

SKI RESORTS IN GERMANY



TOP 10

BIGGEST DESTINATIONS & 41 BEST SKI RUNS

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BALDERSCHWANG

FELLHORN

BRAUNECK

SUDELFELD

HINDELANG OBERJOCH

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WINTERBERG**

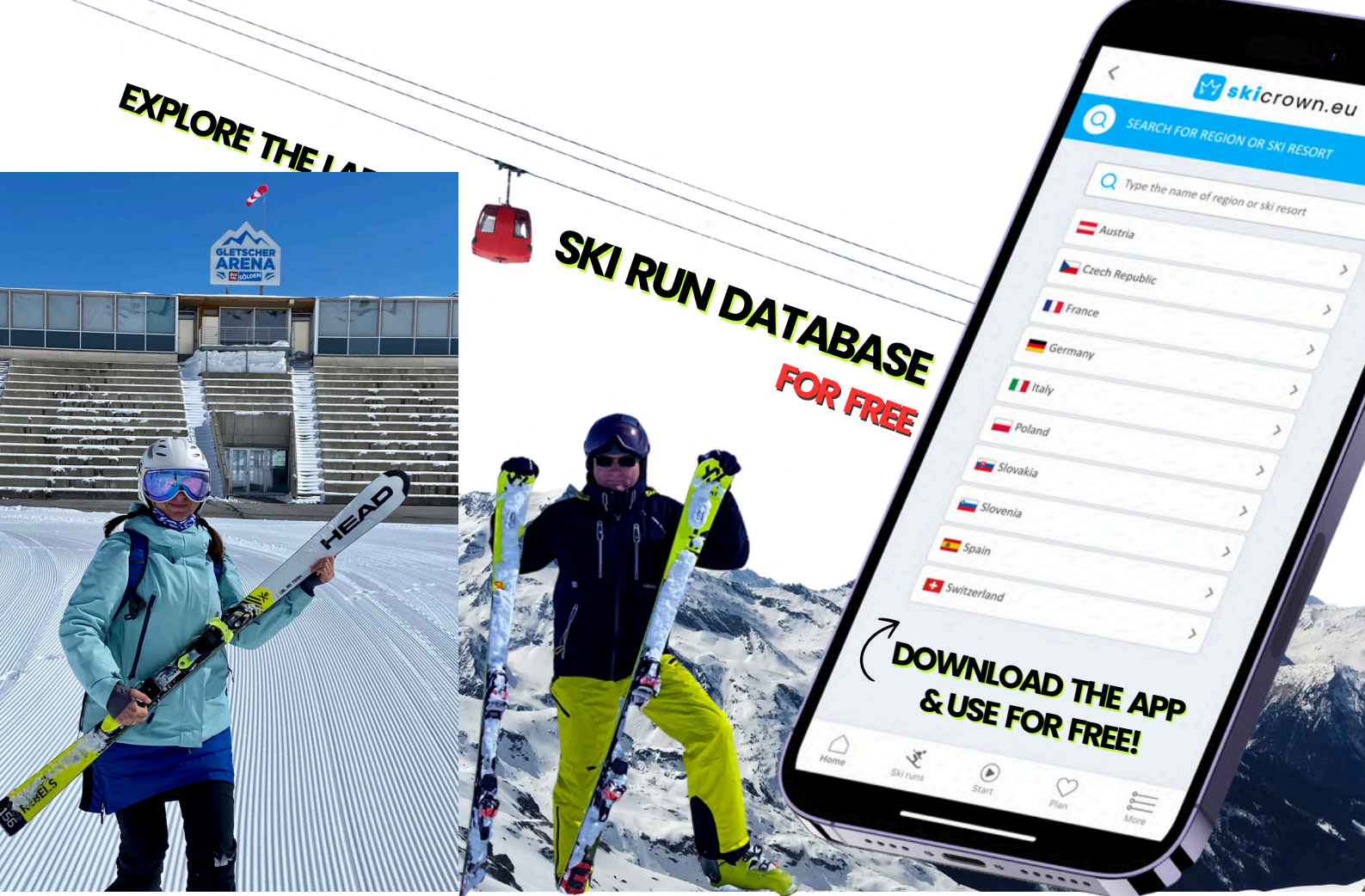
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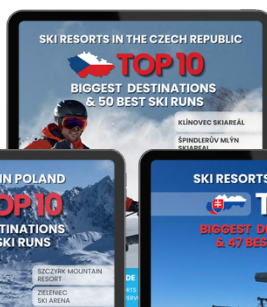
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Top 10 Biggest Ski Resorts in Germany! In this eBook, we've compiled everything you need to plan an unforgettable skiing adventure on the slopes of Germany.



