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Grindelwald Wengen Mürren Lauterbrunnen Haslital

Hasliberg
1082 m above sea level

Jungfrau Region 🛨

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Welcome to the Jungfrau Region

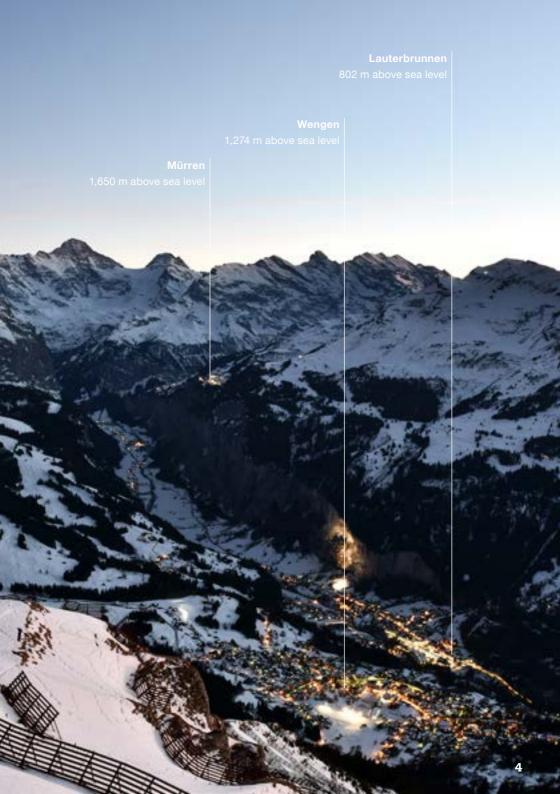
Summer or winter. Hiking or biking. Skiing or sledging. Mountains or museums. Feasts for the eyes and for the taste buds. Relaxing or thrill-seeking. Children or adults. Blue skies or grey skies. Rain or snow. Whatever the time of day. Whatever you do, whenever you do it and whoever you're with, it's the variety on offer in the Jungfrau Region that makes it special.

Enjoy winter hiking under the gaze of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Ride on the Eiger Express. Marvel at the view of over 400 mountain peaks from the top of the Alpen tower. Try cross-country skiing in the valley of 72 waterfalls. Follow in the footsteps of James Bond on the Schilthorn. Feel like royalty on the Männlichen. Experience the adrenaline rush as you ride on the First Glider and the First Flyer. Conquer Big Pintenfritz, the longest sledging run in the world. Enjoy more than 275 kilometres of slopes in the skiing areas of the Jungfrau Region. Step into the shoes of Sherlock Holmes with the KrimiSpass Jungfrau Region. Race down the notorious Lauberhorn downhill run. Gaze in awe at the Aletsch Glacier, the largest expanse of ice in the Alps, as you take in the panoramic vista from the Jungfraujoch. Visit idyllic, car-free Mürren and Wengen. Go climbing at Grindelwald Indoor Rope Park (Indoor Seilpark Grindelwald). Treat yourself to some culinary delights. Experience local tradition up close. The list goes on...

This guide contains lots of helpful information and tips about the Jungfrau Region. We can't wait to see you here!

Want to know whether the mountain railways are running or the hiking trails are open? Need information about events, the weather and travel planning, or an overview of the top attractions? Keen to explore webcams and maps of the Jungfrau Region, or take advantage of the latest special offers? Then check out our website, where you can find all this and much more.





Paradise for hikers and adventurers





Top 5 Excursions

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Top of Europe

Jungfraujoch

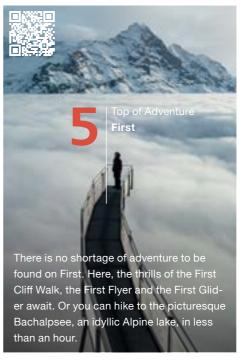
At 3,454 metres above sea level, the Jungfraujoch station is the highest station in Europe. This route winds through a seven-kilometre tunnel burrowed deep within the Eiger and Mönch mountains. Once you reach your destination, you will find yourself in the midst of a wonderland of ice, snow and rock.











The steepest cable car in the world

Construction will continue until 2026 construction on the Schilthorn:

The overall SCHILTHORNBAHN 20XX project includes the construction of five new aerial cableways on three sections as well as the new construction of all associated stations. New technologies, difficult installation conditions and exposed locations with limited space – a 100 million euro project that is a masterpiece in many respects.



