

The Achensee Region: a winter wonderland for all generations!

Versatile, high-quality holiday offers, imbedded in a breathtaking landscape, this is the Tyrol's Sport and Vital Park - the number one holiday region for the winter season 2009/2010.

The unique setting speaks for itself: snow covered mountain peaks surround the lake Achensee - the largest lake in Tyrol - with its 5 picturesque villages and a brilliant white glittering landscape. For all winter enthusiastic holidaymakers - young and not quite so young - a perfect holiday Region!

Easy to reach

Due to the central geographical situation, the Region Achensee lies close to three main Airports - Innsbruck (45 mins.), Salzburg (1 hour 30 mins.) and Munich (1 hour 30 mins.). Your journey can then be completed either by train or with an airport taxi.

Top winter sports - for all ages!

200 km cross-country-tracks, 30 ski-lifts and over 50 km well prepared pistes and 150 km cleared winter walking/hiking paths. This certainly gives a superb basis for a winter holiday. (The Regional cross-country-tracks receive annually a prize from the Tyrolean government for their well groomed tracks). Something which is really special in the Achensee Region is its tracks for practising on. Tracks where stopping, turning, over-taking can be practised and confidence built! There are also tracks where dogs can run alongside!

Kids skiing in the village!

All levels of skiers - from novice to experts - can enjoy fantastic skiing in any of the 3 skiing areas in the region. Family skiing with young children have a great advantage here, as the young skiers can learn their skills virtually in the centre of the village - no travelling to the slopes and no lifts to conquer! Parents and Grandparents can look on as their "little ones" master their first snow-plough!

Pure piste enjoyment can be found here, in the Achensee Region, more than anywhere else: Pioneer snowboarders are at home here. If you want to take things easy a snow bike is something new - the Region being the world's first snow-bike Region (the follow on from the original skibob). For those who want to climb the mountain or pistes the Karwendel and Rofan Mountains give the ideal opportunity - there are even areas close to the ski lifts! And it does not matter if you are on foot, with a sledge or on skis there is always a mountain hut close-by where you can get together for a drink or a snack.

And for those who want to sway through the winter glittering world with the help of the wind, there is something new to try out - Snow-kiting: On skis or on a snowboard attached to a kite one can feel the feeling of freedom through large snow covered fields. Weekend courses are offered for all abilities!

Leisurely lakeside walks or exhilarating mountain hikes

The Achensee Region has over 150 km winter walking tracks ranging from the relaxing stroll, enjoying the tranquillity of the lakeside to challenging mountain hikes. Discover the unspoilt landscapes on snowshoes - plunging through the deep snow in the Karwendel valleys or through the idyllic village of Steinberg.

A romantic horse drawn sleigh ride is a must on a winter holiday. Elegant Lipizzaner horses pull the sleigh through the winter wonderland. However, if you prefer to pull the sledge yourself, there are 7 sledging runs in the region.

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Winter - Wellness - Wonderland

What could be more relaxing after a day skiing than a warm inviting Sauna - fantastic? The Wellness or Spas in the many Hotels offer the - unique to the Achensee Region - Tyrolean Shale Oil. The "Vitalberg" in Pertisau demonstrates how the Shale Oil is refined in the Karwendel Mountains.

The region offers all kinds of accommodations: hotels, family run boarding-houses, apartments or even farmhouse accommodation - something to meet all pockets and tastes!

Romantic and Adventurous Events

The Achensee Events calendar ranges from the romantic pre Christmas scene in the village of Steinberg (1st to the 24th of December 2009) to the life size nativity scene in the Achenkirch village museum "Sixenhof" (23rd of November 2009 to the 6th of January 2010). With more action and certainly fresher Event is the New Year Eve's swimming in Pertisau on the 31st of December 2009 where swimmers dive or jump in to the only 4° water of the lake Achensee. Another interesting Event (just to mention one) is the Austrian Championships in Snow Kiting from the 5th until the 7th of March 2010.

On the 9th and 10th of January in Achenkirch is the annual Nordic X-country races, where again it is evident how professional the X-country tracks in the Region are groomed. And the Evening Climb on the Rofan mountain on the 8th of January 2010 where very fit ski mountaineerers have to use their experiences and strength. And for those who want to experience the extreme variation of ski mountaineering themselves, should note that on the 14th of February 2010 is the Austrian Championships in Ski-mountaineering on the Rofan Mountains - "Achensee Extreme".

Another chance for all X-country skiers to take part in a Nordic race is on the 7th of March, this time in the Karwendel valleys in Pertisau and is called the "3 Valley Race"!

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Fact-Box:

Journey:

By car:

Inn valley motorway – Exit “Wiesing”/”Achensee” – Achensee main road or the Munich motorway – Exit “Holzkirchen” – “Tegernsee” – “Achenpass” or through “Bad Tolz”

By train:

Inter-city or Euro-city to “Jenbach” and further by taxi or bus

(The onward journey by bus is free of charge when you show your bookings confirmation from your accommodation in the Achensee Region). With the Achensee visitor’s card the bus service is free of charge through the villages.

By plane:

Innsbruck Airport (approx. 40 km), Munich Airport (approx. 130 Km) or Salzburg Airport (approx. 150 km)

Accommodation and restaurants:

26 4- und 5-Star Hotels, many more excellent Hotels, Guest and Boarding-houses, as well as Bed and Breakfast houses and holiday flats in the 5 villages included in the Achensee Region - Achenkirch, Maurach, Pertisau, Steinberg and Wiesing.

50 Restaurants

X-country skiing:

150 km classic and 51 km Skating-tracks

Most of the X-country tracks in Pertisau and some of the tracks in Achenkirch can be mechanically snow covered (approx. 40 km).

Pistes and Lifts:

3 skiing areas and 2 small practice slopes with around 30 lifts and 59 km well groomed Pistes from which there are approx. 20 km which can be mechanically snow covered.

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Ski mountaineering in the Karwendel and Rofan Mountains

Tours in the Achensee Karwendel Mountains can be made from the villages Achenkirch or Pertisau. Popular routes being: the east side to "Lamsenjoch", "Seierjoch"; "Gröbner Hals", "Reiter Kopf", "Hochplatte" or "Juifen".

Numerous tours can be skied in the Rofan Mountains - from Maurach or Steinberg. Routes for all standards, for example, "Rofanspitz", "Hochiss", "Streichkopf", "Dalfazer Joch", "Stuhljöchl", "Schneidjoch", "Guffert" and "Unnütz".

Ski- and X-country schools:

7 schools offering courses in Alpine, Snowboard and X-country skiing

Winter hiking:

150 km cleared winter pathways

Sledging runs

7 runs 5 of which are floodlit

Horse sleigh rides

Achenkirch: Posthotel Achenkirch, Seealm, Tuxerhof

Maurach: Feldererhof

Pertisau: Hotel Rieser, Hotel Wiesenhof

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This is done by filling in the form in the internet side: www.achensee-fotoarchiv.at.

The return mail has then a „link“ where you can download images from the Achensee Region.