Here, you'll find:

- Detailed descriptions and parameters of the resorts, complete with maps
- Specifications of the top ski runs
- Ski run maps

We have skied in more than 100 ski resorts across Europe. Our collected experiences, along with our own photos and videos, were used to create this guide.



SKIING IN GERMANY

Germany offers great skiing opportunities, though its resorts may not be as vast or dramatic as those in Switzerland, Austria, or France. However, German ski resorts have several advantages: variety, proximity to major cities, affordability, and modern infrastructure. Most of Germany's ski areas are located in the Bavarian Alps, with additional resorts in lower mountain ranges such as the Schwarzwald and Harz Mountains.

Why is Germany a Good Ski Destination?

1 Diverse Ski Regions

- ✓ Bavarian Alps – Germany's primary ski region, featuring modern resorts and varied terrain.
- ✓ Schwarzwald – Home to smaller, family-friendly resorts with beginner-friendly slopes.
- ✓ Harz Mountains – A popular northern ski destination, ideal for shorter trips and weekend getaways.

2 Varied Ski Slopes

- ✓ For beginners – Gentle, wide slopes in resorts like Oberjoch and Sudelfeld.
- ✓ For intermediates – Long, enjoyable red runs in areas such as Garmisch-Classic and Fellhorn.
- ✓ For advanced skiers – Steep black runs, including the famous Kandahar slope in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, used for World Cup races.

3 Modern Infrastructure

- ✓ Well-developed lift systems, including gondolas and chairlifts.
- ✓ Excellent resort facilities, including top-tier ski schools and après-ski options.

4 **Reliable Snow Conditions**

- ✓ Stable winter season from December to March, especially in the Bavarian Alps.
- ✓ Advanced snowmaking systems ensure good conditions even in milder winters.



Freeride & Snowparks

🏔️ Best Freeride Areas

- ✓ Zugspitze & Fellhorn – Great for off-piste skiing and deep powder runs.

🏂 Snowparks & Freestyle Areas

- ✓ Resorts like Oberstdorf and Sudelfeld feature well-equipped snowparks with jumps, rails, and freestyle obstacles.

Cross-Country Skiing

Germany is a top destination for cross-country skiing, offering:

- ✓ Hundreds of kilometers of trails in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Oberstdorf, Schwarzwald, and Harz.
- ✓ Classic & skate-style tracks suited for both beginners and professionals.

Germany offers excellent skiing conditions, particularly in the Bavarian Alps. With modern infrastructure, diverse slopes, and affordable pricing, German ski resorts are a fantastic choice—especially for families and beginner skiers.

While Germany's ski areas may not be as expansive as those in Austria or Switzerland, they offer a friendly, well-organized atmosphere with easy access and great value for money.



No.	Ski Resort	Region	City	Ski run length (km)	Altitude difference (m)
1	Garmisch - Classic	Bavaria/Bayern	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	40	1343
2	Balderschwang	Bavaria/Bayern	Balderschwang	40	500
3	Fellhorn	Bavaria/Bayern	Oberstdorf	34	1047
4	Brauneck	Bavaria/Bayern	Lenggries	32	1012
5	Sudelfeld	Bavaria/Bayern	Bayrischzell	32	763
6	Hindelang Oberjoch	Bavaria/Bayern	Oberjoch	32	409
7	Feldberg	Baden - Württemberg	Fahl	30	500
8	Skiliftkarussell Winterberg	North Rhine-Westphalia	Winterberg	28	170
9	Zugspitze	Bavaria/Bayern	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	20	720
10	Steibis	Bavaria/Bayern	Steibis	18	439

