



3-Star Freeride World Tour Qualifier from March 22 to 25, 2012 • Freeride XXL at Kitzsteinhorn!

Kitzsteinhorn: X OVER RIDE goes back to the roots!

After the recent heavy snowfalls, the freeride routes at Kitzsteinhorn currently offer excellent powder conditions. But that's not the only reason why the X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2012 from March 22nd to 25th 2012 will present freeriding at the highest level. For the first time in its 8-year history, the big mountain contest will be held as a 3-star qualifier of the Freeride World Tour. At the most important freeride tour in the world, national and international top riders on skis and snowboards fight for prize-money and important points for the overall ranking.

The X OVER RIDE has first been held in 2004 and has continued to progress since. The event started as a grassroots freeride cross contest at the Langwied slope und quickly evolved to an annual season's highlight with competitions in freeriding, slopestyle and superpipe. Now the X OVER RIDE will return to its roots and focus on his past as a big mountain freeride contest for freeskiers and snowboarders. It will be held as a Freeride World Qualifier (FWQ) for the first time, including two runs at the slopes of Geißstein and Lakarschneid-Langwied on two days. Participation is limited. The current ranking of the Freeride World Tour will decide which applicants can enter the event. For everyone who is not placed in the Freeride World Tour ranking yet, an open qualifier to the FWQ*** main event will be held on March 17th 2012 at the Kristallbahn slope.

Due to reliable snow conditions and a great variety of off-piste runs, Kitzsteinhorn is just the right spot for an event like the X OVER RIDE. The glacier in the region of Zell am See and Kaprun, Salzburg County, Austria, is one of the most popular freeriding hot spots of the Alps. Wide powder fields, nice cliff jumps, cornices and natural pipes: located right next to the lifts, the five Kitzsteinhorn freeride routes offer everything off-piste lovers could wish for. Since Kitzsteinhorn has opened the new freeride routes under the slogan "Freeride XXL" and provided them with an informative system of signs, the powder slopes on Austria's first glacier ski resort have become even more popular. This information system concentrates on a comprehensive education on alpine dangers and calls on individual responsibility.

The five marked ski routes "Westside Story", "Left Wing", "Jump Run", "Pipe Line", and "Ice Age" offer beautiful ridges, natural pipes, kickers, and pipes. At the Freeride Info Base next to the Alpincenter, freeriders get all the information on the freeride routes as well as current weather, snow and avalanche conditions. Additionally, they'll find a checkpoint for their avalanche transceivers, equipment tips, and much more. At the Freeride Info Points, riders will find more information, like a topographic map showing the steepness of the slope, dangerous spots, and the most beautiful line. In addition, they can get advice on security and emergency measures.

A further offering for freeriders at Kitzsteinhorn is the free PIEPS Avalanche Training Center near the ICE CAMP. It offers off-piste fans the perfect conditions to practise the handling of their avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel. And for freeride beginners or advanced riders who want to improve their skills and alpine knowledge, Kitzsteinhorn offers various Freeride Camps, arranged by Kaprun ski schools such as Hartweg's and Oberschneider, or Freeride Experience.

Further information and videos of all five freeride routes can be found at www.kitzsteinhorn.at. For information on X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2012 and registration for the X OVER RIDE Open Qualifier, please visit www.x-over.at. Registration for the X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2012 FWQ*** at www.freerideworldtour.com !

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X-OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2012	The schedule:
Mar 17, 2012	Open Qualification
Mar 22, 2012	Face Inspection
Mar 23, 2012	1 st competition day at Geißstein
Mar 24, 2012	2 nd competition day at Lakarschneid-Langwied
Mar 25, 2012	Bad weather day

Freeride XXL – Safety first!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multifaceted off-piste areas not far from the lifts• Five marked off-piste routes• Freeride Info Base at the Alpincenter with information on off-piste routes, weather, snow and avalanche conditions, a checkpoint for avalanche transceivers, equipment tips, and much more• Freeride Info Points right at the entry of the off-piste routes with topographic maps, safety advice, advice on emergency measures, and much more• PIEPS Avalanche Training Center, practice under realistic conditions• Freeride Camps as an introduction into freeriding and avalanche knowledge
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The Power of Zehn	Kids and young adults (age group 1993 to 2005) only pay 10.00 Euro for a day ticket this winter, every Saturday until May 1 st , 2012.
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