**Seefeld**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Non-skiers

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

30

**Intermediate Runs**

6

**Advanced Runs**

1

**Total Runs**

37

**Lifts**

31

**Chairs**

6

**Drags**

22

**Gondola Cable Cars**

3

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

5m (17.6ft).

**Overview**

Seefeld ski resort adopts an air of quiet, sophisticated affluence from its scenic position above the Inn Valley in Austria’s Tyrol region. Twice a venue for the Winter Olympics and one of the host areas of the first Winter Youth Olympic Games, Seefeld has a long history in snow sports.

But pilgrims have been journeying to the *pfarrkirche* (parish church) here since 1384, to commemorate the ‘Miracle of the Host’. This was when an arrogant communicant was punished by God for demanding the priest's Communion wafer. He was ingested by the church floor which opened up beneath him.

Skiers who are looking for a vast ski area with hundreds of kilometres of terrain should look elsewhere. But those who are learning downhill skiing, are keen to swish the hours away on some of Europe's best cross-country tracks, or are keen to revel in top-end luxury, are certainly in the right place.

**Location**

Seefeld is 23km (14 miles) northwest of Innsbruck on a plateau above and to the north of the Inn Valley. The road (Highway 177) and rail routes continue northwards to Germany and the ski resorts of Mittenwald and Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**Website**

www.seefeld.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.seefeld.com/fotos/aktivitaeten-winter/skialpin/pistenplan-region-seefeld.jpg

**Hit The Slopes**

Snowfall is generally reliable in Seefeld and can be backed up by snow-making equipment, which covers 90% of the ski area's terrain. This contributes to a relatively long season, which runs from early December until Easter.

The gentle slopes of the Gschwandtkopf are an ideal confidence-builder for beginners, but are too tame for more experienced skiers who should head to the Rosshütte sector. This area, which is reached by various cable car and lift combinations, is home to off-piste terrain and more challenging blue, red and black runs.

Seefeld is a cross-country skier’s paradise. There are 279km (175 miles) of trails in total, mostly running through the scenic valley route to Mösern. Trails range in difficulty, lending themselves to the classic style or the more robust, speedier, skating style.

The cross-country racing school, the XC Academy (tel: +43 5212 50300; [www.xc-academy.com](http://www.xc-academy.com)), has been developed in Seefeld. Run by Martin Tauber (a former member of the national Austrian cross-country Olympic team), the school offers cross-country skiing training in both classical and skating styles. This is just one of eight ski schools in Seefeld and the surrounding area.

In total, the Seefeld ski region is made up of seven resorts. All local lifts, including more than 20 T-bar lifts, are included on the regional Happy Ski Card that which gives access to the whole of the ski area.

**Seefeld**

**Resort**

1200

**Base**

1200

**Top**

2100

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Among the more interesting outdoor attractions in Seefeld are the chance to try biathlon (cross-country skiing and rifle shooting) at the biathlon centre – XC Academy (tel: +43 5212 50300; [www.xc-academy.com](http://www.xc-academy.com)) offers biathlon training for all levels of ability. There are also over 140km (115 miles) of winter hiking and Nordic Walking trails and runs. What's more, Seefeld village is also home to the free Reitherjoch-Alm toboggan run and an ice skating and curling rink.

Options for the less energetic include a visit to the parish church (which refers to the 1384 ‘Miracle of the Host’ in reliefs), which still welcomes a clutch of pilgrims each year, a cinema and large spa and water park.

Away from the resort, nearby Innsbruck is easily accessible, as are the German destinations of Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Munich for day trips.

**Family Fun**

On the slopes, Skischool Seefeld (tel: +43 5212 2412; [www.schi-seefeld.at](http://www.schi-seefeld.at)) is a good option for children, teenagers and adults alike who are looking to get up and running on the slopes. It also offers a children's club for age kids aged two years and above. The ski-oriented fun park on the Geigenbühel by the village centre provides plenty of fun, while tobogganing is also a popular activity for young ones in Seefeld.

Indoors, various hotels have family-friendly swimming pools, while the Olympia Sports and Congress Centre (tel: +43 5212 3220; [www.seefeld-sports.at](http://www.seefeld-sports.at)) has a 75m (246ft) pool with a children's area, as well as two water slides and a cinema.

**Retail Therapy**

Seefeld is by no means a shopper’s paradise, but its pedestrian-only village centre features a fair selection of souvenir shops and expensive boutiques. Among these is Holzschnitzerei Lorenz (tel: +43 5212 3471), which sells unique woodcarvings of saints, angels and nativity scenes. Innsbruck is also within easy reach, offering a wider choice of Tyrolean crafts and Swarovski crystals.