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.**

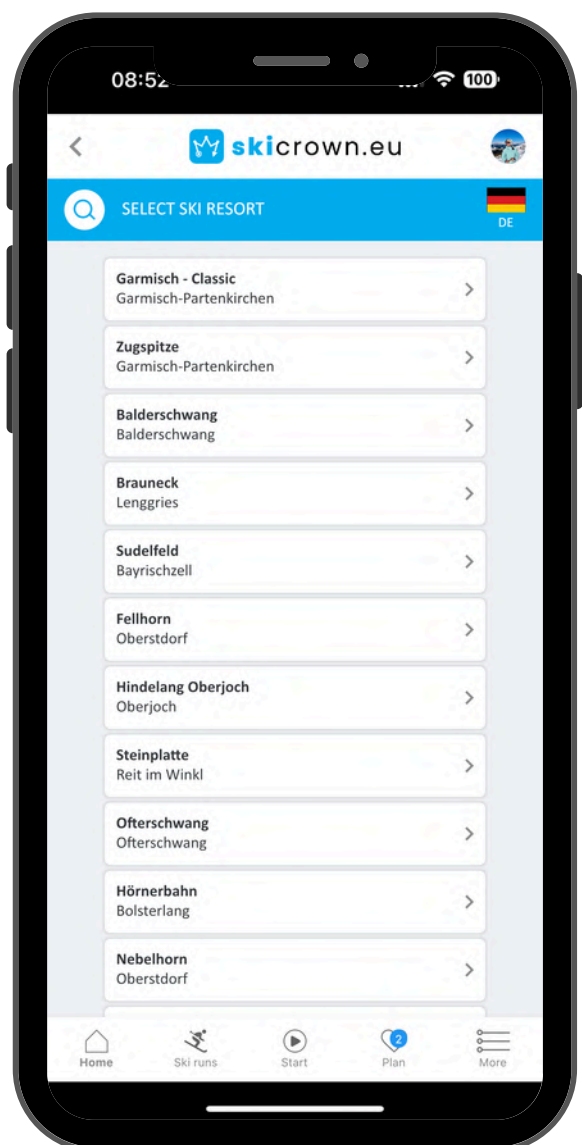
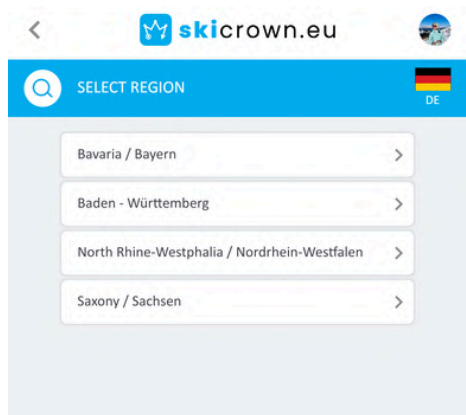
3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN EUROPE ranking - a list of the ten largest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in Europe.

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
- TOP 10 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.



ENJOY THE GUIDE,
and see you on the slopes!

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GARMISCH - CLASSIC

Garmisch-Partenkirchen



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707 – 2050 m AMSL

Altitude difference 1343 m

SKI RUNS: **40 km**

12 km

18 km

10 km

SKI LIFTS: **18**

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 [Ski Map: https://zugspitze.de/en/Our-mountain-worlds/Winter/Garmisch-Classic-ski-area](https://zugspitze.de/en/Our-mountain-worlds/Winter/Garmisch-Classic-ski-area)

Garmisch Classic – Germany's Premier Ski Resort

Garmisch Classic is one of Germany's most famous ski resorts, located in Bavaria in the picturesque town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. It is part of a larger ski complex that includes the Zugspitze, Germany's highest peak.

With its diverse slopes, breathtaking Alpine views, and excellent snow conditions, Garmisch Classic is a top destination for skiers of all levels. The resort has a rich history of hosting major international competitions, including the 1936 Winter Olympics and the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships, making it one of the most recognized ski destinations in the world.

