**Alpbach**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Non-skiers

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

13

**Intermediate Runs**

40

**Advanced Runs**

12

**Total Runs**

65

**Lifts**

47

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

32

**Gondola Cable Cars**

7

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

6m (20ft).

**Overview**

Generally regarded as one of the prettiest ski resorts in the world, Alpbach is a lovely destination for the complete winter holiday, with its unintimidating atmosphere and beautiful scenery.

Alpbach has been popular with British guests for winter and summer recreation for many years. Indeed, monks from England and Ireland are accredited with bringing Christianity here 1,250 years ago; and Oswald, the former king of Northumbria in England, is patron saint of the village church.

Although the village remains the heart of the ski domain, the wider Alpbachtal, which incorporates smaller neighbouring villages and ski areas, is increasingly being marketed as a single holiday destination region – it’s therefore worth checking exactly in which part of Alpbachtal accommodation is located before booking.

In addition to the overall Alpbachtal ski area, the recent addition of a gondola link to the neighbouring Wildschönau Valley - an area that has been branded as the Ski Juwel (Ski Jewel) - has greatly increased the resort’s lift-linked ski offering,.

**Location**

Alpbach is located in the Alpbachtal region of the Austrian Tyrol, within the Kitzbüheler Alpen (Kitzbühel Alps) mountain range. The village is located to the northeast of Innsbruck, to the west of Kitzbühel and to the north of Mayrhofen in western Austria.

**Website**

http://www.alpbachtal.com

http://www.skijuwel.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.alpbachtal.at/de/winter/skigebiet-alpbachtal/skipanorama

**Hit The Slopes**

The skiing available around Alpbach expanded dramatically ahead of the 2012/13 ski season, when a new eight-passenger gondola was built to the neighbouring Wildschönau Valley. This link nearly tripled the 52km (32 miles) of runs available, providing 145km (91 miles) of pistes in the newly named Ski Juwel area.

Alpbach's own ski area had been seen as rather small and too gently sloping for advanced skiers to find enough challenging options, but the new combined area has a quarter of its terrain suited to advanced skiers, with black runs and off-piste routes. There are still long runs near the village, including off-piste blacks down from the Gmahkopf, while powder skiing can be good between the trees when the snow is fresh.

Alpbach’s core market of beginners and recreational intermediates now have even more options, with 35km (22 miles) of blue runs and 78km (48 miles) of reds available in the Ski Juwel.

There are three nursery slopes right by the village, but the main ski area is a four-minute bus ride away beneath the Wiederbergerhorn. This area is dominated by long red and blue runs, most of them carved down through the woodland, with a small summit area above the treeline.

The season typically lasts from mid-December to mid-April. And with more than two thirds of the ski runs covered by snowmakers, good conditions are guaranteed as long as it's cold enough.

The resort also participates in the giant Kitzbüheler Alpen ski pass, which covers more than 1,000km (625 miles) of pistes at dozens of resorts in the area – but private transport is required to make full use of its possibilities.

**Alpbach**

**Resort**

974

**Base**

816

**Top**

2025

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Alpbach has a sizeable list of off-slope activities that add to the winter holiday atmosphere in the charming resort.

On the snow, visitors can enjoy tobogganing, sleigh rides, snowshoe excursions and 50km (31 miles) of snow-cleared winter hiking paths. There are also cross-country ski trails at neighbouring Inneralpbach. The brave can try paragliding above the slopes with a tandem flight, which affords stunning views of the region.

Indoor options include bowling in the village and an adventure swimming pool in nearby Wörgl. Skaters will enjoy the large indoor ice rink in nearby Kundl, while an outdoor rink is located within Alpbach itself.

**Family Fun**

Alpbach is a lovely location for a family holiday as it has a relaxed, friendly and beautiful environment. Accommodation and dining in the village itself is equally family friendly with a number of low-priced options and tailored menus.

The Kids Centre (tel: (05336) 5351; [www.alpbach-aktiv.com](http://www.alpbach-aktiv.com)), located below the top station of the gondola, looks after children aged two to four from 1000 to 1500 daily; while from four until six years of age, there are special ski kindergarten classes. In nearby Reith, Juppi’s Kid’s Club (tel: (05337) 212 0040) offers programmes for children aged two to 12.

