



St. Anton: Has it been 10 years already?

By Ann Marsteller

If you were not one of the lucky 63 people to ski the vast slopes of St. Anton, Lech and Zurs in 2001, this is your lucky year! **Only 30 lucky Fall Liners** will be going back to the land where downhill skiing was invented over 110 years ago, **St. Anton, Austria!** Nestled in the spectacular snow-draped Arlberg range in western Austria, St. Anton is where people who prefer quaintness to massive sprawl come to ski vast and exciting runs. It is one of the most famous addresses in the world for winter sports.

The 9,000 foot high jagged summits that loom above the valley offer every kind of skiing imaginable. The terrain is sprawling and wide ranging. **You can ski or ride anywhere and find long steep runs, with no glacier crevasses to cross or 500 foot cliffs that come out of nowhere.** You see it, you ski it.

St. Anton is one of four fairytale villages that are linked along a winding 10 mile road. **St. Anton is lift-linked with St. Christoph and Stuben, with Lech, Zurs and Zug** a short bus ride away. The area has had great lift improvements in the past few years, with the **new Galzigbahn with its 28 -24 passenger cars whisking skiers to the top of the mountain in less than 10 minutes.** And to top that one, The Rendl area has just completed its new lift with its moving walkway which glides you straight to the entrance. In only eight minutes, you can enjoy its north facing slopes, which provide great snow after a dump.

Key facts about St. Anton:

- 85 lifts, capacity 123,600 per hour!
- 174 miles of trails and 105 miles off piste terrain.
- Longest run-6.3 miles Valluga to St. Anton
- Top elevation is 9,222 ft, and its lowest, 4,278 feet, high enough to be snow sure, low enough to minimize altitude sickness.
- 34% beginner, 42 % intermediate, and 24% expert.
- The Arlberg ski pass includes St. Anton/ Lech/Zurs/ St. Christoph and Stuben
- Free ski bus throughout the village
- 25 miles of cross country trails

The **nightlife in St. Anton** is tops in the world and the charm of Austrian hospitality is unparalleled with lively après-ski. It is home of the infamous **Krazy Kanguruh** bar known all over the world for its “krazy” nightlife. Walk to one of the many après ski bars in the pedestrian zone, or enjoy the nightlife in one of the late night discos.

We will be staying at the lovely **4* Hotel Kertess**, with daily buffet breakfast and 4 course dinner included. The hotel boasts a **cozy bar, sauna, steam room, indoor pool and spa facilities** for relaxation at the end of the day. It has its own **private hotel bus** to the lifts, hop on one of the shuttles 10 yards outside the hotel, or take a leisurely walk to the lifts. There is ski storage right at the lift area, so no need to drag your skis around!

If you would like to take a day off and sightsee, the train in town will whisk you to historic **Innsbruck** in an hour. Or you can try the **arl.rock** where you can test your climbing abilities at St. Anton's sports centre par excellence. **Sixty boulders** are indoors in six different grades of difficulty where you can jump to the ground any time. And there is climbing terrain for beginners to experts. The outdoor area entices you with a variety of routes, and has an ice climbing area which can be used in winter. There are also two tennis courts, an indoor soccer field and a volleyball court. A bowling alley and squash court also are available in case you get bored! You can also enjoy **ice skating** at the ice arena outside the St. Anton wellness oasis with its tanning beds and massage treatments. There is a diverse network of **cross-country ski trails** in the St. Anton region as well. Or try **tobogganing, paragliding** or a **horse drawn sleigh** ride. There is something for everyone here!

We will cap off our great trip with a day in Munich at its oldest Hotel, the **4* Torbrau**, which is a block from the pedestrian zone and the infamous **Hofbrauhaus!** Enjoy the culture that the city has to offer, or just have a good time sauntering between beer stubes!

Remember, this trip is limited to 30 Fall Liners, so make sure you get there August 3! Renew your membership now!

Early sign up price August 3 and 17: \$2,449. After that: \$2,499.

Senior lift ticket (Born 1946 and earlier) available at a reduced price!

Single and superior rooms are available at an additional cost.

This awesome trip includes the following:

- **Round trip non stop air via Lufthansa Newark to Munich**
- **Round trip motor coach transportation to Newark**
- **Round trip motor coach from Munich to St. Anton**
- **7 night stay at the 4 * Hotel Kertess in St. Anton**
- **Buffet breakfast and 4 course dinner daily**
- **1 night at the 4* Hotel Torbrau in Munich with buffet breakfast**
- **Motor coach transportation from the Hotel Torbrau to Munich airport**
- **5 day Arlberg area lift ticket**
- **Fall Line souvenir shirt!**
- **Fall line souvenir luggage tags**
- **Taxes and current fuel surcharge**

So be one of the lucky Fall Liners to jump on this super trip!

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