Diverse Ski Terrain for All Levels

Garmisch Classic offers 40 km of ski slopes, divided into:

- ✓ 12 km of blue runs – Ideal for beginners and relaxed skiing.
- ✓ 18 km of red runs – Great for intermediate skiers.
- ✓ 10 km of black runs – Designed for advanced and expert skiers.

 Three Main Ski Areas:

- ✓ Hausberg – Features beginner-friendly slopes and ski schools.
- ✓ Kreuzeck – A mix of red and blue runs with great scenery.
- ✓ Alpspitze – Home to long, panoramic runs with stunning views.

With its well-groomed trails and scenic landscapes, Garmisch Classic is perfect for both recreational and professional skiers.

Kandahar Run: A Legendary Experience

The Kandahar run is one of the most challenging alpine ski slopes in the World Cup circuit. Named after Frederick Roberts, Earl of Kandahar, it has hosted world-renowned ski events since 1954, including the 1936 Olympic Games and the 1978 and 2011 major winter sports events. In 2008, the Kandahar slope was completely renovated to prepare for the World Championships. The new highlight of the course is "Freier Fall" ("Free Fall"), with a 92% gradient, making it the steepest section in the World Cup.

State-of-the-Art Lift System

Garmisch Classic features 18 modern ski lifts, including:

- ✓ 4 gondolas – Providing quick access to higher slopes.
- ✓ 4 chairlifts – Ensuring smooth transitions between ski areas.
- ✓ 10 drag lifts – Perfect for beginner-friendly slopes.



Key Lifts:

- ✓ Alpstizbahn Gondola – Direct access to Alpstiz, offering spectacular views.
- ✓ Kreuzeckbahn Gondola – The fastest way to the Kreuzeck ski area.

The resort's modern lift system ensures efficient transport and minimal wait times, even during peak season.

Freestyle & Snowparks

Garmisch Classic has a dedicated snowpark located in the Hausberg area, featuring:



Freestyle Features:

- ✓ Jumps, rails, and boxes for all skill levels.
- ✓ Separate areas for beginners and advanced riders.

With excellent terrain and freestyle events, the resort is a great destination for snowboarders and freestyle skiers.

Freeride & Off-Piste Skiing

Garmisch Classic offers exceptional freeride opportunities, especially in:




Top Off-Piste Areas:


- ✓ Kreuzeck & Alpstiz – Steep, powder-filled terrain for advanced skiers.
- ✓ Zugspitze Glacier – Year-round freeride skiing with deep snow conditions.


⚠ Safety Tip: Due to avalanche risks, hiring a mountain guide and carrying avalanche safety gear is highly recommended.

A Family-Friendly Ski Resort

Garmisch Classic is an excellent choice for families, offering:

 Ski Schools & Kindergartens – Professional instructors for young skiers.

 Beginner-Friendly Areas – Including Hausberg's dedicated children's zone with belt lifts and gentle slopes.

 Family Ski Pass Packages – Special discounts for families and kids.

With child-friendly facilities and safe learning areas, Garmisch Classic is perfect for family ski vacations.

Après-Ski & Dining

Garmisch Classic offers a rich après-ski experience, with a variety of bars, restaurants, and traditional Alpine huts.

 Best Après-Ski Bars:

✓ Skibar Kandahar – A lively spot with drinks & live music.

✓ Lodge 19 – A cozy bar perfect for après-ski relaxation.


 Top Dining Experiences:

✓ Traditional Bavarian Cuisine – Enjoy Schnitzel, Pretzels, and Kaiserschmarrn.

✓ Scenic Mountain Restaurants – Dine with panoramic views at Kreuzeckhaus and Alpspitzbistro.


Whether you're looking for a quick snack or a fine dining experience, Garmisch Classic offers a variety of culinary options.

Accommodation – From Luxury Hotels to Cozy Chalets

 Luxury Hotels in Garmisch-Partenkirchen – Featuring spas, pools, and top-class dining.

✓ Riessersee Hotel – A high-end Alpine retreat with scenic views.

✓ Hotel Zugspitze – A luxury stay with a full range of services.

