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# Elation in the mountains

#### Tux-Finkenberg holiday region: a summer paradise for nature loving connoisseurs

ummer in Tux-Finkenberg is all about enjoying nature, rising to sporting challenges and experiencing cultural diversity. Nestled in a breathtaking mountain landscape, the holiday region extends from the sunny hillsides of Finkenberg to the majestic Hintertux Glacier.

THE HIKING PARADISE of Tux-Finkenberg offers some impressive panoramas. Crystal-clear mountain lakes, rushing waterfalls, blooming Alpine meadows and a fascinating world of flora and fauna, the scent of stone pine forests – all this is fascinating on hiking and (e-)mountainbike tours or the numerous bike & hike possibilities in the Tux Alps. 350 kilometres of mountain hi-

Summer in

**Tux-Finkenberg** 

alpine huts at all altitudes

• Gondola lifts from 850 to

Finkenberger Almbahnen,

Hiking taxi to the starting

points of numerous moun-

Zillertal Alps Nature Park:

a natural treasure covering

3,250 metres above sea

level: Eggalm Bahnen,

Hintertux Glacier

shuttle bus

422 km<sup>2</sup>

free Tux-Finkenberg

tain and round tours

· Mountain refuges and



From leisurely hikes to mountain huts serving food and drinks to challenging summit tours, Tux-Finkenberg has something for everyone.

king trails and 150 kilometres of (e-) mountainbike routes of all levels of difficulty are an Eldorado for mountain lovers.

HINTERTUX GLACIER offers a variety of activities 365 days a

year at altitudes between 1,500 m and 3,250 m above sea level, such as the guided glacier tours, a boat trip on the glacier lake in the Nature Ice Palace, a ride on the snow carousel in Luis' glacier bug park, the "mountain ci-

nema" from the panorama terrace or a trekking tour through the Spannagel cave.

FAMILY TIME. Adventurers of all ages will love exploring the new mountain marble runs. Families will delight in the various themed trails and mountain adventure worlds, as well as TUX Worlds.

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRA-TIONS. Tux-Finkenberg celebrates its culture with an array of events. Ranging from folk music and traditional festivals to the wood chopping championship and traditional "Almabtrieb" cattle drive, the cultural programme is both diverse and authentic.

## Tourist Board Information



The entire Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board team is always on hand to provide helpful advice and assistance to valley visitors. From looking for accommodation to holiday planning or leisure activities, the whole team at the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board Information Offices is more than happy to help.

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## Welcome to Tux-Finkenberg

#### A summer full of mountains!

### Dear Guests of the Tux Valley!

After another glorious winter, spring is making its arrival known in the Tux mountains, while preparations begin for a summer in the mountains in the Tux Valley that is both relaxing and full of variety. The dedicated hosts in Tux-Finkenberg have once again come up with many new ideas this year so that you, dear Regular Guests, can really enjoy your stay with us. Modernisation of the Finkenberg outdoor swimming pool offers even more comfort for swimmers.

Families will be particularly pleased with the new, larger children's pool. Children especially will love the new mountain marble runs in the TUX Worlds along the Tuxbach stream. The formation of an energy community brings the valley even closer together. We have strived once again to create the perfect balance between unique nature and a wide range of events, relaxed summer fun and exciting leisure opportunities.

I wish you all the very best and look forward to welcoming you back to your summer holiday domicile of Tux-Finkenberg again this year.



Chairman Markus Tipotsch, MSc, Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board

Yours sincerely

to welcoming you summer holiday
Tux-Finkenberg

#### Bike & hike Guided day & multi-day tours, high alpine tours at the Nature Park (www.myzillertal.at) and mountain guides

(www.bergfuehrer-zillertal.at)

#### Tip: Glacier tour

#### The fascination of snow and ice

**Dates:** every Thursday from 5.6. to 25.9.2025

**Meeting point:** 10.00 am or 12.00 noon, depending on registration

Tuxer Fernerhaus forecourt (sign: meeting point for Glacier Tour)

Info and registration: www.hintertuxergletscher. at or www.myzillertal.at

### Children's festival at Sommerberg



On 27th July, 14th August and 4th September 2025, fun-filled children's festivals will take place at Sommerberg at 2,100 metres above sea level. Attractions such as a bouncy castle, face painting, wall painting, the ice cream wheel of fortune, obstacle courses and much more are sure to make any child's heart skip a beat. In the meantime, parents can enjoy a well-deserved break on the sunny terrace of the Sommerbergalm with an Aperol or iced coffee. The programme starts each day at 1.00 pm.

