

Skiing in the Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun

The Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun is one of the best-known and most versatile ski areas in the Alps. With an impressive variety of pistes, modern lifts and special attractions such as the snow park and the smugglers' circuits, the area offers skiers and snowboarders an unrivalled experience. The special feature of the Arena is the cross-border connection between Ischgl in Austria and Samnaun in Switzerland.

Varied pistes for every level

The Silvretta Arena stretches over 239 kilometres of pistes and offers 46 state-of-the-art lifts that take skiers comfortably to the slopes. Thanks to the altitude of between 1,377 and 2,872 metres, snow is guaranteed throughout the winter season, which lasts from the end of November to the beginning of May. Skiers not only benefit from ideal conditions, but also from an extensive, well-structured and well-signposted network of pistes. The pistes are divided into different levels of difficulty: Beginners will find 47 km of blue slopes with gentle descents, while advanced and professional skiers will be challenged on 140 km of red slopes and 47 km of black slopes, such as the legendary "Eleven" – an eleven-kilometre run down to the valley. Pleasure skiers get their money's worth by gliding leisurely down the wide carving runs, while professionals find new challenges on racing pistes, mogul pistes and steep runs with a 70% gradient. [To the interactive piste map](#)

The smugglers' circuit: skiing with history

A special highlight of the Silvretta Arena is the smugglers' circuit, a specially marked ski route that recalls the historical smuggling tradition between Austria and Switzerland. In the past, locals smuggled goods such as coffee, sugar and tobacco across the border from Samnaun to Ischgl – today, skiers can relive this exciting history on three different routes. The smugglers' circuit not only offers cultural added value, but also sporting variety. On the "Gold" circuit, the most challenging route, skiers cover 35.7 kilometres and 6,463 metres in altitude. The "Silver" and "Bronze" routes are slightly shorter and less challenging, but also offer a varied skiing experience. With the Ischgl app, skiers can find out more, track their progress and take part in a competition while skiing.

Snowpark and freeride area

The Snowpark Ischgl is considered one of the best freestyle parks in the Alps and offers a variety of different obstacles, including kickers, rails and boxes. Divided into several lines, beginners can practise their first tricks in the beginner area, while advanced riders and pros can perfect their skills on the pro line.

Away from the groomed pistes, there are numerous deep snow areas and challenging off-piste runs that entice skiers with unspoilt slopes and natural challenges. Popular areas are around the Val Gronda cable car and towards the Heidelberger Hütte lodge in the Fimba valley. Ischgl attaches great importance to the safety of skiers. Info points are available on site, where you can call up the latest information on the avalanche situation, weather data and safety instructions.

Operating times, prices and service

The Silvretta Arena opens its doors at the end of November and offers an extended winter sports experience until the beginning of May. The modern lifts and pistes are in operation every day and the operators always ensure that all pistes are in top condition. Ischgl offers skiers a wide range of tickets with special discounts in the off-season as well as for children and senior citizens. [More about tickets and prices](#)

Winter sports enthusiasts will also find numerous amenities in the arena, including ski depots, ski hire stations, ski schools and an extensive range of restaurants. From mountain lodges to restaurants with international cuisine – there's something for everyone. The weekly night-time tobogganing provides fast descents on a three-kilometre-long, floodlit toboggan run.

Winter events in the ski resort

In winter, Ischgl offers a series of top international events that make your skiing holiday unforgettable. The season starts every year with the star-studded Top of the Mountain Opening Concert. At the snow sculpture competition "Shapes in White" in January, international artists create impressive works of art from snow. In April, the "Spring Blanc" event series celebrates spring skiing with three Top of the Mountain concerts on the Ischgl Stage in the centre of the ski area and culinary highlights.

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