

Press Release

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Austrian resorts open early due to 'ideal' ski conditions

Ski resorts across Austria are set to open ahead of schedule this year thanks to an unseasonably early snowfall across the country. With an average fall of 1.5 metres last week, conditions are still favourable at -12 degrees centigrade at 2000 metres and -22 at 3000metres on the Hintertux Glacier in the Ziller Valley.

Hochfugen is the first resort in the area to welcome visitors for skiing with the season kicking off last weekend (17th November) and opening full time form 23rd November. Mayrhofen is also open at the weekends and is scheduled to open full time from 1st December.

Nina Hasinski of family run British company Redpoint (www.redpoint.co.uk), who have been based in the area for 12 years, reports that such early opening is unusual in the resorts. "We very rarely see everything up and running in November," she comments. "Although people can ski on the Hintertux Glacier all year round, the resorts lower down rarely open full time before early December. This is a sign that, with the recent snowfall, conditions are ideal for skiing. It's a fantastic start to the season."

Flights are currently cheaper as the season is not yet in full swing, making now the perfect time to book a week off work and catch some great skiing and snowboarding at bargain prices.

For more weather and to see the web cams from the top of the mountains, see <http://www.redpoint.co.uk/>

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