#### Playarena



Playarena in Tux-Vorderlanersbach is the place to be for kids in the Tux Valley. Spread over 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>, the indoor area of the play world with Multi-Ball Wall, high ropes course, climbing wall, trampoline park and much more promises great holiday entertainment. The age-appropriate, extensive and professionally supervised outdoor adventure programme for children and young guests from member establishments (from 3 to 16 years) ensures there is never a dull moment! Open every Saturday from 1.00 to 6.00 pm to all those who register in advance at www.playarena.at.

# Experience the glacier

Feel the fascination of snow and ice first-hand on a guided tour of the Hintertux Glacier.

The ice of the Hintertux Glacier is between 500 and 1,000 years old and measures 100 metres at its thickest point. The glacial colossus of ice and snow is constantly in motion and has a significant impact on the high alpine landscape. The UN General Assembly has declared 2025 the International Year of Glacier Protection to raise global awareness of the importance of glaciers.

Visitors to the Hintertux Glacier can immerse themselves in



our glacial wonderland with a special range of experiences:

- Guided glacier tour with a mountain guide from Zillertal Alps Nature Park
- 'The Tux Giant' legendary glacier tour
- Guided tour of the Spannagel Cave for cave explorers aged six and over
- Delve into the world of ice at Nature's Ice Palace

www.hintertuxergletscher.at

### Scenic Picnic "Deluxe"

Whether it's a romantic picnic for two or a family outingthe 'Picnic Deluxe' package promises an indulgent experience.

f you order in advance, you will receive a fully stocked picnic backpack with a picnic blanket, cushions to sit on, cutlery and many regional delicacies such as spreads, 'Kaminwurzen' smoked sausages, Zillertal bacon, alpine cheese, eggs from happy chickens, and cake made according to grandma's recipe. A schnapps to celebrate conque-

Hydroelectric

power station Isse

The newly built Isse micro-hydro power plant

went into operation in March 2025. It is another

important step towards achieving sustainability

at the Hintertux Glacier. The new micro-hydro-

electric power plant enables Zillertal Glacier

Cable Cars to generate 40 per cent of their sum-

mer electricity demands independently between

March and October.

ring the summit is of course also included. Wooden picnic platforms have been built at the most beautiful spots at Sommerberg. One of them is located in the middle of the Glacier bug safari – ideal for families with children. The second platform offers breathtaking panoramic views.

www.hintertuxergletscher.at

## Treasure hunt with Pepi

Everyone knows that there's no chance of getting bored at Penkenjoch. After all, there's plenty to do at Pepi's Kinderland. In summer, Pepi the Bear invites you to go on a treasure hunt with him and solve puzzles at four stations. To find the solution, you must decipher Pepi's secret writing and surmount one or two obstacles. As a reward, Pepi has an awesome gift for you!



### Cable cars: children up to the age of ten travel free

A very special family deal is offered by the summer mountain cableways in Tux-Finkenberg: children up to ten years of age (born after 01.01.2016) travel for free when accompanied by an adult (only applies to pedestrian tickets) on the Hintertux Glacier, together with the Eggalm Bahnen and Finkenberger Almbahnen.

www.hintertuxergletscher.at

#### New mountain marble runs in the TUX Worlds

They are called the Butterfly flights, Frog wave track, Ant trail, Flower tower, Forest use or Sound tree – The mountain marble runs are an exciting addition to TUX Worlds and offer a unique experience for children and adults alike. You can demonstrate your prowess at the various mountain marble stations, solve tricky puzzles and learn all sorts of exciting things about Alpine flora and fauna. Each station is designed to be interactive, providing a blend of educational entertainment and adventure.

Whether exploring the underground animal world, hopping on the frog-wave train or visiting the 'sound tree' in the forest – there is something to discover and learn

everywhere. The mountain marble runs are not just a fun adventure. They also teach children how animals and plants survive in the Alpine environment and the role that water plays in this delicate ecosystem.

TUX Worlds entice young and old into the magnificent Alpine landscape of the Tux Valley – from the eternal ice of the Hintertux Glacier down into the valley of the Tuxbach stream. Luis the glacier bug will accompany you on Luis' glacier bug safari and ball safari, as well as through the natural, animal, plant, water and canyon worlds.

www.tux.at/en/tux-worlds



The new mountain marble runs in the TUX Worlds invite you to discover and marvel even more.

