**Söll**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

99

**Intermediate Runs**

74

**Advanced Runs**

13

**Total Runs**

186

**Lifts**

90

**Chairs**

36

**Drags**

39

**Gondola Cable Cars**

15

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

7m (21ft).

**Overview**

Although still one of the livelier choices in Alpine skiing, Söll rarely makes the headlines these days for anything other than its traditional Tyrolean ambience and large, accessible ski area.

This wasn’t always the case. Shortly before snowboarding burst onto the winter sports scene in the 1980s, Söll had taken the crown from Italy's Sauze d'Oulx as the party hotspot in the Alps, especially amongst young British skiers.

Today, the traditional Tyrolean village maintains its reputation as one of the more spirited destinations for après ski, but its scenic beauty and ambience is bringing in hoards too - mainly thanks to the strides made to make it more family friendly.

Söll, though, is all about the slopes and there are plenty of opportunities for skiers and boarders of all levels here as the resort is part of Austria’s largest ski region, SkiWelt, which it shares with eight other villages.

Söll has kept a lot of its character by maintaining historic architectural standards, with the village centred on its beautiful, old church.

**Location**

Söll is located in the Wilder Kaiser Alps region, within the province of Tyrol in northwest Austria. The resort is very close to the German border.

**Website**

www.SkiWelt.at

**Piste Map**

www.SkiWelt.at/en/SkiWelt-wilder-kaiser-brixental-1.html

**Hit The Slopes**

A modern gondola close to the village centre is the access point for Söll's giant SkiWelt area, which has 280km (174 miles) of ski runs – more than 245 km (152 miles) of which have snowmaking cover. These are served by 90 lifts and more than 70 mountain restaurants.

On Söll’s local slopes, experts have four black runs to explore; while beginners have wide, sunny pistes at the top and bottom of the mountain. A special beginners-only lift ticket is available, although only if you are booked on a ski school course, which saves money for those who don't want the full SkiWelt pass (there is no Söll-only ticket).

Intermediates will feel they can ski forever here. There is a marked circuit of around 20 runs that is fun to do, but if the huge SkiWelt is not enough, the Ki-West gondola and short bus link connect the area to Kitzbühel's own large ski domain. When adding these slopes into the mix, there are more than 400 km (250 miles) of mostly lift-linked pistes, making it one of the world's biggest ski domains.

If that's still not enough, a further option is the Kitzbüheler Alpen AllStarCard, which incorporates additional neighbouring areas to include more than 350 lifts and cable cars serving over 1,080km (671 miles) of runs. But note that these areas are not lift-linked, so a car or the use of bus connections is necessary.

The ski season in Söll generally runs from beginning of December until beginning of April.

**Söll**

**Resort**

703

**Base**

650

**Top**

1829

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Söll has a better than average range of off-slope activities for its size, with squash courts and several health and beauty centres to enjoy. In addition, the Kaiserbad Ellmau swimming pool complex (tel: +43 5358 3811; [www.kaiserbad.com/en](http://www.kaiserbad.com/en)) offers a range of water-based fun in nearby Ellmau.

Outdoors, Söll has its own natural ice rink, which can be used for skating in the winter months. There is also the chance to have a go at curling, while the typical Alpine activities of snowmobiling, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, snow tubing and winter hiking are also available for most ages. There’s also paragliding and dog sledding if you’re feeling more adventurous.

**Family Fun**

Söll ski resort is a good choice for families with its excellent facilities for children, friendly ambience, relaxed restaurants and wide, sunny slopes.

On the mountain, Skischule Söll-Hochsöll (tel: +43 5333 5454; [www.skischule-soell.com](http://www.skischule-soell.com)) has a ski nursery for children aged three to five and there are special ski school classes for older children. Children aged 12 months to four years can be looked after in the Snow Pirates Kids Club (tel: +43 664 172 1963) at the top of the gondola in Scheffau. There’s also the Hexenwiese (tel: +43 5333 5260) ski area near the valley station, which is a witch-themed snow playground with a witch’s rocker, a small hill, a tunnel and a show jumping course.

**Retail Therapy**

Shopping is not a big activity in Söll, which has just 15 shops – around half of which sell skiwear and equipment. Among the others are a couple of small souvenir shops offering locally made Tyrolean crafts, in particular wooden carved items.

