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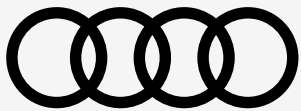
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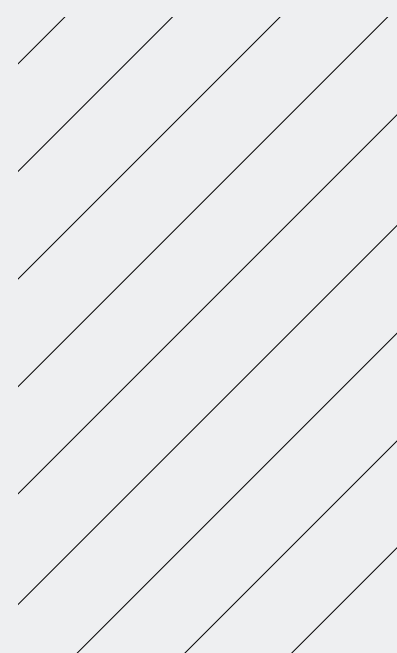
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The Press Office is located next to the Accreditation Office at Freizeit Arena in Sölden. We are at your disposal to answer any questions and we also issue parking tickets and provide press gifts.

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1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 21.10.2022

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	FIS Forum Alpinum	Freizeit Arena Sölden
from 5:30 pm	World Cup Party	Postplatz – Sölden village center
7:00 pm – 10:45 pm	Women's official start number drawing followed by World Cup Party	Postplatz – Sölden village center

SATURDAY, 22.10.2022

10:00 am	1 st run Women's Giant Slalom	Rettenbach Glacier
	Ö3 Glacier Party	Rettenbach Glacier
1:05 pm afterwards	2 nd run Women's Giant Slalom Flower Ceremony Women's Giant Slalom	Rettenbach Glacier
from 5:30 pm	World Cup Party	Postplatz – Sölden village center
5:45 pm	Parade of Fan Clubs	Sölden village center
7:00 pm	Women's award ceremony and prize-giving	Postplatz – Sölden village center
7:15 pm – 10:45 pm	Men's official start number drawing followed by World Cup Party	Postplatz – Sölden village center

SUNDAY, 23.10.2022

10:00 am	1 st run Men's Giant Slalom	Rettenbach Glacier
	Ö3 Glacier Party	Rettenbach Glacier
1:05 pm afterwards	2 nd run Men's Giant Slalom Men's award ceremony and prize-giving, awarding of Fan Clubs	Rettenbach Glacier

TICKET PRICES

ADVANCE SALE | BOX OFFICE

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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STANDING AREA

Adults	€ 23,50 € 28,00	€ 23,50 € 28,00	€ 40,00 € 47,00
Youth (born 2007 – 2013)	€ 11,50 € 15,50	€ 11,50 € 15,50	€ 18,50 € 24,00
Children (born 2014 and younger)	free of charge	free of charge	free of charge

(Admission to the race, shuttle bus Sölden – Glacier – Sölden)

SPECIAL GUEST

Adults, youth, children	€ 87,00	€ 87,00	–
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(Admission & standing place in the Special Guest area with a small selection of food and drinks, shuttle bus Sölden - Glacier - Sölden)

GLETSCHERTISCH LOUNGE

Adults, youth, children	€ 194,00	€ 194,00	–
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Entrance & seat in the Gletschertisch table service restaurant + terrace incl. access to the race on the respective day(s), shuttle bus Sölden – Glacier – Sölden, World Cup brunch & drinks in the Gletschertisch table service restaurant

VIP TICKETS

Adults, youth, children	€ 298,00	€ 298,00	–
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Admission & seat on the VIP grandstand on the respective day(s), shuttle bus Sölden - Glacier - Sölden, food & drinks in the VIP pavilion in the finish area

Holders of a valid skipass do not have to pay admission to the World Cup races (standing area).