# Crystals for a prince

An historic sales contract from the Tyrolean State Archive is the oldest record of mineral trading in the Alpine region. Tux played a very special role in the story.

t was a find that tells a remarkable tale: a medieval bill of sale dating from 1571 revealed one of the oldest records of mineral trading in the Alpine region. The main role in this was played by none other than the Tyrolean sovereign, Archduke Ferdinand II (1529–1595) – an art-loving ruler who was only ever content with the most beautiful treasures.

#### DISTINGUISHED COLLECTOR.

The prince was one of the earliest distinguished collectors of his time. In his famous 'Chamber of Art and Curiosities' at Ambras Castle near Innsbruck, he amassed not only all manner of artworks and curiosities, but also one of the largest collections of precious minerals and crystals of the time, comprising some 1,200 pieces. Of these, rock crystals occupied a place of honour. Walter Ungerank, a passionate mineral collector and renowned expert in this field from Aschau, spent

months studying the archduke's mineral collection.

SALES CONTRACT. In the summer of 2023, the aforementioned sales contract from 1571 was discovered in the Tyrolean State Archives in Innsbruck. It states that Martin Säckl from Tux delivered 234 pounds (approx. 106 kg) of crystals to the archduke. Things, however, didn't go entirely smoothly during the transaction. The fastidious prince was only interested in acquiring the best specimens, selecting only 39 pounds (around 18 kg) of the entire stash. This resulted in a lengthy to and fro regarding payment and delivery or reimbursement. It is unclear how the dispute ultimately ended. 'The document is the oldest written record of a mineral trade in the Alpine region,' says Walter Ungerank, explaining its significance.

MORION. A large proportion of the archduke's minerals have



Mineral expert Walter Ungerank (left) and Doz. Dr Uwe Kolitsch. mineralogist at the Natural **History Museum** Vienna, examine the princely morion. In 1880, the Morion was consigned to the Natural **History Museum** in Vienna, where it can be viewed

been lost over the course of history. However, one of the most precious pieces from this historic purchase has survived the test of time. It is a 48 cm high smoky topaz specimen called 'Morion'. Boasting a weight of over 26 kilo-

grams and a striking prism shape, the crystal is considered to be one of the most impressive mineral finds in Zillertal. According to extensive analyses, the site of the find is thought to be in the area of the Gefrorene Wand in Tux.

### Hiking with the family

A hike in the Hintertux Glacier area with a little detour to Luis' Glacier Bug and Ball Safari: Hintertux – gondola ascent to Sommerbergalm – Tuxerjoch – Weitental – Hintertux:

Level of difficulty: moderate Walking time approx. 4 hours. Route length: 9 km



The Almspielerei at Eggalm can be combined with the following hike: Tux-Lanersbach – ascent with Eggalm cable car – Waldhoaralm – Brandalm – Tux-Lanersbach Level of difficulty: moderate Walking time approx. 2.5 hours. Route length: 6 km



### A visit to Pepi the Bear at Penkenjoch:

Finkenberg – cable car ascent with the Finkenberger Almbahnen to Penkenjoch-Granatalm – Zirbenweg – Gschösswandhaus – Almstüberl – Finkenberger Almbahnen middle station

Level of difficulty: moderate Walking time approx. 2.5 hours. Route length: 6.6 km

Further hiking suggestions, including trails that are suitable for strollers, can be found at www.tux.at/en/family-friendly-walks-and-hikes/



# Nature garden for schools

A collaborative project between Zillertal Alps Nature Park and the Tux Nature Park Schools

his spring, a natural garden is being created in a remarkable collaborative project right next to the school centre in Tux-Lanersbach. Students from the two nature park schools are actively involved in the project from planning to implementation.

FROM CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION. Conceptualisation and planning phases have already been completed. Together with Katharina Weiskopf from the Zillertal Alps Nature Park and natural garden planner Matthias Karadar, a concept was devised that incorporates the wishes and suggestions of students, teachers, residents and the local community. The nature garden is designed to explore, observe, learn and relax - all in harmony with nature.

**DESIGN.** Students at the Tux Nature Park schools are an instru-



With plenty of seating and an interesting design, the natural garintended to serve as a place of learning for students during school lessons, offering scope for research. observation and relaxa-

Grafik: Natur.Gart

mental part of the project. They have not only contributed their ideas but are also actively helping with its construction. Together with the team from landscape gardening experts, Kröll, the soil

on the west side of the school building will be prepared in spring and the area will be designed to be as near-natural as possible. They will shovel and dig, build stone walls, arrange old wood, and plant shrubs and trees to create new habitats for small animals and insects. Paths, seating and quiet areas will be created for students. Dotten inbetween, the pupils will plant and sow flowers, herbs and grasses. A small pond is also planned.

