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Feel fabulous from the moment you arrive

Nature and vast open spaces, peace and relaxation, sport and adventure, and the breathtaking beauty of South Tyrol:

Very few holiday destinations offer you as much variety as Ratschings.

Whether you're here as a family, as a couple or on your own – in this area, leisurely holidays reach a whole new level, and come complete with the warmth of true hospitality.

We're looking forward to seeing you!



Jaufental Valley

Time for me and you

Close your eyes for a moment, take a deep breath and feel the gentle morning breeze caressing your face and the first light of sunshine dancing before your eyes.

It feels like you've arrived where it all begins.

This is your holiday in the Jaufental valley. Magical authenticity. Supreme tranquillity. Cool fresh summers, and cosy winters. Time for me and you.



Ratschingstal Valley

Perfect family happiness

In the Ratschingstal valley, nothing can keep us in our beds and away from the fun of the **Mountain Adventure World**.

Add in a hearty mid-morning snack on the Alpine pastures, and the family happiness is complete!

On your skis, get set, go! Even in winter, people like to get up early here in the Ratschingstal valley, even on holiday. And once you've completed your first morning swing down the perfectly groomed slopes, who would want to sleep in.





Ridnauntal Valley

Kissed by the sun

Look out to the horizon, all you can see is the beauty of nature.

Blossoming Alpine meadows, snow-covered mountain peaks, adventurous hiking trails, a cross-country skiing paradise – all kissed by the glorious sun. Holidays in the Ridnauntal valley are an incredibly special experience.

Join in the magic and find your own favourite spot!





Gentle pastures and striking summits



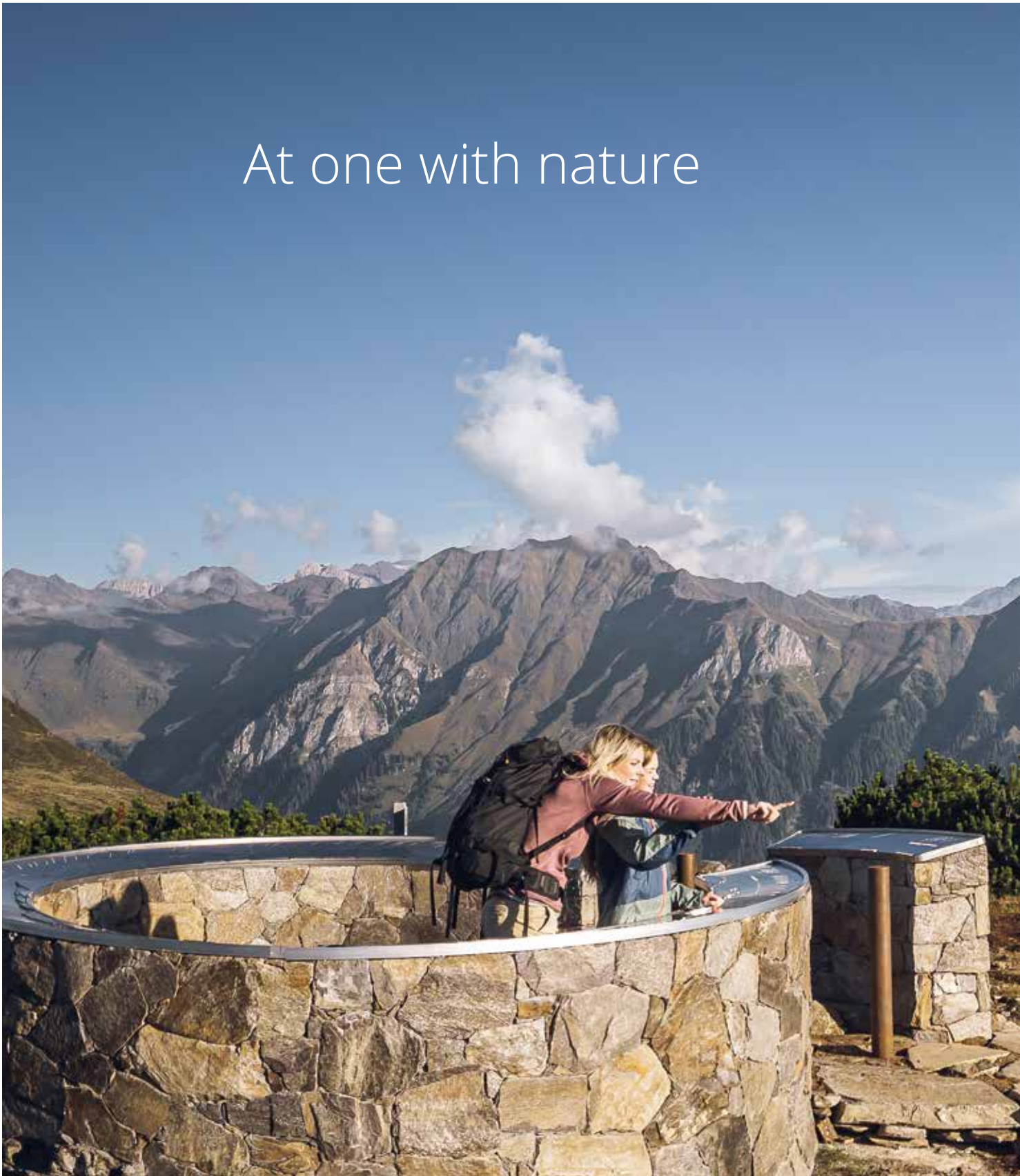
Strolling together along Alpine trails, heading out on a mountain bike to explore the adventurous trails, or climbing up to a snow-covered mountain summit in the early morning:

There's something for everyone here in our holiday area,
from the most leisure of hikers to the most intrepid mountaineers.

