



Garmisch
Partenkirchen



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The most beautiful sides of winter.

Discover Garmisch-Partenkirchen with its alpine flair, winter sports diversity and little moments of happiness.



Discover your true nature.



Discover nature here. Take a deep breath and enjoy the moment. Take in the impressions and let them go again. The clean winter air. The unique shapes of the impressive mountain scenery. The unmistakable sound of the clear mountain streams. See, hear, smell, feel and taste pure nature. And discover it for yourself. Enjoy it with all of your senses. And find your way to the things that are really important to you.

You have arrived. In Garmisch-Partenkirchen - in the Zugspitz Region.



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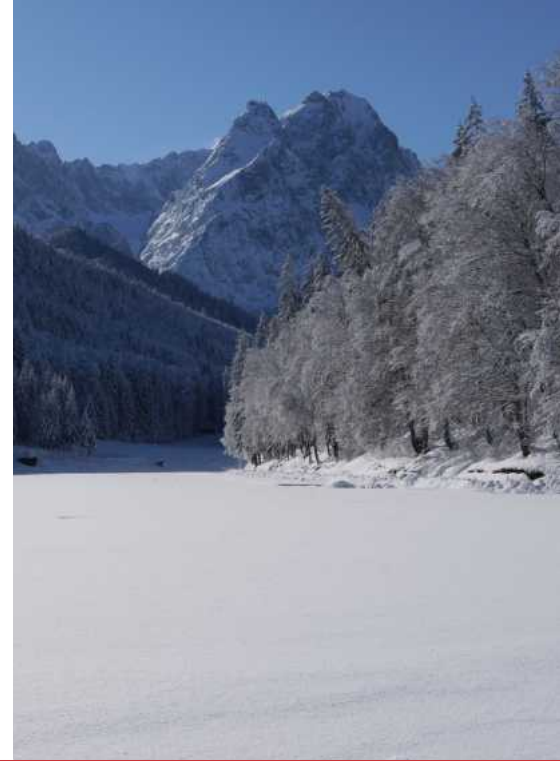


Digital holiday companion

He accompanies you day by day on your vacation in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

As soon as you make a binding accommodation booking, you will receive a welcome email with the link to the digital companion.

He provides you with cross-border information about tourist offers during your holiday. All of the events during your holiday are also displayed on a daily basis. Register now and enjoy the benefits of your personal holiday assistant.



Germany's winter sports metropolis

Are you an enthusiastic skier, snowboarder or freestyler? Then you're in the right place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Because Germany's top address for winter sports has a lot to offer.

You will find conditions that make your heart beat faster here: A total of over 60 kilometres of pistes, dream snow from December to May, perfectly manicured pistes from easy to challenging, modern lifts, fantastic panoramic views and cosy huts.

It was not without reason that Garmisch-Partenkirchen was chosen as the venue for the 2011 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships; a major event that all ski fans still benefit from. Because in addition to modernising the lifts, the legendary Kandahar was also rebuilt. Five snow-covered valley runs guarantee fun on the slopes.

But snowboarders and freestylers also get their money's worth in the Garmisch-Classic ski area.

And of course, on the Zugspitze. Germany's highest ski area offers you 20 kilometres of pistes and a variety of downhill runs for all levels of difficulty. Are you ready?



GaPa Erlebnissshop - There's no such thing as boredom

Are you looking for your own personal holiday experience? Then click through our GaPa Erlebnissshop experience shop and find the right leisure programme for you. You can book lots of activities safely and easily there. Whether you're a sports enthusiast, culture vulture or pleasure-seeker - on this new platform, you'll find experiences to make your break in Garmisch-Partenkirchen even more extraordinary!

Unforgettable moments click by click - discover and book what you've always wanted to try.





You can find ski schools and everything you need to know about rentals here:



Both historic and ultra-modern at the same time: the Garmisch-Classic ski area

The Garmisch-Classic area is the cradle of skiing in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Winter sports enthusiasts are spoiled for choice here. Hausberg, Kreuzeck and Alpspitze offer three mountains to ski in the one area. 40 kilometres of pistes promise you pure winter fun at altitudes of 700 to 2,050 metres.

Records are broken in the Kreuzeck area. Where Garmisch-Partenkirchen's winter sports history began over 80 years ago, top athletes now race down the slopes. The course record on the internationally notorious Kandahar course in the Kreuzeck area is under two minutes. The best downhill and super-G pros conquer 940 metres in altitude on the 3,000-metre long black run. The snow park at the Hexenkessel awaits all freestylers! A wide variety of obstacles - including boxes, rails and kickers - offer plenty of space for park sessions filled with tricks.

In the Hausberg area, you can also mingle comfortably with beginners and families with young skiers. The mainly easy to moderately difficult pistes ensure that learners experience a sense of achievement quickly, especially the youngest beginners, who are amazed by the magic carpet in the Kinderland children's area. In contrast to the neighbouring Kandahar for experts, the snow-covered Hausberg runs of Kochelberg and Horn offer easy turns down into the valley.

Children's ski school

The youngest ski bunnies learn through play how to turn correctly in the snow at the ski school. It's always fun, especially when playing with ropes, tyres, bands, big foot, shorties and much more. Whether skiing or snowboarding - the highlight of every children's course is the exciting final race. At the award ceremony where the medals and certificates are handed out, there are of course only winners.



