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Magical winter nights in Obertauern

The romantic alternative to party life and fun in the snow

Awesome vibes at après ski events hosted in alpine chalets, spectacular live performances by top musical acts, prolific DJs and DJanes in the clubs and dancing the night away – these are the images that come to mind when envisioning a winter night in Obertauern. But there is also a quiet and romantic side to the “snow bowl” of the Salzburger Land, away from the glittering party life.

Take a short stroll and leave the winter hotspot on the Radstädter Tauern-Pass behind, and you will be rewarded with a stunning view of the starry night sky. At an elevation of 2,000 m above sea level, the night sky is so clear, stellar constellations rarely seen from big cities suddenly appear in all their glory. This is also a perfect opportunity for parents to point out the Milky Way to their kids. Every Monday and Thursday, a stellar escapade awaits skiers on the 1,500 m long slope of the Edelweissbahn. Its four-person chairlift operates late on these two evenings, from 7 pm to 10 pm, and lights the way for a special skiing experience under the stars.

If you are in the mood for an exceptionally romantic night, you can enjoy being whisked off into a winter wonderland on a horse drawn carriage ride on the Gnadental. Cuddled up in blankets, experience the full “two horse power” pulling you into the winter night. Behind every curve, a new extravagant view awaits you: Solemn trees turned into majestic statues of snow and a babbling brook under canopies of ice. After a ride brimming with wonderful impressions, sleigh voyagers can enjoy the end of the night in the Gnadental restaurant. The trip lasts roughly one hour and goes from the Gnadental to the Hintergnadental and makes its way back through the valley on the other side of the snowy mountain pasture. The last trip starts at 9 pm.

Even without a horse, the area around the Gnadental can also be explored on sleds. Every night you can take a ride on a floodlit 1.5 km long natural toboggan piste which ends right next to the Gnadental. To save energy on the climb to the top, you can take advantage of the “Skidoo-Sled-Taxi.” Sleds are also available for rent. Whether by sun or moonlight – tobogganing is always a wonderful winter endeavour.

A snow waltz on a beautiful frozen surface of ice represents the most romantic winter experience, especially when skaters glide on a natural ice rink surrounded by snow-capped mountains. The Gnadental recreational centre provides an ice skating rink which is open daily, and on Tuesdays and Fridays offers illuminated skating until 10 pm.

Beyond the diverse array of pistes and freeride slopes, Obertauern also offers a winter wonderland that can be accessed in hiking boots or snow-shoes. The ski schools offer snowshoe classes and guided winter or snowshoe expeditions. At night, hikers are led by the flickering glow of torches and are rewarded for their endurance with a stop-in at a rustic alpine cottage.



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