Numerous hiking trails tempt guests of all ages
out to experience our beautiful countryside in all of its magnificent glory.



At one with nature



Hiking and experiencing the countryside up close:
You don't have to be a pro to do it.

Our holiday region boasts countless leisurely trails where even inexperienced hikers can enjoy the beauty of the mountains and our rustic Alpine pastures in ease. Once your legs are getting tired, you can simply hop onto one of the many modern cable cars.

Three newly built panoramic viewing platforms provide all the breathtaking views you could ever wish for.

Easily accessible, this 2,063-metre altitude panoramic platform boasts incredible 360° views, and features the names all of the main mountain peaks, mountain ranges and cities directly in your line of vision.

360°-Panorama
on the Enzianjoch



From peak to peak

“Mountaineering is more than a sport. It is a passion”:

Austrian Alpine mountaineer Hermann Buhl was a man who knew his stuff.

Mountaineering is a passion that you can live to the fullest here in our region of the three valleys.

The variety-packed hiking trails lead you up to innumerable glacier summits
and extraordinarily beautiful mountain huts,
where your efforts will be rewarded with spectacular views.

The recently renovated Becherhaus,
South Tyrol's highest-lying mountain hut,
is located amidst the magnificent glaciers
of the Ridnauntal valley
at an altitude of 3,195 metres.

The Becherhaus





A special morning



When the first rays of sun shine on the mountain peaks and bathe the surrounding nature in their special light, magic becomes reality.

It's worth the early start:

A sunrise hike, whether you're on your own or on a guided tour, is an incredibly special experience that will stay in your memory forever.

As will the hearty mountain-hut breakfast buffet that follows.

Fun for all ages

Waking up excited and going to bed tired but happy.

Mountaineers of all ages can enjoy so many adventures here, from hiking to climbing, taking a refreshing dip, exploring the countryside. One thing's for sure: there's no time for boredom on a family holiday in our mountains.

And if you keep your eyes wide open, you'll discover so many of the secrets of our countryside.



Barefoot path with Kneipp pool

Experience nature up close and feel the multi-faceted elements of the ground under your own two feet followed by a refreshing cool-down in the new Kneipp pool.

The Pfeifer Huisele trail

This leisurely hiking trail through the Ratschingstal valley – from Jaufensteg to Flading – is lined with information panels filled with fascinating legends of Tyrolean sorcerer Pfeifer Huisele.



Mountain Adventure World

The fascinating worlds of ants and marmots, climbing games, a gigantic slide and much more await you at the Mountain Adventure World in Ratschings.

Forest & Water trail

On this natural history trail around the Wolfsthurn Castle in Mareit you can learn a wealth of fascinating information about the region, the forest and the water – and have lots of fun while you're at it.

Stop and enjoy

**'Speckknödel' and 'Schlutzkrapfen', apple strudel and 'Kaiserschmarrn',
homemade cheese and fresh farmer's bread –
even the thought of it would make your mouth water.**

The welcoming hosts at the mountain huts and Alpine pastures
will treat you and your loved ones to traditional fare,
the very best of ingredients and an amusing story or two.

An absolute treat for body and soul.



Traditional Alpine farming is good
for the animals and the countryside,
and the **Alpine dairies** also produce top-quality
butter, milk, cream and Alpine cheese.

Alpine farming







Water is life

Water, the source of all life.

Although never still, it symbolises the epitome of peace, clarity and purity.

In Ratschings, we can see and feel these qualities of water shining through in a number of regenerating areas infused with natural energy:

At the bubbling mountain streams, at thundering waterfalls, and at the crystal-clear mountain lakes or on the wide riverbanks.

Droplets on the skin

The Gilfenklamm is the most spectacular of all our natural wonders.

For centuries, the Ratschings River has flown through the pure white marble of the gorge.

This leisurely hike leads up and down the trail,
across the bridges and between mighty rock faces to the 15-metre-high waterfall.

Can you feel the misty droplets on your skin already?



A woman and a man with backpacks are looking at a waterfall in a mountain gorge. The woman is on the left, and the man is on the right. The waterfall is in the center, cascading down rocky terrain. The background shows steep, forested mountains under a clear sky.

My feel-good trail

The magical Burkhardklamm gorge
boasts viewpoints
of our magnificent mountains
together with two impressive waterfalls.

Scientific research has revealed
that the high concentration of waterfall ions
in the Burkhardklamm gorge –
also known as air-borne vitamins –
has stress-relieving,
cleansing and revitalising effects.



The power of water and foresight

**A view into the distance,
a whispering murmur in your ear.**

Recently, a very special place of power has been opened to the public in the farthest Ratschingstal valley. In the gorge named after the legendary sorcerer "Pfeifer Huisele" you can experience two impressive waterfalls up close via a newly built, twelve-meter long viewing platform and at the same time enjoy a unique view over the valley.

