**Söll**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

99

**Intermediate Runs**

74

**Advanced Runs**

13

**Total Runs**

186

**Lifts**

90

**Chairs**

36

**Drags**

39

**Gondola Cable Cars**

15

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

7m (21ft).

**Overview**

Shortly before snowboarding burst onto the winter sports scene in the 1980s, Söll ski resort had taken the crown from Italy's Sauze d'Oulx as the party hotspot in the Alps, especially amongst young British skiers.

Although still one of the livelier choices in Alpine skiing, Söll now rarely makes the headlines for anything other than its traditional Tyrolean ambience and large, accessible ski area.

Like Sauze d'Oulx, Söll had a long history as a farming centre long before winter sports were even thought about. And, despite extensive growth as a tourist resort, Söll has kept a lot of its character by maintaining historic architectural standards, with the village still centred on its beautiful, old church.

Söll is one of nine villages with inter-linked ski areas that together form Austria's largest single ski area, the SkiWelt (Ski World). This vast domain provides ample opportunities for skiers and boarders of all levels.

**Location**

Söll is located in the Wilder Kaiser Alps region, within the province of Tyrol in northwest Austria. The resort is very close to the German border.

**Website**

www.SkiWelt.at

**Piste Map**

www.SkiWelt.at/en/SkiWelt-wilder-kaiser-brixental-1.html

**Hit The Slopes**

A modern gondola close to the village centre is the access point for anyone who is staying in Söll to access the giant SkiWelt area, which encompasses the local slopes and those from half-a-dozen neighbouring villages. Altogether there are 280km (174 miles) of ski runs – more than 245km (152 miles) of which has snowmaking cover. These are served by 90 lifts and more than 70 mountain restaurants.

The closest slopes to Söll village itself include four black runs to explore, but the SkiWelt pass covers the full area and you can easily reach another nine black runs if you wish to find more, with the Alpseite run popularly regarded as the most challenging, hitting gradients of up to 80%.

Beginners based in the resort have wide, sunny pistes at the top and bottom of the mountain. A special beginners-only lift ticket is available, although only if you are booked on a ski school course, which saves money for those who don't want the full SkiWelt pass (there is no Söll-only ticket).

Intermediates will feel they can ski forever here. There is a marked circuit of around 20 runs within the Söll vicinity that’s enjoyable enough, but real powder hounds will want to sample the 70 or so sweeping blues in the huge lift-linked SkiWelt area.

If that's still not enough, a further option is the Kitzbüheler Alpen AllStarCard, which incorporates additional neighbouring areas to include more than 350 lifts and cable cars serving over 1,080km (671 miles) of runs. But note that these areas are not lift-linked, so a car or the use of bus connections is necessary.

The ski season in Söll generally runs from beginning of December until the beginning of April.

**Söll**

**Resort**

703

**Base**

650

**Top**

1829

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Söll has a better than average range of off-slope activities for its size, with squash courts and several health and beauty centres to enjoy. In addition, the Kaiserbad Ellmau swimming pool complex (tel: +43 5358 3811; [www.kaiserbad.com/en](http://www.kaiserbad.com/en)) offers a range of water-based fun in nearby Ellmau. The same complex also houses a wellness centre with bio-sauna, chamomile steam bath, an Egyptian steam bath and infra-red sauna cabin – whatever your ailment, they’re likely to have a cure for it here.

Outdoors, Söll has its own natural ice rink, which can be used for skating in the winter months. There is also the chance to have a go at curling, while the typical Alpine activities of snowmobiling, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, snow tubing and winter hiking are also available for most ages. There’s also paragliding and dog sledding if you’re feeling more adventurous.

**Family Fun**

Söll ski resort is a good choice for families with its excellent facilities for children, friendly ambience, relaxed restaurants and wide, sunny slopes.

On the mountain, Skischule Söll-Hochsöll (tel: +43 5333 5454; [www.skischule-soell.com](http://www.skischule-soell.com)) has a ski nursery for children aged three to five and there are special ski school classes for older children. Children aged 12 months to four years can be looked after in the Snow Pirates Kids Club (tel: +43 6641 721 963) at the top of the gondola in Scheffau. There’s also the Hexenwiese (tel: +43 5333 5260) ski area near the valley station, which is a witch-themed snow playground with a witch’s rocker, a small hill, a tunnel and a show jumping course.

**Retail Therapy**

Shopping is not a big activity in Söll boasting just 15 shops – around half of which sell skiwear and equipment. Sport Erdinger (+43 5333 5159; [www.sport-edinger.at](http://www.sport-edinger.at)) is one of the better skiwear choices, with a large selection of ski paraphernalia and branded clothing.