NATURAL HABITAT. The natural garden is designed to become a habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna. Pollinators such as bees and butterflies will gradually ensure survival of the plants, while small animals will find shelter among the shrubs and stones. 'It will take another year before everything is in full bloom. Nature just takes its time,' explains Katharina Weiskonf.

# Hiking pins with a new design

The new Tux-Finkenberg hiking badges are a very special feature. You won't regret going the extra mile to receive one of these coveted pins. Once you have earned the 'Alpenrose', 'Enzian', 'Edelweiß' or 'Gipfelkreuz' badges, you can wear a piece of the Tux Valley on your lapel that highlights your favourite hiking destinations. Children especially enjoy being honoured for their achievements

with the 'Wan-

dergams' (hiking

goat) badge.

# Popular hiking pass



A multitude of stamps are waiting to be collected on the peaks and in the huts of Tux-Finkenberg. When they reach their destination, hikers are often very proud to put a stamp in their hiker's pass. The hiking pass is available in the tourist offices in Tux-Finkenberg.

#### myzillertal.at

myzillertal.at is your free leisure companion and key to unlock exclusive offers and adventures in Zillertal and the Tux-Finkenberg holiday region. The app allows you to find and book Z-Activcards, guided nature park hikes, adventures, events and much more from home.

www.myzillertal.at





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# Hiking programme 2025

#### Guided hikes and alpine tours in the Zillertal Alps Nature Park

he Zillertal Alps Nature Park extends from the traditional mountaineering village of Ginzling to Hochfeiler Peak at 3,509 m and over the Tux main ridge with Olperer Peak at 3,476 m and Hoher Riffler Peak at 3,231 m to the Grinberg in Finkenberg and the Gamshütte at 1,921 m above sea level. The valleys, narrow gorges, glaciated summit regions and well-tended cultural landscapes are characterised by a great diversity of species. The best way to explore the Nature Park is in the accompaniment of a Nature Park guide. Whether you are interested in watching

#### Register

**online** until 08.00 pm on the eve of the respective hike.

- via www.naturpark-zillertal.at
- via www.myzillertal.at/naturpark on site until 05.00 pm on the eve of the respective hike.
- at the nature park partner business
- at the nature park
- at the offices of the tourism association



On a hike with one of the Nature Park guides, for example to Eiskarsee lake (photo), you can discover many interesting details about the Zillertal Apark.

wildlife at Waldhoaralm, a sunrise tour over the Tux Valley, a herbal hike or mountain tour to the Hippoldspitze and Eiskarsee lake, there is something for everyone! Up to five guided hikes are offered daily, covering

a range of topics and levels of difficulty. The more leisurely highlights of the diverse summer programme in the Zillertal Alps Nature Park include forest bathing in the "Glocke" forest in Finkenberg, a hike to Weitental valley where vibrant alpine flowers can be seen, as well as a waterfall and wild marmots, or a glacier tour in Tux.

The trail "In the realm of the stone pine" high above Juns is a new addition to the 2025 programme.

### Steinbock March 23rd August 2025



he traditional mountaineering village of Ginzling is hosting the Steinbock March for the 57th time. The unique mix of sporting challenge and the majestic mountain scenery of the Zillertal Alps has lent an iconic nature to this very special event. Preparations are already in full swing and participant safety, of course, takes top priority. 'It would not be possible to host this event without the tremendous commitment of the local clubs, Ginzling voluntary fire brigade and the many additional helpers. "60 to 70 people are hard at work throughout the whole weekend," explains Rudolf Klausner, head of the local council.

Around 800 hikers and 200 runners are rising to the challenge again this year. Participants must surmount a course comprising 30 kilometres in length, 1,871 metres of ascent and 1,613 metres of descent. The most arduous point is the steep ascent (1,000 metres of altitude

over 2.5 km) to the impressive Mörchnerscharte at 2,870 m. A varied supporting programme awaits participants and visitors at the Steinbockfest (ibex festival) in Ginzling, an awards ceremony, nature park festival and much more. Admission is free.

