

5. The TOP Region ranking is a list of the largest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in the country's largest Regions.

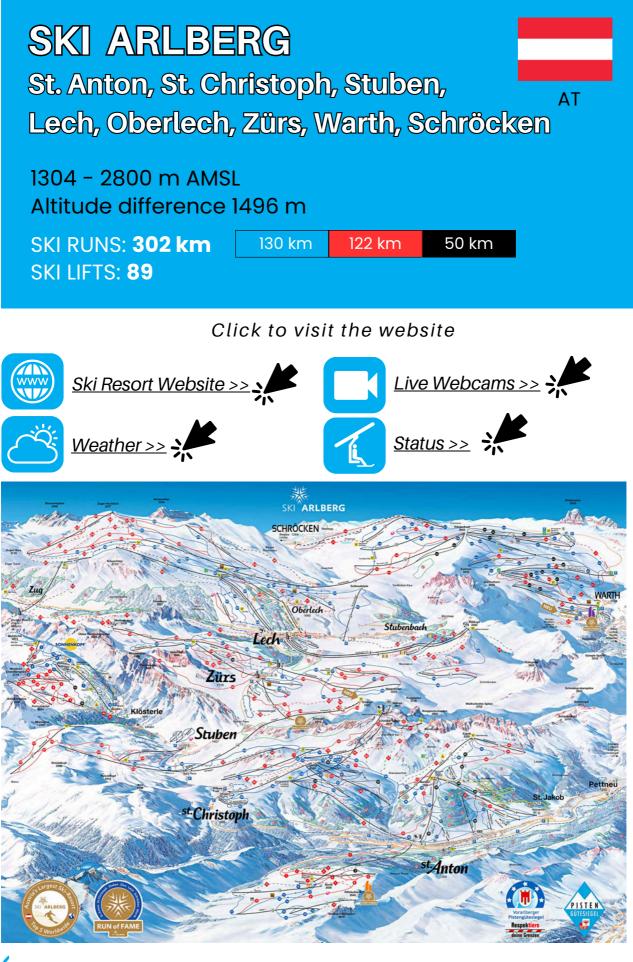
Additionally, in the skicrown.eu ski app, we have introduced the TOP Region

ranking, which lists the largest ski resorts based on the total number of ski run kilometers in the major regions of each country.

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2	SELECT REGION	AT
	Tyrol / Tirol	>
	Styria / Steiermark	>
	Salzburg / Salzburger Land	>
	Vorarlberg	>
	Upper Austria / Oberösterreich	>
	Lower Austria / Niederösterreich	>
	Carinthia / Kärnten	>

ENJOY THE GUIDE, and see you on the slopes! AGA AND ARTEK

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Ischgl - Silvretta Arena (AT) Ischgl	>	
KitzSki Kirchberg, Kitzbühel, Jochberg	>	
Serfaus - Fiss - Ladis Serfaus, Fiss, Ladis	>	
Zillertal Arena Zell am Ziller, Gerlos, Königsleiten, Hochkrimml	>	
Mayrhofner Bergbahnen/ Rastkogel Mayrhofen	>	
Gurgi - Ötztal Hochgurgi, Obergurgi	>	
Ski Juwel Alpbachtal, Wildschönau	>	
Hochzillertal - Kaltenbach Kaltenbach	>	
Hochfügen Fügen	>	
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Ski Map: https://www.skiarlberg.at/en/Ski-Arlberg/Live-Info/Interactive-map



SKI ALBERG: Austria's Largest Interconnected Ski Resort

Ski Arlberg is nestled in the stunning Arlberg massif in the Vorarlberg region. Since the 2013-2014 winter season, the villages of Lech, Oberlech, Zürs, and Zug have been seamlessly connected with the Warth-Schröcken ski resort, making Ski Arlberg the largest interconnected ski resort in Austria.

St. Anton, St. Christoph, Stuben, Lech Zürs, Warth, and Schröcken together form a vast winter sports paradise, offering an exceptional ski experience. All resorts are interconnected by lifts and accessible with a single ski pass. Known for perfectly groomed slopes of varying difficulty, state-of-the-art lifts, and breathtaking Alpine views, Ski Arlberg provides some of the best skiing conditions in Austria. The region's unique microclimate ensures consistently abundant snowfall throughout the season.



Ski Arlberg: Key Highlights

- 302 km of marked ski runs catering to all skill levels.
- More than 200 km of fantastic powder runs, making it a paradise for freeriders.
- 89 state-of-the-art cable cars and lifts, ensuring seamless ski connections.
- **Dedicated training areas**, including sports training zones and beginner-friendly children's areas.
- **Diverse recreational facilities**, from snow parks to carving zones and race tracks.

