



Summer 2015

A summer full of possibilities

Zugspitze, Garmisch-Classic & Mount Wank

No matter, whether ascending to 2,962 meters at Zugspitze, visiting the area Garmisch-Classic or mountain Wank, around Zugspitze summiteers hover above the clouds. The mountain worlds above the municipals of Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Grainau offer spectacular experiences for everyone's taste. Ambitious alpinists enjoy and appreciate the region as well as families with children and seniors do. Thanks to a well-developed network of cable cars of the Bayerische Zugspitzbahn Bergbahn AG enables visitors to comfortably reach the next climbing adventure, starting points of diverse hiking trails or various vantage points with breathtaking mountain panoramas easily and within a short time.

Top of Germany

Already during your ascend to Zugspitze you can lean back and relax. Get on the cogwheel train at Zugspitzbahnhof in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and enjoy the journey along Grainau to Eibsee station. From there onwards the Eibsee cable car will bring Zugspitze visitors in about 10 minutes up to the roof of Germany. A glance northwards to the upper Bavarian Alpine foothills or at the picturesquely situated wild and romantic lake Eibsee at the bottom of Zugspitze during the journey, is already a wonderful attunement to the breathtaking 360° panorama which is waiting for the guests on Top of Germany: 400 mountain peaks in Austria, Italy, Germany and Switzerland are displayed around Zugspitze – the feeling of unlimited freedom is all-inclusive. On the panoramic platform at the summit visitors will find 23 mountain panoramas which explain the 360° views and four "Viscopes" – telescopes which display the names of the mountain summits as you swivel them. Additionally there are nine standard telescopes which enable a truly unique view at the 400 surrounding summits spread over four countries. With the PhotoStop Zugspitze visitors are able to capture their very special peak-moments for a lifetime. Afterwards the picture can be printed and purchased as a postcard in the ShopAlpin located at the ground floor of the summit building or it can also be sent as a free E-Card to friends and family.

Just about 300 meters beneath the summit, on the Zugspitze glacier, guests have the chance to experience the elements with all senses: wind, rocks, snow, ice and sun define a spectacular scenery at about 3,000 meters. Walk along the Glacier Adventure Route with its five interactive bilingual (English and German) stations and learn fascinating facts about the different elements combined in the world of Zugspitze: get to know more about the glacier weathering and about the eternal ice embedded in the high alpine kinds of scenery around Zugspitzplatt. The best way to get in frosty contact with the eternal ice is a free daily offered guided glacier tour (weather-bound restrictions possible). During the tour, the glacier guide will explain valuable and exiting information about the eternal ice in all its facets. Zugspitze also invites young climbing enthusiasts: The AlpinPark Zugspitze near the Glacier restaurant Sonnalpin includes a seesaw, a climbing wall, the exiting pendant bridge and the MinispiX – a small observation platform offering an extensive view over the tremendous Zugspitzplatt, making a day at Germany's highest mountain an unforgettable day for the whole family.

To get a little refreshment even during the hottest season guests can take a cool sled rode on real snow. During summer months sledding-fans can enjoy a ride from the restaurant Gletschergarten downhill to the Zugspitze glacier. Visitors who do not have their own sled

can easily borrow a “Zipfelbob” on the terrace of Sonnalpin restaurant. Germany’s highest mountain also impresses with truly “haute” cuisine: traditional hearty Bavarian dishes or German cuisine with an international flair: The Sonnalpin Glacier Restaurant, the Glaciergarten restaurant, Gipfelalm rustic summit lodge and the Panorama 2,962 bid you inside and offer diverse gastronomical pleasures - traditional Bavarian or young, light cuisine with an international touch. All restaurants enable their guests to enjoy a unique culinary experience with an unforgettable view on a natural spectacle. In the new “Dallmayr Kino” on the big sun deck at Zugspitzplatt visitors can not only get a quick espresso standing up and the relaxed flair of an Italian café but also a cozy Latte Macchiato in a comfortable deck chair. Materials like wood and felt ensure an inviting atmosphere and create a fancy lifestyle lounge with a view at a natural spectacle as if in a movie.

Finally, to round up an unforgettable day full of adventure, thrilling surprises and a sunbath on Germany's highest sun deck, the cogwheel train comfortably brings you back to your starting point of your Zugspitze excursion.

