

Gastein



Gentle Winters in Gastein Of sleigh rides and snowshoe hikes

Gastein Valley isn't just a paradise for skiers. Away from the piste, too, this magical world amid the Hohe Tauern mountains has much to offer: The spectrum ranges from snowshoeing and ice skating, to sleigh rides, tobogganing and horseback riding.

For fans of active winter sports, the valley offers over 45 km of cross-country ski trails, extending from Dorfgastein to high-alpine Sportgastein, leading out through the most amazing variety of scenery imaginable, from the floodlit Kurpark to the utterly peaceful mountain world of Angertal.

If you are looking for a very gentle form of endurance training, there is probably nothing better than taking a hike on snowshoes. You will use a pair of modern snowshoes as well as poles, trudging through countryside blanketed deep in snow.

Guided snowshoeing expeditions are offered every Tuesday, during which a local expert will introduce you to this traditional form of winter sport. For a very special experience, we would also suggest the snowshoe trail in Dorfgastein, leading in just over 2 hours from the Fulseck down to the lift mid-station.

However, if you happen to be in the mood for something a little more laid-back, why not enjoy a sleigh ride through one of Gastein's side valleys, or perhaps tear down one of our natural sled runs. Younger guests can show off their moves out on the ice rink, or marvel at the mushers during the annual dogsled races. Europe's highest suspension footbridge on the Stubnerkogel, of course, is certain to make an enormous impression on you as well.

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