DATES

PRESS CONFERENCES & PRESS EVENTS

COMPANY	DATE + TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Norway Alpine Ski Team Women & Men	Thursday, 20.10. 12:30 pm	Hotel Bergland Dorfstraße 114	Claes- Tommy Herland claes-tommy.herland@skiorbundet.no
Head	Thursday, 20.10. 3:30 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Alexandra Metzler a.metzler@head.com
Swedish Ski Team	Thursday, 20.10. 4:45 pm	Regina Alpen Lodge Sandstraße 3	Lisa Johansson lisa.johansson@skidor.com
Alexis Pinturault	Thursday, 20.10. 5:00 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Romane Pinturault pinturaultromane@gmail.com
Audi Media Talk	Thursday, 20.10. 5:30 – 6:00 pm	Vorplatz Giggi Tenne Giggijochstraße 21	Petra Strack petra.strack@audi.de
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Swedish Ski Team			Lisa Johansson lisa.johansson@skidor.com
Norway Ski Team			Claes- Tommy Herland claes-tommy.herland@skiorbundet.no
FIS Alpine Forum	Friday, 21.10. 2:00 – 3:30 pm	Freizeit Arena Gemeindestraße 4	Jenny Wiedeke wiedeke@fisski.com
Italian Ski Team Women & Men	Friday, 21.10. Women 3:15 pm Men 4:00 pm	Hotel Sunny Rechenaustraße 41	Andrea Facchinetti andreafacchinetti@fisi.org
Swiss Ski Team Men	Friday, 21.10. 5:00 pm	Hotel Erhart Windaustraße 24	Zoe Chastan zoe.chastan@swiss-ski.ch
ÖSV Men	Friday, 21.10. 5:30 pm	Freizeit Arena 2 nd Floor Gemeindestraße 4	Thomas Schrammel thomas.schrammel@oesv.at
French Ski Team Men	Friday, 21.10. 6:00 pm	Hotel Waldcafe Innerwaldstraße 12	Laurent Chrétien lchretien@ffs.fr



FACTS

SÖLDEN FEMALE AND MALE WINNERS

2021	Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) & Marco Odermatt (SUI)
2020	Marta Bassino (ITA) & Lucas Braathen (NOR)
2019	Alice Robinson (NZL) & Alexis Pinturault (FRA)
2018	Tessa Worley (FR)
2017	Viktoria Rebensburg (GER)
2016	Lara Gut (SUI) & Alexis Pinturault (FRA)
2015	Federica Brignone (ITA) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2014	Mikaela Shiffrin (USA) ex aequo Anna Fenninger (AUT) & Marcel Hirscher (AUT)
2013	Lara GUT (SUI) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2012	Tina Maze (SLO) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2011	Lindsey Vonn (USA) & Ted Ligety (USA)
2010	Viktoria Rebensburg (GER)
2009	Tanja Poutianen (FIN) & Didier Cuche (SUI)
2008	Kathrin Zettel (AUT) & Daniel Albrecht (SUI)
2007	Denise Karbon (ITA) & Aksel Lund Svindal (NOR)
2006	–
2005	Tina Maze (SLO) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
2004	Anja Pärson (SWE) & Bode Miller (USA)
2003	Martina Ertl (GER) & Bode Miller (USA)
2002	Andrine Flemmen (NOR) ex aequo Tina Maze (SLO), Niki Hosp (AUT) & Stephan Eberharter (AUT)
2001	Michaela Dorfmeister (AUT) & Frederic Covili (FRA)
2000	Martina Ertl (GER) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
1998	Andrine Flemmen (NOR) & Hermann Maier (AUT)
1996	Katja Seizinger (GER) & Steve Locher (SUI)
1993	Anita Wachter (AUT) & Franck Piccard (FRA)

WOMEN

5 women's gold medals for AUT,
5 gold medals for GER,
3 gold medals for SLO, ITA and USA
2 gold medals for NOR and SUI
one gold medal for FIN, SWE, FRAN & NZL

MEN

6 men's gold medals for USA,
5 gold medals for AUT,
4 gold medals for FRA and SUI
2 gold medals for NOR

YOUNGEST WINNER IN SÖLDEN

Lucas Braathen in 2020 at the age of 20.
Alice Robinson in 2019 at the age of 17.