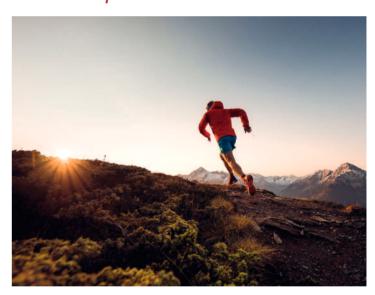
#### Steinbock March

- **Date:** Sat, 23.08.2025
- Start: Ginzling, 05.00 am
- Finish: Breitlahner
- Distance: 30 km
- **Elevation:** ↑1,871 m / ↓1,613 m
- Highest point: 2,871 m, Mörchnerscharte

#### ROUTE:

Start: Ginzling, Nature Park House – Floitental – Greizerhütte – Mörchnerscharte – Rosskar – Berliner Hütte – Zemmgrund Finish: Alpengasthof Breitlahner https://www.zillertalersteinbockmarsch.com/

# **Tux070** 6th September 2025



special highlight among the ultra-long trail runs is the 'TUX070'. The trail run, which is 70 kilometres in length and covers some 4,000 metres of elevation difference, starts at the valley station of the Hintertux Glacier cable car and is taking place for the fourth time this year. What makes the TUX070 so special is the high alpine landscape through which the route passes. After the start, the trail heads on towards the glacier and then over the mountain ridge to Rastkogel, the valley's most scenic mountain, and on to Mayrhofen. As one would expect, the route has a number of challenging sections. Things get quite tough after four to five hours on the ascent to Rastkogel, where there are several successive ascents, which are not particularly steep, but long.

#### Ultraks Zillertal TUX070

- **Date:** Sat, 06.09.2025, 05.30 am
- Start: Hintertux
- Finish: Mayrhofen
- Distance: 70 km
- **D+/D-:** 4,000 metres in elevation difference
- Highest point: 2,760 m, Geierjoch

#### ROUTE:

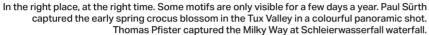
**Start:** Hintertux Glacier Cableways car park – Tuxerjoch

- Junsjoch Geiseljoch
- Kreuzjoch Melchboden Mariensteig – Kreuzlau

Finish: Europahaus, Mayrhofen https://mayrhofen.ultraks.com

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# Nature in Pictures

Every year, the two Zillertal nature photographers Paul Sürth and Thomas Pfister inspire with beautiful motifs in their Zillertal calendars.

hese nature photographers have shared their tips for successful landscape photos in the holiday magazine and reveal their favourite photo spots in Tux-Finkenberg.

### What do you need to take good photos?

**Paul Sürth:** The first and foremost prerequisite for a good photo is to see things as they really are. But what is it that makes a motif appear so magnificent to us that we immediately reach for our camera or mobile phone? I always say that the essence

#### Zillertal Calendar 2026

The popular Zillertal calendars by Paul Sürth and Thomas Pfister are characterized by grandiose photos and pristine nature, and in the 2026 edition, the two nature photographers once again show their homeland in enchanting, refreshing and breathtaking impressions, especially from the rear Zillertal and the Tuxertal.

The 2026 Zillertal calendars are available at the offices of the Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Board.

of successful photography is in being able to separate the extraordinary from the everyday. In this sense, photography means emphasising the extraordinary and the exceptional, while leaving the mundane on the sidelines. It may sound complicated, but it's not. An everyday subject, photographed at the right angle and in the right light, can sometimes make a wonderful picture.

Why doesn't it always work? Paul Sürth: Both the mind and eye are responsible for the technical processes, while the emotional aspect only comes about when you encounter the subject with a sense of affection. When you succeed in recognising beauty in the whole as well as in the detail.

If we are not satisfied with the results of our pictures, it is often because we look at a motif with heightened emotion and assume that the image will reflect the feelings we had when taking the photo. The camera, however, is a neutral device and only shows what is in front of the lens. Our emotions then come into play when we look at the image, together with a sense of enthusiasm

that arises if it is a good picture. That being said, if a picture is no better than mediocre, our joy quickly fades. A good photographer who is always seeking to develop their craft will ask themselves: 'What can I do better next time?'

### How much work goes into a good nature photograph?

**Thomas Pfister:** I often head out on my mountain bike or on foot and I almost always have my camera with me. Sometimes I get lucky shots where the light and the perspective are particularly beautiful. Most of my pictures, however, are planned in great detail. I often know in advance exactly behind which mountain the sun will rise or set, or whether there will be fog or clouds. If the weather doesn't play along, I usually keep going back to the same spot until it's right. I'm very tenacious. Failed attempts and wasted journeys are all part and parcel of landscape photography.

Do I really need an expensive camera?

**Thomas Pfister:** What is important is that you enjoy nature

and photography. The camera is of secondary importance. I pay a lot of attention to the time of day when I take my pictures. Light is everything, as are shadows. The times around sunrise and sunset are particularly good for capturing a beautiful atmosphere.

