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## Spring is coming, skiing pleasure remains

This year, winter has made Vorarlberg's ski resorts happy with plenty of snow. In the meantime, the white glory has settled down well and the chance of sunshine is high: with these almost perfect conditions, pleasure skiers enjoy themselves incredibly.

Skiing and enjoying – this is the motto in Vorarlberg's ski areas for March and April. Almost all winter sports regions report the best slope conditions with up to two to three metres of snow on the highest peaks. The daily updated snow report provides information on the current snow depths of ski areas and cross-country tracks. As it is well known, skiing in spring is associated with a special attitude towards life. Not only the slopes are excellently groomed, also the temperatures are pleasant, hours of sunshine are numerous and the atmosphere on the panoramic terraces is excellent.

Whether modern or traditional, all kind of mountain huts invite guests to spend skiing breaks, which in spring get longer with every day, with culinary delicacies and musical entertainment. As different as they may be – the spectacular Balmalp in Lech, the architecturally energy-efficient Frööd in Brand, the rustic hut Auenfelder Hütte in Schröcken and the traditional hut Max Hütte in Mittelberg in Kleinwalsertal – they all have the same inviting charm to linger a few hours and recharge batteries. With amusing events and attractive offers from numerous hosts, guests fully enjoy skiing in springtime in Vorarlberg.

### Be the first to hit the slopes

Freshly groomed slopes and marvelous morning atmosphere: When spring approaches and the sun rises earlier every day, the skiing pleasure in the morning on Vorarlberg's mountains also changes. Lifts spread all over the country open their doors to hit the slopes particularly early on certain days:

From mid-March until the end of the season, the Ifen ski resort in Kleinwalsertal invites guests to Earlybird skiing on the Olympiabahn cable car from 7.45 am onwards. In Montafon, early risers can descend the HochjochTotale – Vorarlberg's longest downhill run – from 7.20 am. Besides, the Versettla cable car in Gaschurn and the Zamang and Panorama cable cars of Silvretta Montafon open their doors for morning skiing. Since this season, guests in Lech Zürs am Arlberg have also been able to start skiing early in the morning with the Rüfikopf- and Seekopf-Bahn cable cars and combine this sport activity with culinary delights.





#### The Vorarlberg style of après ski

When the sun gets stronger in the afternoon hours and the last lines have been conjured up in the snow, there are many places where guests can perfectly end a winterly day with lively après-ski events.

Every Saturday until 20 April, the Hotel Steffisalp invites guests to live music from genres like rock, pop, blues and Irish folk. Under the title "Ski & Concerts" bands perform on the open-air stage at 1,495 metres above sea level. For this year on the agenda is still the band Kurzfristig (16 March), Volxrock (23 March), Herta bläst & Fättes Blech (30 March), The Souljackers (6 April), Dabado (13 April) and finally Brassclub (20 April). In addition, the live concerts in the S1 Ski Lounge at the valley station of Salober-Jet cable car in the skiing area Warth-Schröcken will enter the final round for this season. After a successful day of skiing, the party band DREIRAD (16 March), the three-man band Partyjäger (23 March) and the solo musician Mooses (30 March) will provide an exuberant atmosphere.

In Lech Zürs am Arlberg, the Tanzcafé Arlberg Music Festival will transform sun terraces, ski huts and bars into a stage for top musicians of all kind of genres from 1 to 18 April. Nostalgic jazz sounds meet crisp electro beats, modern pop songs meet vintage sounds and skiers meet music lovers. Another highlight at the end of the season is the unique wine tasting "Weingondeln" ("Wine Gondolas") on 12 April. For an entire afternoon, skiers and winter hikers can taste selected Austrian wines, talk to wine growers and enjoy culinary bites in the gondolas of the Auenfeldjet cable car.

Skiing, snow and music are also topic at the event series Firnklang in Brandnertal. Every Sunday in March starting at noon, music bands play in nine selected mountain huts and restaurants, ensuring spring skiing in its most beautiful form. Afterwards, the après-ski fun continues in the valley with the best live music in the "Heuboda" Brand.

### For spontaneous guests,

who want to experience the winter mountains of Vorarlberg with all their sporting attractions, entertaining events and culinary delights for a few hours of sunshine, Vorarlberg's hosts still have some attractive offers up their sleeve. Further information can be found here.