A rich culinary scene, featuring local and international specialties served in mountain lodges and restaurants.



A Century of Alpine Skiing History

Ski Arlberg has played a pivotal role in the history of alpine skiing:

- 1884: Emperor Franz Joseph I inaugurated the Arlberg Railway, opening up the region to tourism.
- 1901: The first Arlberg ski club was founded.
- 1904: The first official ski competitions were held.
- 1921: Austria's first ski school was established in the Arlberg.
- 1937: Austria's first drag lift and gondola lift were introduced in Zürs.
- 1983: Michael Manhart developed the Arlberg Jet, an advanced snowmaking machine used at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

Today, Ski Arlberg attracts skiers and snowboarders from all over the world, offering a mix of challenging slopes and rich ski traditions.



Must-Visit Attractions in Ski Arlberg

- Galzigbahn Summit: Offers breathtaking panoramic views over St. Anton and the Stanzertal valley.
- Schindler Spitze (2,660 m): A scenic lift ride over steep rock walls leads to stunning panoramic vistas of the Vorarlberg region.



- Vallugabahn Cable Car: Takes skiers to Valluga Peak (2,811 m), the highest point in the resort.
- Gampen and Kapall Slopes: Feature high-quality runs, including the famous Kandahar Cup racecourse.
- Weibermahd Lift: Austria's first combination lift (alternating 8person chairlifts and 10-person gondolas), developed by Doppelmayr.

Snowboarding & Freeride Paradise

- Freeride: Lech, Zürs, and the Arlberg region rank among the best off-piste skiing destinations in the Alps. However, guided tours are recommended for safety.
- Freestyle: Excellent facilities include:
 - Funpark Boarderland Lech with a 300m x 100m halfpipe near the Schlegelkopf and Hinterwies lifts.
 - Pettneu Funpark, featuring a 40m x 17m halfpipe and various freestyle obstacles.



Cross-Country Skiing in the Arlberg Region

The resort offers 103 km of cross-country ski trails, including:

- Lech to Älpele (1,450 1,550 m): The longest scenic route.
- Zürs to Flexen Pass: The highest cross-country trail.
- St. Anton Rosanna River Stanzertal (16 km): A scenic route passing through Pettneu and ending in Flirsch.



- Lake Verwall Trail: Begins at the Mooserkreuz Hotel and loops around the picturesque Verwall Lake.
- St. Christoph High-Altitude Trail (1,800 m): One of the highest cross-country routes in the region.



Après-Ski & Nightlife

Ski Arlberg's après-ski scene is lively and diverse, particularly in St. Anton's pedestrian zone, featuring:

- Bars & Clubs: Popular spots include Jacksy's Pub, Piccadilly, Postkeller, Scotty's Bar, and Underground.
- Lively Party Venues: Senn Hütte and Krazy Kanguruh host high-energy après-ski events.
- Exclusive Dining: Hospiz Alm in St. Christoph offers a refined alpine experience.
- Traditional Chalets: Ulmer Hütte provides a classic ski lodge atmosphere.
- Cultural Attractions: Visit the Ski Museum to explore the history of skiing in the region.





Beyond Skiing: Additional Winter Sports & Activities

Ski Arlberg offers a range of winter sports beyond traditional skiing and snowboarding:

- Ski touring, ski mountaineering, ice climbing, heli-skiing, and speed-flying.
- Tandem hang gliding for the adventurous.
- Ice bowling: A unique experience on the rooftop of the Arlberghaus Hotel in Zürs.
- Toboggan runs:
 - Oberlech to Lech (1.2 km, illuminated).
 - Gampen to Nasserein.
- Ice skating & curling in Lech.
- Indoor sports: Tennis courts, squash, swimming pools, and wellness centers.
- Luxury spa & wellness facilities in many of the resort's highend hotels.

Annual Events & Competitions

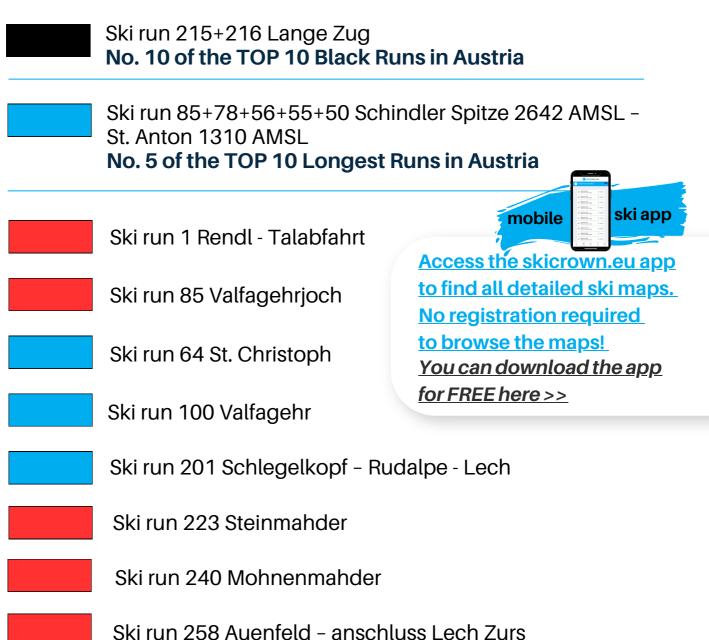
Ski Arlberg hosts a variety of world-class events, including:

• The World Ski Championships.

Ladies Week, an annual spring celebration for female skiers.



TOP 12 SKI RUNS IN SKI ARLBERG



- Ski run 294 Hochalpe
 - Ski run 275 Kleinhornle



Watch ski run videos from Ski Arlberg >>







TOP 12 SKI RUNS IN SKI ARLBERG





SKI RUN 215+216 LANGE ZUG NO. 10 OF THE TOP 10 BLACK SKI RUNS IN AUSTRIA

Length of the ski run: 4700 m
Altitude difference: 910 m
Average gradient: 19%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



Rufikopfbahn I 2345 m AMSL



Schlosskopfbahn 1435 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>

















SKI RUN 85+78+56+55+50 SCHINDLER SPITZE 2642 AMSL - ST. ANTON 1310 AMSL NO. 5 OF THE LONGEST SKI RUNS IN AUSTRIA

Length of the ski run: 11000 m

- Altitude difference: 1275 m
- Average gradient: 12%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



Schindlergratbahn 2583 m AMSL



Gampenbahn 1310 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>





















SKI RUN 1 RENDL - TALABFAHRT

Length of the ski run: 3500 m
Altitude difference: 721 m
Average gradient: 21%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



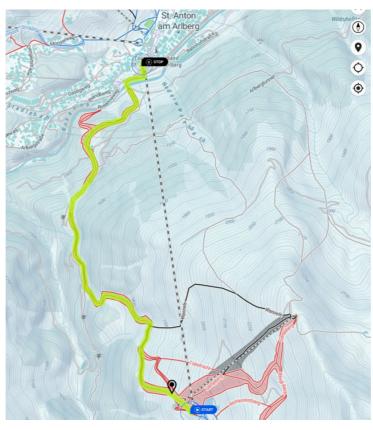
Rendlbahn 2030 m AMSL



Rendlbahn 1309 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>













SKI RUN 85 VALFAGEHRJOCH

Length of the ski run: 1700 m
Altitude difference: 252 m
Average gradient: 18%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



Schindlergratbahn 2583 m AMSL



Bergstation Arlenmahderbahn 2331 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>



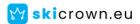












SKI RUN 64 ST. CHRISTOPH

Length of the ski run: 2500 m
Altitude difference: 401 m
Average gradient: 16%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



St. Christopbahn 2182 m AMSL



St. Christopbahn 1781 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>















SKI RUN 100 VALFAGEHR

Length of the ski run: 4000 m
Altitude difference: 617 m
Average gradient: 15%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



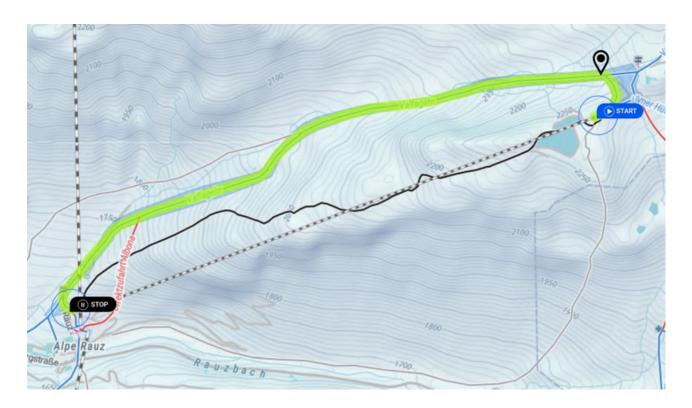
Valfagehrbahn 2280 m AMSL



Valfagehrbahn 1663 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>















SKI RUN 201 SCHLEGELKOPF - RUDALPE - LECH

Length of the ski run: 2500 m
Altitude difference: 367 m
Average gradient: 15%

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



Schlegelkopfbahn I 1808 m AMSL



Schlegelkopfbahn I 1441 m AMSL



Watch the video of the ski run from top to bottom >>