Germany's highest skiing pleasure - the Zugspitze

The Zugspitze breaks all records. At 2,962 metres, it is not just Germany's highest mountain, but also the only glacier ski area in Germany, where you can enjoy up to six months of guaranteed snow on the slopes. The Zugspitze ski area ranges from 2,000 to 2,720 metres above sea level and offers the best snow conditions on 14 easy to intermediate slopes on the Schneeferner glacier. During your ski break at the Zugspitze summit, you can enjoy the panoramic view that stretches from the German and Austrian Alps to the Dolomites and the Swiss mountains.

Up here, freedom really does seem to have no limits! But the Zugspitze not only makes sporty guests happy, but also hungry ones. There are five restaurants to choose from on Germany's rooftop. The latest highlight is the „Panorama 2962“ restaurant. In keeping with the panoramic view of the four countries, the kitchen serves specialities from Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. The panoramic view of a sea of 400 mountain peaks is served free of charge.

With the cable car, wheelchair users can comfortably reach the highest point in Germany. Restaurants, toilets and the viewing platform are connected by a lift.



Weather report: Tel: +49 8821 797-9797, zugspitze.de

Please stay on the open slopes for skiing and ski touring. Be sure to observe and comply with closures for slope preparation.
Danger!



Always on the right track with cross-country skiing

Cross-country skiing in Garmisch-Partenkirchen is more than just an endurance sport. The dreamy mountain landscape, clear air and wintry silence make a sensory experience.

Glide gently past snow-covered treetops and peaks - right in the heart of the fantastic Alpine panorama. Moments of pure happiness.

Here you can find your own pace, technique and trail - whether you prefer skating or classic trails, skiing by day or in the evening.

All of the trails are maintained on a daily basis and can be used free of charge. The access points to the cross-country ski trails are easy to get to on foot, by bus or by car.



Biathlon for everyone

Able for more already? Then off you go to the biathlon for everyone. There, you can follow in the footsteps of Laura Dahlmeier and Magdalena Neuner every Wednesday - under professional guidance, of course. All you need to bring is your cross-country skiing equipment. Biathlon rifles and ammunition are provided.

Meeting point: Biathlonzentrum in Kaltenbrunn (10:45 a.m., Start 11:00 a.m.)
Registration: +49 8825 362 or info@haus-alfred.de

Prices: 30 Euro, 16 years and older

Most ski schools also offer cross-country skiing courses (see QR code on page 8)



A challenge for individualists: ski touring



Slowly, very slowly, skiing up the mountain. Every step of the climb is tough, but you will enjoy every moment. And the anticipation that drives you on; the descent into the valley. The silence is wonderful, nothing but the crunching of snow and your own breath. Just a few more metres and you've made it. You reach the top and are rewarded with a picture-book view of Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Ski touring is definitely an unique experience. In Garmisch-Partenkirchen, this trendy sport is attracting more and more fans, too - as are the perfect conditions. Around Wank, for example. Here, ski tourers can enjoy experiencing nature away from the hustle and bustle - along with an unforgettable descent into the valley.

Ski tours are also possible on Hausberg if there is enough snow - ascent via the Tonihütte/standard piste) on the K2 tour evening. Then conquer the tireless Hausberg - while most of the others are already sitting comfortably by the open fire. The relevant days and times can be found at zugspitze.de. Changes at short notice may occur at any time.

Safety tip: For inexperienced skiers or those who simply want to try out ski touring, have a mountain/ski guide accompany you and learn more about planning, equipment, safety and technique.



Tip: Ice bathing isn't your thing (yet)? How about our yoga festival on January 10 and 11, 2026? More Information: gapa-tourismus.de/en

Cold Power – Out of your head. Into your body.

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable experience: ice bathing strengthens the immune system, promotes blood circulation, and invigorates the senses. With a lot of courage, you can enjoy the cold stimulus as an revitalizing break from everyday life—with a beneficial effect on body and mind.

Four days filled with nature, exercise, mindfulness, and intense experiences.

You hike through golden autumn forests or perhaps snow-covered winter wonderlands, breathe clear, fresh mountain air, dive into ice-cold pools and mountain lakes under professional guidance, and find yourself through breathing and yoga.

-  Ice bathing and cold training
-  Guided mountain hikes
-  Daily yoga
-  Breathwork
-  Impulse workshops ...

Try it and feel the power of the cold!

Retreat from November 13 to 16, 2025

4 days | 5 themes | Your path

Ice bathing - Yoga - Hiking - Lake - Nature

Register right here:



Clear the way - for speedy toboggan rides

Step by step you trudge uphill, away from the hustle and bustle of the pistes, with your sledge or bob on a line. The toboggan runs from St. Martin on Grasberg or from the Partnachalm leave nothing to be desired for daredevils.

Toboggan fans can find unique nature experiences on the popular Wank mountain. During winter opening hours, the Wankbahn cable car allows visitors to effortlessly ascend to the peaceful, sun-kissed winter paradise.

There are no limits to the Zipfelbob (minibob) fun on the Zugspitze either. Two chairlifts ensure a comfortable ascent - panoramic views included. Zipfelbobs (minibobs) and helmets can be hired in the basement of the Sonnalpin glacier restaurant or directly from the toboggan hut at the Gletschergarten.