Always stay up to date: schilthornbahn20xx.ch



The steepest and also one of the most spectacular aerial cableways in the world has been in operation between the Stechelberg valley station and the village of Mürren on a direct line (no longer via Gimmelwald) since 13 December 2024. Over a length of 1194 meters, it covers a difference in altitude of 775 meters and reaches a maximum gradient of 159.4 percent. It climbs the almost vertical Mürrenfluh, which is over 600 meters high. At a speed of 7 meters per second, the journey takes 3 minutes and 54 seconds.

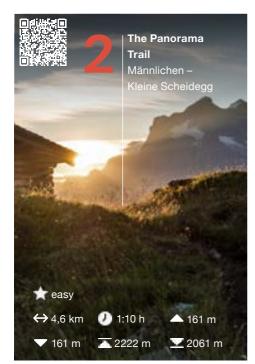
Both cabins can hold 85 people each. And the transport capacity will increase from around 400 passengers per hour today to around 800 passengers per hour. The aerial cableway will also be used to supply goods to Mürren. In standard operation, 2.5 tons of goods can be carried under the cabins. For special transports without additional passenger transport, a payload of 6.8 tons is possible.

On the Schilthorn 365 days a year

Meanwhile, construction is still underway between the Mürren and Birg and Birg and Schilthorn stations. Two new single-track Funifor cableways are being built on each of the two routes, which can be operated and overhauled independently of each other. These are the first aerial cableways of this type in Switzerland. One cable car per route is already in operation. The SCHILTHORN-BAHN 20XX project will be definitively completed by the end of July 2026. The PizGloria revolving restaurant will then be accessible 365 days a year.

The total scheduled travel time from Stechelberg to Schilthorn can be reduced from 32 minutes to 22 minutes.











Top 5 Bad weather activities

Museums Our home, nature an



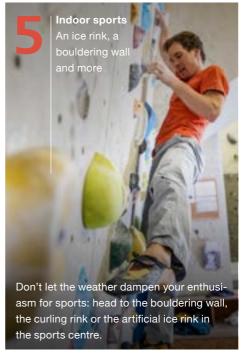
To all bad weather offers!

Want to know more about the history of the Jungfrau Region? Are you interested in the local wildlife? Maybe you'd like to follow in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes? Then you should definitely check out the museum.







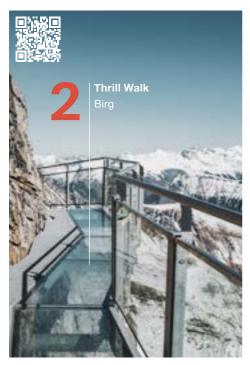


Top 5 Adventures

Canyon Swing
Grindelwald Glacier Gorge

Don't we all crave an adrenaline rush from time to time? That exhilarating feeling when fear gives way to an unexpected rush of happiness hormones? The Jungfrau Region has lots of activities that will provide that rush. You can swing through a glacier gorge at up to 120 km/h, abseil down a canyon or zip down a steel cable while sitting in a harness suspended up to 50 metres above the ground. And there's lots more besides. So let's go!











Top 5 For Families Tobogganing for all - big and small Pfingstegg A small aerial cableway will take you up from Grindelwald to Alp Pfingstegg in less than five minutes. Behind the mountain station, you will find a 725-To all metre-long toboggan run. What are you family offers! waiting for? 17









Top 5 Events

Inferno
Triathlon and ski race

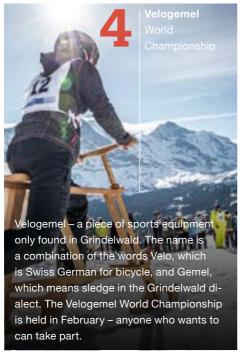
A 3.1-km swim, 97 km on a road bike, 30 km on a mountain bike and a 25-km mountain run. All the way from Thun up to the Schilthorn This is the Inferno Triathlon. With an elevation gain of 5,500 metres, it's one of the toughest triathlons in the world. The Inferno Triathlon is held in August, while the Inferno Races – the biggest amateur race in Alpine skiing – commence in January, right at the spot where the Inferno Triathlon concludes. It's a 14.9-km downhill run with uphill climbs and flat sections, from the summit of the Schilthorn to Lauterbrunnen.



Go to all events!









