



Mayrhofen Press Release  
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## **100 PERCENT COURAGE FOR 78 PERCENT GRADIENT**

### AUSTRIA'S STEEPEST SLOPE ADVENTURE

**The Harakiri – even experienced skiers have mixed feelings about the long-since legendary run on the Action Mountain Penken in Mayrhofen: over a 400-metre stretch, their reactions span from a huge sense of respect to pure euphoria. This is the length of the steepest section of the two-kilometre black piste in the Horbergtal valley. An impressive 78 percent gradient makes the Harakiri the steepest slope adventure in Austria.**

The piste on the Action Mountain Penken is getting twenty years old soon and still a legend. Year after year, it entices in holiday-makers and locals who want to set themselves the 'Harakiri challenge'.

### **STEEPER THAN A SKI JUMP HILL**

Those who dare can get to piste 34 (as the run is officially known) on the Knorren six-seater chair lift. This runs directly beside the Harakiri and from the top offers an impressive view of what awaits anyone who chooses to descend. On starting the run, the terrain is relatively gentle. But it is only a few hundred metres before the flat introductory section turns into the legendary 78 percent gradient and is steeper than a ski jump hill. The time has come for courage and true grit – there is no turning back now.

### **ONLY FOR EXPERTS!**

It is for precisely this reason that only those who are physically fit and can expertly control their skis or snowboard should attempt the Harakiri. A stable body position, advanced skiing skills and decisive edge grip are essential for a successful descent – as is the optimum equipment. This includes well-sharpened edges and, of course, a helmet. Snow blades and short skis on the other hand, should not be used on the Harakiri. If you are not sure whether you are ready for the Harakiri, you should first try the slightly less extreme piste 12, the DevilsRun. Locals regard the precipice at the end of the run as the 'Harakiri test'. If you can get down it safely, you are ready for Austria's steepest slope adventure.

### **CAREFUL PREPARATION IN LAYERS**

Nerves like steel are certainly helpful for this adventure. And steel is also essential for the Harakiri in another regard: the preparation of the piste. Due to its extremely steep location and average gradient of 38 degrees, it can only be prepared using a cable winch and a special nine-tonne snow groomer with 430 HP and four tonnes of traction. To prevent the snow from breaking away, the piste first has to be built up using a lengthy layering procedure and then covered in snow and prepared daily.



## “HARAKIRI SOUVENIR”

For all those who tackled the Harakiri and want to bring home a souvenir of their adventure, have the possibility to buy the Harakiri shirt in the color grey or black. You can buy this shirt at all cash desks of the Mayrhofner Bergbahnen and in our Online Shop on [www.mayrhofner-bergbahnen.com](http://www.mayrhofner-bergbahnen.com).

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**ACTION, LEISURE, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AROUND MOUNT PENKEN AND MOUNT AHORN WITH THE MAYRHOFNER BERGBAHNEN**



<b>++ SEASON START</b>	12 December 2021
<b>++ SKI AREA</b>	142 kilometers of pistes 60 modern lifts
<b>++ APP</b>	MayrhofnerMountainApp, with integrated ski navigation system and insider tips for the ski resort (download in the App Store, available for iOS & Android)
<b>++ ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE</b>	myZillertal.app
<b>++ ACTION MOUNTAIN PENKEN</b>	Harakiri FunRide Gerent SkiMovie Run on piste 16, the BlackAttack at the Möslbahn PenkenPark, <b>NEW:</b> FunRide Sun-Jet RacingParadise Unterberg WinterHikingPath Penken and WinterHikingPath "Zeitreise"
<b>++ LEISURE MOUNTAIN AHORN</b>	PistenBock Tobbogan Fun FunRide Ahorn AlbertAdler Tour on piste 4a WinterHikingPath Ahorn and WinterHikingPath Filzenkogel <b>NEW:</b> FalknerOase at the Filzen reservoir
<b>++ SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	Instagram, Facebook und TikTok: <b>mountopolis.at</b>
<b>++ SERVICE</b>	Suggestions for tours through the ski resort ( <a href="https://www.mayrhofen.at/en/stories/tour-suggestions-in-mayrhofen">https://www.mayrhofen.at/en/stories/tour-suggestions-in-mayrhofen</a> )
<b>++ SOUVENIRS</b>	Free ski buses with digital ski bus information Available at all cash desks and in our Online-Shop at <a href="https://shop.mayrhofen.at/mayr_en/accessoires/merchandise">https://shop.mayrhofen.at/mayr_en/accessoires/merchandise</a>
<b>++ SEASON</b>	Penkenbahn, Horbergbahn, Möslbahn and Ahornbahn: until 18 April 2022
<b>++ EVENTS</b>	<b>18 to 19 December 2021:</b> Mountopolis Höhenmeter-Fresser Challenge <b>18 to 19 December 2021:</b> Burton Step On Testride Tour <b>06 January 2022:</b> Vans Groms Open <b>08 to 09 January 2022:</b> Fit 4 powder <b>09 January 2022:</b> Austrian Snowpark Days <b>22 to 23 January 2022:</b> Burton Step On Testride Tour <b>05 February 2022:</b> Penken Battle <b>12 February 2022:</b> Girls Shred Session <b>19 to 20 February 2022:</b> SAAC Basic Camp <b>20 to 25 February 2022:</b> SAACnd Step <b>26 to 27 February 2022:</b> Völley Rälley <b>12 March 2022:</b> go-Shred Penken Bingo <b>13 March 2022:</b> A Day for Jake by Burton <b>18 to 20 March 2022:</b> Penken Knuckle Huckle <b>04 to 09 April 2022:</b> Snowbombing <b>08 to 09 April 2022:</b> Mountopolis Bungee Challenge

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