



Freeride XXL on the Kitzsteinhorn

Five close-to-lift routes, comprehensive info system included

The Kitzsteinhorn ranks among Austria's most popular freeride spots and has long been world-famous in the scene: the legendary X OVER RIDE has been held on the Lakarschneid competition face for years – since 2024 even as 4* Freeride World Tour Challenger event.

From the highest access point at 2,900 meters, routes run downhill over a total of 2,450 vertical meters. The high-alpine location provides the ski resort with snow security and therefore best "powder" conditions. A comprehensive information system, consisting of a "Freeride INFO BASE" at the Alpincenter and an "INFO POINT" at each route access point, informs of everything worth knowing about safe backcountry riding.

Those who want to dive in the world of freeriding for the first time or aim to fine-tune their existing skills, participate in the "Freeride Monday": freeride pros offer special "Start-up Workshops" for beginners and "Advanced Workshops" for experienced riders from December through April.

Freeride routes

On the Kitzsteinhorn, the world off the wide glacier slopes boasts one thing above all: variety. The five freeride routes run close to the lifts and impress with diverse terrain.

X1 ICE AGE	The 2-km-long route runs below the Gipfelbahn, through the entire cirque. A steep slope is followed by a flatter section before another steep run that merges into Piste 2.
X2 WEST SIDE STORY	After starting the with 2.8 km longest and most western situated route on the Kitzsteinhorn, especially snowboarders need great momentum for the high crossing to reach the backcountry, where a vast, snow-covered terrain awaits.
X3 LEFT WING	After the first steep run on this 1.8-km-long route, special attention has to be taken when crossing the regular slope, before diving into powder paradise again.
X4 JUMP RUN	This 1.3-km-long route features numerous cliffs, natural kickers and pipes, which makes it the locals' most popular route and guarantees terrific fun.
X5 PIPE LINE	With 1 km, this route might be short, but she's definitely quite something – the bumpy terrain calls for balance and thigh muscles.

"Safety first"

The marked freeride routes on the Kitzsteinhorn may be avalanche-secured, but they are neither groomed nor controlled. Therefore, everyone who moves outside the safe slope area has to equip themselves with appropriate ski or snowboard and safety gear and familiarize themselves with the code of conduct for backcountry riding. The "Freeride INFO BASE" at the Alpincenter shows just that as well as an overview of all freeride routes, features an avalanche transceiver checkpoint and displays the current avalanche danger scale. All route access points have a "Freeride INFO POINT" with details on the respective route's characteristics and tips on safe backcountry riding.



KITZSTEINHORN FREERIDE FACTS

Routes ► INFO BASE ► INFO POINTS

	Length (m)	Vertical drop (m)	Difficulty	Start	Finish
X1 ICE AGE	2,000	600	medium	Gletschershuttle valley station	Sonnenkarbahn valley station
X2 WEST SIDE STORY	2,800	700	difficult	Kristallbahn top station	Langwiedbahn valley station
X3 LEFT WING	1,800	500	medium	Gletscherjet 2 top station	Langwiedbahn valley station
X4 JUMP RUN	1,300	400	difficult	Piste 12, lower section	Langwiedbahn valley station
X5 PIPE LINE	1,000	250	medium	Freeride INFO BASE, Alpincenter	Langwiedbahn valley station
Freeride INFO BASE	↗ Alpincenter, 2,450 m overview of all freeride routes, display of current avalanche danger scale, avalanche transceiver checkpoint, code of conduct for backcountry riding, emergency numbers				
Freeride INFO POINTS	↗ at each route's access point details on the respective route's characteristics, tips on safe backcountry riding, emergency numbers				

"Freeride Monday" workshops

Diving in the world of freeriding as a newbie in the **Start-up Workshop** or refining existing techniques as an advanced rider in the **Advanced Workshop** with winter sports pros – for skiers and snowboarders aged 13 and older

When	each Monday, from Dec. 2, 2024 to April 21, 2025
Meeting point	9:30 a.m. Start-up Workshop: Ski Dome II, Langwied 1,976 m Advanced Workshop: InfoService, Alpincenter 2,450 m
Duration	approx. 2.5 hours
Requirements	Start-up: secure riding on slopes, safety equipment* Advanced: secure riding on slopes, basic backcountry riding skills, safety equipment*
Costs	€ 125 pp. (lift ticket not included)
Registration	Start-up Workshop for beginners: SKI DOME Oberschneider T +43 6547 8232, office@ski-kaprun.com, www.ski-kaprun.com Advanced Workshop for experienced riders: Hartweger's Ski & Snowboard Schule T +43 664 3381582, ski@snowboard-kaprun.at, www.kaprun-skischule.at

* Backpack, avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe can be rented.

X OVER RIDE ► March 15, 2025

4* Freeride World Tour Challenger event at Kitzsteinhorn – world's best freeriders fight for a ticket for next year's Freeride World Tour on the Lakarschneid face.