Dance of the molecules

Can you hear it?

The gentle murmuring of the Gurgl waterfall in the Jaufental Valley accompanies you along this leisurely trail through the woodland.

Another refreshing trip to the natural Kneipp trail, and your family outing is an absolute winner!



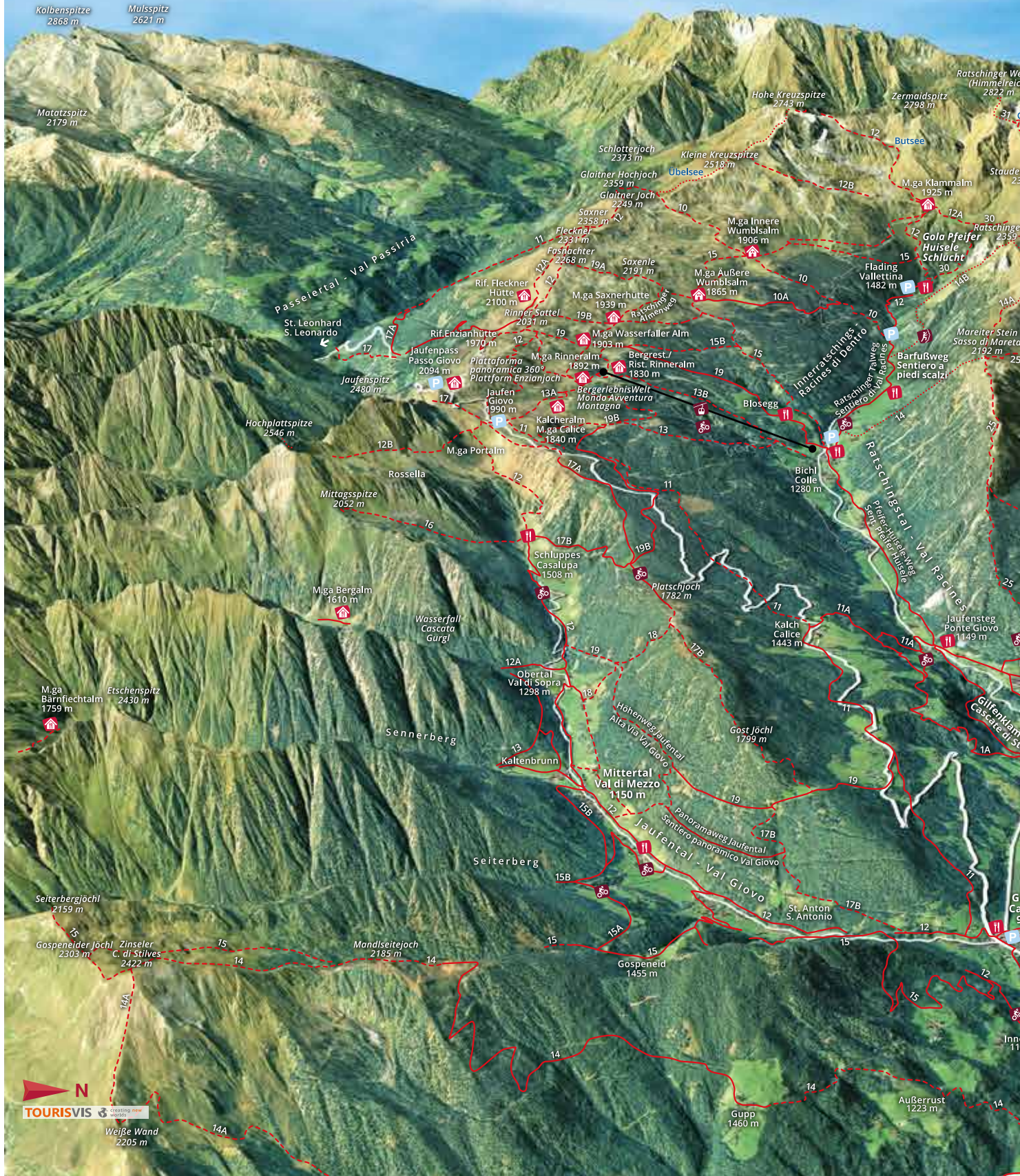


Seven hours, seven lakes

The Seven-Lake Trail in the Ridnauntal Valley is an absolute must for all mountain lovers.

The name might give you a clue: On arriving at the Moarerbergalm mountain pasture by shuttle bus, this approximately seven-hour hike leads to seven mountain lakes at the foot of the southern Stubai Alps, each with its own unmistakable character.

Many people have dived into the cool, fresh waters – how do you fancy it?



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Rifugio | Kabinenbahn
Cabinovia | Sportzone
Zona sportiva | Fahrradweg
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The white paradise

Adventure and adrenaline, peace and romance – winter in the mountains can be so many things.

Dashing down the ski slopes, fun for the family on a sledging trip, tiring yourself out on a snowshoe hike, snuggled up on a cosy horse-drawn carriage ride through the valley or out on an adventurous torchlit hike – our white paradise is a guarantee of unforgettable wow-factor moments!

A new lease of life

Ratschings-Jaufen boasts with over 28 kilometres of perfectly groomed slopes, eight welcoming ski huts and two certified ski schools.

