This popular town attracts a lively scene during the ski season, and thanks to its rich history and magnificent architecture, Bad Gastein retains a real sense of romance. Plus of course, the valley has over 290km of snow-sure skiing; as well as forming part of the vast Amadé ski region with over 860km of pistes all on one pass.

Bad Gastein is readily accessible, just 70 minutes from Salzburg Airport and has its own train station where regular direct trains run to Salzburg and Munich. It is even possible to take a train south to Italy.

Easy access to Salzburg

The Gastein Valley is steeped in Austria’s rich imperial past and is renowned for its thermal spas much loved by Mozart’s mother, the Romans, Paracelsus and even Kaiser Wilhelm. In the last 70 years this fabulous region has become one of Austria’s most popular ski areas.

The spectacular ski and spa resort of Bad Gastein lies within Austria’s Salzburg province. Perched high on the mountainside in the Gastein Valley, the town has wonderful views, natural thermal waters and ornate architecture dating back to the Belle Epoque period. At it’s heart is the original spa area, laid out in a horseshoe on the steep slopes.

Vibrant coloured buildings flank the famous waterfall which plunges right through the centre of town, one of the many characteristic images of Bad Gastein that make it such a fascinating place to explore.
The unique architecture of Bad Gastein was inspired by Emperor Franz Josef I who came to Bad Gastein for hunting and the natural, healing thermal waters. So inspired was he by the region that he instructed Italian architects to design the many beautiful buildings that you can see today; and with the construction of the Tauern Railway at the beginning of the 20th century, this spa resort became easily accessible to all. The town has a romantic feeling of faded grandeur and also houses the oldest casino in Austria - well worth a visit!

Bad Gastein and Bad Hofgastein’s spa facilities are fed by seventeen thermal springs. Both towns have a fabulous selection of swimming pools, saunas and steam rooms which are a great place to unwind after a day on the pistes. There are also themed pools with waterfalls, geysers and slides and for something a little bit different - the mountain location provides many cave based saunas too. Bad Hofgastein’s spa has six adventure and vitality worlds spread out over 32,000 m², featuring a unique, 360° panoramic view of the Alps, a sauna world with a mountain lake, a multimedia adventure dome and a glassed-in sky bar!
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The Gastein Valley attracts a lively crowd during ski season and there is plenty to do in town after a long day on the slopes. The nightlife here is slightly more sophisticated than at most other resorts with theatre, concerts in the Kongresshaus and ballroom dancing on offer as well as almost 100 restaurants and lively bars to choose from. On the slopes there are also plenty of Alpine huts in which to enjoy a quick drink on your way down the piste.

For the night owls looking to party into the early hours, The Silver Bullet Bar has the very best Après-Ski with live bands throughout the winter season, snacks and frothy beer, all in an American/Canadian styled hut spread over two floors! In the summer it is ‘the’ meeting place - climbing gardens, slackline, badminton, table football and of course a sunny terrace with loungers. Alternatively, you can explore the elegant splendour of the 1930’s casino for a glamorous night out on the town. Bad Gastein’s casino is renowned in the Austrian Alps for introducing class into the local social scene. Since its grand opening in 1937, the casino has attracted visitors from around the world wanting to admire the classic art deco architecture whilst enjoying a great night out hitting the tables.

Don’t forget to try the locally bottled Gastein Spring Water too!
The Gastein Valley has plenty to offer in summer thanks to its location in the beautiful Hohe Tauern National Park. The area features 350km of marked hiking trails and numerous cycling routes and with cable cars remaining open throughout summer, you and your bike can be whisked to the tree tops in minutes! You can cycle down the mountainside, stopping at any of the 55 mountain inns and restaurants across the valley.

As well as the Gastein Valley’s many spas with indoor and outdoor pools, there are a range of other activities to keep you busy. There is an 18-hole golf course, plenty of horse riding, tennis, squash and volleyball. Or for the more adventurous, why not try paragliding for a great aerial view of this beautiful region!

The 18-hole Gastein Golf Club was founded in 1960 making it one of the oldest golf clubs in Austria. The par 71 course occupies a beautiful position between Bad Hofgastein and Bad Gastein, sitting at the foot of the Gastein Mountains. The course is full of picture perfect fairways which wind through the stunning Alpine landscape.

The Gastein Golf Club also includes a driving range and putting green, which are located close to the clubhouse. The clubhouse has become the heart of the club thanks to its cosy golfers’ pub and large terrace. There is also a golf school for those who want to learn or improve their play.
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