**Obergurgl**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

14

**Intermediate Runs**

16

**Advanced Runs**

5

**Total Runs**

35

**Lifts**

24

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

9

**Gondola Cable Cars**

7

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

4m (13.2ft).

**Overview**

Known as the "Diamond of the Alps”, Obergurgl has offered snowsure skiing to its well-heeled clientele for over 70 years, sitting high in the Ötztal Alps in Tyrol, Austria.

The resort is so high in fact that Obergurgl boasts the longest ski season of any non-glacier ski resort in Austria, opening in mid-November and enjoying a near six-month season through to the following May.

The resort itself is made up of three, relatively small, parts. Obergurgl, in the middle, is the largest with several dozen hotels and a handful of shops and restaurants; Hochgurgl, above, is the preferred choice for rich powder hounds, with an enclave of mostly ski-in/ski-out luxury hotels; and then there’s tiny Untergurgl below, which is quiet and unassuming with a scattering of cheaper accommodation options.

The resort as a whole oozes quality: the vast majority of accommodation is rated as 4- or 5-star and both the village and ski slopes are predominantly served by fast high-capacity chairlifts and gondolas.

Obergurgl is closely allied with the neighbouring and much larger resort of Solden, with which it shares the Otztal lift pass.

**Location**

Obergurgl is located in the Ötztal Alps in the province of Tyrol in western Austria. The village is close to the border with Italy.

**Website**

http://www.obergurgl.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.obergurgl.com/urlaub/files/OG/WI/Skigebietsplan+Obergurgl-Hochgurgl,method=render,prop=data.pdf

**Hit The Slopes**

Obergurgl has one of the longest ski seasons and earliest starts to the winter in the Alps for a resort without a glacier, and is typically open from mid-November through to May. This long season is thanks to the resort’s high elevation and the fact snowmaking facilities that now cover 90% of the slopes.

Obergurgl's ski area is known for its open, snowy slopes and its excellent modern lift system that’s dominated by fast gondolas and six-seater chairlifts making queues a rarity.

There are runs for all ability levels on both sides of the ski area. Beginners and novice skiers will find terrain best suited to them accessed from the Gaisberg and Mahdstuhl lifts. There is also a choice of two ski schools in Obergurgl ski resort for those wishing to learn or to brush up on their skills.

Intermediates will be drawn to the Festkogl ski area on the Obergurgl side, as well as the Schermerspitze trail; while the 8km (5 mile) run down from the Wurmkogl to Pill is the longest.

For experts, the Hohe Mut black piste (number 11) in Obergurgl is regarded as the most challenging; while there’s also a challenging mogul piste (number 27) down from Top-Wurmkogl II in Hochgurgl. Additionally, there are plenty of off-piste and ski touring opportunities to tackle with a guide.

**Obergurgl**

**Resort**

2150

**Base**

1930

**Top**

3082

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Obergurgl's off-slope activities are dominated to some extent by the 4- and 5-star hotels, nearly all of which offer their own swimming pool and often a range of spa facilities. So for many people, it is a case of skiing all day and then relaxing in their hotel in the evening.

Other attractions in the resort include a bowling alley, darts, billiards, indoor golf and a library. Outdoors, there's ice skating, curling, horse riding, snowshoe hikes and 13km (8 miles) of cleared winter paths for rambling. There are also a number of cross-country trails to explore in the area.

For winter 2015/16 the village unveiled an unusual new attraction – a motorbike museum within the large new ‘X Point’ building. This serves as both a toll station for the summer road crossing into Italy – popular with bikers – and as the base station for a gondola access lift.

**Family Fun**

As befits a classic ski resort, Obergurgl has a natural, wholesome ambience that is perfect for families. On the slopes, the comfortable and fast lift network minimises stressful situations, while off the slopes most of the hotels are well equipped for families with good facilities, including swimming pools. As an added bonus, the busy high pass road to Italy closes during winter, meaning there’s no fast through traffic to worry about.

There's no nursery provision, although those aged three and up are welcome at Bobo's Kinder-Club (tel: +43 5256 6305; [www.skischule-obergurgl.com](http://www.skischule-obergurgl.com/)), which is the ski kindergarten organised by the ski school. Children aged five and over can join the main ski school.

**Retail Therapy**

Shopping options are limited at the resort, with only a dozen or so shops in Obergurgl, most of which sell sportswear and equipment.

There are a handful of boutiques, however, as well as a grocery store (tel: +43 5256 6309), a hairdresser, a post office (with ATM) and several souvenir outlets. More serious shoppers will need to make the pilgrimage down the valley to Innsbruck for more extensive options.