With its state-of-the-art cable cars, wonderfully wide slopes at all difficulty levels, adventure on the slopes from beginners to pros, Ratschings-Jaufen gives skiers, snowboarders and all winter fans a new lease of life. Here at Ratschings-Jaufen, skiing feels like you're flying.



Skiing in the
Ratschings-Jaufen
ski area



Extras

- > Free ski bus
- > Multi-level parking garage with three electric charging stations
- > Ski rental with ski service
- > Ski depot
- > Five kilometer long toboggan run
- > Panoramic high-altitude cross-country ski trail Platschjoch



Stamina and balance

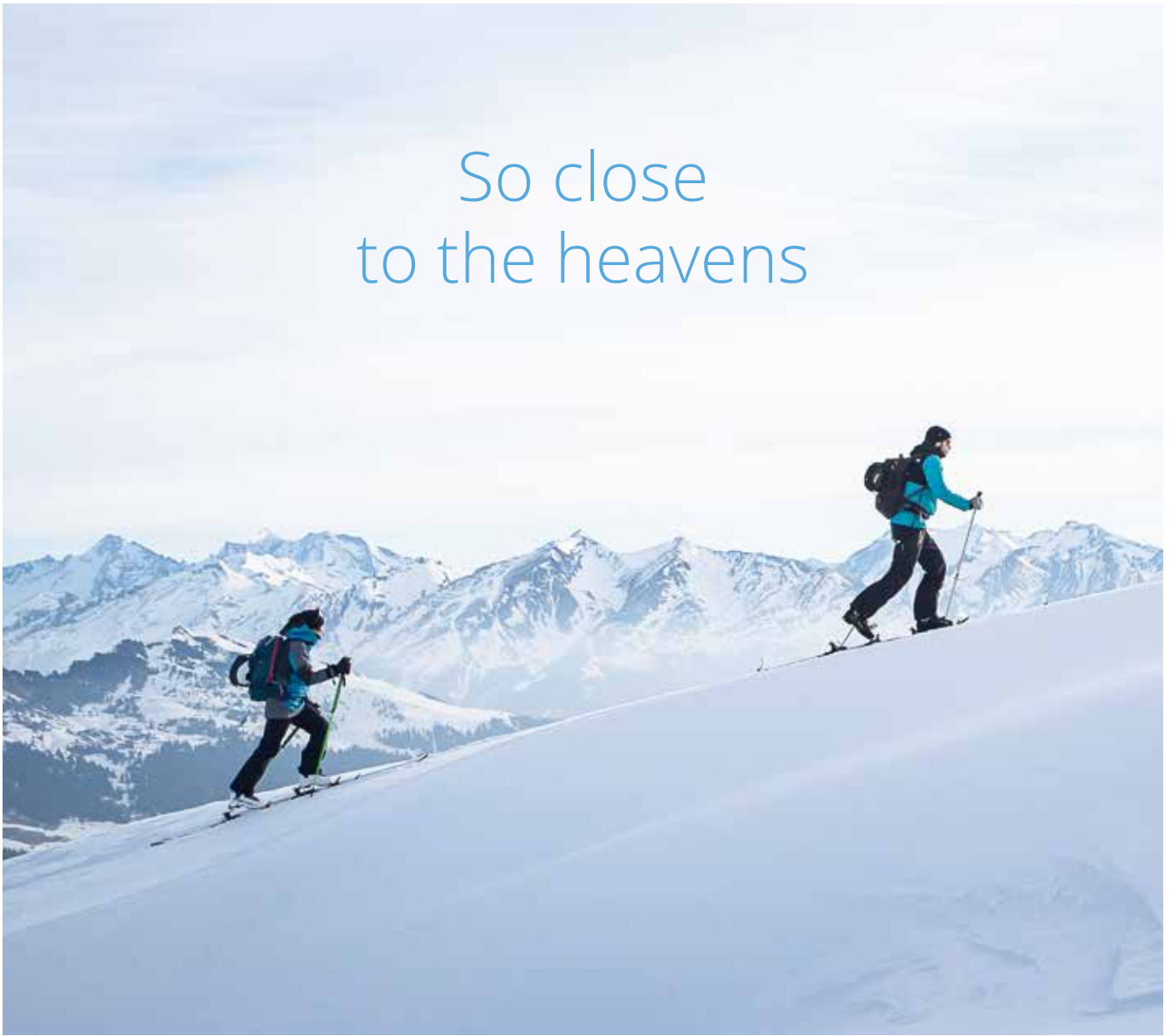
**Even in the past, Norwegians knew it:
Cross-country skiing is one of the healthiest winter sports there is.**

No matter whether you prefer the high-energy skating style or the somewhat more leisurely classic technique, here in Ridnaun and Ratschings you can look forward to around 40 km of beautifully groomed trails suitable for newbies and experts.

The **panoramic high-altitude trail** on the Platschjoch is a magnificent highlight destination.



So close to the heavens



**A solitary ascent through the untouched winter countryside,
a view of infinite expanses,
and a speedy decent through the glistening snow.
Heaven has never been so close.**

Our three valleys are an out-and-out paradise
for ski tourers of all abilities.

Conquer the most beautiful summits
and give yourself a full-body workout while you're at it.

Premium ski tours

Enjoy your own assigned parking space, information boards with panoramic images and avalanche transceivers with our 15 premium ski tours!

