



## Ginzling History & Origins

Traces of settlements in the Zemmtal Valley and indigenous names such as Zams, Zemm or Floite date back to pre-Roman times. The first settlers were probably herdsmen who migrated from the south with their cattle over the Pfitscher Joch mountain ridge.

Farms, or so-called "Schwaighöfe," were established in the 13th and 14th centuries. These farms, which were subordinate to the territorial landowners, were permanently settled and used mainly for cattle and dairy farming. One of these "Schwaighöfe" is mentioned in 1450 as Dornauberg, another around 1600 as Ginzling.

From the 17th century onwards, during the Little Ice Age, these Schwaighöfe were abandoned and used only in summer as alpine pasturelands. Ginzling later became a permanent settlement. In addition to cattle farming, the mining of minerals such as garnet, royal hunting grounds in Floitengrund and Gunggl and the modest trading of commodities over the Pfitscher Joch mountain pass offered further opportunities to earn money.

In 1833 a little church, school and cemetery were built in Dornauberg. In 1838, Dornauberg was elevated to the status of an Expository and received its own curate. As population growth increased, it was decided in 1850 to build a new church, which received keen support from the dean of Zell am Ziller, Ignaz Huber. On October 3, 1854, the Archbishop of Salzburg, Maximilian Joseph von Tarnóczy, consecrated the new Church to the Assumption of Mary.

Towards the end of the 19th century, Ginzling became a centre of mountaineering tourism. More mountain guides were stationed here than in all the surrounding villages put together, and the Berliner Hut became a much-visited destination and starting point for hikes and climbing tours. In 1927, work began on extending the road connection to Dornauberg- Ginzling, and from 1930, there was regular postal traffic between Mayrhofen and Ginzling. During construction of the hydro-electric power station, the road was expanded for heavy traffic from 1964 to 1966 and the Harpfnerwand tunnel was built.

Dornauberg-Ginzling has had its own local statute and local council since 1971.

In July 2008, Ginzling was a founding village and one of the first 17 members of the ÖAV mountaineering villages initiative.

Mayrhofen Market Town



Finkenberg Municipality

