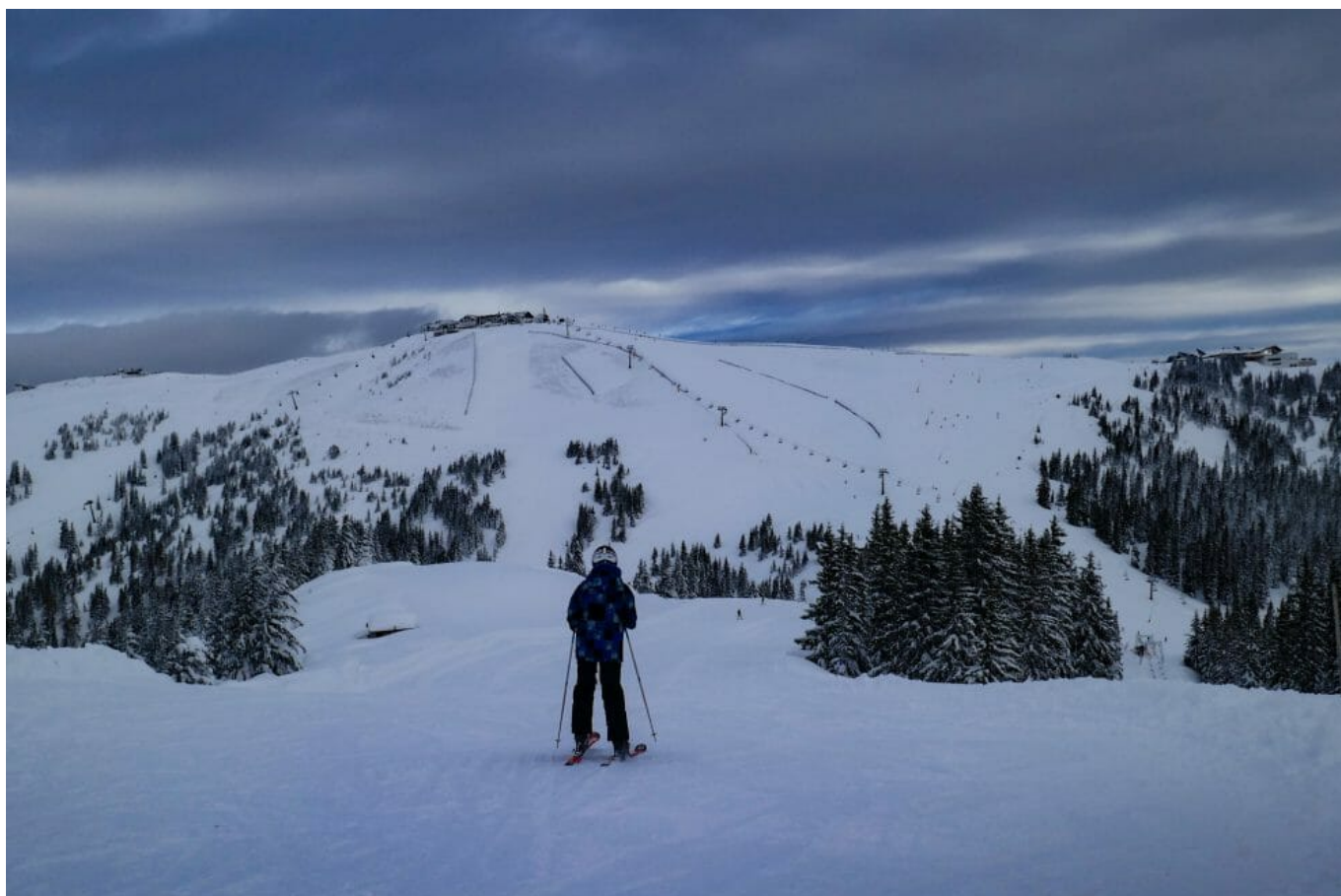


It's always exciting to wake and check what has happened in the night. This morning we found another fresh dumping of snow. The neighbouring roof that we had watched being cleared was buried again in a foot of new snow. All this snow is such a novelty for us, but I suspect you would get quite sick of shovelling over and over again.

It's nice not to have to rush even on ski days. The gondola is right there and a long wait for lifts is 30 seconds, so it really doesn't matter if you don't get going too early. Anna went off to ski school again and Andy had plans for a photo morning. Matt and I caught the ski bus up to the cable car for a direct ride to the top of the mountain. The bus dropped us at the bottom of the escalator, so we didn't even have to climb up stairs. The ski field here is small by European standards, but much bigger than NZ ones. Quite a few runs and lifts were closed while they sorted out ice and excess snow, but there was more than enough to keep us entertained. The snow was gorgeous with fresh powder to play in.



So much snow



And so few people

Andy came up on the cable car and met us for lunch, it was awesome to have him join us. The weather just kept getting better so he was able to get some great photos. Andy headed back down and spent the afternoon relaxing at the local sauna.



