Short tour description/route characteristics: With 472 km, the tour of the Zillertaler Höhenstraße places special demands on both endurance and driving skills. The tour is therefore not for "meet-us-at-11 o'clock people" or "uphill brakemen". From Sonthofen the trail first leads through the Tannheimer Tal to the Hahntennjoch. It continues in the direction of the Ötztal. At the 1st turn-off to the Kühtai you still have to drive past in order to take the scenically very beautiful route up towards Haimingerberg. Over the Kühtai saddle the path leads to Sellrain. There is a turn-off to the right towards Axams. Via Axams and Mutters it goes down to Innsbruck. Shortly turn right and immediately leave the hustle and bustle of the city up to Aldrans and Rinn. Via Volderwald and Schwaz the path leads towards Zillertal. There follow the signpost to Kaltenbach and the path leads steeply uphill to the Zillertaler-Höhenstraße. The Zillertaler Höhenstraße is next to the Großglockner-Hochalpenstraße certainly one of the most beautiful and spectacular panorama roads in Austria, but it is not as wide and well maintained. Rather, the road leads for a total of approx. 37 km, first from an altitude of approx. 550 m up to approx. 1700 m, down to approx. 1000 m, then up to 2000 m, and then steeply down again to the valley floor. In addition, the road is still quite narrow and is also used by motorists. So full concentration! But the scenery is grandiose! After you have enjoyed the wonderful panorama long enough, it leads steeply downhill to Hippach and Ramsau. From there following the main road out of the valley and up to the Achenpass. Passing the Achensee and further on to the Sylvenstein reservoir the path leads to Vorderriß. Here there is still the possibility to make a detour to the large Ahornboden. Especially at the beginning of autumn very worth seeing! (additionally about 50 km). Further on to Walchensee and Kochelsee. Via Murnau, Saulgrub, Steingaden, Roßhaupten and Nesselwang we go back to Wertach and via Kranzegg and Rettenberg back to Sonthofen.

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