Picture composition is also important. It describes how the picture is constructed and what it is about. You can create spatial depth with a suitable foreground. If you stray from your usual perspective, i.e. photographing at eye level, the motif appears in a whole new perspective.

### What are your favourite photo spots in Tux-Finkenberg?

Thomas Pfister: There are a few, but waterfalls and mountain lakes are my preferred subjects. One of my absolute favourites is the Rastkogel lakes. A small group of mountain lakes below Rastkogel Peak. When there is no wind, the mountains of the Tux main ridge and Hintertux Glacier are reflected in the water. The Schleier waterfall in Hintertux is also very special. Generally speaking, I love everything that has to do with

#### "Staudenfest"



A great atmosphere, ebullient moods and heaps of entertainment are promised at the traditional "Staudenfest" in Tux on **SA 19.07.2025**, 06.00 pm at the village square in Tux-Vorderlanersbach.

# Wood chopping championship

SA 16.08.2025, 10.30 am Time-honoured tradition, folk music, muscle power and firewood – all this and more is offered by the 17th Zillertal wood chopping championship at Tux-Center in Tux-Lanersbach.

#### Schürzenjäger Open Air 2025



Then as now, the big Schürzenjäger Open Air on Saturday, 23 August 2025, will get the whole of Finkenberg shaking. The six men surrounding Alfred Eberharter Sr., bandleader Alf Jr. and frontman Dominik Ofner, together with their guests, offer a fabulous mix of folk, rock and pop in the best Schürzenjäger tradition. Highlights such as the big biker parade and magnificent 'Sierra Madre light show' are of course obligatory fixtures on the festival programme.

### Advance ticket sales online:

https://sj.online-ticket.de www.myzillertal.at

#### **HEY-Mann-Festl**

WE 20.08.2025, 05.00 pm, music pavilion in Finkenberg

#### Warm Up-Party

**FR 22.08.2025,** 07.00 pm, Finkenberger Almbahnen festival grounds

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### SUMMER CONCERTS



#### **TUX BRASS BAND**

TU **08.30 pm**, Tux-Lanersbach Tux-Center or music pavilion 01/08/15/29. July 05/12/26. August 02. Sept. 2025 FR 12. Sept., 07.30 pm Final concert

#### FINKENBERG BRASS BAND



SA 28 June, 08.15 pm, twilight pint, music pavilion THU 08.15 pm, music pavilion 03 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31 July 07 / 14 / 21 / 28 August 04 / 11 Sept. 2025 FR 19 Sept, 07.30 pm, final concert

# Finkenberg: Fire Brigade Festival



Everyone is guaranteed a great time at the Fire Brigade Festival on **SA 19. July 2025**, at the fire station in Finkenberg! "Beggl Musi" promise fabulous music entertainment from 03.30 pm onwards, followed by "Die Collis" at 06.30 pm.

#### 1st Finkenberg Bee Festival

Finkenberg Beekeepers' Association invites you to their first Finkenberg Bee Festival at the music pavilion in Finkenberg on **2nd August 2025**, starting at 06.30 pm. In addition to entertainment, music, and local delicacies, the focus is, of course, on these busy little bees.





The well-frequented and popular Finkenberg outdoor adventure pool is just the right refreshment after an eventful hike or (e-)mountainbike tour.

# Swimming Pool Finkenberg

The outdoor adventure pool has been given a brand-new look. A larger children's pool, new buffet with large sun terrace and modern technology ensure both comfort and bathing fun.

wimming, sliding, letting off steam in the beautifully redesigned playground or simply lying in the sun and doing nothing at all – days at Finkenberg outdoor pool are equally synonymous with holidays in Tux, as ice cream is with summer. After extensive renovation and refurbishment works in spring 2025, Finkenberg outdoor pool will reopen

this summer with a brand-new look.

NEW CHILDREN'S POOL: The children's pool has been renovated and extended for our younger visitors, giving them more space to play and splash around. Mums and dads can keep an eye on them in comfort from the edge of the pool. The new poolside restaurant also offers a place to relax

and enjoy a bite to eat, with an indoor dining area and a larger, more comfortable sun terrace. The changing area has also been enlarged and now features new sanitary facilities, plenty of lockers and changing cubicles for added comfort.

