

Moderate skitour Geislspitze, Crossing of the Mallnitzer Tauern, 2,974 m

Meeting Time: Saturday, 28/02/2026, 21/03/2026
(Registration deadline: 20/02/2026 and 13/03/2026)

Meeting point: 06:00 AM, Tauernschleuse Böckstein

Return: Approx. 3:00 PM, Tauernschleuse Böckstein

Price: €120 per person (including taxi and train)

Duration: Approx. 8.5 hours

Route: Ascent: approx. 1,260 meters elevation gain, 9 km
Descent: approx. 1,420 meters elevation loss, 7 km

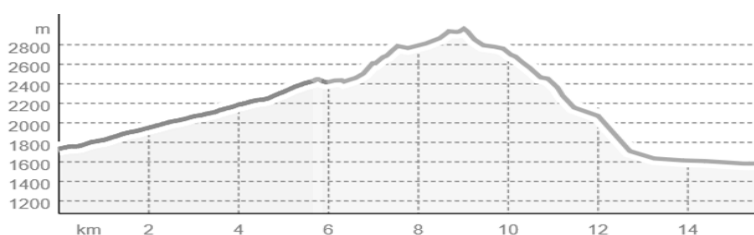
Equipment:

- ☐ Backpack (20–30 liters)
- ☐ Hot drink (thermos), snack, muesli bars
- ☐ 2 pairs of gloves (thin, thick)
- ☐ Sunglasses, sunscreen
- ☐ Headband, hat
- ☐ Ski touring clothing
- ☐ Hardshell jacket
- ☐ Warm jacket (e.g., down)
- ☐ Ski touring boots
- ☐ Ski touring skis (bindings properly adjusted)
- ☐ Ski poles
- ☐ Climbing skins
- ☐ Crampons
- ☐ Helmet
- ☐ Avalanche shovel
- ☐ Avalanche probe
- ☐ Avalanche transceiver (3 antennas, fully charged batteries)
- ☐ Hip harness / light mountaineering harness
- ☐ Small first aid kit
- ☐ Mobile phone

Terrain & Requirements:

- ☐ Practical experience with avalanche transceiver, shovel, and probe; good handling of personal ski touring equipment
- ☐ Strong skiing skills in off-piste terrain with variable snow conditions
- ☐ Ability to perform switchbacks (hairpin turns)
- ☐ Good physical fitness and sure-footedness / no fear of heights

Elevation Profile:



Number of participants: min. 3, max. 6

Short description: The tour starts from Mallnitz with an ascent through sunny and pleasant terrain towards the Hagener Hut. This is followed by a slightly steeper climb towards the Geislspitze (2,974 m). The last few meters to the impressive summit cross are completed on foot without skis. The descent takes place via the shaded Eselskar, where the powder snow tends to stay for quite a while. Finally, the flat valley floor must be crossed to reach Sportgastein.

Contents: These natural history and historical aspects are particularly fascinating in this area and will be covered during the course of the tour.

- Old Tauern Passes, Roman roads
- Alpine hazards affecting humans and wildlife (avalanches)

Directions: Coming from Bad Gastein on the B167, turn off at Böckstein towards Böckstein train station / Anlaufthal. Pass the train station and several residential houses. At the end of the road, there is a free parking lot. (Coordinates: 47.07619896352, 13.13746402555).

Schedule: From the meeting point in Böckstein, the group travels together with the Tauern shuttle and a taxi to the Jamnigalm in the Mallnitzer Tauern. The ascent route leads over wide slopes along the path of an old Roman road to the Mallnitzer Tauern (Hagener Hut). Steeper slopes must be negotiated to reach the summit of the Geislspitze. The descent takes place on the north side via the Eselskar. Finally, the flat valley floor must be crossed to reach Sportgastein. We return to Böckstein by bus.

Terms of participation: The National Park administration reserves the right to adapt the tour to the participants' abilities and to conduct it only if weather and avalanche conditions allow, and if participants are properly equipped and physically fit. Being of legal age is a prerequisite for participation in this tour.

Participants are asked to report any health issues relevant to the safe conduct of the tour so that appropriate precautions can be taken (e.g., insect sting allergies, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, hip, knee, or ankle problems, etc.). All participants will move together as a group. Leaving the group in alpine terrain is not permitted. If progress becomes impossible for health or fitness reasons, the entire group will turn back together. Participation is not possible without the required minimum equipment listed for each person.

Registration:

Registration possible until 20/02/2026 and 13/03/2026 – 12:00 PM.
Register via np.bildung@salzburg.gv.at or at npht.at/skitour5

Registration & online information:

