**Seefeld**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Non-skiers

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

30

**Intermediate Runs**

6

**Advanced Runs**

1

**Total Runs**

37

**Lifts**

31

**Chairs**

6

**Drags**

22

**Gondola Cable Cars**

3

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

5m (17.6ft).

**Overview**

Seefeld ski resort adopts an air of quiet, sophisticated affluence from its scenic position above the Inn Valley in Austria’s Tyrol region. Twice a venue for the Winter Olympics and one of the host areas of the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2012, Seefeld has a long history in snow sports.

But pilgrims have been journeying to the *pfarrkirche* (parish church) here since 1384, to commemorate the ‘Miracle of the Host’. This was when an arrogant communicant was punished for demanding the priest's Communion wafer by being partially ingested by the church floor.

Skiers who are looking for a vast ski area with hundreds of kilometres of terrain should look elsewhere. But those who are learning downhill skiing, are keen to swish the hours away on some of Europe's best cross-country tracks, or are keen to revel in top-end luxury, are certainly in the right place.

**Location**

Seefeld is 23km (14 miles) northwest of Innsbruck on a plateau above and to the north of the Inn Valley. The road (Highway 177) and rail routes continue northwards to Germany and the ski resorts of Mittenwald and Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**Website**

http://www.seefeld.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.seefeld.com/fotos/aktivitaeten-winter/pistenpanorama.jpg

**Hit The Slopes**

Snowfall is generally reliable in Seefeld and can be backed up by snow-making equipment, which covers 90% of the ski area's terrain. This contributes to a relatively long season, which runs from early December until Easter.

The gentle slopes of the Gschwandtkopf are an ideal confidence-builder for beginners, but are too tame for more experienced skiers who should head to the Rosshütte sector – this area, which is reached by various cable car and lift combinations, is home to off-piste terrain and more challenging blue, red and black runs.

Seefeld is a cross-country skier’s paradise. There are 279km (175 miles) of trails in total, mostly running through the scenic valley route to Mösern. Trails range in difficulty, lending themselves to the classic style or the more robust, speedier, skating style.

The cross-country racing school, the XC Academy (tel: (05212) 50300; [www.xc-academy.com](http://www.xc-academy.com)), has been developed in Seefeld. Run by Martin Tauber – a former member of the national Austrian cross-country Olympic team – the school offers cross-country skiing training in both classical and skating styles. This is just one of eight ski schools in Seefeld and the surrounding area.

In total, the Seefeld ski region is made up of seven resorts. All local lifts, including more than 20 T-bar lifts, are included on the regional Happy Ski Card that comprises the whole of this ski area.

**Seefeld**

**Resort**

1200

**Base**

1200

**Top**

2100

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Among the more interesting outdoor attractions in Seefeld is the chance to try biathlon at the biathlon centre – XC Academy offers biathlon training for all levels of ability. There are also over 140km (115 miles) of winter hiking and Nordic Walking trails and runs. What's more, Seefeld village is also home to the free Reitherjoch-Alm toboggan run and an ice skating and curling rink.

Options for the less energetic include a visit to the parish church (which refers to the 1384 ‘Miracle of the Host’ in reliefs), a cinema and large spa and water park.

Away from the resort, nearby Innsbruck is easily accessible, as are the German destinations of Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Munich for day trips.

**Family Fun**

On the slopes, Skischool Seefeld (Münchner Strasse; 142 (tel: (05212) 2412; [www.schi-seefeld.at](http://www.schi-seefeld.at)) is a good option for children, teenagers and adults alike. It also offers a children's club for age kids aged two years and above. The ski-oriented fun park on the Geigenbühel by the village centre provides plenty of fun, while tobogganing is also a popular activity for children in Seefeld.

Indoors, various hotels have family-friendly swimming pools, while the Olympia Sports and Congress Centre (Klosterstrasse 600; tel: (05212) 3220; [www.seefeld-sports.at](http://www.seefeld-sports.at)) has a 75m (246ft) pool with a children's area, as well as two water slides and a cinema.