Tip: Night tobogganing in the Zugspitz Arena Bavaria-Tyrol with a hearty hut evening beforehand. zugspitzarena.com



Tobogganing – Tannenhütte

Start your tour at the end of Hasentalstraße in Partenkirchen. There is also a small toboggan slope for children right there. Then hike at a leisurely pace along Sunnaweg, past a small plateau with a wonderful view of the Wetterstein massif.

The Hacker Pschorr suspension bridge takes you over the Faukenschlucht gorge to Tannenhütte.

The run: The entire descent is not very steep and is suitable for children.

Toboggan hire: Sledges and toboggans can be hired from the local ski schools.

Tannenhütte
Gamshütte 1, Phone: +49 8821 9674473
tannenhuette.de

The ascent or descent of the Eckbauer is included once per stay in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in your guest card!

Tobogganing on Eckbauer

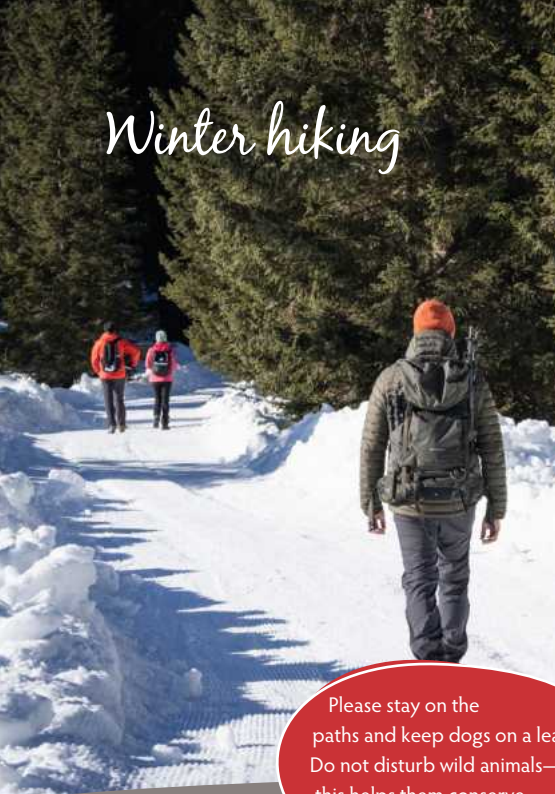
This tobogganing adventure is possible without any arduous ascent, making it suitable for everyone! The Eckbauer cable car takes you up to 1,230 metres in comfort. Once you reach the top, you can enjoy the magnificent view before experienced tobogganists head back down into the valley from the mountain station via flat and steep sections.

The sledging hill above the mountain station is a real experience for younger children and families. You can hire sledges and minibobs at the valley station! The ascent or descent to or from Eckbauer is included with your guest card once per stay in Garmisch-Partenkirchen!

Eckbauerbahn
Karl-und-Martin-Neuner-Platz 2, Phone: +49 8821 3469
eckbauerbahn.de



Winter hiking



Please stay on the paths and keep dogs on a leash. Do not disturb wild animals—this helps them conserve energy and protects the forest (young trees) from browsing!

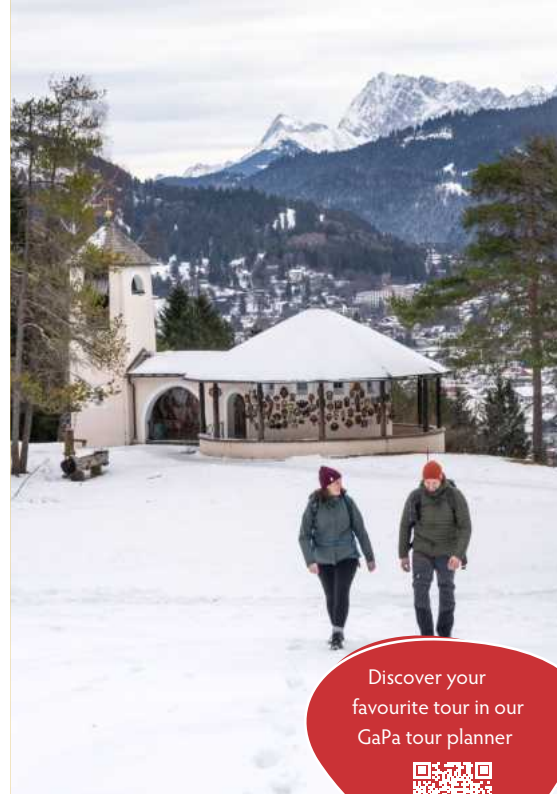
Via Pfeifferalm to the Gschwandtnerbauer mountain inn

This easy tour starts in Hasental - in the Partenkirchen district. From there, the trail leads you uphill to Pfeifferalm.

Then follow the path until you come to the Gschwandtnerbauer mountain inn after about another hour. During your hike, you will be rewarded with a fantastic view of Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Wetterstein massif.

Tip: Can choose the descent to the Schlattan RVO bus stop (approx. 20 min.) and then take the public bus back to Partenkirchen in comfort.

Difficulty: easy
Duration: 2:15 h
Distance: 4,1 km
Ascent: 291 hm
Highest Point: 1.016 hm



Discover your favourite tour in our GaPa tour planner



Kramer Plateau Trail

This winter hiking trail runs along the sunny side of the Loisach Valley and offers a fantastic view of the impressive Wetterstein mountains panorama with the Zugspitze, Waxensteine and Alpstipitze in winter, too. There are lots of things to do on this circular route: the war memorial chapel, Schmölzersee lake and perhaps a detour to the Werdenfels Castle ruins and Pflegersee lake.

