



# WINTER SPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Mid-February is high season for skiing in Austria. Small family-run ski lifts can be reached within half an hour from the conference venue. One of the biggest ski resort in south-east of the Alps (Koralpe) is about one hour from Graz. World-cup class ski resorts (e.g., Schladming) are a two-hour drive away from the city. Next to the winter sport activities, do not forget to try some of the Austrian national dishes. Wiener schnitzel, Käsespätzl, Kaiserschmarrn and Strudel are some of the most popular specialties and go well along with locally produced beers and Austrian wines. After a long skiing day, you can warm-up with local schnapps or warm Glühwein (mulled wine).

### **SURROUNDINGS OF GRAZ**

Information available about the region: <a href="http://www.steiermark.com/en">http://www.steiermark.com/en</a> (website available in different languages)

#### **TRANSPORT MODES**

Bus transportation in the Graz area:

http://www.verbundlinie.at/lang/en/ (website available in English and German)

### Train service:

**Info:** <a href="http://www.oebb.at/en/index.jsp">http://www.oebb.at/en/index.jsp</a> (website available in English and German)

If you book your tickets in advance, you can get great offers!

### Car rental:

**Info:** <a href="https://www.graztourismus.at/en/travel-and-transport/mobile-in-graz/car-rental">https://www.graztourismus.at/en/travel-and-transport/mobile-in-graz/car-rental</a> (websites available in different languages)



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### **Equipment rental:**

On the spot or through online reservation:

https://www.intersportrent.at/en

https://www.sport2000rent.com/en/skirental

# SMALLER SKI RESORTS for families and kids in the Graz area:

### 1. St. Radegund/Schoeckl (approx. 20 km)

Where: St. Radegund bei Graz, Schöcklstraße 23 (8061)

Info: <a href="http://www.holding-graz.at/schoeckl.html">http://www.holding-graz.at/schoeckl.html</a> (website available only in German)

http://www.skiresort.info/ski-resort/st-radegundschoeckl/ (website available in different languages)

Prices: 19.80 € (day ticket main season)

Travel: public transport, approx. 40 min (direct bus nr. 250 starts from Graz Jakominiplatz-Gleisdorfer Gasse)

### 2. Hart-Purgstall/Wimmerlifte (approx. 16 km)

Where: Hart-Purgstall, Wimmerstraße 26 (Purgstall bei Eggersdorf-8063)

Info: http://www.wimmerlift.at/ (website available in German), http://www.skiresort.info/ski-resort/hart-

purgstallwimmerlifte/ (website available in different languages)

Prices: 17€ (day ticket main season)

**Travel:** public transport, approx. 50 min. (direct bus nr. 270→15 min walk, starts from Graz Jakominiplatz-

Gleisdorfer Gasse)

Please note that these two ski resorts are relatively small, they are probably not equipped with snow

cannons. Therefore always check the snow report the day before your travel!

# The BIGGEST and BEST KNOWN SKI RESORTS are mostly available by car or in some cases by train.

# 1. Koralpe Ski Resort - Kärnten (approx. 90 km)

Where: Hartelsberg 70, 9431 Hartelsberg

Info: <a href="http://koralpe-kaernten.at/">http://koralpe-kaernten.at/</a> (website available in German),

http://www.bergfex.com/koralpe/ (available in different languages)

Prices: <a href="http://koralpe-kaernten.at/?page\_id=103">http://koralpe-kaernten.at/?page\_id=103</a>
Travel: by train (changes are needed) or by car

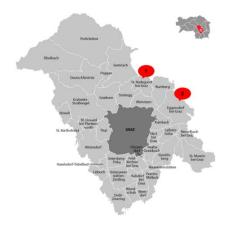
# 2. Schladming Ski Resort - Steiermark (approx. 170 km)

Where: Schladming

Info: http://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/holiday-activities/winter (available in different languages)

Prices: http://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/holiday-activities/winter/skiing/ski-pass-

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Travel: by train (direct EC, 2 and half hrs.) or by car