Among the others options are a couple of small souvenir shops offering locally made Tyrolean crafts, in particular wooden carved items.

**Splashing Out**

Sign up for ‘Husky Day’ on Friday afternoons (register at least 24 hours in advance) to enjoy a dog sleigh ride and to learn more about the hardy breed – meet at the tourist information office (tel: +43 5050 9210) at Dorf 84 in the village.

**Apres Ski**

Söll once had a wild reputation, much to the excitement of English tabloids, and while it still has some rather lively bars, there are plenty of quieter places too.

Popular nightspots in Söll include the raucous Moonlight Bar (tel: +43 6644 036 006; [www.moonlightbar-soell.com](http://www.moonlightbar-soell.com)), the infamous Whisky-Mühle (tel: +43 5333 5326; [www.whisky-muehle.at](http://www.whisky-muehle.at)) and Salvenstadl (tel: +43 5333 6373; [www.salvenstadl.at](http://www.salvenstadl.at)), which has live bands and broadcasts all major live sports on big screens.

More relaxed offerings include the Soller Stuben (tel: +43 53 335 360; ), which has a great range of beers, and the atmospheric Dorfstub’n (tel: +43 53 335 907; [www.dorfstubn-soell.at](http://www.dorfstubn-soell.at)), a classy, wood-clad joint that also serves tasty food.

**Eating Out**

There are about two dozen restaurants in Söll, many of them in hotels, and most of them traditional Tyrolean affairs.

The Ager family's Dorfstub'n (tel: +43 53 335 907; [www.dorfstubn-soell.at](http://www.dorfstubn-soell.at)) and Söller Stuben (tel: +43 53 335 360; [www.soellerstuben.at](http://www.soellerstuben.at)) are both good for Austrian specialities. The Gasthof (tel: +43 53 335 221; [www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at](http://www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at)) has a*bierstube* (beer room) dating back to the 13th century and is also highly regarded, particularly for its steak dishes.

Bella Vita (tel: +43 53 332 0360) is popular, largely thanks to its international menu. Elsewhere, Giovanni (tel: +43 53 335 705; [www.ristorante-giovanni.at](http://www.ristorante-giovanni.at)) and Hexenalm (tel: +43 53 335 544; [www.hexenalm-soell.at](http://www.hexenalm-soell.at)) are both popular purveyors of pizza.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Salzburg Airport (SZG); Innsbruck Airport (INN); Munich Airport (MUC).  
Distances to resort: 80km (50 miles); 80km (50 miles); 149km (93 miles).  
Driving times: 1 hour; 1 hour; 1 hour 25 minutes.

**Getting Around**

A free ski bus (for lift pass holders and/or hotel guest card holders) operates around the resort. A small fare is charged for the bus service that operates to neighbouring villages.

**Hotels**

Most of the accommodation in Söll is made up of 3-star hotels, basic bed and breakfasts and guesthouses. In addition, there are also a large number of chalet-style buildings (although a surprising few of these are catered) and a handful of apartments.

**Hotel Feldwebel**

Centrally located, parts of this family-run hotel date back five centuries. This friendly establishment houses a well-regarded restaurant and a first class wellness centre.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 73

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5224

**Website**

www.feldwebel.at

**Hotel Alpenpanorama**

One of only a small number of 4-star hotels in Söll, Hotel Alpenpanorama is set in a beautiful location and has its own café and patisserie selling homemade cakes.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Sonnbichl 18

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5309

**Website**

www.alpenpanorama-hotel.at

**Hotel-Pension Huter**

Hotel-Pension Huter is a beautiful traditional chalet, just five minutes' walk from the resort centre and 100m (328ft) from the ski bus stop.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Sonnbichl 9

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5121

**Website**

www.hotel-huter.com

**Postwirt**

The oldest maintained building in Söll, the family-run Postwirt hotel mixes Tyrolean tradition with 4-star quality. Rooms are neatly finished and staff are attentive and helpful. The hotel also has an excellent spa.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 83

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5081

**Website**

www.hotel-postwirt-soell.at/en

**Pension Edelweiss**

This well-run pension has helpful family owners who provide a great breakfast and any local advice required. Rooms are a little pokey, but it is handily located opposite the ski bus stop and is within walking distance of a local supermarket.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Dorf 99

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5301

**Website**

www.edelweiss-soell.at

**Ferienhotel Fuchs**

This recently refurbished 3-star hotel is located a little way above the resort centre, but it’s in a peaceful location with good rooms and houses a decent restaurant. It’s about a 15-minute walk from the ski slopes, but the ski bus stops right outside the hotel.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Pirchmoos 36

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Söll

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

A 6306

**Country**

Austria

**Telephone**

+43 5333 5279

**Website**

www.ferienhotel-fuchs.at