Crispy, crystallly snow

Can you smell the snow?

On a winter hike in our three valleys,
you can experience the Alpine winter with all your senses, and in its purest of forms.

If you head out on a snowshoe expedition, you can explore the snow-covered countryside far from the beaten path, whether on an easy hike with children or a challenging tour up to the mountain pass.

There's nothing better than the sound of snow crunching under your feet.



Sledging: Good fun guaranteed



**The wind in your face,
the sledging slope
before you,
and a smile on your lips.**

There's no doubt about it: Sledging is good fun for everyone! Here in Ratschings and the valleys, there are countless sledging opportunities for all ages.

Stop off at a traditional mountain hut to warm your hands, and sledge onwards at full speed.

'Tonnerboden' natural sledging slope

In the Wipptaler Sledge Centre in the Jaufental Valley you will find a well-groomed race track which hosts international competitions and a leisure track open to all amateur sledgers.

Family, joy, snow fun

Fit for the slopes

From ski land and ski kindergarten
to powder freeriding -
our two certified ski schools will get you fit
for snow fun on one or two boards in no time!



'Gasse' family ski lift

The small but beautiful 'Gasse' family ski lift
in the Ridnauntal Valley provides families
and beginners with a magic carpet,
making travel an exceptionally comfortable,
100% stress-free experience.



Christmas is in the air

The air is filled with the scent of gingerbread, toasted almonds and spicy orange punch.

Bright fairy lights line the town centre, while the market stall holders, huddled together, sell their goods in the market in the town square.

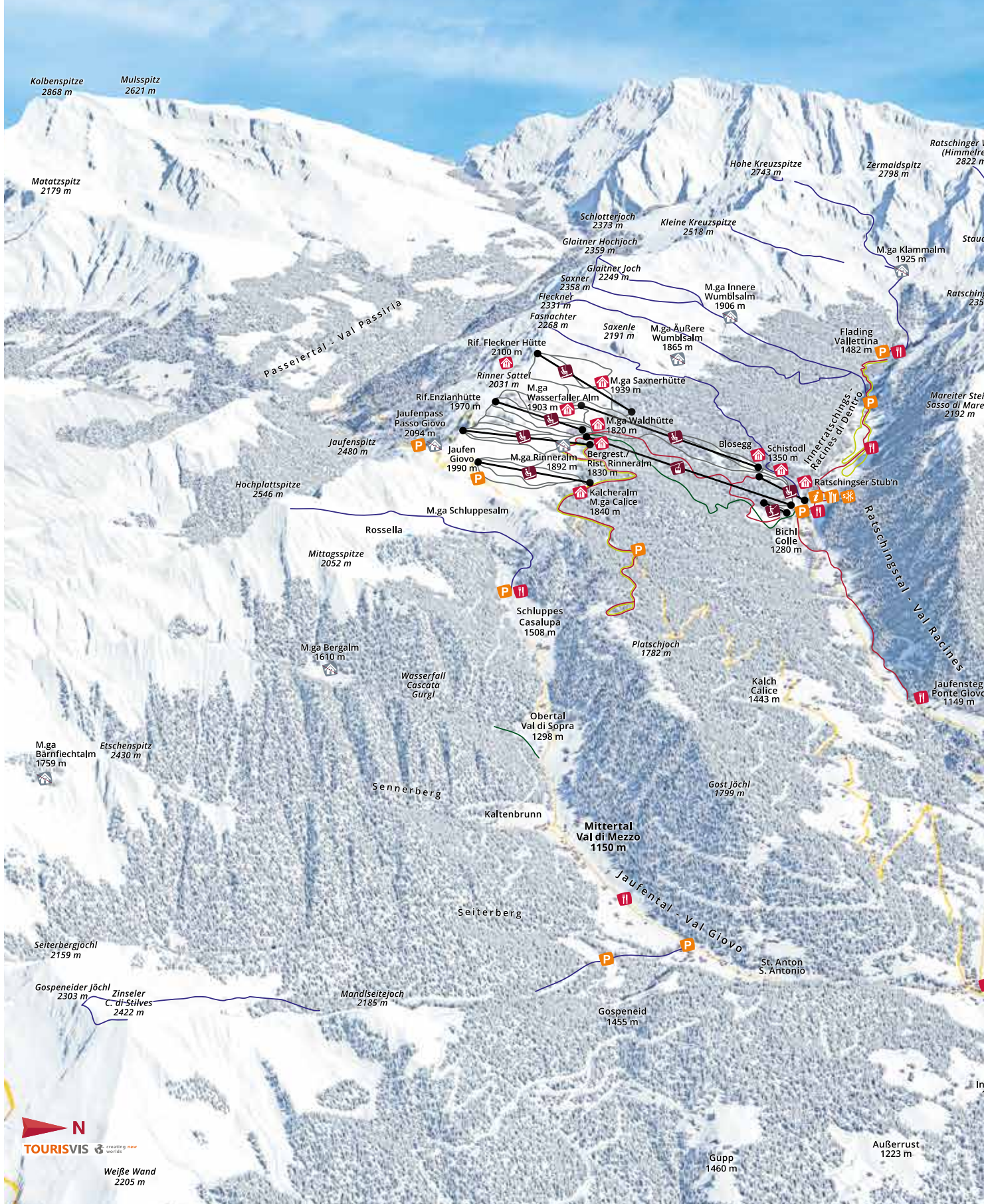
And the Zwölferturm – the 'Tower of the Twelve' towering above it all, ringing out its magical Christmas melody.