**Splashing Out**

Enjoy a round of indoor golf at 2,200m (7,217ft) above sea level on the golf park owned by the Hotel Riml in Hochgurgl (tel: +43 5256 6261; [www.hotel-riml.com](http://www.hotel-riml.com/)). The high-tech facility caters for all ability levels, from complete beginners to professionals. Golfers can also improve their swing in front of screens displaying a choice of 54 of the most beautiful golf courses in the world and there is also a putting green. After a good round or two, relax in the Putt-in rustic golf bar on site.

**Apres Ski**

There’s a choice of traditional jolly Austrian après ski or more sophisticated lounge bar soirees at Obergurgl – in either case you’re most likely to find yourself in a hotel bar of one sort or another.

Toni's Almhütte in the Hotel Olymp (tel: +43 5256 6491; [www.olymphotel.at](http://www.olymphotel.at)) is a favourite spot when the lifts close. Located on the slopes, the bar is housed within an atmospheric 400-year-old building.

For something a little different, the Nederhütte (tel: +43 664 400 7149; [www.nederhuette.at](http://www.nederhuette.at/)) provides a spectacular après-ski show where the owner and his family play different instruments and sing.

Other activities include bowling or a trip down the toboggan run from the Hochgurglbahn top station.

**Eating Out**

In the evenings, most of Obergurgl’s 20 or so dining options are to be found within hotels. Tyrolean specialities are the norm, but being this close to Italy means that pizza and pasta are also a local forte.

The Restaurant Romantika in the Hotel Madeleine (tel: +43 525 663 550) is a top choice for pizza with its own wood-fired pizza ovens, while Salz & Pfeffer (tel: +43 5256 6454; [www.thecrystal.at](http://www.thecrystal.at)) in the Crystal hotel is a good choice for Austrian delicacies and international cuisine.

A weekly event that usually draws the crowds is the Wednesday night show at the Hohe Mut Alm (tel: +43 525 663 9632; [www.hohemutalm.at](http://www.hohemutalm.at)) combining live music with fondue.

During the daytime, a visit to the Top Mountain Star restaurant, some 3,000m (9,843ft) above sea level at the top of the Wurmogel lift is a must. Here spectacular views are paired with high calibre cuisine. The restaurant is run by the 5-star Top Hotel in Hochgurgl ([www.tophotelhochgurgl.com](http://www.tophotelhochgurgl.com)).

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Innsbruck Airport (INN).

Distance to resort: 94km (59 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Central Obergurgl is compact and it's possible to walk between most points. A bus service links Obergurgl to neighbouring Solden, with which it shares a joint lift pass valid between five and 14 days. The ticket is not fully interchangeable but allows holders based in one resort a single day of skiing in the other resort during its validity.

Night-time traffic is banned in Obergurgl and reduced traffic zones have been enforced in certain areas.

**Hotels**

Obergurgl is a traditional-style village where most accommodation options exist in the form of hotels and apartments. The hotels in Obergurgl are of a high quality, most of them being 4-star rated or above.

**Top Hotel Hochgurgl**

The resort's sole 5-star establishment is known for the spectacular panoramic views from its terrace and its homemade apple strudel, amongst other delights.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Hochgurglerstrasse 8

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Obergurgl

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6456

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+33 5256 6265

**Website**

www.tophochgurgl.com

**Hotel Madeleine**

Centrally located and family-run, the Hotel Madeleine is a traditional ‘chalet-style’ establishment that includes an on-site restaurant and wellness facilities.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Gurglerstraße 116

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Obergurgl

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

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**Website**

www.hotel-madeleine.com

**Hotel Bergwelt**

A 4-star hotel with spa, Hotel Bergwelt is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group. Family-run with excellent service standards, the hotel also benefits from a popular on-site restaurant.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Kressbrunnenweg 9

**Neighborhood**

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**Locality**

Obergurgl

**Sub Admin Area**

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**Telephone**

+43 5256 6274

**Website**

www.hotelbergwelt.com

**Bergresidenz Mühle**

A comfortable pension located midway between Obergurgl and Hochgurgl, Berresidenz Mühle is linked to both villages by a complimentary shuttle bus.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Gurglerstrasse 83

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

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**Sub Admin Area**

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**Website**

www.tophochgurgl.com

**Sporthotel Ideal**

A friendly 3-star hotel in Hochgurgl, the Sporthotel Ideal harbours an excellent slopeside location and a great spa.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Hochgurglerstrasse 2

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Obergurgl

**Sub Admin Area**

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**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6456

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**Website**

www.sporthotelideal.at

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**Thoroughfare**

Hochgurglerstrasse 2

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www.hotelbergwelt.com

**Haus Alpenblick**

Modern and affordable with spacious rooms and a hearty breakfast, Haus Alpenblick is located in a quiet position at the back of the resort, a short stroll from the nearest lift.

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