Difficulty: easy
Duration: 2:00 h
Distance: 7,9 km (Round trip)
Ascent: 96 hm
Highest Point: 788 hm



Around Riessersee

Riessersee with its historic Olympic bobsleigh run invites you to slow down in the mountain world of Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

The hike begins at the Riessersee Hotel car park and goes along by the lake to the historic Olympic bobsleigh run. There is a lot of information about the construction of the bobsleigh run, and you can explore the finish curve on foot.

Difficulty: easy
Duration: ca. 20 Min.
Distance: 1,2 km
Ascent: 16 hm
Highest Point: 799 hm



Philosophers' Trail

Numerous benches with quotes from famous philosophers line this wonderful hiking trail above the rooftops of Partenkirchen with a marvellous view of the village and the Ammergebirge mountains.

The gentle path winds romantically up and down and is also suitable for pushchairs.

It starts from the historic Ludwigstraße in Partenkirchen, leading to the St. Anton resort along an almost flat trail to Farchant. You can walk back the same way or take the local bus from Farchant (town centre/Maibaum) back to Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Difficulty: easy
Duration: 1:45 h
Distance: 4,9 km
Ascent: 72 hm
Highest Point: 744 hm





Curling

At the Olympic Ice Sports Centre, not only can you take to the ice, but can also try your hand at curling. A curling tournament with friends is great fun!

Curling tournaments for everyone are held at the ice rink on Hausberg. You can also enjoy curling at the ice hut in Kainzenbad. Once the surrounding lakes have been cleared, curling is possible on Riessersee and Pflegersee.

Eishütte at Kainzenbad, Kainzenbadstr. 4,
Phone: +49 8821 71107

Eisplatz at Hausberg, Hausberg 3,
Phone: +49 8821 909739

Olympia-Eissport-Zentrum, Am Eisstadion 1,
Phone: +49 8821 7536291, gw-gap.de

Riessersee or Pflegersee depending on
weather conditions



Ice skating/ice hockey

In Garmisch-Partenkirchen, you can even practice this hobby with Olympic flair at our Olympic Ice Sports Centre. Originally built for the IV. Winter Olympics in 1936, it is now a real highlight and offers competitions, shows and entertainment - not just in winter, but also in summer (from mid-July).

There are also plenty of lakes around Garmisch-Partenkirchen on which you can glide, jump and dance in winter. Head off to Riessersee or Pflegersee with friends.

All of the dates for the SC Riessersee home games at the Olympic Ice Sport Centre can be found on the SCR website at scriessersee.de.

The Olympic Ice Sport Centre and the ice hockey spectator areas are easily accessible for wheelchair users.

Olympia-Eissport-Zentrum, Am Eisstadion 1,
Phone: +49 8821 7536291, gw-gap.de



Werdenfels castle ruins

The Werdenfels castle ruins take you back almost 800 years into the past. The Werdenfelser Land is named after them. Today, only the ruins of the once so proud castle remain. However, the former size of the castle can still be seen from its mighty walls.

Our tip: Let the castle nature trail take you on an informative journey into the past. Here, you can follow in the footsteps of ancient castle lords and learn all about the eventful past, legends and archaeology.



Olympic bobsleigh run



From 1910 to 1966, bobsleigh history was written here. The legendary Olympic bobsleigh run was considered one of the most dangerous tracks in the world. At top speeds of up to 120 km/h, bobsleigh riders once raced daringly down this valley. Today, the world-famous race track is a listed structure and a year-round attraction.

Visit the bobsleigh museum in the bobsleigh shed of the historic Olympic bobsleigh run every Wednesday (closed in November and December) from 2 to 4 pm. Here, you can relive the sometimes tragic stories with original film footage of the 1936 Winter Olympics, 17 historic bobsleighs and numerous exhibits.

Further information on the bobsleigh museum and group bookings available at scr-bob.de





Loisl's stamp rally

Explore the town with your family on a scavenger hunt. Pick up your free stamp booklet at the Tourist Information Centre. And off you go! Find the ten stations described in the booklet and learn lots about our sights and their history. Then simply stamp the appropriate page in your booklet.

There is a certificate for every little GaPa explorer and a little surprise when they collect five or more stamps.



Tip: GaPa schmeckt 's
from **22.11. - 21.12.2025!**
7 chefs, 4 weeks and
one great passion!



If it gets uncomfortable on the mountain ...



In Garmisch-Partenkirchen, there is plenty to explore - even on days when the weather isn't quite so nice: attractive excursion destinations, museums, exhibitions, exciting events, wellness and lots of sights. Plus: strolling, shopping, eating out.

Simply allow yourself to wander around the historic centres of Garmisch and Partenkirchen. Listen to the stories told by the famous Lüftlmalerei paintings on the façades. Visit one of the old churches or get to know the town on a guided tour.

Are you interested in our new landmark - the Olympic ski jump? Have you always wanted to stand on the ski jump platform? A guided tour will give you a glimpse behind the scenes of the famous New Year's ski jumping event.

The Richard Strauss Institute and the Aschenbrenner Museum also promise interesting impressions. Or learn about the eventful history of the region at the Werdenfels Museum on historic Ludwigstraße.