MODERN TECHNOLOGY. The modern swimming pool technology is not visible at first glance. It operates in the background and is essential for the comfort and hygiene of the pool. It features a photovoltaic system for power generation and heat recovery from the extracted air, making it efficient and sustainable. Finkenberg outdoor pool was already equipped with state-of-the-art technology when it opened in 1966 and was the first heated outdoor pool in the entire Zillertal valley.

# Generate and use local renewable energy

Tux and Finkenberg are joining forces to form a local energy community.

limate protection and energy autonomy have been important topics in Tux-Finkenberg for many years. Tyrol aims to be independent of fossil fuels by 2050. Its goal for future generations is to be able to meet all energy requirements from domestic, renewable resources in a climate-friendly way.

Tux-Finkenberg is also working towards this aim. An important step in this respect was the founding of Tuxertal Energy Community (EEG) in March 2025. The purpose of EEG



In Tux-Finkenberg, there is particular potential in the use of hydropower and solar energy through additional photovoltaic systems.

Tuxertal is to network communities, businesses and citizens with the aim of sharing the power output of over 2,000 kWp of installed photovoltaic systems in Tux and Finkenberg and possibly also incorporate small hydroelectric power plants with an annual surplus of at least 1 GWh - in other words, to generate, consume, store and possibly also sell energy regionally. Fair energy prices and stable feed-in tariffs for members also facilitate long-term investments in the local expansion of renewable energies.

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# Traditional mountain cheese with modern technology

#### A new maturing cellar is being built for the specialities created by Junsberg Alpine dairy.

heese has been produced at Junsberg for centuries. The alpine cheese dairy is the only one in the Tux Valley that is still fully operational. Junsberg cheeses are highly renowned and have received multiple awards. In order to further improve quality and ensure the preservation of the mountain dairy, the operators are investing several hundred thousand euros in a new, modern maturing cellar, which will be built this summer in Juns.

AGING. Storing and caring for the cheese is a complex manual task. 'Once a week, each cheese wheel has to be turned, brushed and treated with brine,' says Josef Erler, who has been responsible

CAREFUL AND CONTROLLED

The crucial processes that turn fresh cheese into a full-flavoured product take place in the maturing cellar. When a cheese ma-

for operations in the maturing

cellar for over ten years.





After production in the Alpine dairy (left), the cheeses are stored for several months in the maturing cellar (right).

tures, it undergoes a biochemical change. The proteins and fats contained in the milk are slowly broken down by bacteria and enzymes. This process gives rise to the typical aromas and textures that differ depending on the type of cheese. A young cheese usually has a mild flavour, while a cheese that has matured for longer has more intense aromas.

CLIMATE AND STORAGE. Conditions in the ageing cellar are crucial for successful maturation. State-of-the-art technology is used for this purpose in the new maturing cellar. 'If the cheese is still young, we store it at 13.5 °C. From Christmas onwards, the temperature in the maturing cellar is lowered to around 10.5° degrees. Humidity levels of 94%

prevent the cheese from drving out and promotes growth of the desired cultures. Moreover, gentle air movement is needed to ensure uniform ageing conditions,' explains Josef Erler.

MOUNTAIN CHEESE DAIRY. During summer, around 700 24-kg cheese wheels are produced in the mountain cheese dairy. These are currently stored on the mountain farm or in maturing rooms in Zell am Ziller. The new maturing cellar in Juns will be able to accommodate 930 cheese wheels. Junsberg Alpine dairy belongs to Junsalm mountain farm. The approximately 840-hectare alp is managed by three farmers, who keep around 120 cows. Up to 180,000 litres of milk are processed during the grazing season from the beginning of June to mid/end September. The fresh milk is processed directly in the alpine

cheese dairy.



#### **Theatre** performance

Volksbühne Tux (People's Theatre) returns with another entertaining show with its new play "Gelegenheit macht Diebe". (Performed in German). Look forward to an entertaining evening at the Tux-Center!

Premiere: SA 03.08.2025 **Additional dates:** 03/06/09/20/21/2728.

August 2025

Begins: 08.00 pm

Reservations and advance ticket sales at Tux-Finkenberg Tourist Office, Tel. +43 5287 8506; E-Mail: info@tux.at

#### Mountain **Farming World**

On hikes in Tux, those interested will discover information boards with photos by Erika Hubatschek (taken between 1917-2010) and information about the world of mountain farmers. Without indulging in any nostalgia, the information boards tell of the lives and work of mountain farmers.

Circular hike: Start from Tux-Lanersbach, cross the bridge at the tennis court, follow trail no. 10 to Madseit through a spruce forest and alongside Tuxbach stream. Continue to the 'Alpin 5' helicopter landing pad, then to the Tux Mill and back to Tux-Lanersbach via Oberjuns. Walking time approx. 2 hours.

