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The history of Obertauern

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From the Tauernpass to a varied winter sports destination

SHORT TEXT

Where a Roman road once crossed the Tauernpass, visitors from around the world now spend their holidays. Obertauern's history tells the story of its first skiers, early summer visitors, and the village's growth.

TEXT

Long before Obertauern became a holiday destination, an important north-south route crossed the mountains here. The Roman road attests to the early significance of the Tauernpass. In the early 20th century, the first skiers, many with military backgrounds, came to train in the mountains.

Summer visitors also discovered the village in the interwar years. The skiing boom of the late 1940s and early 1950s then brought rapid growth in tourism. Over the decades, a village with just a few places to stay became a varied winter sports destination. Today, skiing, family activities, freeriding and après-ski shape Obertauern and continue its story.

HARD FACTS & LINKS

- Roman road across the Tauernpass as an early north–south route
- First skiers in the early 20th century, many with military backgrounds
- Summer visitors discovered Obertauern during the interwar years
- Growth in tourism with the skiing boom of the late 1940s and early 1950s
- Development from a few places to stay into a varied winter sports destination