

Spectacular favourites and new formats: Roadbike and MTB events in Tirol in summer 2022

Professional athletes and ambitious amateurs alike will find plenty of roadbike and mountain bike events in Tirol showcasing the beautiful landscape and challenging terrain of this region. Summer 2022 will once again see a wide range of races and mass-participation events take place in Tirol. Highlights include the spectacular Tour of the Alps bringing some of the world's best pro riders to Austria as well as perennial favourites and a few new formats. Here are the most important bike events in Tirol at a glance.

Tour of the Alps – 18 until 22 April 2022

Five stages, 719 kilometres and 13,750 vertical metres of climbing – this year's Tour of the Alps certainly lives up to the punishing reputation the race has built up over the past five years. This year once again it will draw 150 of the world's best professional riders to race on the roads of the Tirol-South Tirol-Trentino Euroregion from 18 until 22 April 2022. The peloton will include ten top-level UCI World Tour teams including INEOS Genadiers with Richie Porte, Team Astana Quazaqstan with Vincenzo Nibali and Miguel Angel Lopez, and BORAhansgrohe with Wilco Kelderman. In 2022 the Tour of the Alps will for the first time be part of the UCI ProSeries. Stage one begins in Cles in Trentino and leads via Primiero/S. Martino di Castrozza, Lana and Niederdorf to the Austrian border, where riders cross into East Tirol for the final two stages – one ending in Kals am Großglockner and one ending in the region's main town, Lienz. Riders and spectators alike can look forward to more of the wonderful scenery and top-level riding that have made the Tour of the Alps so popular in recent years. <https://www.tourofthealps.eu>

Further roadbike and MTB events in summer 2022

Top roadbike events in Tirol

Dreiländergiro – 26 June 2022

Each year the Dreiländergiro sees 3,000 roadbike riders from 30 countries meet in the west of Tirol for one of Europe's largest mass-participation roadbike events. It will be taking place for the 28th time in 2022 and challenge riders once again to complete 120 kilometres with 3,000 vertical metres of climbing on a route taking in Austria, Italy and Switzerland. The highlight is without a doubt the

climb of the Stelvio Pass – one of the most spectacular mountain roads in Europe with its legendary 48 switchbacks. <https://www.dreilaendergiro.at>

Kitzbühel Bike Marathon – 10 July 2022

The Kitzbühel Bike Marathon is not for the faint of heart or the weak of leg! This event, which will take place for the second time in summer 2022, is 216 kilometres in length with a total of 4,600 vertical metres of climbing. The marathon is open to all riders, but you will need a good fitness level and the right pacing strategy to make it through to the end. The route features a number of mountain passes including Pass Thurn, the Gerlos Pass, the Kerschbaumer Sattel and, finally, the brutally steep climb of the Kitzbüheler Horn. <https://www.kitzbueheler-radmarathon.at>

Arlberg Giro – 31 July 2022

With its 150 kilometres of riding and 2,500 vertical metres of climbing, the Arlberg Giro is one of the most challenging roadbike events in the Alps. Each year it welcomes 1,500 participants keen to take on the tough course including the Silvretta High Alpine Road. This twisting strip of tarmac connects Tirol with the neighbouring region of Vorarlberg and is known as one of the most beautiful roads in the Alps. The fastest rider to the top of the Bieler Höhe climb at 2,032 metres above sea level wins the title King / Queen of the Mountain.