If you like sports, you can play on one of the indoor tennis courts. Or how about climbing? The new bouldering hall offers ideal training conditions for all climbing levels in all kinds of weather.

Or alternatively, you can find peace and relaxation by taking a sauna in the outdoor wellness areas of some hotels.

If you haven't found any offers yet, the holiday advisors at our Tourist Information Office will be happy to help you:

More family offers can be found here:



GaPa sights

But there are even more highlights to discover around Germany's highest mountain! From fantastic panoramic views to cultural sights - experience the diversity of the region.



Movement is the best cook

Fresh snow, sunshine and perfect pistes! Behind you lies a wonderful morning in the snow - and this rustic hut right in front of you. You've been looking forward to this moment. Now for a hearty dumpling soup or some fragrant Kaiserschmarrn. You haven't tasted anything this good for a long time!

And in the evening, the varied cuisine of Garmisch-Partenkirchen offers you more than just good, hearty Bavarian delicacies. We have national and international specialities in all their variety, from exotic five-course meals, to the cosy Italian restaurant around the corner, to the fiery Mexican restaurant, to vegan cuisine.

Everything you could want - just as you like it.



Living Workshops Partenkirchen

Our carvers shape, work and decorate wood and other materials with great skill - using knives, carving irons and other sharp tools. The results are impressive; artistic works such as Holzlarven masks for the carnival season, the famous Manderl-Weiberl benches (also known as Feierabend-Bankerl (after work banks) and the marvellous figures of saints. The custom of carving edelweiss is also still to be found in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Craftsmanship is highly valued here, such as the sack makers who make the embroidered braces, the tailors, mural painters, gilders, blacksmiths and nativity scene makers and, last but not least, our many culinary artisans from the bakers', confectioners' and butchers' guilds!

The „Haferlschuh“ comes from the Alpine region. It was originally worn as a work shoe and has been an integral part of our traditional costume for decades. To this day, the shoes are made to measure through delicate handwork. There are only a few shoemakers in the Werdenfels Land who have mastered this art.

More Infos: partenkirchen-erleben.de



Museum Werdenfels

The Werdenfels Museum is one of the most important of its kind in Bavaria. It has made it its mission to preserve the history, art, regional customs, interesting facts, and typical and characteristic features of the region and its people. Allow yourself to be mesmerised by the many works by artists of bygone times and be inspired by the small and large gems from over 1000 years of the Alpine region.

Ludwigstraße 47,
Phone: +49 8821 751710
Tuesday to Sunday. 10 - 17 h
museum-werdenfels.de



Richard Strauss-Institute

Richard Strauss, the famous Garmisch-Partenkirchen composer, lived and worked here for over 40 years. The stylish Richard Strauss Institute commemorates this great musician - with regular exhibitions, interesting lectures and a veritable treasure trove of selected Strauss literature and rare recordings.

Every summer, Garmisch-Partenkirchen remembers its honoured citizen - with the now legendary Richard Strauss Days!

Schnitzschulstraße 19,
Phone: +49 8821 9105950
Monday to Friday 10 - 16 h
richard-strauss-institut.de

Museum Aschenbrenner

On the ground floor, you are greeted by baroque music - in keeping with the 18th century porcelain exhibits. The atmosphere on the first floor of the museum is completely different - more childlike and cheerful than courtly and elegant. Here, the history of dolls is made tangible: from the first dolls made of papier-mâché to Luxury Barbie in her glittering silver dress. The new, modern building also houses many artistically designed nativity scenes.

Loisachstraße 44,
Phone: +49 8821 7303105
Tuesday to Sunday 11 - 17 h
museum-aschenbrenner.de



Casino

Experience an enjoyable evening in the stylish atmosphere of our casino. In addition to the traditional range of games on offer, you will also find a variety of events worth experiencing, such as „Ladies' Night“, „Gentlemen's Night“, „Club Night“ and the popular „Cabaret Royal“ - show and dinner time at the casino. Top-class guests from the world of soul and swing regularly perform here. You can also enjoy culinary delights.

Am Kurpark 10,
Phone: +49 8821 95990
daily open
spielbanken-bayern.de





The Kleine Theater

The Kleine Theater (The Little Theatre) is the history of a great passion. Fritz Rohrbeck, director and founder of the Kleines Kurtheater (The Little Spa Theatre) was drawn to the stage at a very young age. He then grew to know and love Garmisch-Partenkirchen and founded a theatre here in 1949; and so the Kleine Theater was born.

Today, the theatre is already being run by the third generation. The successful productions with lots of humour and attention to detail regularly delight audiences.

Kleines Theater / Kongresshaus, Richard-Strauss-Platz,
Info and Tickets:
GAP-Ticket Phone: +49 8821 7301995, gap-ticket.de;
kleinestheater.de



Creme frech

This is about one thing: Theatre for you! The cheeky theatre group has been playing its way into the hearts of audiences for 30 years.

The theatre company is professionally directed and offers a colourful mix - every imaginable occupation and age group is involved. With one or two projects a year, Creme Frech is a firm favourite in Garmisch-Partenkirchen's cultural life.

