



Footprint

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Snowboarding the World



St Anton

The Town



St Anton's centre is a mix of high-class hotels, beautiful old buildings, high-end shops and good bars. Built in the first boom of Alpine tourism, the resort is one of the 'Best of the Alps' group, which is a synonym for 'old money'. However, since the early '90s, St Anton has been a Mecca for snowboarders willing to spend all winter riding the famed Arlberg powder. Building on this fame, the town is now perhaps the hippest resort in Austria, rivalling Chamonix and Verbier for its seasonaire community.

Sleeping Any of the guesthouses in the communities of Pettneu, Schnann and Flirsch down the valley. Check out stantonamarlberg.com for a



This place rocks. Easily the best in Austria.

Jason Horton, editor of Method Mag

comprehensive list from €25 per night. The Skihotel Galzig (skihotel.at) is slightly more upmarket, while the Stantoner Hof (stantonerhof.at) has cheaper digs for those staying longer than a week.

Eating Anton Café does a mean line in upmarket grub, or try the Underground on the Slopes for candlelit sophistication.

Bars and clubs For possibly the trendiest après in the Alps, try Anton Café, at the bottom of the slopes. People with ID to prove their name has 'Anton' in it (Anthony, Antonia etc...) get a special gift and a chance to join the wall of fame.

Shopping The M-Preis a mile down the valley is where all the locals shop plus it has a fantastic 'Jetsons'-style café and is one of the coolest buildings in the valley.

Health The Wellness Centre has pool, sauna and massage facilities (arlberg-well.com).

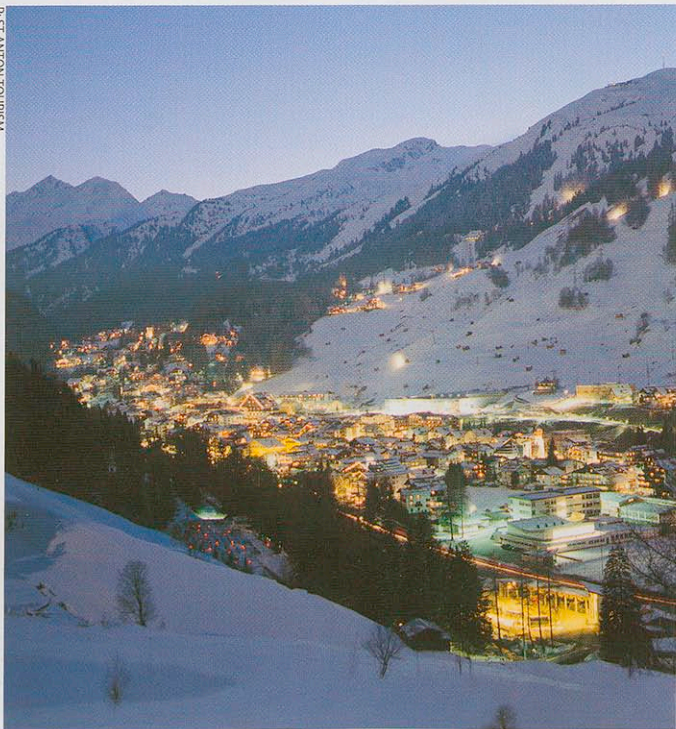
Internet Mail Box is on the main street with wireless, cable and machines to use. Many of the hotels and bars also have wireless.

Transfer options Innsbruck and Zurich both have easily accessible train connections direct to St Anton while Friedrichshafen (a Ryanair destination) and Munich are within transfer reach. Even Vienna runs a direct train. For Eurocity and Orient Express fares and info (it is on the fabled line) visit seat61.com.

Alternatively, Arlberg Express (arlbergexpress.com), Locker Tour (T5523 5909) and Four Seasons Travel (airport-transfer.com) run transfers from Zurich, Friedrichshafen and Munich respectively.

Local partners Lech, St Christoph Zürs.

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Austria's most popular seasonaire hang-out, with huge freeriding potential, a decent enough park, a forward-thinking town and lots of nightlife.

If you like this ...
... try Whistler ►p86,
Chamonix ►p128, Niseko
►p210, or Verbier ►p330.



🕒 OPENING TIMES

Early Dec to early May: 0815-1630

💰 RESORT PRICES

Week pass (7 days): €204-219
Day pass: €40,50
Season pass: €650

📍 DIRECTORY

Tourist office: T544 622690
Medical centre: T5446 0664
Pisteurs: 140
Taxi: T5446 2315
Local radio: Arlberg TV
Website: stantonamarlberg.com