OLDEST WINNER IN SÖLDEN

Didier Cuche won in 2009 at the age of 35. Martina Ertl was 30 years old when she won for the second time in 2003.

THE BIGGEST LEADS

In 1993 Anita Wachter/2:14.57, Sophie Lefranc-Duvillard came second/2:17.20 by a margin of 2.23 seconds.

In 2012 Ted Ligety won by a margin of 2.75 seconds over Marcel Hirscher.

THE CLOSEST WINS

In 2002 there were 3 female ex aequo winners. 2014 ex aequo winners: Anna Fenninger AUT and Mikaela Shiffrin USA.

In 2009 Tanja Poutianen FIN beat Kathrin Zettel AUT by only 0.01 seconds.

In 2000 Hermann Maier AUT beat Stephan Eberharter AUT by only 0.06 seconds, one year later Frederic Covili FRA won the race by 0.09 seconds over Stephan Eberharter AUT.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ATHLETES IN SÖLDEN

Men

4 wins	Ted Ligety USA won in 2011, 2012; 2013; 2015
3 wins	Hermann Maier triumphed in 1998, 2000, 2005
2 wins	Alexis Pinturault in 2016 and 2019; Bode Miller in 2003, 2004

Women

3 wins	Tina Maze in 2002, 2005, 2012
2 wins	Viktoria Rebensburg in 2010, 2017; Andrine Flemmen in 1998, 2002; Martina Ertl in 2000, 2003; Lara Gut Behrami in 2013, 2016; Mikaela Shiffrin in 2014, 2021

FACTS

FIS homologation number 14044/07/21

Start: 3.038,8 m

Finish: 2.668,4 m

Difference in altitude: 370,4 m

Length of race track: 1.198

Steepest section: 68,2%

Lowest gradient: 15,5%

Average downhill gradient: 33,1%

Gates: 41-56, depending on race course

Ski racing speed: 65-80 km/h

Material required: barrier fence 5000 m, safety net 4000 m, cable 11500 m, air fence 210 m, barrier screen 260 m

RACE COURSE SECTIONS

Start to Gletschertisch via Rettenbachjoch section	232 m
Gletschertisch to Gletscherkante (edge)	183 m
Length Eisfall (icefall)	370 m
Length Gletscherzunge (glacier tongue)	245 m
Length Elefantentränke (elephant trough)	168 m

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S PRIZE MONEY – CHF 132,000.00 EACH

1 st place	CHF 50.000,-	6 th place	CHF 4.500,-
2 nd place	CHF 22.000,-	7 th place	CHF 3.500,-
3 rd place	CHF 11.000,-	8 th place	CHF 2.600,-
4 th place	CHF 7.500,-	9 th place	CHF 2.200,-
5 th place	CHF 5.500,-	10 th place	CHF 2.000,-

50 World Cup races were scheduled in Sölden on Rettenbach Glacier. 45 were carried out, only 10% could not be started/finished.





BACK TO SNOW:

SÖLDEN & GURGL START INTO THE NEW SKI SEASON ON 17 NOVEMBER

Snow-covered winter landscapes, quaint mountain huts with warm rooms and perfectly groomed slopes: after the summer season our longing for a snowy winter and fun on the slopes is really huge. The Sölden and Gurgl winter ski areas warmly invite you to return to the ski slopes as early as 17 November. With even more variety of ski runs and new splendor in the free-flow restaurant on Giggijoch, Sölden will be innovative as usual in the coming season. In 2022/2023 there are again attractive discounts and offers for unrivaled skiing fun in Ötztal's top winter sports destinations.

Ski and snowboard enthusiasts have been making their first turns on Sölden's glacier since the end of September. As one of the first winter ski areas in Tirol, Sölden opens its entire skiing terrain on 17 November and promises unlimited skiing fun on 144 immaculate slope kilometers, two glaciers, 31 modern mountain lifts and three peaks higher than 3000 meters accessible by lift. Every year, Sölden heralds the winter with publicity at the start of the Ski World Cup at the end of October. The sporty meeting of the world's best skiers not only inspires the fans on-site but also those who follow the race events in the media.