**Splashing Out**

Sign up for ‘Husky Day’ on Friday afternoons (register at least 24 hours in advance) to enjoy a dog sleigh ride and to learn more about the hardy breed – meet at the tourist information office (tel: +43 505 09 210) at Dorf 84 in the village.

**Apres Ski**

Söll once had a wild reputation, much to the excitement of English tabloids, and while it still has some rather lively bars, there are plenty of quieter places too.

Popular nightspots in Söll include the raucous Moonlight Bar (tel: +43 664 403 6006; [www.moonlightbar-soell.com](http://www.moonlightbar-soell.com)), the infamous Whisky-Mühle (tel: +43 5333 5326; [www.whisky-muehle.at](http://www.whisky-muehle.at)) and Salvenstadl (tel: +43 5333 6373; [www.salvenstadl.at](http://www.salvenstadl.at)).

More relaxed are the Soller Stuben (tel: +43 5333 5360; [www.soellerstuben.at](http://www.soellerstuben.at)), which has a great range of beers, and the atmospheric Dorfstub’n (tel: +43 5333 5907; [www.dorfstubn-soell.at](http://www.dorfstubn-soell.at)).

**Eating Out**

There are about two dozen restaurants in Söll, many of them in hotels, and most of them traditional Tyrolean affairs.

The Ager family's Dorfstub'n (tel: +43 5333 5907; [www.dorfstubn-soell.at](http://www.dorfstubn-soell.at)) and Söller Stuben (tel: +43 5333 5360; [www.soellerstuben.at](http://www.soellerstuben.at)) are both good for Austrian specialities. The Gasthof (tel: +43 5333 5221; [www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at](http://www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at)) has a *bier stube* (beer room) dating back to the 13th century and is also highly regarded, particularly for its steak dishes.

Bella Vita (tel: +43 5333 20360) is popular, largely thanks to its international menu. Elsewhere, Giovanni (tel: +43 5333 5705; [www.ristorante-giovanni.at](http://www.ristorante-giovanni.at)) and Hexenalm (tel: +43 5333 5544; [www.hexenalm-soell.at](http://www.hexenalm-soell.at)) are both popular purveyors of pizza.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Salzburg Airport (SZG); Innsbruck Airport (INN); Munich Airport (MUC).
Distances to resort: 80km (50 miles); 80km (50 miles); 149km (93 miles).
Driving times: 1 hour; 1 hour; 1 hour 25 minutes.

**Getting Around**

A free ski bus (for lift pass holders and/or hotel guest card holders) operates around the resort. A small fare is charged for the bus service that operates to neighbouring villages.

**Hotels**

Most of the accommodation in Söll is made up of 3-star hotels, basic bed and breakfasts and guesthouses. In addition, there are also a large number of chalet-style buildings (although a surprising few of these are catered) and a handful of apartments.

**Ferienhotel Fuchs**

This recently refurbished 3-star hotel is located a little way above the resort centre, but it’s in a peaceful location with good rooms, friendly staff and a decent restaurant. It’s about a 15-minute walk from the ski slopes or the bus stops outside the hotel.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Pirchmoos 36

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5279.

**Website**

www.ferienhotel-fuchs.at

**Pension Edelweiss**

This well-run pension has helpful family owners who provide a great breakfast and any local advice required. Rooms are a little pokey, but it is opposite the ski bus stop and close to the Spar supermarket.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 99

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5301.

**Website**

www.edelweiss-soell.at

**Postwirt**

The oldest, maintained building in Söll, the family-run Postwirt hotel mixes Tyrolean tradition with 4-star quality. Rooms are neatly finished and staff are attentive. It also has an excellent spa.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 83

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5081.

**Website**

www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at/en

**Hotel-Pension Huter**

Hotel-Pension Huter is a beautiful traditional chalet, just five minutes' walk from the resort centre and 100m from the ski bus stop.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Sonnbichl 9

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5121.

**Website**

www.hotel-huter.com

**Hotel Alpenpanorama**

One of only a small number of 4-star hotels in Söll, Hotel Alpenpanorama is set in a beautiful location and has its own café and patisserie selling homemade cakes.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Sonnbichl 18

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5309.

**Website**

www.alpenpanorama-hotel.at

**Hotel Feldwebel**

Centrally located, parts of this family-run hotel date back five centuries. This friendly establishment houses a well-regarded restaurant and a first class wellness centre.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 73

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5224.

**Website**

www.feldwebel.at