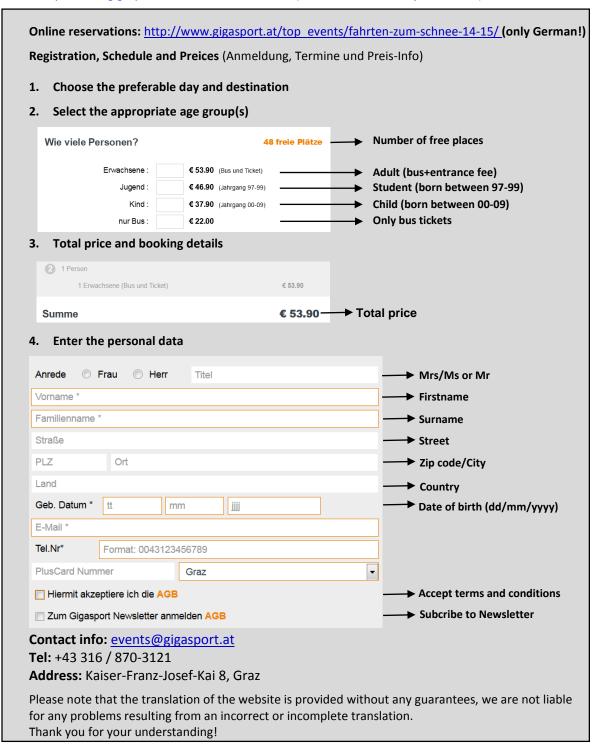
## 3. Oragnized trip by Gigasport

During the winter season Gigasport organizes 1 day trips to the most popular ski regions of Austria.

Where and when: Planned trip on February 14 to the ski resort of Kreischberg:

http://www.kreischberg.at/en.html (website available in English and German).

Info: http://www.gigasport.at/fahrten-zum-schnee/ (website available only in German)



#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Departure from GRAZ : **07:00**, meeting point → KASTNER & ÖHLER ADMONTERHOF underground car park next to Gigasport (Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Kai 8, 8010)
- Departure from the ski resort: **16:30** (Arrival in Graz about **18:30**, depending on the destination and traffic)
- Minimum number of participants: 40 people
- Reservations can be made as long as there are free places available. Latest booking until 2 working days before the date.
- Due to a lack of snow, weather warnings or various other reasons, changes are possible in the destination or in the program. Therefore, please check 2 days before the trip your emails or the website, whether there has been a short-term change in the skiing.
- Cash payment is not possible! Before boarding the bus, the written confirmation of the payment must be presented to the travel company without exception.
- In case you would like to cancel your booked trip, please contact the events team!

# Other winter activities

### "Alpine Freizeitgestaltung" - Alpine recreation (approx. 106 km)

Where: Hohentauern

**Info:** <a href="http://www.j-m-p.at/">http://www.j-m-p.at/</a>, <a href="http://www.j-m-p.at/images/stories/Winter%202015-16.pdf">http://www.j-m-p.at/images/stories/Winter%202015-16.pdf</a> (website available only in German, registration at least 2 days before)

**14.02.2016:** Snowshoeing in high alpines, incl. snowshoes plus poles, duration approx. 4 hrs, 55 €/Person (Schneeschuhwanderung hochalpin, inkl. Schneeschuhe/Stöcke, Dauer ca. 4 h Euro 55,-/Person) meeting point: 10:00, Parking of the "Langlaufzentrum" Cross country center, Hohentauern

**13.02.2016**, **19.02.2016**: Ice fishing, 79 €/Person, duration approx. 4 hrs, price includes: equipment, fishing license, grilled fish (Eisfischen Equipment, Anglerkarte und gegrillte Fische, Dauer ca. 4 h Euro 79,-/Person), meeting point: 10:00, Pfahlbaudorf, Hohentauern

Travel: by car

### Salzstiegl- Ski and Toboggan area in Western Styria (approx. 60 km)

Where: Salzstiegl 241, A-8584 Hirschegg

Info: <a href="http://www.salzstiegl.at/en/">http://www.salzstiegl.at/en/</a> (website available in English and German)

**Prices:** http://www.salzstiegl.at/en/skiing-and-sledge-resort/ticket-prices.html

**Travel:** by car (take the south highway A2 to Klagenfurt till the exit Modriach. Just follow the sign Hirschegg/Salzstiegl 22 km. Then in Hirschegg take a right turn to Salzstiegl, 9 km).

### If you need any further information or help with the booking, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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