DIAMOND OF THE ALPS: GURGL OPENING ON 17 NOVEMBER

The wide open slopes are also ready for winter in Gurgl. The home base and adopted home of English slalom star Dave Ryding also kick-off the new season on 17 November. Thanks to first-class conditions, one of the snow-surest winter sports destinations attracts skiers with top quality skiing pleasure. Winter sports fans have access to 112 perfectly groomed slope kilometers of all difficulty levels, 25 state-of-the-art mountain lifts and ski fun parks for all the family. In Gurgl, freeride fans can look forward to top-class powder terrain with varied lines. Ski aficionados also get their money's worth when it comes to culinary delights: in addition to the sporting variety in Gurgl, a sophisticated ski hut culture with a wide range of culinary treats is waiting for you. From hearty Tirolean snack platters to exquisite gourmet menus, there is something for all taste buds.

NEW SKIING FUN ON THE SLOPES

At the start of the 2022/2023 winter season, Sölden shows once again its innovative side. First and foremost, this means even more skiing fun for snow sports enthusiasts. The new slope number 41 starts at the top station of Schwarze Schneid gondola and leads from Rettenbach Glacier to the slopes of Tiefenbach Glacier by crossing the ridge. This means that there are now three options for switching between the two glacier areas. As a black downhill route, it is only recommended to experienced skiers, rewarding them

with unique views. The perspective from Tiefenbach Glacier is particularly amazing. Up there, the winter sports enthusiasts appear almost out of nowhere on the horizon.

MODERNIZATION OF GIGGIJOCH FREE-FLOW RESTAURANT

There is also news when it comes to culinary treats in the coming winter season: the free-flow restaurant on Giggijoch shines in new splendor. During the reconstruction, Sölden acts in a resource-saving manner and makes the construction works as sustainable as possible. In the spirit of upcycling, the old wood from former Almstube at Gaislachkogel's middle station is recycled and brings a breath of fresh air to the restaurant on Giggijoch. The restaurant is breaking new ground with its parlor-like look and an elegant touch. The round plaza on the upper floor will also be embellished with the existing old wood and further developed in a contemporary way. The concept of the free-flow kitchen will remain the same. The team relies on a contemporary cooking art and broadens the range of dishes in order to include current trends of international creative cuisine. Visitors can look forward to a truly innovative kind of culinary enjoyment, corresponding to the winter sports performance of Sölden as a ski destination.

DYNAMIC PRICING

Generous benefits for early birds: those who book their ski ticket for Sölden and Gurgl early can save up to 22 percent. The online prices for the skipass in the two winter sports destinations are not fixed, but depend on the date of purchase. There are early booking discounts for tickets purchased five or more days in advance in the online shop. This price system is based on the dynamic pricing model and rewards all those who buy their skipasses in advance. If you then change your mind at short notice, you can cancel the tickets free of charge up to 5 days prior to the first day of skiing. It offers maximum flexibility and planning certainty. This season, the number of pick-up spots will be greatly expanded in Sölden. In future, tickets purchased online can be picked up around the clock in self-service mode at Gaislachkogel and Giggijoch gondola stations as well as at the Ötztal Tourismus headquarters.

The unrivaled Ötztal Super Skipass opens up further price advantages and sporting variety, which is automatically valid in all Ötztal ski areas for 3 or more days. You can access all six ski areas offering a total of 363 kilometers of pistes and mountain 90 mountain lifts. In addition to Sölden, the slopes in Gurgl, Hochoetz-Kühtal, Niederthai, Gries and Vent can also be used. An extra plus: admission to 007 ELEMENTS & TOP Mountain Motorcycle Museum is included if you purchase a Sölden, Gurgl or Ötztal Super Skipass for 6 or more days.

