

Winter or summer, let us go to Kitzbühel

Kitzbühel or Kitz, familiarly called by Austrians, a small town of sport with great name in the Austrian Tyrolia and the third largest ski center in Europe with more than 400 km of well treated ski tracks belongs to the best known tourism and sport resorts. Extraordinary situation always starts probably during the famous downhill race of the World Cup in downhill on Streif, below the Hahnenkamm summit.

Do not forget to visit the start area of this famous race. Also during summer you can visit this not at all



eye-catching house. But if you watch the first section of the downhill track, the so-called „mouse-trap“, you will realize that on this icy slope within a few seconds courageous racers achieve a very high speed, and you will start to admire them even more. A ski trainer told me that even they have to pass a test in order to decide who will be responsible for this extraordinary steep section of the downhill track during this legendary competition. Even during summer this section looks terrifying. But this famous race brings every

year more than 80.000 visitors and for VIPs their presence is obligatory. Even individual cars of the cableway remind visitors of famous downhill names.

During summer high attention is paid to a different event – the golf festival, lasting one week in June/July and in 2011 the 9<sup>th</sup>

continuation. Many ambitious golf amateurs meet here and fight for victory on 4 golf courses:

Eichenheim, Kitzbühel, Rasmushof and

Schwarzsee. On the championship golf course Eichenheim

designed Kyle Phillips -

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would recommend to



play using an e-cart. Golf course offers fantastic views of surrounding mountains. Also on the Schwarzsee

golf course, 6. 104 m, par 72, green fee 85 Euro, you would welcome an e-cart again because of altitude differences. It is a surprise that you need to play over a high fence, but not every golfer can be successful. It is unbelievable that golf course Kitzbühel received 9x the award the most beautiful 9-hole golf course in Austria, green fee 45 Euro. Also the Rasmushof golf course has nine holes, green fee 22 Euro and will find it in the finish area of the legendary



downhill track. The Golf Alpin Pass card with three or five green fees in Tyrol can save what concerns green fees. From all golf courses players will bring souvenirs of surrounding high mountains. Besides to golf this festival also offers social events on the highest level, also attended by prominent representatives of sport or economy. Packages including accommodation during festival including green fees are offered by six well known local hotels. The Festival culminates by a tournament in extreme golf directly on the well known downhill track Streif below Hahnenkamm. The start is located in the altitude of 1 655 m and players play using nine small holes on the downhill track. Golfers located at the start of the downhill race shall attack the first hole on the steepest section of the downhill track (85%). Exactly on this section skiers jump even more than 70 meters.

When looking for golf balls in this extreme alpinist terrain golfers get assistance from ball seekers. The starting list always includes ski aces, in winter racing down with a high speed on skis and during summer



looking for hidden golf balls. Unfortunately because of bad weather this extraordinary attractive tournament was cancelled, let us hope that next year golfers will enjoy much better weather. Of a totally different type is the golf tournament for gourmets – on nine holes on each hole you will have an opportunity to taste one meal out of gourmet nine course Tyrolean menu.



The best known natives from Kitzbühel are Toni Sailer (skier) and Hansi Hinterseer (skier and singer), who even every year organizes an event for his own fans and both concerts are completely sold out.

When walking in the very well maintained historic center of Kitz do not forget to visit the Londoner pub, in front of which during winter frequently until late night skis are waiting his or her owner and he or she in ski boots has a lot fun

inside the pub. You can admire the Kitz center from leased historic horse coach. If you consider buying your own house in Kitz, please do not be surprised, price of land and real estate is even higher than in Vienna.

In case you like to walk high in the mountains, from Monday to Friday starting from 8.45 two mountain guides are available free of

charge, ready to accompany you in the mountains. The meeting point is the parking lot at the cable way. The garden of alpine flowers in the altitude of 1.880 m direction to the Horngipfel summit is very interesting. Children for sure would like to visit the park with wild safari and walk among wild in the altitude of one thousand of meters or to assist during feeding, every day until 02.30. You can visit this park including your best friend on four feet.



We have also visited Kirchberg close to Kitzbühel in the romantic valley of Brixental, where every year the KitzAlpBike-a marathon race on mountain bikes is organized. We were accommodated in the Hotel Restaurant Spa Rosengarten Simon Taxacher. Simon always knew what he wanted. Cooking is his passion. He received three Gault Millau, 2 \*\* Michelin (the first one in 2004 when he was 27-years old)-as

the only restaurant in Tyrol, award the restaurant of the year and this restaurant became the Mecca for gourmets in Tyrol. Simon offers meals of the French and Mediterranean kitchen prepared using the best raw materials permanently enriched by new creations. Hotel guests are offered a six course degustation

menu and with each meal a different wine will be served. The wine offer is really very broad, more than 600 and two dozens of mineral water! In order to select wine at any time, at each room, you have several bottles of nice wines in a wine cooler. (Bottle with bubbles from 150 Euro, red wine from 29 Euro, offer includes also local distillates). In 1971, Simon 's parents opened the Taxacher Hof hotel and Simon already as a small child helped his aunt Leni in the kitchen. Rosengarten was opened after a reconstruction in 2010. Do not forget to visit the hotel spa with a very broad offer of spa procedures. You can watch Simon at work and even participate in a one day cooking training! A short stay in Rosengarten, accommodation for 2 nights including breakfast, a six course dinner with wine and using of spa starting from 300 Euro per person.



But do not forget to taste traditional Tyrolean specialties, the number one Kaiserschmarn served with fruits. The next traditional meal is the Tyrolean gröstl, it includes leftovers. It will be prepared from potatoes and pork meat cut into small cubes. Onion will be added and everything will be later fried on butter, salt, spices, marjoram,

parsley and caraway. Do not forget to visit a store with Tyrolean specialties and buy for instance slowly smoked typical Tyrolean ham or bacon.

Kitzbühel belongs to the mostly visited Austrian destinations and therefore when planning your trip to Kitz you have to consider a slightly higher budget. Because of the really high interest it is recommended to book your accommodation as well as tee time well in advance.

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