

Kaiser Autumn in Kufsteinerland

Dressed up cows, proud stallions and plenty of delicacies

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Autumn in Kufsteinerland is truly beautiful and enchants everyone with its imperial splendour. A subtle play of colours, full of bold browns, yellows and reds on the mountains and in the valleys, the Kaiser Autumn does more than just entice people to enjoy impressive hikes or bike tours. At this time of year, the most accessible region in the Tyrolean Alps is also attractive thanks to a varied cultural programme that includes a balanced mixture of authentic traditions, regional specialities and fascinating nature experiences.

Autumn in Kufsteinerland invites you to enjoy fun excursions and unforgettable summit experiences. Walk along tranquil paths in mild weather and take a rest in rustic mountain huts on your way up to the peak. It's also a time of events that have grown over generations, and still delight people of all ages. The combination of hiking options and cultural experiences is what makes Kaiser Autumn in Kufsteinerland so special. Activities and events can be combined in a variety of ways.

Natural and family-friendly: The new themed path in the Kaisertal

The Kaisertal is one of the most popular hiking destinations, and was in 2016 selected as one of the most beautiful places in Austria. The isolated valley between Kufstein and Ebbs can only be reached via 345 steps, and is located between the Zahmer and Wilder Kaiser. As part of a LEADER project, the idyllic, 23-kilometre path through the nature reserve was set up as a themed path with information points and interactive elements. Various themed tours with biologists, geologists and herbal experts offer an interesting insight into Alpine nature and the history of the habitat. A number of traditional huts and mountain inns are located along the path. It's an impressive excursion for families and nature lovers, and can be explored either on a day trip or in stages. To get up or down from the valley you can use the comfortable and scenic Kaiserlift, which this season will be operating until 31 October.

Tempting: Autumn gastronomy day on 3 October

Kaiser Autumn is colourful and varied. Anyone who strolls across Theaterplatz in Kufstein on the autumn gastronomy day won't be able to resist the delicious smells. Farmers will serve up their best alpine cheeses, delicious bacon and sausages, as well as sweet Tyrolean classics such as "Kiachl" (fried pastry) and Zillertal "Krapfen" (doughnuts). Wood turners, carvers and craftspeople will also present their artistic works. Live music provides an authentic acoustic accompaniment.

Classic: The Tyrolean Festival Erl with a harvest festival weekend from 4 to 6 October

With a harvest festival weekend in the new Festival Hall, the Tyrolean Festival Erl offers classical concerts from both famous and up-and-coming composers, interpreted by high-profile international artists. The programme also includes MINA, musical theatre for all ages. The harvest festival weekend will also be the first appearance of new Artistic Director Bernd Loebe.

Graceful: Bringing home the stallions on 12 October

Bringing home the stallions in Ebbs is both spectacular and unique. The young Haflinger stallions return to the valley after spending summer on the alm. Elaborately decorated, they parade through the villages on their way to the world Haflinger centre at the Stud Farm Ebbs. A festival for and about the Tyrolean horses will be held there. Visitors can look forward to music and regional delicacies.

Fine Arts Days with the motto “borderline” from 24 to 27 October

Much in our life has to do with borders of various types, and aspects of this are also dealt with in various ways in art. Artists from the Kufstein region and surrounding areas, Untere Schranne and Kaiserwinkl were asked to send in applications with private and political statements expressed in drawings, paintings, sculptures and object art. Submissions of the finalists can be seen from 24 to 27 October 2019 in a curated exhibition by the “Verein Netzwerk Kultur” (Culture Network Association) in the Kufstein venue Kultur Quartier. In addition to the Fine Arts Days, artists in the region will be opening up their work spaces, studios and workshops. www.kultur.kufstein.at

Traditional: 315 years of Leonhardiritt in Thiersee on 27 October

One of the most beautiful and graceful cultural events in Kufsteinerland. There is a special festive atmosphere in the Passion Play village of Thiersee when the beautifully decorated horses, carriages and coaches parade to Hinterthiersee. And naturally there is a celebration in the village square at the end of the parade. The Leonhardiritt in Thiersee was first held 315 years ago. 1704 was the first time that a parade with cows and decorated carriages was dedicated to the patron saints of the St. Nicholas and St. Leonhard churches. On 6 November 1994 the custom was brought back to life after a break of 37 years. Incidentally, the organiser, the Noriker horse breeding association, is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year.

But that’s not all. Kufsteinerland, the gateway to the Tyrolean Alps, has plenty more nature experiences to offer. The Kaiser Mountains and the peaks surrounding Pendling and Thiersee on the other side of the Inn River are a paradise for beautiful mountain hikes. Sporty summit tours can be combined with a visit to a traditional inn, a woodcarver’s workshop or a schnapps distillery. Interesting for leisure cyclists: The Kaiser cycling path is an 80-kilometre long circuit starting in Kufstein that takes in all the facets of this famous mountain area.

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Kufsteinerland

Kufsteinerland is the “Gateway to the Tyrolean Alps.” With its easily accessible Alpine areas, the region offers a unique mix of tradition and modernity, nature and wellness, culture and events, sport and gastronomy. Surrounded by untouched nature, Kufsteinerland stands for active holidays where there is still space for relaxation and quiet time. People of all ages, and with varying interests, can select holiday activities that will create lasting memories.

More information at www.kufstein.com.

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