The 'Sterzing Glockenweihnacht' celebrates Christmas in the most magical of ways.



Join us on a peaceful
torchlit Christmas hike through
the enchanting winter's landscape.
On this romantic excursion
through the countryside,
you will feel the magic of
nature like never before.

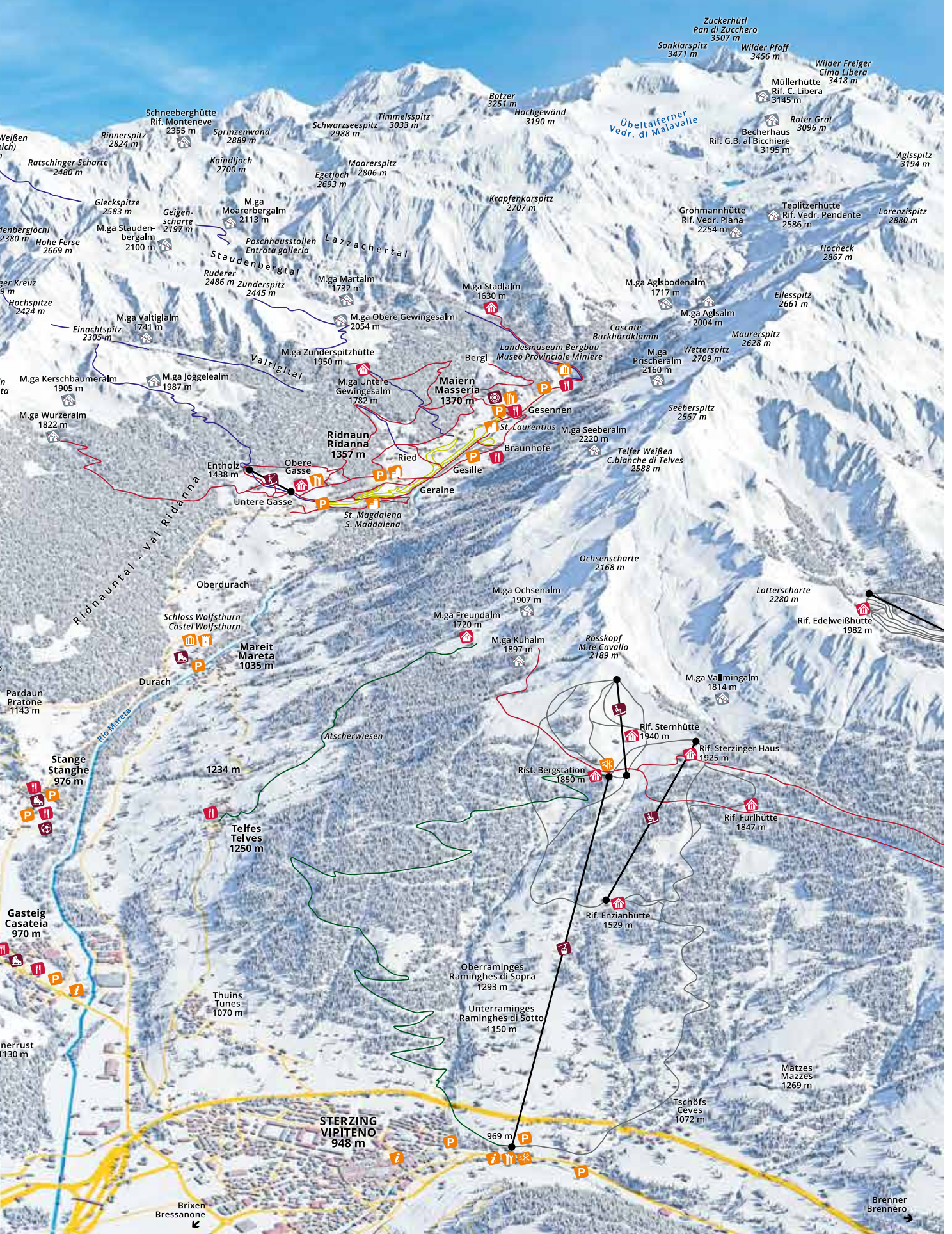
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romance



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A tasty table

Hearty farmhouse bread, homemade jam, home-roasted muesli, 'Speckknödel', 'Schlutzkrapfen', venison ragout, 'Kaminwurzeln', apple strudel, 'Buchteln' with vanilla sauce ... the list could go on forever: **Our cuisine is every bit as variety-packed as our scenery,** and our restaurants mostly use regional and seasonal ingredients in every dish.

Can you taste the difference?



A plate
of joie de vivre,
please!

From melt-in-the-mouth to crispy delicious -
South Tyrol is a real insider tip for gourmets.

Here, Mediterranean finesse
meets traditional Tyrolean cuisine,
spiced with a good pinch
of joie de vivre.

Whether at a cozy Törggelen evening
in the Buschenschank
or at a tasting menu in a selected restaurant -
with us, good taste is redefined and,
of course, always served with a smile!