Bühne U1 / Kongresshaus, Richard-Strauss-Platz,
Info and Tickets:
GAP-Ticket Phone: +49 8821 7301995, gap-ticket.de;
cremefrech.de



Kulturbeutel / Bühne U1

Colourful, cheeky and boundless - the programme on this great cabaret stage has been like this since 1986. Real cabaret and contemporary comedy stars such as Michael Mittermeier and Dieter Nuhr have performed here. All the artists love the unusually intimate atmosphere of the theatre - as do the audience. Here, you can still experience cabaret as it should be: spontaneous, direct and exciting.

Bühne U1 / Kongresshaus, Richard-Strauss-Platz,
Info and Tickets:
GAP-Ticket Phone: +49 8821 7301995,
gap-ticket.de;
kulturbeutel-gap.de



jazzGAP

Jazz lovers can also find an exquisite programme in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The history of Germany's southernmost jazz club is of course much younger than that of the established classical and Bavarian music scene, but no less successful. Since 2007, the flag of improvised music has also been flown here, with steadily growing success.

The concerts focus on modern jazz, but other styles of jazz also have a place here. Every month a different ensemble showcase their talents.

Katharinenhof, Zugspitzstraße 86
Info and Tickets:
GAP-Ticket Phone: +49 8821 7301995, gap-ticket.de;
jazzgap.de





The Maschkera are coming!

The time always comes in spring. The streets here resound with rhythmic trampling and cheerful cheers. Funny characters with hand-carved wooden masks parade from inn to inn with music and noise.

The Maschkera are on the way! With noise and marvellously grotesque masks, they drive away the winter and the evil spirits. The silly carnival goings-on are particularly cheerful on Nonsense Thursday, Carnival Sunday and Carnival Tuesday.

A spectacle you have to experience!

You can find all event highlights on our website under Events:



New Year's ski jumping

Here in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the new year begins with New Year's ski jumping on the first of January. As part of the Four Hills Tournament, it is traditionally the second competition after Oberstdorf.

You are very close to the action in the stadium. There is no more exciting start to the new year. It gets really exciting when the ski jumpers stand on the inrun tower and take to the track. Then comes the jump, the flight - so elegant and seemingly weightless. And finally, the landing with a perfect telemark.

Olympia-Skistadion
Karl und Martin Neuner Platz 1
neujahrsskispringen.de

More information about jumping, tickets and how to get there:



AUDI FIS Ski World Cup

When you stand at the famous Kandahar for the first time, you will be speechless for a moment. How steep the slopes are, and how icy the piste is. And then you experience them live, the racers of the ski circus! They plunge down the slope at break-neck speed - daring, fearless and highly skilled.

Experience the world's skiing elite in spectacular races.

More information on the races, tickets, how to get here ... can be found at:
skiweltcup-garmisch.de



Horn sledge races - a real experience!

On Epiphany, the whole of Garmisch-Partenkirchen is turned on its head. Because that's when daredevil men and women meet for the Bavarian Horn Sled Championships, and have been doing so for over 40 years. The brave pilots race down the slope at speeds of up to 100 km/h - in teams of four on wooden vehicles. Daredevil manoeuvres and crashes are just part of the game here. The mixture of exciting split-second chases and winter fun on the piste makes the Bavarian horn sledge racing championships a real experience.

Car parking: Olympia-Skistadion
Race: at Hohen Weg to Partnach gorge
More Infos: hornschlitten.de



Winter in the park

For many people, Christmas is the most wonderful and contemplative time of the year. And we want to make it last for as long as possible, with fascinating light installations every day, food trucks serving regional delicacies and the wonderful feeling of giving the best time of the year a little more time - that's winter in the park.

An event that amazes all. Everyone is sure to find their favourite treat. Young and old, visitors and locals come together to enjoy great evenings.

More information on daily opening hours can be found here:



Horse-drawn sleigh

The snow crunches and glistens, the horses snort and you glide gently, wrapped up warmly, through the snow-covered winter wonderland. Experience winter along a romantic trail on a horse-drawn sleigh ride.

Carriage rides at the west entrance of the Olympic ski stadium in the direction of Partnachklamm or individual rides:

Phone: +49 8821 1769, bichlerhof.com

Phone: +49 8821 51830, fiaker-gap.de

Phone: +49 8821 57558, fiakerhof.de



So look forward to 2026 - when it will be time again.



The Schaffler dance - a custom with centuries of tradition

The Schaffler dance is an event that is as rare as it is impressive. According to legend, its origins date back to the beginning of the 16th century. Back then, the plague spread fear and terror. The barrel makers were the first to dance in the streets in their festive costumes to spread optimism and joy again. To the sound of brass instruments, men in traditional Schaffler costumes swing bows entwined with yew or boxwood branches, creating lots of different dance formations - from the „snail“, to the „summer house“, to the „crown“.

In total, more than 100 participants bring 40 different dances to the streets - and the tradition continues to be kept. This custom has been practised in Partenkirchen since 1834 and is only performed every seven years during the carnival season.



Wild up close - feeding red deer

Whether mighty stags, young calves or experienced adult animals - anyone who has ever seen the kings of the mountains in their natural habitat is fascinated by the experience. For animal lovers young or old, wildlife feeding near the Alpine hut on the Kramerplateau Trail offer wonderful encounters. This is because the animals move to lower altitudes during the cold season.

So you can watch the rather shy game animals feeding at dusk.

Tip: The hike to the deer feeding station is also easy to do with a pushchair

Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed!