 Traditional Chalets & Guesthouses – Perfect for a more authentic and intimate atmosphere.

 Budget-Friendly Lodging – Affordable options available for families and groups.

With a wide range of accommodations, visitors can choose from luxury resorts to budget-friendly stays.

Winter Activities Beyond Skiing

For those looking for alternative winter adventures, Garmisch Classic offers:

🛹 Snowshoeing & Winter Hiking – Explore the Bavarian Alps on scenic trails.

🛷 Kreuzeck Toboggan Run – A fun activity for the whole family.

❄️ Ice Skating & Snowmobiling – Enjoy thrilling winter experiences.

🛷 Große Olympiaschanze Ski Jump – Visit the famous ski jumping hill, home to the Four Hills Tournament.



Events & Festivals

Garmisch Classic hosts exciting sports and cultural events, including:

🏆 FIS Alpine Ski World Cup – Held annually on the legendary Kandahar slope.

🛷 Ski Jumping Competitions – Featuring world-class athletes at Große Olympiaschanze.

🎵 Winter Festivals – Celebrating Bavarian culture with food, music, and entertainment.

With a rich sporting heritage and vibrant festival scene, Garmisch Classic offers year-round excitement.

Sustainability & Environmental Efforts

 Eco-Friendly Initiatives:

- ✓ Energy-Efficient Ski Lifts – Reducing environmental impact.
 - ✓ Sustainable Snowmaking Systems – Ensuring eco-conscious resort management.
 - ✓ Public Transport & Ski Buses – Encouraging low-carbon travel.
- Garmisch Classic is committed to sustainable tourism, protecting the delicate Alpine environment while maintaining top-tier ski facilities.

Easy Access & Transportation

 By Car: Well-maintained roads and ample parking.

 By Plane:

- ✓ Nearest Airport: Munich (90 km away) – Direct transfers available.


 By Train:

- ✓ Regular train connections from Munich and Innsbruck.
- With excellent transport links, reaching Garmisch Classic is fast and convenient.

Final Thoughts

Garmisch Classic is one of Germany's most prestigious ski resorts, offering:

- ✓ 40 km of scenic ski slopes for all levels.
- ✓ State-of-the-art lift infrastructure.
- ✓ Legendary freeride & freestyle opportunities.
- ✓ A family-friendly atmosphere with ski schools & kids' areas.
- ✓ A vibrant après-ski scene & top-quality accommodations.

With its stunning Alpine scenery, historic reputation, and world-class skiing, Garmisch Classic is the perfect winter getaway in Bavaria. 

TOP 5 SKI RUNS IN GARMISCH CLASSIC



Ski run 5a Kandahar-Abfahrt

No. 1 of the TOP 10 Black Ski Runs in Germany



Ski run 15+19+13+4 Osterfelder-Abfahrt+Hochalmweg+ Mittlerer Skiweg+Olympia Abfahrt

