

Ötztal Trek – A new Haute Route Trek at its finest

The new Ötztal Trek allows hikers and mountaineers to experience the Ötztal pristine natural beauty. The 400-kilometer long trek comprises 22 stages with 15 alternatively routes and has a total elevation gain of 30,000 meters over the length of the trek. The trek starts in Ötztal-Bahnhof and heads in an eastern direction from hut to hut and across saddles, ridges and peaks to Obergurgl and Vent, before it heads back westwards to Ötztal-Bahnhof.

Outstanding landscapes, picture-book mountain lakes and awe-inspiring views accompany hikers throughout the valley. Countless mountain inns and huts make a perfect base for a stopover or overnight. Here you are warmly invited to experience Ötztal's genuine hospitality while sampling regional specialties and hearty snacks.

The trek requires some hiking experience and a reasonable fitness level, as some sections of the trail can be quite steep and uneven. The majority of all trails are rated "Black", meaning they are difficult and require a good head for heights as well as surefootedness. The other stages are rated "Red", i.e. moderately difficult. As Ötztal wouldn't be what it is without its glaciers many routes have sections through the eternal ice.

The 3,497 m high Fluchtkogel peak near Vent, starting point for the ascent to Brandenburger Haus – the so called Glacier Castle, is the roof of the ultimate Ötztal Trek. Those who rather avoid these glacier stretches should consider the Ötztal Trek's alternatively routes which all loop back to one of the main stages. The great thing about the Ötztal Trek is that it can be as easy or as difficult as you want it to be: each stage has an access and an exit point thus allowing you to walk as many stages as you wish. And if you are still not tired after a full day of hiking, you can always climb one of Ötztal's majestic peaks.

In the new "Huts & Hiking Tips" folder you find an entire list of all stages. Each description comes with an information block that contains the tour's key features such as hiking time, elevation gain, distance in kilometers and difficulty level. Map sketches provide guidance and directions. Wonderful pictures give you an energy boost for the first stage. The new folder can be ordered for free at all Ötztal Tourismus Offices.

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