#### Old Tux as it was

A collection of pictures and texts by Erika and Irmtraud Hubatschek with 346 black and white photographs from the forties and fifties of the 20th century and numerous short texts taken from interviews with contemporary wit-

nesses. The book is available from Tux-Finkenberg **Tourist** Board offices.



# Stoankasern Alpine Dairy

The quaint mountain hut at an altitude of 1,984 metres is not only a rewarding hiking destination, but also offers unique insights into traditional cheese making.

toankasern Alpine dairy (1,984 m) is located above the villages of Juns and Tux-Lanersbach in a ruggedly romantic alpine valley. It belongs to Junsalm mountain farm. 'Stoankasern' (a combination of the German words 'stone' and 'cheesemaking') is the name given to the high-altitude area of these alpine grazing lands. Those willing to undertake the two-and-a-halfhour uphill walk to the cheese dairy will be rewarded with breathtaking natural scenery.

A particular highlight is the artisanal cheese production, which visitors can experience at first hand in the mornings. Cheese is made here according to ancient tradition: a wealth of experience and care are used to make mountain cheese, mountain Tilsiter,



Stoankasern Alpine dairy is a unique combination of nature, tradition and pleasures of the palate. Whether you visit for the hiking, the culinary delights, or to experience traditional cheese-making at first-hand, a trip here is always worthwhile.

red cheese and sour cream butter. The cheese specialities produced on the alp can be sampled on the premises, or purchased to take home. Stoankasern alp

cheese dairy is also the starting point for several hikes, for example to Ramsjoch (2,508 m) or the Grüblspitze (2,394 m), which offer impressive panoramic views.

#### Hiking tip: Junssee Lake

Lake Junssee (2,623 m) is one of the highest mountain lakes in Austria and is only free of ice in midsummer. Its deep azure colour contrasts sharply with the surrounding rocky hollow.

- Difficulty: medium
- Start: Stoankasern
- Destination: Junssee
- Distance: 4.7 km
- Elevation gain: 775 m

#### Ascent to Stoankasern:

- (E-)MTB route 'Käseroute' 4020
- Bike & Hike Route 4021
- Hiking taxi TU & THU (QR code)



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# OPEN-AIR ACROBATICS WITH MOUNTAIN PANORAMA

SAGENHAFT & SCHWINDELFREI 2025 - Street art at 2000 m above sea level, on Sunday, 10th August 2025 from 10.00 am at Mount Penken

The Tux-based cultural association 'SchwindelFREI - Kultur im Tal' (Culture in the Valley) is host to Europe's highest street art festival in a breathtaking mountain setting. Audiences are treated to acrobatic feats, extraordinary characters and theatrical performances, juggling, clowning and musical acts.

#### Following artists will be performing:

- Noah Corny pole acrobat (GER)
- Daniel Hochsteiner world-famous juggler (GER)
- Felice & Cortes music & artistry (GER)
- Duo Meroni Zamboni clowning (IT)
- Jazzpolizei marching band (GER)
- Shosha Lilienthal & Kaja Maljevic aerial acrobat theatre (GER)







### **Anniversaries** in the Tux Valley

The Ferienheimat Tux-Finkenberg would like to express its heartfelt thanks to all regular guests for their many years of loyalty.



100 and 50 times in the Tux Valley: Rainer and Margret Schenk



120 times in the Tux Valley: Matthias Kapser



120, 110 and 20 times in the Tux Valley: Josette Vanclee, Francis Rubens and Mike Rubens with Mats

#### **Exhibition at the Mehlerhaus:**

# From rugged heights to mythical depths

isitors are taken on an incredibly detailed journey through legends, caves, mountains and mystical figures. During the tour of the old farmhouse, films, QR codes, pictures and narrated stories bring visitors closer to the world of yesteryear and present times around Tux. There is a small reward for children after a 'legendary' treasure hunt.

Mehlerhaus is open every Monday & Friday from 01.00 to 05.00 pm. In addition, the Mehlerhaus team offers

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# JAZZ CHOIR "FUNJAZZTICS"

SA 20.09.2025, 08.00 pm, Tux-Center, Tux-Lanersbach Choral enjoyment with the Landshut jazz choir "funJAZZtics". An evening of jazz standards, swing, pop and modern arrangements.

#### **EVENTS**

Dates are subject to change or cancellation! The current calendar of events can be found online at: www.tux.at/en/events/events