Ötztal Bike Marathon – 28 August 2022

“I have a dream” is the motto of the Ötztal Bike Marathon – and each year 4,000 riders from around the world come to Tirol to make that dream a reality. Between them and their dream stand 227 km of riding with 5,500 vertical metres of climbing from Sölden in Tirol over four alpine passes into Italy and finally back to Sölden. The best of the best manage to complete this punishing course in around seven hours. The Ötztal Bike Marathon is well-known in the cycling scene for its outstanding organisation. Families, friends and roadbike enthusiasts will once again be able to follow the action live via an internet livestream. <https://www.oetztaler-radmarathon.com>

Further roadbike events at a glance:

- Imst Bike Marathon, 5 May 2022
- Dolomite Bike Marathon / SuperGiro Dolomiti, 12 June 2022
- Race across the Alps, 24 and 25 June 2022
- Tannheimertal Bike Marathon, 3 July 2022
- Reither Kogel Trophy, 3 July 2022
- Kufsteinerland Bike Marathon, 4 September 2022

Top mountain bike events in Tirol

KitzAlpBike – 18 until 25 June 2022

For one week in June, the Brixental Valley in the Kitzbühel Alps is transformed into a mountain bike mecca as it welcomes KitzAlpBike, Austria’s leading mountain bike festival. Highlights at the event include the HILLclimb, the Mountainbike Marathon, the Windautaler Radlrallye and the E-Bike Days as well as lots more activities going on throughout the week. Both pro riders and

ambitious amateurs will be present for the 26th edition of KitzAlpBike in 2022.

<https://www.kitzalpbike.at>

Ischgl Ironbike – 3 August 2022

Ischgl Ironbike is one of the toughest mountain bike marathons in Europe – and in 2022 it will finally take place once again as a multi-day festival. As well as the marathon itself, highlights include the Ischgl Alpenhaus Trophy, a night-time hillclimb and a special e-bike chase. There is also an Expo Area and lots of side events plus the Ironbike Kids & Junior Trophy for youngsters.

<https://www.ischgl.com/en/Events/Top-Events/Ischgl-Ironbike>

Further MTB events at a glance:

- Crankworx, 15 until 19 June 2022
- MAXXIS Bike Transalp, 3 until 9 July 2022
- Red Bull Dolomitenmann, 10 September 2022
- Rise & Fall, 10 December 2022

Gravel Innsbruck – a festival for roadbike, gravel bike and mountain bike enthusiasts.

Following the success of the 2018 UCI Road World Championships in Innsbruck, the “Gravel Innsbruck – Ride with passion” event will take place on 18 September 2022 and is an annual get-together uniting all those who enjoy multi-terrain cycling around Innsbruck. Highlights include the chance to ride down the toboggan run in Igls and up the infamous Hell of Hötting climb in Innsbruck with gradients of up to 18%. Last but not least, no good festival would be complete without DJs, music and food trucks. <http://www.gravelinnsbruck.com>

BIKE TIROL: New e-bike hire system in Tirol

No matter if you are planning a cruise along one of Tirol’s many cycle paths or an adventure into the mountains, BIKE TIROL is your go-to place to hire mountain bikes and e-bikes in Tirol. The service is available via an app developed by the regional government in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Railways, the regional bus and train operator VVT, InnBike, the Tirolean tourism board und Communalp. The offer is aimed at both locals and visitors to Tirol keen to make their travels around the region as environmentally sustainable as possible.

BIKE TIROL will initially be available at the railway stations in Matrei am Brenner, Kufstein and Wörgl. These convenient locations make it easy to complete the first leg of a journey by rail before switching to a hike bike. BIKE TIROL offers top-quality mountain bikes and e-bikes from leading brands from just €35.90 per day.

www.bike.tirol

For more information on Tirol’s best cycling regions, its large network of bike paths and trails, certified accommodation for cyclists and bike events visit <https://www.tyrol.com/cycling>

Staying safe on holiday: For an overview of the current Covid-19 rules and recommendations in Tirol please visit www.welcome.tirol

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Tirol with its 34 regions is one of the leading tourist destinations in the Alps. Tourism in Tirol dates back almost 200 years and has been at the forefront of many innovations. Guests in both summer and winter appreciate the unique landscape, the high standard of service and infrastructure, and the traditionally warm welcome that has made Tirol famous throughout the world. Based in the regional capital Innsbruck, Tirol Werbung is the tourism marketing organisation for Tirol. Its main task is to position Tirol as the number one holiday destination in the Alps.

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