SKI TOUR FROM BAAD TO THE GÜNTLESPITZE



MEDIUM

SKI TOURING



TOUR DESCRIPTION

The Güntlespitze — a classic and popular ski touring peak in the Kleinwalsertal.

With its varied yet manageable ascent and wide open slopes, the Güntlespitze is the perfect mountain for ski touring. The route offers plenty of options for variations in ascent and descent, though careful attention should always be paid to avalanche conditions and nature conservation.

Once at the summit, you're rewarded with stunning views over the Kleinwalsertal, the Großer Widderstein, the Üntschenspitze, and the Hoher Ifen. And of course, the descent is a true highlight.

Baad is also a popular starting point for winter hikers. Especially on the lower section of the route, ski tourers should show extra consideration to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone in the winter landscape.

"Experience nature consciously" stands for mutual respect between winter sports enthusiasts and for nature itself. This tour has been planned to respect the wildlife and forest protection zones in the Bärgunt and Derra valleys, making it a responsible and rewarding ski touring experience.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Ascent

The tour starts in the mountain village of Baad, which can be easily reached by bus (Walserbus from Oberstdorf). From here we follow the course of the summer path. While the summer path leads around the Derraköpfle, we turn around at the Upper Derraalpe (approx. 1,800m) & up the ridge that is now beginning until we reach the ridge on which there is a sign. Further up to the left, depending on the snow conditions, we look for the best path to the summit of the Güntlespitze, either we stay to the left and go the east-side slope under the summit or we go through the flat hollow to the right and then the steep summit hand, crossing to the left.

Descent

On the descent we also have 2 options, either along the ascent track or through the parallel valley. On the descent through the Paralleltal we keep to the right, after the classy slope below the Wannenberg (AVALANCHE DANGER only in good conditions !!!) we cross the valley along the summer path. A little below we can already see our ascent track on the other side of the valley, further towards the valley we have a nice free back to ski down. Shortly afterwards we meet our ascent track, which we can follow to the starting point of the tour.

The course of the summer hiking trail

We start a little bit along the cross-country ski trail and after 150 m cross the stream over the second bridge to the left, before we follow the path to the left of the stream into the valley. At a large torrent barrier, we branch off to the left onto the path into the Derratal and follow this gently uphill to the fork of the two valleys. Here we cross the small stream to the right and



climb the slope, keeping slightly to the left, parallel to the stream, past the lower, middle and upper Spitalalpe. Shortly below the two clearly visible huts of the upper Spitalalpe, we cross the steeper slope to the left to Derraalple. From here on, climb up the ridge that is now beginning until we reach the ridge on which there is a signpost.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

In particular the steep grass slopes in the upper area require a safe avalanche situation, so take the avalanche report into account! The specified GPS track is only a suggestion. No liability can be assumed for the correctness of the information. Away from secured pistes, everyone is responsible for finding out about alpine dangers, especially avalanches. Ski touring in alpine terrain is always at your own risk. Weather and snow conditions may make changes to the route necessary. For experienced ski tourers.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- 140 Alpine Emergencies Austria wide
- 144 Alpine Emergencies Vorarlberg
- 112 Euro-Emergencies (works with every mobile network)

www.vorarlberg.travel/safety-tips

Careful planning, study the avalanche report:(www.vorarlberg.at/web/land-

vorarlberg/contentdetailseite/-/asset_publisher/qA6AJ38txu0k/content/lawinenwarndienst), for an avalanche emergency: avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe (standard), risk assessments on site always undertake, complete ski touring training.

FURTHER INFO & LINKS

Tips

Stop frequently and look up at the sky. With a bit of luck you can see the only breeding pair of golden eagles in the Kleinwalsertal. The Bärgunttal is his preferred district center.

Further links

How do you consciously experience nature?

Nature is so much more than the backdrop for unforgettable mountain experiences. It is a habitat for animals and plants. It provides drinking water and supplies us with high quality food. Not only does it provide valuable raw materials such as wood, it also protects against avalanches and mudslides and regulates the climate. It is up to us to support nature in everything that it does for us. One thing is certain, together we can achieve more:

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Smart in NATURE

Take a deep breath and recharge your batteries, be outside and feel free. When we enjoy nature, we are guests in the living room of shy animals and rare plants. If you behave smart, they will be happy to share their living space with you in the future too.

Stay on paths and marked routes

If you follow the marked paths and routes, you are sure to come to new favorite places. In this way you also respect protected areas, because many animals and plants need special protection. Especially in winter, any disturbance unnecessarily costs the wild animals the strength they need to survive.

Avoiding twilight times

Standing on a mountain at sunrise is a special experience. The morning and evening hours are also the time when most wild animals are in search of food. If they are disturbed, they get stressed. If it cannot be avoided, please stay on the marked path, do not use a bright headlamp and enjoy the silence.

Stay clean & take rubbish with you

It goes without saying: You take rubbish with you again, on the mountain and in the valley. Please also organic waste, because it is composted much more slowly at altitude. You can dispose of the rubbish properly at home or in your accommodation - please remember that there are no rubbish bins in public spaces in Kleinwalsertal.

On the natural toilet

If you are looking for a quiet place, please be at least 50 m away from water. Bury excrement or cover it with a large stone. Use fallen leaves or recycled toilet paper and put the paper back in the trash bag.

On tour with a dog

Are you always in control of your four-legged partner, even if he gets his nose for marmots, deer or other wild animals? You are both on the safe side on a leash. Keep dogs on a short leash near grazing cattle. If an attack by a grazing animal is foreseeable: leash off immediately. There are numerous dog stations in the valley for the disposal of dog bags. The farmers and alpine farmers thank you because manure in meadows and fields contaminates the feed and makes grazing cattle sick.

CONSCIOUS to each other

Consideration for other athletes and those looking for relaxation

Everyone loves to enjoy a special piece of earth for themselves. But most of the time we are not traveling alone. No problem, because there is enough space. Allow time, open the way in an accommodating manner, provide support when someone needs help and always give a smile. So nothing stands in the way of friendly cooperation and relaxed enjoyment of nature.

Appreciating the preservation of the cultural landscape

Alpine landscapes are touching with their contrast: Imposing peaks and natural forests alternate with gentle valleys, well-tended meadows and pastures. In the Kleinwalsertal too, this delightful landscape at three altitudes is no coincidence, but the result of an interplay of natural and cultural landscapes. Behind this is the work of farmers, alpine and forestry as well as hunters. With their work, they ensure that the attractiveness of the recreation and leisure area and the diversity of species are preserved. We already say thank you if we stay on the marked trails and enjoy regional products.

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Safe on tour - for you and others

Whether on a ski or snowshoe tour in winter or on a mountain tour in summer, anyone who is out and about in alpine terrain has to be well prepared. This includes careful information and tour planning as well as the right equipment. Correctly assessing alpine dangers requires a lot of knowledge and experience. Why not learn from professionals and go on tour with one of the experienced guides?

For the planning of ski tours we recommend the maps of the German Alpine Club.

Morning 6 °C MOUNTAIN

13 °C VALLEY

Noon 5 °C MOUNTAIN 15 °C VALLEY

Evening 5 °C MOUNTAIN

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