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Experience winter in Erzberg-Leoben



Where the region's history becomes a winter adventure

The Styrian Erzberg has shaped Erzberg-Leoben for centuries. Mining gave rise to a region that today is as much synonymous with mining heritage as it is with research, innovation and industry. With the Montanuniversität Leoben, international companies and Styria's second-largest city, Erzberg-Leoben links its roots to a vibrant present.

This connection can also be experienced in winter. From the historic Vordernberg, over the Erzberg and on to the Eisenerzer Ramsau, the route leads through a landscape where history remains visible to this day. All around the Erzberg, ski resorts, cross-country ski trails, winter walking routes and extraordinary nature experiences invite visitors to actively explore the region.

Skiing at Präbichl Ski Arena

Präbichl is one of Styria's most traditional ski resorts. Situated between Eisenerz and Vordernberg, the Präbichl Ski Arena offers a varied range of slopes for families, beginners and ambitious winter sports enthusiasts. The range of activities is complemented by the Alpfox Mountain and Ski School, which offers skiing, snowboarding and freeride courses.

At a glance

- 20 kilometres of slopes
- Altitude ranging from 1,100 to 1,608 metres
- Two four-seater chairlifts, two T-bar lifts, a chairlift, a practice lift and a conveyor belt
- Alpfox Mountain and Ski School offering group and private lessons
- Easily accessible via the A9 motorway, as well as by ÖBB trains and the Regiobus 820

Cross-country skiing in Erzberg-Leoben: 4 areas with the Styrian Cross-Country Ski Trail Quality Seal

Whether for intensive training or leisurely laps – in Erzberg-Leoben, cross-country skiers will find four different trail areas, each with its own character. Together, they offer varied conditions for classic and skating styles.

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1. Erzberg Arena – Nordic Centre in the Eisenerzer Ramsau

The Erzberg Arena is one of Styria's leading cross-country skiing centres. With 25 kilometres of trails for classic and skating styles, it attracts both recreational skiers and athletes from the Nordic Training Centre. The trails wind through alpine pastures with views of the Styrian Erzberg and have been awarded the Styrian Cross-Country Trail Quality Seal. From the 2026/27 winter season onwards, the Erzberg Arena will also be utilising snow farming to maintain its trails, ski jumps and biathlon facility, thereby ensuring high standards even in challenging winter conditions.

At a glance

- 25 kilometres of cross-country trails
- Classic and skating styles
- Styrian Cross-Country Trail Quality Mark
- Nordic Training Centre
- Snow farming from winter 2026/27

2. Trofaiach – Cross-country skiing into the evening

The Krumpenloipe in Trofaiach combines a ten-kilometre network of cross-country trails with a 2.5-kilometre training loop. Floodlighting until 8 pm and a snow-making system on the training loop allow for flexible training times. A combined ticket is also available in conjunction with Eisenerzer Ramsau.

At a glance

- 10-kilometre network of cross-country trails
- 2.5-kilometre training trail with snow-making facilities
- Floodlit until 8 pm
- Cross-country ski hire and biathlon training facility
- Combined ticket with the Eisenerzer Ramsau

3. Langlaufen rund um den Grünen See in St. Katharein-Tragöß

A 14.5-kilometre network of cross-country ski trails stretches around the Grüner See, comprising three loops of varying difficulty. All trails are suitable for both classic and skate skiing. A snow-making system supports operations, and equipment hire is available directly at the trail entrance. Cross-country skiers are also exempt from parking charges whilst their trail pass is valid.

At a glance

- 14.5 kilometres of cross-country trails
- three circular routes
- classic and skating styles
- snow-making system
- equipment hire at the start
- free parking with a valid cross-country ski pass

4. Wald am Schoberpass – Straight from the train station onto the cross-country ski trail

In Wald am Schoberpass, the cross-country skiing fun begins right next to the railway station. Two trails, each five kilometres long, can be skied individually or in combination and lead, amongst other places, through Styria's highest moorland. The trails are groomed for both classic and skating styles and have been awarded the Styrian Cross-Country Ski Trail Quality Seal.

At a glance

- two cross-country trails, each five kilometres long
- three access points
- classic and skating styles
- train station right next to the trail access point

Winter walking on historic trails

Those who prefer to enjoy winter at a leisurely pace will find numerous winter walks and snowshoe hikes in Erzberg-Leoben. The options range from gentle strolls to more challenging snowshoe tours. Along the way, you'll be treated to views of the Styrian Erzberg, the Hochschwab and the Eisenerz Alps. Historic trails, alpine pastures and panoramic peaks make every tour a new journey of discovery through the region.

Tour suggestions

- **Ore-hiking trail (Erzwanderweg):** Winter walk along the historic ore transport route from Präbichl to Vordernberg.
- **Schwarzbeeralm:** A leisurely walk starting from Wald am Schoberpass, easily accessible by train.
- **Mugel:** Winter walk up Leoben's local mountain, with a stop for refreshments at the Mugel mountain hut.

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- **Gscheideggkogel:** Challenging snowshoe hike in the Radmer valley with sweeping views across the mountains.
- **Jassingalm:** Winter hike from the Grüner See through the countryside of the Hochschwab region.

Special winter adventures

Winter in Erzberg-Leoben is also about leaving everyday life behind. Beyond the traditional winter sports on offer, special experiences invite you to gain new perspectives, test your limits and experience the freedom of nature in a whole host of different ways. Whether alongside animals, on ice or in cold water – every experience tells its own story.

Ice bathing in Wald am Schoberpass

Testing your limits and consciously savouring the moment: with ice bathing, the focus is not on performance but on an intense experience of nature. The cold water and the tranquillity of the surroundings create a space where you can leave everyday life behind for a moment.

Out and about with huskies in Trofaiach

When the husky pack sets off and the sledge runners glide across the winter ground, all that matters is the interplay between human and animal. Guests accompany the team on a training run and experience first-hand how trust and teamwork shape the journey.

Meet Styria's only reindeer

At Tragöß Wildlife Park, visitors can get up close to Styria's only reindeer. During the 'Meet & Feed' session, the animals are fed, visitors learn about their unique characteristics, and encounters take place that will be remembered for a long time to come.

'Meet & Feed' sessions are also offered with raccoons, alpacas and llamas, alongside other animal experiences.

Staying safe on the ice

The winter driving course at Zenzsee combines driving technique with an extraordinary experience. On the prepared ice surface, participants get to know their vehicle better under professional guidance and gain confidence in winter road conditions.

Ice skating outdoors or indoors

Whether on the natural ice rinks in Wald am Schoberpass and at Zenzsee, or indoors at the Leoben ice rink, regardless of the weather – ice skating offers the chance to move freely and actively enjoy the winter.

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About the Erzberg-Leoben Tourist Board

The Erzberg-Leoben Tourist Board works with local businesses, municipalities and partners to develop and market the region as a destination for experiences. The aim is to bring the region to life for locals and visitors alike and to boost regional economic growth. The Board also provides information on places to visit, activities and accommodation, and supports businesses and event organisers in the region's tourism development.

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