100 YEARS OF HISTORY

SKI CLUB SÖLDEN-HOCHSÖLDEN CELEBRATES ITS ANNIVERSARY

2022 is the big anniversary year of the Sölden-Hochsölden Ski Club. Founded 100 years ago as WSV Sölden by Isidor Riml and his supporters, the traditional club now has around 800 members. Among the annual highlights in the calendar are the opening of the Alpine Ski World Cup season on Rettenbach Glacier as well as several FIS and European Cup races. Additionally, the promotion of young talents is particularly important. SC Sölden-Hochsölden captures the exciting history of the past century in a newly published anniversary book.

At the beginning of the 20th century, due to the severe economic crisis in the post-war period, oppressive poverty prevailed throughout Austria and thus also in Ötztal. Despite the fact that there was no room for big future dreams in the circumstances of the time, Ötztal's ambitious winter sports pioneers - above all Isidor Riml - believed in their passion and founded the „Winter Sports Club Sölden“. Their vision was to get people excited about skiing in their home valley and to attract young people to enjoy this leisure activity. With a lot of personal commitment and thanks to the successful cooperation with ski schools and Sölden's mountain lift company, the club has managed to win over numerous people for the fascination of skiing over the decades. During the past 100 years, the ski club has made a significant contribution to developing Sölden as an attractive winter sports destination.

WORKING WITH YOUNG TALENTS IS A TOP PRIORITY

Establishing ski sports as a popular activity has been one of the main goals of the Sölden-Hochsölden ski club right from beginning. Equally important has always been the promotion of young and upcoming talents and the special commitment to children and youth. 186 children are currently registered at SC Sölden-Hochsölden. As a modern and future-oriented club, SC Sölden-Hochsölden now has excellent advanced training, highly compe-

tent coaches, its own race track and a club bus. It is not surprising that so many successful racers emerged from the club. For example, the ÖSV athletes Franziska Gritsch, Florian Scheiber and Fabio Gstrein come from the training grounds of SC Sölden-Hochsölden. The formula for success: the children bring the talent and the ski club ensures that the youngsters can take full advantage of the best training conditions.

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

The club has recorded the impressive skiing history of the past century in a book. Not only the ski club itself, but also the development of skiing is comprehensively presented. Contemporary documents about the development of professional and popular sport provide exciting insights and show how the sport became popular and is still en vogue today. The former equipment in particular is reminiscent of the spectacular early years of snow sports. Because participants who were not in the "squad" competed with "self-built" skis made with crafts and skills from old barrel staves and converted into skis with bindings using old shoes. Around 70 years later, SC Sölden-Hochsölden achieved a milestone in the club's history. At the end of the 1990s, the first Ski World Cup race was scheduled on Rettenbach Glacier in Sölden, which has been held annually since the 2000s and is still a benchmark in the ski club's event calendar. The special edition for the anniversary year not only tells of early snow sports and the important events along the way of SC Sölden-Hochsölden, but above all is a homage to the hard work and commitment of the many helpers, assistants, volunteers and officials. They all have made SC Sölden-Hochsölden what it is today and support children and young people in promoting their passion for skiing every day.



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

BRILLIANT SIDE PROGRAM & WINTER EVENTS

Sölden and Gurgl are not only worth a visit because of their first-class skiing areas. The region in Tirol's alpine Ötztal also has a lot to offer away from the groomed slopes. While excellent restaurants and mountain huts invite you to a culinary stop on the slopes, 007 ELEMENTS at the summit of Gaislachkogel makes it possible to experience the location of the James Bond movie „Spectre“ up close. In Gurgl, the Top Mountain Motorcycle Museum with its fascinating exhibition provides an ideal alternative program to winter sports. Music fans will not miss out either: at the ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL in April 2023, international DJs will celebrate with their fans in Sölden.

Hardly any other winter destination offers such a wide culinary variety: in the renowned ski resorts of Sölden and Gurgl gourmants have a huge choice of restaurants and places to stop. Ötztal's quaint alpine huts spoil you with genuine Tirolean cuisine, originally prepared with many ingredients from the region. Friends of exclusive enjoyment taste sophisticated dishes while indulging in a fabulous view at the ice Q, Austria's highest toque-awarded restaurant. Also the fine FALCON restaurant at the middle station of Gaislachkogel Gondola promises culinary high-altitude flights. The FALCON market restaurant with panoramic terrace attracts visitors with regionally inspired, creative cuisine and modern food trends. With a total of 36 restaurants and mountain huts as well as eight free-flow restaurants, Sölden and Gurgl stand for culinary enjoyment at the highest level.

007 ELEMENTS: JAMES BOND ADVENTURE WORLD IN SÖLDEN

The perfect alternative program to skiing is located at the summit of mighty Gaislachkogel where the unique 007 ELEMENTS installation presents unimagined insights and original props from six decades of Bond history. Elaborately staged and richly detailed with many interactive elements, visitors learn how the gripping motion pictures are made. On a total area of 1300 m², there are exciting action scenes as well as cars and technical gadgets to discover. The Lair - hall of mirrors, the Revolver Barrel and the Tech Lab with

lots of gadgets will amaze you. The architecturally unique open-air plaza and the crashed plane from „Spectre“ in the Action Hall are reminiscent of the captivating movie sequences and are also popular photo motifs.

GURGL: TOP MOUNTAIN MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

Another attraction nestles near Timmelsjoch Pass at 2200 m above sea level. The unrivaled Top Mountain Motorcycle Museum attracts visitors with an extraordinary exhibition about motor sports. On an area of over 4500 m², 520 motorcycles and 30 other vehicles - such as vintage cars, racing cars and the like - are presented in a varied and informative way. The Motor Experience comprises a multimedia world of experience with interactive stations that explain motorcycle history and technology in an exciting way. A special highlight is the 4D cinema, where visitors can experience what a ride across the high alpine road on Timmelsjoch feels like, even without a driving license.

ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Top-class DJs, entertainment and skiing in one place: With this mix, the ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL has been delighting fans of skiing and electronic music for many years. Every year at the end of the season, the ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL brings popular electronic music artists straight to Ötztal. For two entire days, Giggijoch at 2300 meters altitude high above Sölden is transformed into the ultimate DJ resort. In the coming season, the festival is scheduled from 10 to 14 April 2023. Which acts of the international scene will meet in Ötztal on this date will be made public. Fans of electronic music can already look forward to it as the lineups of the last few years guarantee an armada of absolute top stars. Several internationally renowned artists such as Robin Schulz, Dimitri Vegas and Fritz Kalkbrenner have already performed on the snow-covered stage of Giggijoch.

Tickets and more detailed information at
www.soelden.com



BORA - HANSGROHE TEAM CAMP

IN ÖTZTAL – WHERE GIRO WINNERS EXERCISE

Where the Öztaler Cycle Marathon, the most renowned of its kind in Europe, is at home cycling can't be that bad. The same applies for skiing. "Combining both in one region using the shortest possible route is something of a rarity. That's only possible in Ötztal thanks to its altitude," explains BORA-hansgrohe professional Toni Palzer, former world-class ski mountaineer. Next week the Alpine Ski World Cup season is opened in Sölden while this week the top German cycling team BORA-hansgrohe prolonged the partnership with Ötztal Tourismus as part of the team camp for another two years.

The German world-class cycling team BORA-hansgrohe met in Ötztal this week, where the annual team camp was on the agenda. All professionals and new arrivals as well as all support staff around team boss Ralph Denk planned their assignments for the next season in Sölden by taking full advantage of the wide range of sports offers within Ötztal. In addition to speedy downhill adventures in the Bike Republic Sölden and wellness stays, yesterday's highlight was a skiing day on Rettenbach Glacier. Exactly where the Alpine Ski World Cup takes place next weekend from 22 to 23 October, Giro winner Jai Hindley, the German champion Niels Politt, Tour de France stage winner Patrick Konrad and many others met the top stars of the upcoming Ski World Cup winter.