**Retail Therapy**

Seefeld is by no means a shopper’s paradise, but its pedestrian-only village centre features a fair selection of souvenir shops and expensive boutiques. Among these is Holzschnitzerei Lorenz (Steeg 22; tel: (0676) 573 9010), which sells unique woodcarvings. Innsbruck is also within easy reach, offering a wider choice of Tyrolean crafts and Swarovski crystals.

**Splashing Out**

Clamber aboard for a trot around the village and lake in one of the horse-drawn carriages that congregate just outside the village centre. Prices are steeper than the slopes, but it's a hugely enjoyable way to get around. Alternatively, splash out, literally, in Tyrol's first beer-barrel bath at the Hotel Diana (Klosterstrasse 97; tel: (05212) 2060; [www.hotel-seefeld-tirol.com](http://www.hotel-seefeld-tirol.com)).

**Apres Ski**

One of the best places to head for sophisticated après-ski in Seefeld is the Klosterbräu Hotel (Klosterstrasse 30; tel: (05212) 26210; [www.klosterbraeu.com](http://www.klosterbraeu.com)). This hotel has several options: the Parkcafé for drinking, the Pianobar for live piano music or the Kanne Club for dancing.

Other relaxed après-ski venues include Wildfang (Bahnhofstrasse 124) in the resort’s casino and Fledermaus (Bahnhofstrasse 163; tel: (0664) 425 2272) – both of which are good for cocktails. Tre Culinaria (Klosterstrasse 43; tel: (0650) 200 7500), meanwhile, organises regular wine and food evenings.

Britannia Inn and Jeep & Buffalo (Olympiastrasse 101), which are both run by Fundisco ([www.fundisco.at](http://www.fundisco.at)) in the same building, are lively clubbing venues with regular themed nights.

**Eating Out**

There are restaurants in Seefeld to suit all tastes and budgets. Seefelder Stube (Innsbrucker Strasse 23) and Alt Seefeld (Olympiastrasse 101; tel: (05212) 2191) both provide inexpensive international and Austrian food, with seating both inside and out. Südtiroler Stube (Reitherspitzstrasse 17; tel: (05212) 50446) also has a good reputation for its affordable local fare.

At the other end of the scale, upmarket Tyrolean food is produced in Ritter Oswald Stube in the Klosterbräu Hotel; while the restaurant in the 5- star Hotel Astoria (Geigenbühel 185; tel: (05212) 22720; [www.astoria-seefeld.com](http://www.astoria-seefeld.com)) is one of most elegant in Seefeld, and is renowned for its light and creative international cuisine served up in a romantic environment.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Innsbruck Airport (INN).

Distance to resort: 21km (13 miles).

Driving time: 25 minutes.

Nearest railway station: Seefeld.

Distance to resort: Within the resort.

**Getting Around**

Seefeld village is small enough to explore on foot and the ski lift bases are close to the centre. However, those lugging ski gear may want to make use of the free ski bus. Road or rail connections are available to German ski resorts, including Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**Hotels**

Seefeld revels in its fantastic choice of luxurious accommodation. There are several 5-star hotels in Seefeld, housed in beautiful buildings, as well as a great choice of private apartments and opulent ski chalets. There is a limited choice when it comes to budget accommodation, but renting a self-catering chalet or apartment can be good value for money for a large group.

**Aalto Panorama Hotel**

This hotel is the best of the limited choice of inexpensive accommodation. Its hilltop position gives good views of the nearby village centre.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Kirchwald 391

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05212) 2527.

**Website**

http://www.aalto-panorama-hotel.at

**Seefelderhof Hotel**

This 4-star hotel would be rated as being among the most luxurious in most other ski resorts. It's a clean, comfortable chalet-style hotel with helpful staff, a spacious spa area and a gourmet restaurant. Guests here have the added benefit of the Rosshütte ski bus stop being directly outside.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Münchner Strasse 146

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05212) 2373.

**Website**

http://www.seefelderhof.com

**Hotel Klosterbräu**

One of five 5-star hotels in Seefeld, Hotel Klosterbräu offers sumptuous and sizeable rooms set within a former 16th-century monastery in the town centre. The hotel boasts an opulent spa and a choice of bars, lounge areas and restaurants.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Klosterstrasse 30

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(05212) 26210.

**Website**

http://www.klosterbraeu.com