



# **40<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL DOPGAS BALLOON TROPHY AND 10<sup>th</sup> HANNESHOF BALLOON WEEK**

From **12th – 26th January 2019**, some 40 hot-air balloonists from all over the world will be taking part in the Dopgas Balloon Trophy Week in Filzmoos for the 40th time and in the Hanneshof Hot-air balloon Week for the 10th time.

The majestic, mountainous backdrop of the holiday resort in Pongau will once again attract balloonists from many different nations, as well as thousands of visitors.

The **“Night of the Balloons – Balloon Glow”** is scheduled for **Saturday, 19th January 2019** from 5.00 pm. The balloons will be inflated throughout the village centre and at the launch field “Hammerwiese”, thus providing a wonderful, colourful display.

On **Sunday, 20th January 2019** a grand **“Balloon Festival for Children”** will take place from 11.00 am at the “Hammerwiese” launch field. At this festival 2-3 special balloon shapes will be set up, e.g. the tiger, the owl, the clown...

This alpine location – Filzmoos in some 1.057 metres above sea-level, surrounded by impressive mountain ranges, such as the Bischofsmütze (Gosaukamm), the Dachstein and the Rossbrand – is always a great challenge for the international balloon-pilots.

Hot-air balloons provide wonderful subjects for hobby photographers and amateur film-makers. From the inflation of these huge “envelopes” that can take up to 6.000 m<sup>3</sup> of air, to the actual take-off and eventual disappearance into the sky – these events in Filzmoos provide subject matter for your lense, that you don’t find everyday!

If you haven’t already organised your holiday dates – a trip during the Balloon Week, combined with a skiing holiday in the idyllic setting of Filzmoos, could be a great idea! During this period, there are some very reasonable package deals available, incl. ski pass.



