

- **The hills are alive with the sound of rallies at Stanglwirt—Austria's premier tennis resort**

European Vacation

The weather at many popular tennis resorts can become unbearable in the height of summer. But in Austria's Tyrolean mountains, temperatures in the 70s create ideal playing conditions at Stanglwirt.

For 33 years, Peter Burwash International has run a first-rate tennis program at the historic property. Although courts are available year-round, the resort is most popular in summer, when available packages include private instruction from one of the resort's six PBI pros. Indoor courts are carpeted with granulate, but it's the outdoor red-clay courts—set against a stunning backdrop of snow-

capped peaks—that make Stanglwirt such a breathtaking destination. Guests can choose from a variety of programs, including a kids' camp, tournaments with the trainers, and singles and doubles tournaments. Video analysis and use of ball machines are also among the offerings. Players can fuel up before or after matches at Stanglwirt's restaurants, which serve meats, cheeses, yogurt and butter sourced from the resort's own farm. During the summer, guests can

even hike up the mountain with owner Frau Hauser for a tour of the cheese hut.

The resort's rock pool, created from red sandstone, silver quartz and white chalk dolomite—and filled with water from Stanglwirt's own spring—is one of its most popular off-court attractions, as is the sauna with its views of the fish tank housing two sharks. A range of body and facial treatments is available at the spa, while other on-site activities include horse riding, mountain biking, golf, zip lining, hiking, Nordic walking and—in winter—skiing and snowboarding.

The clean living vibe extends to the accommodations: Rooms and suites are adorned with such natural materials as

pure-wool carpets, 100-percent cotton bed linens and an abundance of wood. Some larger rooms have mini saunas and Jacuzzis built for two. The resort's top attraction for tennis enthusiasts, however, is the instructors, many of whom are fluent in several languages to accommodate guests from around the world.

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Austria's Tyrolean Mountains provide Stanglwirt with one of the most majestic backdrops of any outdoor courts in the world.

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GETTING THERE

Austrian Airlines, a member of the Star Alliance, flies direct to Vienna from Washington DC, Toronto and New York's JFK. Flights to Munich and Zurich are good alternatives for reaching the Tyrol region. Salzburg and Innsbruck airports are located 50 and 60 miles from Stanglwirt, respectively. For details on traveling by rail or car in Austria, visit www.austria.info/us.