No. 2 of the TOP 10 Longest Ski Runs in Germany



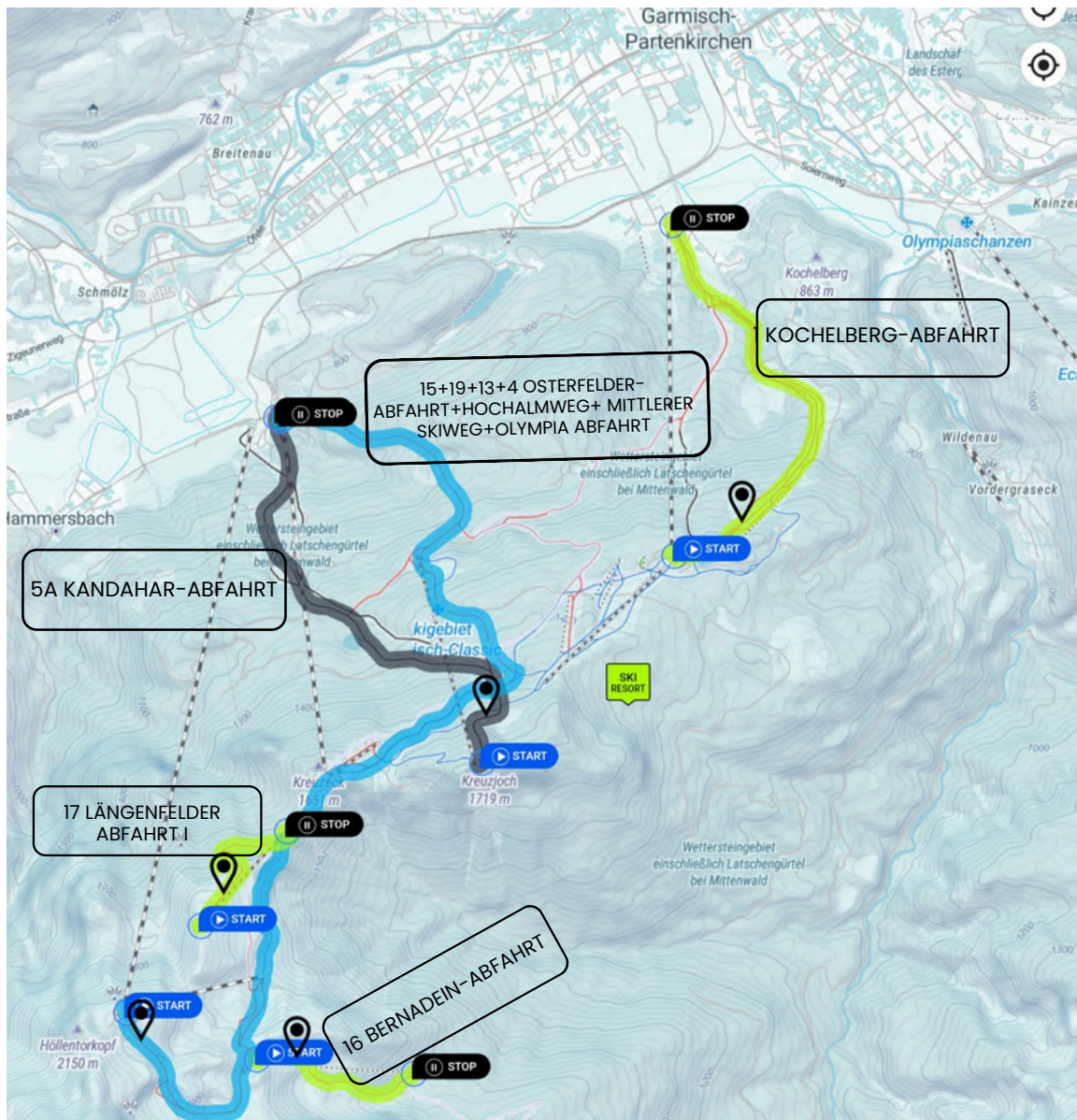
Ski run 1 Kochelberg-Abfahrt



Ski run 16 Bernadein-Abfahrt



Ski run 17 Längenfelder Abfahrt I



SKI RUN 5A KANDAHAR-ABFAHRT

NO. 1 OF THE TOP 10 BLACK SKI RUNS IN GERMANY

- ❄ Length of the ski run: **3350 m**
- ❄ Altitude difference: **940 m**
- ❄ Average gradient: **28%**

Level of difficulty: [REDACTED]

Ski run details:

START G-Kandahar-Express
1700 m AMSL

STOP Kreuzeckbahn
760 m AMSL




SKI RUN 15+19+13+4 OSTERFELDER-ABFAHRT+ HOCHALMWEG+MITTLERER SKIWEG+OLYMPIA ABFAHRT NO. 2 OF THE TOP 10 LONGEST SKI RUNS IN GERMANY

- ❄ Length of the ski run: **7500 m**
- ❄ Altitude difference: **1265 m**
- ❄ Average gradient: **17%**

Level of difficulty: 

Ski run details:

 **START** **Alpspitzbahn**
2030 m AMSL

 **STOP** **Kreuzeckbahn**
765 m AMSL



SKI RUN 1 KOCHELBERG-ABFAHRT

❄ Length of the ski run: **3000 m**

❄ Altitude difference: **610 m**

❄ Average gradient: **20%**

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:



Hausbergbahn
1335 m AMSL



Hausbergbahn
725 m AMSL



SKI RUN 16 BERNADEIN-ABFAHRT

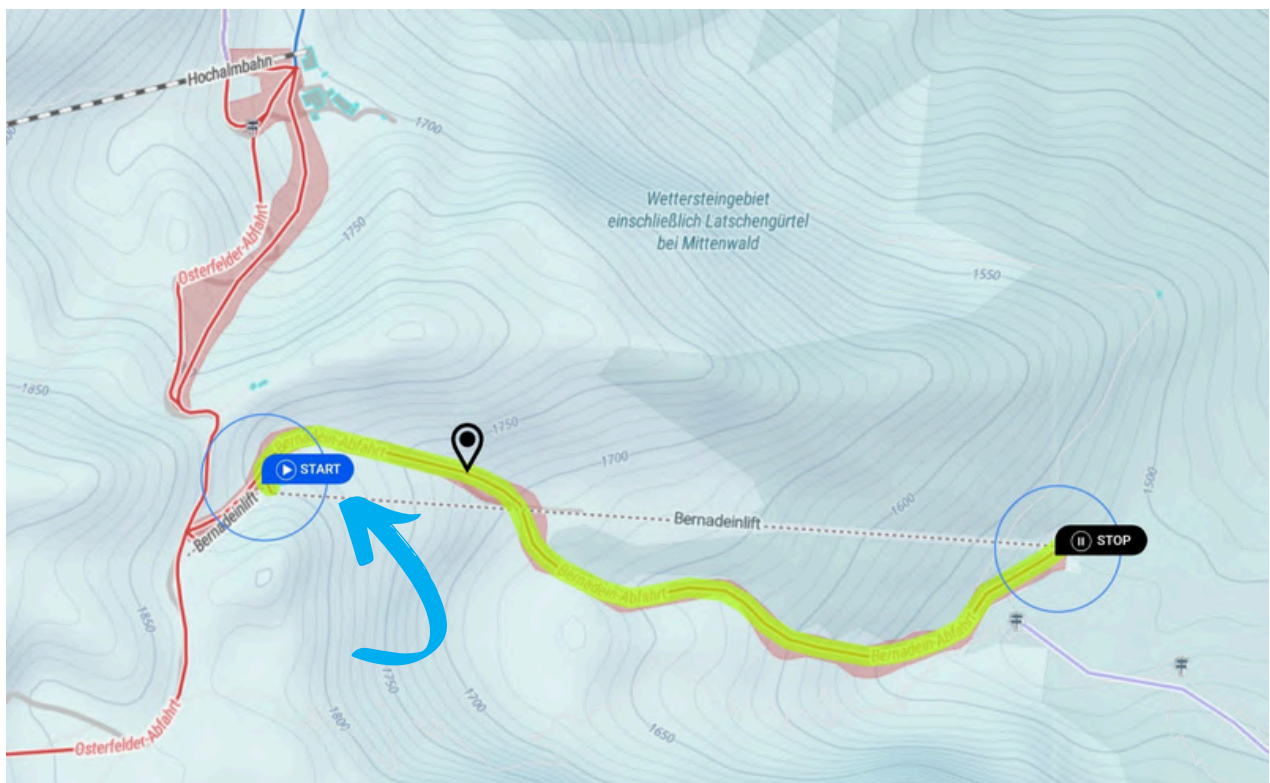
- ❄ Length of the ski run: **1350 m**
- ❄ Altitude difference: **285 m**
- ❄ Average gradient: **21%**

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:

 **START** J-Bernadeinlift
1800 m AMSL

 **STOP** J-Bernadeinlift
1515 m AMSL





SKI RUN 17 LÄNGENFELDER ABFAHRT I

- ❄ Length of the ski run: **1200 m**
- ❄ Altitude difference: **245 m**
- ❄ Average gradient: **20%**

Level of difficulty:

Ski run details:

 **START** K-Längenfelderbahn
1860 m AMSL

 **STOP** K-Längenfelderbahn
1615 m AMSL