Original South Tyrolean Speckknödel

INGREDIENTS (for 12 dumplings)

- 340 g stale white bread (dumpling bread)
- 160 g speck
- ½ onion
- 50 g butter
- 3 medium eggs
- approx. 200 ml milk or water
- Parsley and chives, finely chopped
- A little salt and some breadcrumbs if necessary

METHOD

Dice the bread finely and place in a bowl. Sauté the chopped onion and diced speck in the butter and add to the bread. Stir in the milk or water, eggs, salt, chives and parsley, cover, and leave to rest briefly. Mix well once again. If the mixture is too soggy, add some breadcrumbs.

Wet your hands and shape the mixture into balls. Boil in boiling, salted water for 12 minutes. Turn off the heat, put the lid on the pan, and leave in the water for a further 5 minutes.

Cabbage salad makes an excellent side dish. Speck dumplings can also be served in a clear broth.

Heavenly creamy

Fresh Alpine spring water, sweet-smelling hay and endless love: These are the ingredients which make the milk from our mountain cows so unique.

Every day at the crack of dawn, the milk is picked up from the mountain farms on both sides of the Brenner Pass and driven to the Sterzing Dairy, where it is transformed into a variety of dairy products.

The magnificently creamy Sterzing yoghurt is famed throughout Italy and beyond. What's your favourite flavour?




From April to October, you can look forward to a vast array of agricultural produce and regional delicacies every Friday morning at the farmers' market beneath the Zwölferturm tower.

Sterzing
farmers' market





A close-up photograph of a man with a full beard and mustache, smiling broadly. He is wearing a traditional, textured brown hat with a braided band and a light-colored, buttoned shirt. A pipe is in his mouth. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

A sense of home

Whether it's bringing in the New Year, sharing in the Easter Sunday festivities, the annual Sacred Heart bonfires in June, village festivals in summer, the bringing down of the cattle in autumn, the Krampus rampage in December or a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride all year round: Here in Ratschingstal, Ridnauntal and the Jaufental Valleys, time-honoured customs and traditions are not only a celebration, but a living, breathing part of our culture.

And you can be a part of it all!

With garlands
and glory



Ding-a-ling-ling, ding-a-ling-ling!

The matriarch ambles leisurely onwards, bedecked in the most beautiful wreath and wearing the largest cowbell, as a shepherd leads the herd down towards the valley.

After their summer sojourn in the mountains, the Alpine cattle come back to the valley at the end of September – and we celebrate their return in style with traditional music, South Tyrolean specialities and foods from the farms.

Traditional costumes and individuality

Elaborately laced and proudly presented.

Our music bands and other associations wear the Tyrolean traditional costume at every performance as a symbol of closeness to nature and home. The traditional costume shows where you are at home, because every valley has its own. You can admire the individual garments at one of the many summer concerts, on typical folk festivals, alpine transhumances or religious processions.



Impressive cultural treasures



Unique, multi-faceted and exciting – yes, we love all things cultural!

And the cultural life of our valleys is as variety-packed as the countryside.
From the imposing baroque castle to the rattling mills by rushing rivers,
to the thrills of the display tunnel in the old mine –
here in the Ratschings countryside you're not just a spectator,
you're right in the heart of life as it used to be.



Just like it was 150 years ago

Behemoth machinery splits and crushes the rock, immense flotation basins bring the ore up to the surface: Here in this high-mountain mine, ramps and horse-drawn tram lines form the world's largest surface ore conveyor system.

In the Ridnaun Mountain Mine Museum, you can take a trip back in time to the industrial revolution and see the original ore processing works up close.



The Ridnaun Giantess

Maria Faßnauer from the Staudnerhof farm in the furthest reaches of the Ridnauntal Valley measured a mighty 2.27 m in height. At the beginning of the 20th century, the "Giantess from Tyrol" was an attraction at fairgrounds throughout Europe.

Of hunters and princesses



**How would you like to dance like a princess in a baroque ballroom?
Take part in an 18th century hunt, at least in your imagination?**

At the hunting and fishing museum at Wolfsturn Castle in Mareit, you can do both: The castle features stately rooms complete with original furnishings, a vast cultural history collection dedicated to the history of hunting and fishing, and a range of superb educational games for children.

Towering above the valley



The St. Magdalena miners' chapel towers up on a hilltop and looks out over the entire Ridnauntal Valley, all the way to the Becherhaus mountain hut.

A 15-minute walk will take you to this Gothic hilltop chapel, built in 1480 by the Schneeberg miners. The chapel also houses an invaluable winged altar crafted by Matthias Stöberl.

This spiritual site with its abundance of energy will introduce you to a wholly new perspective of mountain life.

Guided tour of St. Magdalena

From May until the beginning of November, a free, one-hour-long cultural tour is held in the miners' chapel every Monday at 4 pm (In July and August, also every Friday at 10.30 am; Prior booking is not required).

Art, culture and superb cuisine under the 'Tower of the Twelve'

Beautiful town houses, romantic alleys and time-honoured delicacies:

The Fugger town of Sterzing is imbued with a very special magic:
Every corner is overflowing with art, culture and superb cuisine.

Gaze in wonder at the impressive Council Hall in the heart of the city or discover the magnificent Multschermuseum, Gothic churches and medieval castles.