On the pulse of nature – Garmisch-Classic and AlpsiX

Enthroned high above Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the Alpspitz-pyramide, "Jewel of the Werdenfelser Land", towers majestically over the valley. Already during the ascend with the Alpspitzbahn to the Osterfelderkopf with an altitude of 2.050 meters (6,725 feet), summiteers may enjoy a breathtaking view on the striking landmark. The top station serves as a vantage point for superb hikes and excursions. Discover the natural surroundings of the alpine mountain world afoot, enjoy tranquil spots that beckon to take a break, stop in at rustic mountain huts and lodges and hike through luscious alpine pastures. Always in view: What is sure to be Germany's most spectacular mountain panorama. The best view though is offered at the end of the spectacular 1000 meters above the abyss hovering viewing platform AlpsiX. The exceptional architecture opens unmatched views towards Zugspitze peak, the imposing Waxensteine and the gigantic Alpspitz-northern face as well as downwards to the Höllental gorge.

Traveling further down to about 1,700 meters visitors can comfortably glide with the Hochalmbahn. Optionally this section can also be covered by a worthwhile hike of about one hour. Departing from Hochalm a well-developed path leads excursionists within 30 minutes to the summit station of Kreuzeckbahn, which then cozily brings visitors back to their starting point.

The Alpspitz area is very popular among mountaineers; it is a manifold region offering activities to fit everyone’s taste and abilities. Climbing enthusiasts enjoy the ferrata. Families with children and senior citizens explore the Summit and Pleasure Adventure Trail which promise excitement along with curious and interesting “peak experiences”.

The Summit Adventure Trail around the Osterfelderkopf is easy to do and perfectly accessible with a baby stroller. It is about 700 meters in length and encompasses different informative and child-oriented information boards explaining interesting facts and stories about flora, fauna and geology of the surroundings. Diversified and quiz-like stations like the “master of survival” or the “summiteer” prevent the emergence of boredom during the hike. The highlight of the above described circuit, is the overwhelming viewing platform AlpsiX which is enthroned at the end of the path and at whose end one reaches a glass wall enabling a sensational view of the nearby cliffs, the breathtaking alpine panorama and almost 1,000 meters (3,281 feet) down into the depths. Embedded in a wonderful scenery visitors will find another feature: the Pleasure Adventure Trail gently weaving its way through the wonderful surroundings of the Wetterstein mountain range from the top station of Alpspitzbahn down to the top station of Kreuzeckbahn. The path takes you along a well-developed hiking trail perfectly suitable for everyone. A total of 18 stations spread over almost three kilometers make the “Rocky Realm of the Alpspitz Giant” come alive: An experience for all senses – tasting, smelling, feeling and seeing gain new dimensions at each fondly elaborated station. Little passionate hikers have the chance to step into a

giant's footprint, breath the flavor of the mountains, enjoy an enchanting view or sit down in the giant's stony throne and feel like a giant themselves. Sunny spots, sunbeds to relax and swinging devices along the hiking path invite guests to pause.

Mountain Wank – all clear ahead

Embedded in an unmatched scene of nature, mountain Wank is considered to be one of the most popular destinations for families with children and senior citizens around the Werdenfels region. 1,780 meters (5,840 feet) above sea level and all clear ahead: The panoramic mountain of the Werdenfeler Land provides an open view all the way to the outskirts of the Bavarian capital of Munich on one side, and on the other side hikers and nature lovers can admire what is certain to be one of the most spectacular pictures of the entire region: The overwhelming view to Zugspitze and Alpspitze mountains plus the prominent Waxenstein peaks in front of the wild Höllental gorge, mountain Wank particularly offers fascinating and indeed varied options for a leisurely day outdoors with Mother Nature. Visitors may explore the numerous options with the awesome panorama of the Esterberg-, Ammer-, Karwendel- and Wettersteingebirge plus the Waxenstein peaks. Thanks to numerous gentle hiking trails mountain Wank is a unique destination for families with small children seeking to spend a nice day outside, senior citizens and people who are not as light on their feet as others. From the various benches one can also observe the preparations for take-off and flights of paragliders and hang-gliders. Even amateurs can enjoy Garmisch-Partenkirchen out of the birds-eye perspective doing a tandem flight booked via the local paragliding and hang-gliding schools. Lots of delightful moments accompanied by a very special view are also offered by the rustic mountain lodges, where guests may relish Bavarian "Schmankerl" specialties on the sun decks in front of the restaurants.

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