

Over the Kaprunertörl: In the presence of the Tauern glaciers

Brief description: Embark on an entertaining crossing from the Kaprun valley into the Stubach valley, surrounded by impressive glaciers

Directions: To reach the meeting point, follow the directions towards from the roundabout in Fürth. Continue along the bypass through the tunnel into the valley, passing the bottom station and large parking areas for the Kaprun glacier cable cars. Follow the road until you reach the Kesselfall car park, where you can park your car in the multi-storey car park. It is advisable to choose one of the upper floors in the multi-storey car park. Walk from there, following the signs to the meeting point.

Description: This tour is a captivating high-mountain hike, allowing you to experience the highest vegetation zones of the Alps. Along the way, you will learn about the unique features of high mountains, such as the adaptation strategies of the ibex and the effects of climate change on the glaciers.

Itinerary: Join us at 06:15 am at the charming Kesselfallhaus nestled in the serene rear of the Kaprun valley. Our adventure begins with a scenic mountaineering bus ride, whisking us up to the breathtaking Mooserboden reservoir. This is where the hike will start. Initially, our path meanders along the east side of the Mooserboden reservoir, nestled below the majestic peaks of Großes Wiesbachhorn, Hinteres Bratschenkopf, and Klockerin. Here, the glaciers cascading down from these lofty three-thousand-meter summits create magnificent ice chasms that will leave you in awe. As we reach the end of the lake, we'll cross the enchanting Karlingerbach stream, and ascend the rocky terrain of the Karlinger Kees moraine, leading us to the iconic Kapruner Törl. From this vantage point, prepare to be spellbound by the panoramic vista that unfolds, showcasing the sweeping valleys of Kaprun and Stubach, with the glaciated peaks of Hohe Riffel (3338 m) and Bärenköpfe (3302 m) standing majestically in the distance. Descending further into the Stubach valley, our trail takes us past impressive boulders, leading us to the glacier forefield of the Riffelkees, where nature has reclaimed the once icy terrain with a flourish of lush vegetation. The journey continues as we follow the trail, gently winding downhill until we reach the melodic Tauernmoosbach stream. Finally, we'll embark on a rewarding uphill climb towards the Rudolf hut. Upon arrival, indulge in a well-deserved rest, savouring the tranquillity of our surroundings. To complete our adventure, we'll return to the starting point in Kaprun, descending via cable car and taxi, ensuring a comfortable and convenient journey.

Dates:	17.07.2023 and 22.08.2023
Meeting point and time:	06:15, in front of the Kesselfall Kaprun chalet
Duration:	10 hours (approx. 7 hours walking time)
Route:	900 vertical metres ascent and 600 vertical metres descent, 14 kilometres
Max. number of participants:	7 people (14 people with second ranger; caution: 7 participants per tax split in sub-groups!)
Costs:	25 € plus taxi costs

Equipment:

Rucksack, sun protection, mountain boots, food and drink, change of clothes, hat and gloves possibly walking poles

Requirements: Good physical fitness, surefootedness