You are also welcome to request individual dates for your group from our holiday advisors!
schanzenfuehrungen@gapa-tourismus.de

Partnach Gorge – a unique natural spectacle



New perspectives wherever you look. Declared a natural monument in 1912 and a national geotope in 2006, the Partnach Gorge with its wild waterfalls, rapids and pools will cast a spell over you. In the past, you could only get close to the Partnach by risking your life, but today you can explore the gorge on safe paths in both summer and winter.

The direct path through the gorge, which was once used by woodworkers, foresters and hunters, is very close to the water. From here, the roaring waters are close enough to touch. Over footbridges and through galleries, discover an enchanted world in the wintry Partnach Gorge.

Tip: Guided torchlight hike through Partnach Gorge



On request for groups - Registration:

GaPa Tourismus GmbH, Phone: +49 8821 180 700
 Almwirtschaft Hanneslabauer, Phone: +49 8821 53131
 Hotel „Das Graseck“, Phone: +49 8821 943240
 Alpinschule Garmisch, Phone: +49 8821 7305885
 Klammbau an der Partnach, Phone: +49 8821 9644900
 White Mountain, Phone: +49 8821 969866

The Olympic ski jump



Are you interested in our landmark - the Olympic ski jump? Have you always wanted to stand on the ski jump platform? A guided tour will give you a glimpse behind the scenes of the famous New Year's ski jumping event.

Technical data:

Height:	130 m
Material:	700 t steel
Constructed:	April - Dec. 2007
Type:	Large jump
Hill size:	142
"Himmelsleiter" (sky ladder) to the run-up tower: 332 steps	

Dates for ski jump tours all year round on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Information on times and additional dates can be found in the experience shop.

Meeting point: Olympic Ski Stadium at Karl and Martin Neuner Platz 1

Why not book your guided tour right here in our GaPa experience shop!



*„We can do more than we think. It's just
a matter of awakening our inner strength.“
Jim Rohn*



**Cold
weather tip for
the brave:**
Barefoot in the snow – a
short adventure with
a big impact!

Stay fit in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Cold as a strengthening force - prevention in healing climate.

Can you feel the clear air, the fresh cold on your skin, the tingling in your fingers? In our healing climate, cold becomes a natural source of strength. It challenges you – and gives you new energy, a strong immune system and inner balance. Whether **snowshoeing through snow-covered winter landscapes**, **Kneipp therapy in an ice-cold mountain stream** or **mindful ice bathing** – the conscious stimulus of cold acts as a training impulse for body and mind.

Your defences are strengthened, your circulation is stimulated and stress falls away.

In combination with exercise, conscious breathing and the special atmosphere of the healing climate, cold is not only invigorating – it is also healing.

Come outside. Take a deep breath, feel the power of cold - and experience how good it is for you.

Snowshoeing

Enjoy the winter and strengthen your cardiovascular system while snowshoeing in powder snow.

A certified trainer (German Ski Association) will show you how much fun prevention can be!

Dates: 03 - 06 February 2026, 8 units of 90 minutes each

Cost: 125€ (80-100% can be subsidized by German health insurance companies),
optional + 25€ equipment rental fees (snowshoes and poles)

**Come with us and experience how good health can feel and it is even more fun to
be active in a group!**



Experiences in the healing climate

“Live healthily & stay active – in brief”

Are you looking for a special mountain experience?
Whether summer or winter, in our adventure shop you
will find the right offer e.g. hikes, snowshoe tours, Cold
Power Retreat and as a highlight, our new Yoga Winter
Festival...

Click by click a healthy outlook - discover and book
what's good for you and you've always wanted to try.



Fit. Healthy. With us.

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Your very own personal favourite

Anticipation is the greatest pleasure, they say. Memories are just as nice. For example, of a wonderful holiday. Of that tasty snack in the rustic hut somewhere in the middle of nowhere. Of the scent of an Alpine meadow. Of all the little moments of happiness. A souvenir keeps these memories alive. Your very own personal favourite - from Garmisch-Partenkirchen. You'll be surprised at what is on offer here.

Just go with the flow. Numerous shops invite you to take a leisurely stroll, browse and find treasures. The rather sophisticated Garmisch with its pedestrian zone, running from Marienplatz to Richard-Strauss-Platz, offers traditional shops as well as well-known fashion labels and chic boutiques. Experience pure lifestyle here!

Partenkirchen's historic Ludwigstraße - the former market street - mainly consists of small shops. Here you can still experience and even try your hand at craftsmanship. Some shops offer courses and demonstrations, such as chocolate-making courses at the Amelie chocolate factory, and our weekly markets provide an authentic experience. Here, you will find a variety of regional products - most of which come directly from the producers. Every Thursday in Partenkirchen - on historic Ludwigstraße. And every Friday in Garmisch - around Mohrenplatz.

Why not pop into the GaPa Shop at the Tourist Information Centre and take a nice piece of Garmisch-Partenkirchen home with you!
gapa-tourismus.de/gapa-shop



G'schichterl around Ludwigstraße

On our walk through the Partenkirchen district, you stroll through more than 2.000 years of cultural history. While you are still standing on a section of the Via Raetia, which served as an important Roman trade route between Augsburg and Venice, your eyes already wandering to the murals dating from a time when the houses told the stories of their inhabitants. We take you to places where kings resided, farmers and craftsmen lived, and genuine Bavarian tradition and culture can be seen. The view of Germany's highest mountain - the Zugspitze - is included. You'll also find out what the „Viere Lät'n" is all about, what the „Schmuser" does and what really happens in the „Schlamp'n-Haus"...

Immerse yourself in Partenkirchen's past and discover what can be experienced today in this unique place.



Discover Partenkirchen
fridays: 10:00 - 11:30 Uhr
Meeting point:
Sebastianskircherl /Ludwigstraße

The guided tour are free with a valid GaPa Guest Card (present).



Conceived here, made here

The products from INSER HOAMAT, our local brand, are also characterised by genuine craftsmanship and top quality. These products have got it in them. A piece of history. A piece of lifestyle.

Made by people who are rooted here and define our homeland with genuine craftsmanship. Whether it's Uschi Winsi's pottery, Florian Aberl's forged pans or handmade chocolate from Chocolaterie Amelie. This and much more can be discovered at inser-hoamat.de.



Garmisch - the lively promenade

Pretty houses, cosy cafés and squares that invite you to linger - the Garmisch pedestrian zone combines tradition and modernity, with pulsating liveliness and calming tranquillity, Bavarian charm and urban flair. And in historic Frühlingsstraße, you can immerse yourself in the past, all with a panoramic view of the fascinating mountain world.

Discover Garmisch
sundays: 10:00 - 11:30 Uhr
Meeting point: Tourist-Info / Richard-Strauss-Platz

The guided tour are free with a valid GaPa Guest Card (present).

Would you like to know why the Michael Ende Spa Park is named after the famous writer? To find out more about the passions of the composer Richard Strauss, the „Schloapferer" and our famous „Brettlrutscher"? Then join us on our cultural history walk through the district of Garmisch!





Why do you pay the spa tax?

In state-recognized spa towns, climatic health resorts, and recreation areas, municipalities can charge a spa tax from guests staying in the municipality's recognized spa area for spa and recreation purposes. In return for your spa tax, you will receive a guest card from your host – this card entitles you to a variety of free or discounted offers and admissions.

Imagine: Well-maintained spa gardens, well-maintained hiking trails and well-paved paths, a free open-air concert series, discounted admission to museums or exhibitions, free bus rides, exciting local tours, and lovingly designed playgrounds – all this is made possible by the spa tax. With your contribution, you help keep your vacation spot clean, inviting, and full of experiences. Whether in summer or winter: Your contribution ensures that you can enjoy your stay to the fullest!

This is just a small sample of the services, along with:

- Free guided tours in Garmisch and Partenkirchen with a certified tour guide
- Free bus rides in the town and district
- Street and town cleaning and waste disposal
- Free garbage bags at the Tourist Information Office to keep the mountains clean
- Well-maintained Kneipp facilities in the town

GaPa Guest card



You will receive the guest card from your host in digital or printed form. You can save it in your digital vacation companion or in your personal wallet.

Free services:

- Free travel on all local buses (green buses)
- Free travel in the RVO bus throughout the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen (red buses)
Lines 9606 Oberammergau to Wieskirche/Steingaden, 9608 Mittenwald/Kochel, 9622 Linderhof
- (The Eibsee bus is not included in the guest card)
- 1x per stay free ascent OR descent with the Eckbauer cable car
- Free guided tours of the town with a certified tour guide
- Free admission to the concerts and selected special events during „GaPa Live“
- Free or discounted participation on some of the health adventure hikes

Reduced services:

- Partnach Gorge
- Guided tours of the large ski jump at the Olympic Ski Stadium
- Richard Strauss-Institute
- Kainzenbad
- Climbing forest on Mount Wank
- Theater and much more

You can find all the benefits of your GaPa guest card here: gapa-tourismus.de/guest-card



Schloss Neuschwanstein

neuschwanstein.de

60 km



Wieskirche

UNESCO Kulturerbe

wieskirche.de

45 km



Schloss Linderhof

schlosslinderhof.de

26 km



Murnau / Staffelsee

murnau.de

25 km



München

muenchen.de

90 km



Oberammergau

Passionstheater, Naturpark
ammergauer-alpen.de

19 km



Innsbruck

Alpenzoo, Altstadt
innsbruck.info

64 km



Mittenwald

Naturinformationszentrum Karwendel
alpenwelt-karwendel.de

18 km



Naturerlebniszentrum Ziegelwies

walderlebniszentrum.eu

56 km



Farchant

Kuhfluchtwasserfälle
farchant.de

5 km



Grainau

Eibsee

eibsee.de

10 km



Kloster Ettal (Benediktinerabtei)

kloster-ettal.de

15 km



Swarovski Kristallwelten

kristallwelten.swarovski.com

76 km



Magic Bavaria Erlebnismuseum

magicbavaria.com

90 km



Zugspitz Arena Bayern-Tirol

Burgenwelt Ehrenberg,
Hängebrücke „Highline 179“

zugspitze.com

44 km



Freilichtmuseum Glentleiten

glentleiten.de

30 km





*See you in
Garmisch-Partenkirchen.*

Garmisch-Partenkirchen has been one of the most popular holiday destinations in Germany for decades. The large number of first-class events and continuous improvement of the offers for our guests and visitors would not be possible without the active support of our partners. They help us to organise many events and support us financially as well as with equipment and contributions in kind.



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