**Splashing Out**

Trot around the village and lake in one of the horse-drawn carriages that congregate just outside the village centre. Prices are steeper than the slopes, but it's a hugely enjoyable way to get around. Alternatively, try out Tyrol's first beer-barrel bath at the Hotel Diana (tel: +43 5212 2060; [www.hotel-seefeld-tirol.com](http://www.hotel-seefeld-tirol.com)).

**Apres Ski**

Seefeld has a busy après ski scene, although rarely a raucous one. There’s a great range of establishments from traditional wood-lined drinking dens to sophisticated cocktail bars in luxury hotels.

Woods Kitchen & Bar (tel: +43 5212 53210; [www.woods-seefeld.at](http://www.woods-seefeld.at)) is a stylish (and very popular) wine bar, while the luxurious Klosterbräu Hotel (tel: +43 5212 26210; [www.klosterbraeu.com](http://www.klosterbraeu.com)) has several après ski choices including the Pianobar, with live piano music, and Kanne Club for dancing.

Alternatively Wildfang (+43 5212 265 5226) in the resort’s casino and Fledermaus (tel: +43 664 4252 272; [www.fledermaus-seefeld.at](http://www.fledermaus-seefeld.at)) both do good cocktails. Britannia Inn (tel: +43 5212 2191) and Jeep & Buffalo (tel: +43 5212 2191) are lively clubbing venues with regular themed nights, both located the same building.

**Eating Out**

Seefeld has plenty of dining choice with more than 50 restaurants. Although many serve traditional Tyrolean cuisine, there are also a lot of specialists in international dining too.

Triendlsäge (tel: +43 5212 2580; [www.triendlsaege.at](http://www.triendlsaege.at)), the Seefelder Stube (tel: +43 676 8430 04810; [www.marcati.at](http://www.marcati.at)) and Alt Seefeld (tel: +43 5212 2191; [www.ferienhotel-seefeld.com](http://www.ferienhotel-seefeld.com)) all provide inexpensive Tyrolean cuisine with local ingredients. Südtiroler Stube (tel: (05212) 50446) also has a good reputation for its affordable local fare.

At the other end of the scale, upmarket Tyrolean food can be found in Ritter Oswald Stube (tel: +43 5212 26210; [www.klosterbraeu.com](http://www.klosterbraeu.com)); while the restaurant in the 5-star Hotel Astoria (tel: +43 5212 22720; [www.astoria-seefeld.com](http://www.astoria-seefeld.com)) is one of most elegant in Seefeld, renowned for creative international cuisine and a romantic environment.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Innsbruck Airport (INN).

Distance to resort: 21km (13 miles).

Driving time: 25 minutes.

Nearest railway station: Seefeld.

Distance to resort: Within the resort.

**Getting Around**

Seefeld village is small enough to explore on foot and the ski lift bases are close to the centre, though those with heavy ski gear may want to make use of the free ski bus. Road or rail connections are available to German ski resorts, including Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

**Hotels**

Seefeld revels in a fantastic choice of luxurious accommodation. There are several 5-star hotels housed in beautiful buildings and it also has a great choice of private apartments and opulent ski chalets. There is a limited choice when it comes to budget accommodation, but renting a self-catering chalet or apartment can be good value for money for large groups.

**Hotel Astoria**

This wonderful, 5-star spa hotel is located 15 minutes from the lifts and resort centre. It is on the public ski bus route and it rejuvenates guests with a host of holistic wellness therapies and an excellent onsite restaurant.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Geigenbuehel 185

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

(+43 5212 22720.

**Website**

www.astoria-seefeld.com

**Pension Krinsergof**

Clean and cosy, this friendly family-run guest house has all the Tyrolean trimmings and is only a five-minute walk from the main lifts.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Krinz 10

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5212 2721.

**Website**

www.krinserhof.com

**Hotel Helga**

This friendly, family-run 3-star hotel has spacious rooms and a good restaurant and is located a short way from the ski bus stop.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Haspingerstrasse 156

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5212 2326.

**Website**

www.hotel-helga.at

**Aalto Panorama Hotel**

This hotel is the best of Seefeld’s limited choice in inexpensive accommodation. Its hilltop position gives good views of the nearby village centre.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Kirchwald 391

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5212 2527.

**Website**

www.aalto-panorama-hotel.at

**Seefelderhof Hotel**

This 4-star hotel would be rated as being among the most luxurious in most other ski resorts. It's a clean, comfortable chalet-style hotel with helpful staff, a spacious spa area and a gourmet restaurant.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Münchner Strasse 146

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 05212 2373.

**Website**

www.seefelderhof.com

**Hotel Klosterbräu**

One of five, 5-star hotels in Seefeld, Hotel Klosterbräu offers sumptuous and sizeable rooms set within a former 16th-century monastery. The hotel also boasts an opulent spa and a choice of bars, lounge areas and restaurants.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Klosterstrasse 30

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Seefeld

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6100

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5212 26210.

**Website**

www.klosterbraeu.com