

## Press-Info Kitzbühel Alps

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### **A week of luxury, solitude and adventure: On touring skis across the Kitzbüheler Alpen.**

The new offer is available for booking from January. Guests enjoy six carefree days in the region accompanied by experienced guides. Luggage will be transported.

This Winter, for the first time, those who want to enjoy mountain solitude to the fullest can set off on a KAT ski tour across the Kitzbüheler Alpen accompanied by experienced guides. The offer converts the KAT Walk, as an established long-distance hiking trail, into a sporty Winter variant. From the Hohe Salve holiday region in the East via the Brixental valley to the Pillerseetal valley in the West, magnificent summits and endless deep-snow descents beckon. Kelchsau, Windautal, Spertental and Aurach have long been synonyms in the scene of dream tours, while Kitzbühel and Fieberbrunn guarantee legendary freeride experiences. Seven nights including half board and six days with Kitzbühel mountain guides on the tour cost €1,890 per person. The price includes luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation, packed lunches for hiking days, lift tickets and much more. [www.kat-skitour.at](http://www.kat-skitour.at), [www.kitzalps.com](http://www.kitzalps.com)

The start of the tour is in Kelchsau, one of the secluded tributary valleys you would hardly expect to find in the Kitzbüheler Alpen. After the welcome evening, which the state-certified mountain and ski guides combine with a safety training session, the next morning you head over the impressive Schafstiedel (2,447 m) down into the Kurzen Grund - and directly to the secluded Gasthof Wegscheid, the destination of the first day's stage. What's the duration of the first day? Tom Rabl doesn't want to be too specific: "The tours are planned to take three to four hours each day with an ascent of about 1,200 metres," says the 40-year-old chairman of the Kitzbühel mountain guides, who developed the package together with his colleagues. Those who sign up should at least have experience on such terrain and be in good physical condition.

On day 2, the route leads over into the Windautal valley to the Steinbergstein (2,215 m), one of the most panoramic ski touring mountains in the Kitzbühel Alps. The view extends far into the Zillertal Alps and over the imposing rock formations of the Großer Rettenstein to the Großvenediger. On the "Stoa", as the locals call one of their favourite tour peaks in the Brixental valley, numerous variants open up. One leads to the Steinberghaus and to Chef Michael Graf, who spoils his guests with select culinary delights. His restaurant is one of the KochArt establishments in the Kitzbühel Alps that use regional ingredients and serve classics of Tyrolean cuisine at a very high standard.

After breakfast, the Gerstinger Joch (2,035 m) calls. The summit ridge is extremely narrow and you shouldn't be prone to dizziness. "This is a rather difficult tour through avalanche endangered terrain, where the weather and snow conditions have to be absolutely right," explains Tom Rabl. If not, he chooses another route to the Oberlandhütte. "There are many routes into the Spertental," says the expert, who shows the participants of the KAT Ski Tour the beautiful unknown routes beyond the trendy routes whenever possible. And if necessary, he'll

also be happy to help them achieve an additional summit or two. However, the absolute decision is always made over dinner, when the forecast is favourable.

In any case, after three days of touring, freeriding on the slopes above Kitzbühel is on the agenda. The next day, the extensive ski touring area of the Südberge beckons before the Saalbach-Hinterglemm-Leogang-Fieberbrunn Ski Circus takes centre stage.

Around Fieberbrunn, fat skis/powder skis are as popular as carving skis elsewhere. The only place in the German-speaking area where the Freeride World Tour makes an annual stop is regarded as a dream area for the ultimate in powder due to its unique topography and perfect infrastructure. An adventure that not only provides enough material for the final evening at the Wellness Hotel Alte Post, but also for memories that will remain.

### **The Package**

The KAT Ski Tour with six off-piste days and seven overnight stays costs €1,890 per person including guide, accommodation with half board, provisions on hiking days, shuttle service and luggage transport as well as lift tickets. The group size consists of four to seven participants. If desired, the tour can be individually adapted or shortened. Dates: 29th January to 5th February and 5th to 12th March.

**The Kitzbüheler Alpen** – comprise the four holiday regions Hohe Salve, Brixental, St. Johann in Tirol and Pillerseetal with their 20 villages. They include well-known names such as Hopfgarten, Kirchberg, St. Johann in Tirol and Fieberbrunn. A huge attraction to the destination lies in its extensive range of offers for families and sports enthusiasts.

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