Our lunch spot





Clearing the decks on the restaurant balcony



View back down to Zell am See

More runs opened up as the day progressed and we were able to explore the back side of the mountain. This is a great mountain for differing abilities as there is usually a harder way and an easier way on each run. Sometimes we would ski together but other times I would take the cruisy option. Matt ditched me near the end of the day to explore a different way down the mountain. I did the usual runs down the middle at a very slow pace, I just kept stopping to take photos as it was so incredibly beautiful.

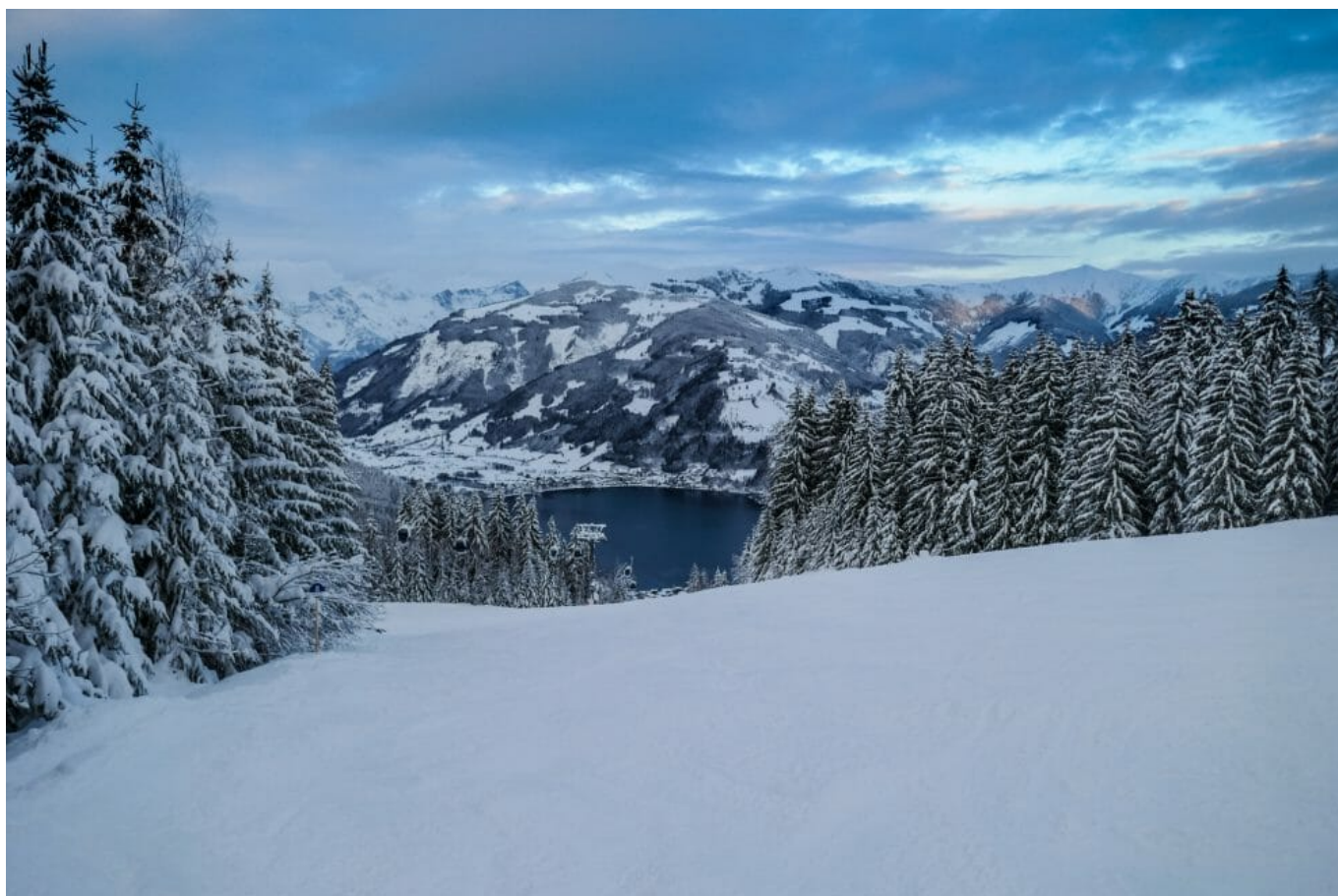


Last run of the day





Cruisy Forest Trails



Lake Views from the Runs

Anna really enjoyed snow school again. She had gone up a group and got an Austrian instructor today. Yesterday's instructor was from Wanganui! Andy loved the sauna, sounded like a real locals one. The sunset was beautiful tonight and as usual Andy did a fabulous job of capturing it on camera. We had a yummy pizza dinner with a fantastic view, looking out at the gorgeous square.





Balcony Views



View from the other side of the apartment





Dinner View