During a leisurely stroll through the picturesque pedestrian area and beneath the mighty Zwölferturm – the 'Tower of the Twelve' – you will find a wealth of treasures, ranging from designer Italian fashion to rustic artisanal handcrafts.



Shopping paradise with flair

A caring, natural holiday



Are you looking for a sustainable holiday without compromising on top quality and unforgettable experiences? So are we!

And this is why the Ridnauntal-Ratschingstal-Jaufental Valley holiday region, as a member of the 'Alpine Pearl association', is committed to promoting soft-mobility holidays.

We want to preserve our beautiful natural landscape for future generations, and to reduce our impact on the environment and climate to a minimum.



Alpine Pearls is an **international network** of 19 selected destinations in the Alpine region for attractive, sustainable tourism.

The focus of the Pearls is on future-oriented, climate-friendly mobility and its positive effects on a vacation in harmony with the environment.

**ALPINE
PEARLS**
eco-friendly escapes

Have a good trip!

Would you like your journey to Ratschings to be as relaxing and stress-free as possible?

If so, we recommend taking the train or bus.

From Munich, for example, five direct train connections will take you to our holiday region in around just two and a half hours.

Numerous travel companies also bring you safely to destination without the irritation of detours or changes to your itinerary.

Sit back and enjoy the ride. **We're looking forward to seeing you!**



GuestCard

With our **GuestCard**, you can get to all of your favourite destinations by bus and train.

Many discounts and other benefits
such as free participation in our guided tours await you!

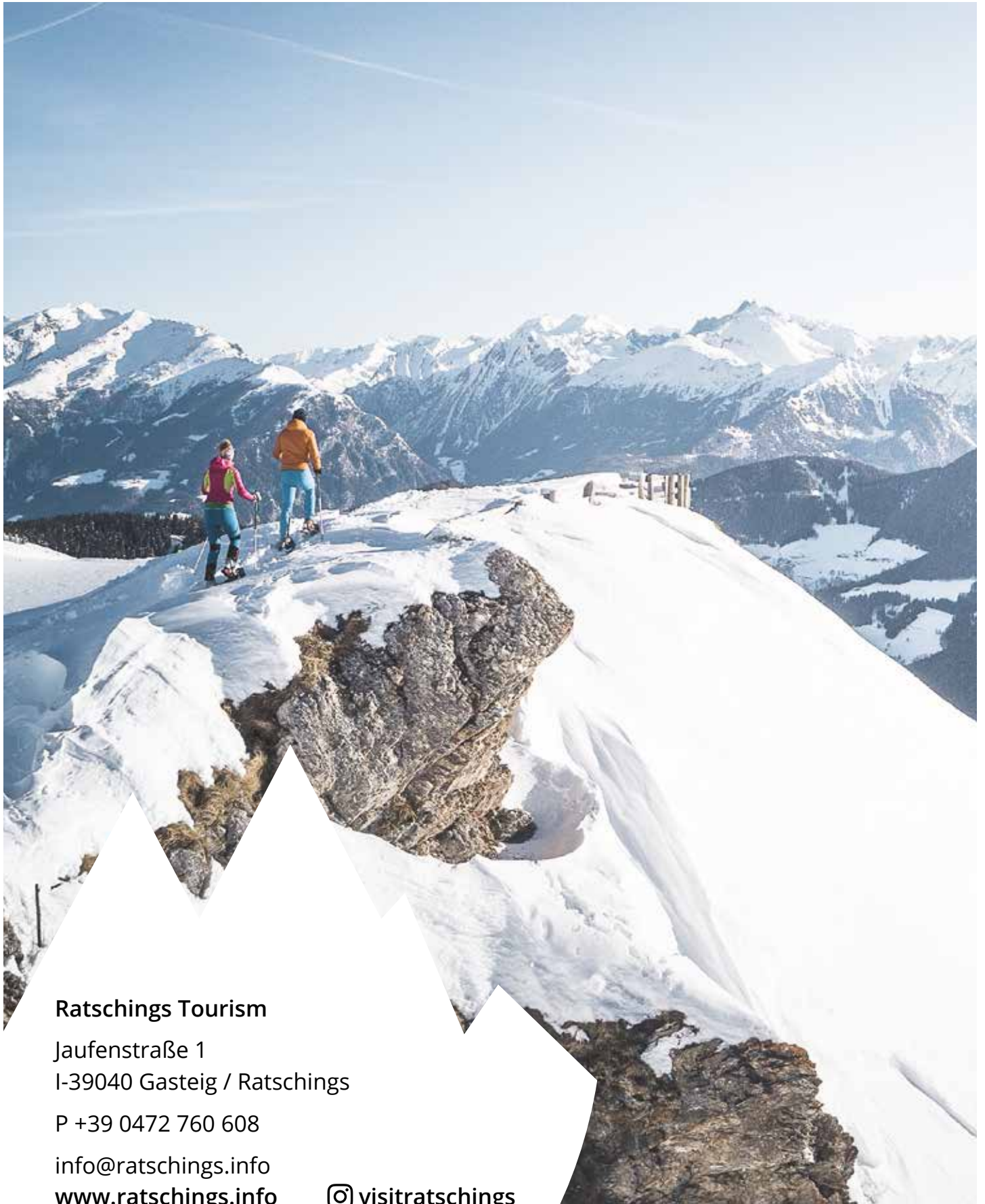


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