On the slopes, the ski schools in Alpbach (tel: (05336) 5515; [www.skischule-alpbach.at](http://www.skischule-alpbach.at)) and Reith (tel: (05337) 62117; [www.schischule-reith.com](http://www.schischule-reith.com)) offer classes for kids aged four and above. Children don't pay for lift tickets until the age of seven, when they receive a 50% discount until the age of 15 – some of the best family pricing in the Alps.

**Retail Therapy**

Alpbach ski resort has a small selection of village shops covering most holiday needs. The majority of shops are independently run and it's a pleasant experience strolling around the local butchers, grocers and bakery. Among the other options are a photographers’ gallery, sweet shop, chemist and several ski shops. For a greater shopping choice, Innsbruck is less than an hour away.

**Splashing Out**

The Romantik Hotel Böglerhof (tel: (05336) 5227; [www.boeglerhof.at](http://www.boeglerhof.at)) has a spa with excellent facilities and a huge range of treatments available for women. Men are not left out however, and the 'Just for Men' special is a two-and-a-half hour package including an aromatherapy facial massage, a rock oil bath and a full-body massage.

**Apres Ski**

Despite its modest scale, Alpbach has a reputation for quite a lively après-ski scene, centred on several 'must visit' venues. These include the Postalm (tel: (0699) 12755 926; [www.postalm-alpbach.at](http://www.postalm-alpbach.at)), Waschkuchl Pub (tel: (0650) 591 8335) and the lively Irish Pub in the Jakober Inn. These are all popular venues where locals and tourist alike let their hair down after a full day of skiing.

**Eating Out**

The 20 or so restaurants in Alpbach and the surrounding area capitalise primarily on the abundance of good, local produce with the recipes generally staying loyal to traditional Tyrolean cuisine.

Among the options in the village is the Alpbacherhof (Nr. 279; tel: (05336) 5237; [en.alpbacherhof.at](http://en.alpbacherhof.at)), which has a first-rate à la carte restaurant; and The Post Hotel (Nr. 184; tel: (05336) 5203; [www.hotel-post.cc](http://www.hotel-post.cc)), with its traditional rustic *stübl* (Tyrolean wood-panelled parlour) that hosts Tyrolean music evenings.

The nearby village of Brixlegg is home to Sigwarts’ Tiroler Weinstuben (Marktstrasse 40; tel: (05337) 63390; [www.tiroler-weinstuben.at](http://www.tiroler-weinstuben.at)), a Gault Millau and À la Carte Restaurant Guide-listed restaurant. Dopo Lavoro (Bienerstrasse 89; tel: (05337) 62613; [www.dopolavoro.at](http://www.dopolavoro.at)) in Rattenberg also offers great food with a focus on Italian dishes.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Innsbruck Airport (INN).

Distance to resort: 50km (31 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour

**Getting Around**

Alpbach village and the wider Alpbachtal Valley are served by a free ski bus service that circulates the key areas regularly. The ski lifts are not in the central village, but a free shuttle bus operates to the base of the gondolas.

**Hotels**

The majority of accommodation in Alpbach ski resort is made up of traditional chalets, which can suit all budgets. But a good selection of guest houses and hotels is also available, from smart 4-star rated hotels to family-run inns; while a few hostels can suit larger groups and those looking to save their Euros for the slopes, bars or activities.

**Gästehaus Weiherhof**

A traditional, family friendly guest house of beautiful Tyrolean design, Gästehaus Weiherhof has a ski bus stop outside its door for quick access to the slopes, and is a seven-minute walk to the resort centre.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Alpbach 445

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Alpbach 6236

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05336) 5747.

**Website**

http://www.weiherhof.at

**Rossmoos Inn**

An ancient farm and 50-year-old inn that’s oozing character, this 3-star option is located 1.6km (1 mile) from the village centre.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Alpbach 92

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Alpbach 6236

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05336) 5305.

**Website**

http://www.rossmoos.at

**Romantik Hotel Böglerhof**

The leading hotel in Alpbach, Romantik Hotel Böglerhof has a lovely old Tyrolean design and is in a great location by the nursery slopes and ski bus stop. The 4-star superior hotel has a reputation for excellent service and houses a wellness area.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Alpbach 166

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Alpbach 6236

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05336) 5227.

**Website**

http://www.boeglerhof.at