SKI & CYCLING PROS ON

RETTENBACH & TIEFENBACH GLACIERS

Three million overnight stays in winter, 1.2 million in summer – myriad investments have made it possible to increase overnight stays in summer by 50%. Popular Ötztal is one of the sportiest regions in Austria in both summer and winter. The winter season accounts

for the largest part in value creation. Probably also because the renowned winter sport resorts of Sölden and Gurgl offer skiing at the highest level. And that's exactly what the BORA-hansgrohe cycling pros, guided by the very prominent ski instructor and former ski star Benni Raich, saw for themselves yesterday. "Cycling has always played an important role during my career and I have great respect for the achievements of professional cyclists. I must admit, they were great on skis too. Giro winner Hindley was on skis for only the second time and he skied respectably! The Austrians Patrick Konrad and Marco Haller also cut a really fine figure," said Raich after the skiing day. Only the Irish sprinter Sam Bennett, who was one of the few professional cyclists to win stages in all three major state tours, gave up on his skibob after a short time on Rettenbachferner. By the way, the cycling stars also met many ski stars, such as Linus Strasser or Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, who are preparing with their national teams for the World Cup opening next weekend.

RALPH DENK:

"OUR CYCLISTS GET THE FINISHING TOUCHES IN ÖTZTAL"

Ötztal Tourismus decided to enter into a partnership with BORA-hansgrohe in 2020 and this has now been extended by another two years. "Cycling is one of the most important tourism fields for us and our infrastructure offers ideal terrain to every cyclist – be it on narrow or wider tires. This is precisely why we work intensively on expanding and perfecting our range of bike offers year after year. The really perfect conditions are also reflected in our partnership with the professional racing bike team of BORA-hansgrohe, whose athletes regularly pitch up a tent for varied training camps in Ötztal," explains Oliver Schwarz, Managing Director of



Ötztal Tourismus at a press conference. BORA-hansgrohe team boss Ralph Denk, who formed his team into one of the best worldwide, adds: „There are few major tourist regions in Europe that put that much effort into cycling and cycling tourism as Ötztal does. My cyclists have been getting their finishing touches right here for two years and that completes our success. I am very proud of the partnership with Ötztal.“

The majority of summer guests in Ötztal take their bike with them - whether racing bike, mountain bike or e-bike. Not without reason: Ötztal is one of the most renowned, but above all one of the most innovative cycling destinations in the Alps. In the valley as well as on the mountain, on the road and on the trails, the offer is truly varied, infrastructure is exemplary, the commitment extraordinary. It also comprises free bicycle transport in public bus lines, perfectly signposted tours, well-maintained lines and a valley-wide Cycle Trail. The numbers also confirm the thoroughly positive response to this ultimate offer for cyclists and bikers in Ötztal: at the Ötztaler Cycle Marathon, over 15,000 cyclists fight for one of the 4,000 starting places every year, in summer 2022 around 55,000 guests and locals were counted on the Ötztal Cycle Trail and in the Bike Republic Sölden, renowned for its flowing trails, 61,000 bikers ventured down the speedy downhill routes.

Even if different rules apply to professional cyclists such as German champion Nils Politt or Paris-Nice winner Maximilian Schachmann in their professional races away from cycle paths, Ötztal offers over 650 kilometers of signposted cycle and mountain bike routes for beginners or true experts. From the northern area in Oetz you can reach the foot of Timmelsjoch Pass via the new 50-kilometer long cycle trail. Across the border you reach Italy where Jai Hindley celebrated BORA-hansgrohe's greatest success this year: overall winner of Giro d'Italia and the first Bora Grand Tour triumph!

**ÖTZTALER CYCLE MARATHON 2023
WILL TAKE PLACE ALREADY IN JULY**

The Ötztaler Cycle Marathon is THE unrivaled cycling flagship in Ötztal and throughout Europe. In 2023, the date will be moved from the end of August to 09 July 2023 for the first time. "You can already feel the rush. In recent years we have had an average of 15,000 registrations for 4,000 starting places. The registration phase runs from 01 to 30 November for the first time this year. Then we will draw lots and hopefully there will be many Christmas presents under the Christmas trees of our amateur athletes," says Dominic Kuen, OC head of the Ötztaler Cycle Marathon.