Top 5 Cuisine

Sky Dinner Pfingstegg

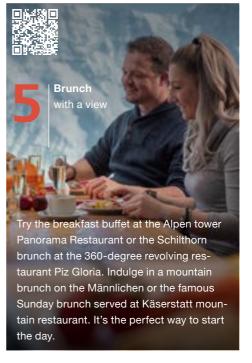
Start off with a delicious aperitif at the bottom station, then take the aerial cableway up the mountain and enjoy an exclusive meal with sensational views of Grindelwald. Back down in the valley, you will be served a dessert with coffee and a digestif before gliding back up to Pfingstegg for a second time.











Thundering waterfalls and peaceful lakes





Summer card





Mountain lakes



Mountain lakes are always a popular destination for hikes. These picturesque spots are perfect for taking a break and enjoying something to eat from your packed lunch. You might like to walk around the tranquil waters, take a quick dip, or simply capture the beauty with your camera lens. The Jungfrau Region has so many beautiful mountain lakes to marvel at. In the Grimselwelt alone, there are eight reservoirs waiting to be explored.

Engstlensee

One of these is the Engstlensee, accessible through a variety of routes. We recommend the approx. 3.5-hour hike along the Horizon Trail from the Alpen tower, which you can reach by gondola cableway from Meiringen. A little tip: row boats are available at the lake and can be hired at the Hotel Engstlenalp reception.

A challenge – the Grauseeli Loop

Take a ride on the Schilthorn cableway for a bird's-eye view of the Grauseeli. Of course, you can also access it on foot. This easy hike goes from Birg station down to the mountain lake via the Seewlifuhre. Or you can opt for the more challenging Grauseeli Loop. The idyllic setting of the lake, with the mountains mirrored on its surface, is a popular photo spot.



↔ 11,1 km

• 7:30 h

▲ 964 m

▼ 964 m

2599 m

1636 m







Sulsseeli

Or how about a walk to the Sulsseeli? You'll need around 1.5 hours to get to this mountain lake from the mountain station of the Isenfluh – Sulwald cableway. A stop at the nearby Lobhornhütte is a must – have a bite to eat and marvel at the view. You can practically reach out and touch the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau here.

Fallbodensee

Fallbodensee lies at 2100 m above sea level between Kleine Scheidegg and the Eiger Glacier. The "mirror lake" reflects the Eiger and Mönch, which is particularly impressive in good weather. The lake can be reached on foot from Kleine Scheidegg in just a few minutes, but the Eiger Walk offers an even more beautiful view.

Circular trail to the "blue jewel"

The Bachalpsee is the most visited mountain lake in the Jungfrau Region. It's known as the "blue jewel" - and for good reason. The mountain landscape around the Bachalpsee was the inspiration for Alderaan, the home planet of Princess Leia from the "Star Wars" films. It takes just under an hour to get there on foot from the First Railway mountain station.



→ 5,8 km

I 1:40 h

△ 202 m

▼ 202 m

2.280 m **2.164** m





Waterfalls



Listing all the waterfalls in the Jungfrau Region here would go beyond the scope of this guide. There are 72 waterfalls in Lauterbrunnen Valley alone. But we have picked out a few gems for you.

Trümmelbach Waterfalls

The ten glacier waterfalls inside the mountain here, which are accessible by a tunnel lift, make the Trümmelbach Waterfalls unique. They are considered to be the largest underground waterfalls in Europe. You'll be astounded by the power of the water and the deafening noise. The Trümmelbach drains the huge glacier walls of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau at a rate of up to 20,000 litres of water per second.



Sprutz Waterfall

You will find the Sprutz Waterfall between Mürren and Gimmelwald. The descent to the waterfall is steep and often a little slippery. Since the path takes you behind the waterfall, many people stop to freshen up with a quick splash, to enhance the experience.

Reichenbach Waterfall

The nostalgic, 24-seater wooden wagon of the Reichenbach Funicular, which is an exact replica of the original 19th-century wagon, will take you right up to the imposing, 120-metre-high Reichenbach Waterfall. Once you reach the top, you can enjoy the breathtaking view of the waterfall and the Haslital from the three viewing platforms. A trip up here is also a must for fans of Sherlock Holmes. The epic struggle between the famous detective and his arch-enemy Professor Moriarty, which ended with a plunge into the abyss, took place at this very waterfall.



Mürrenbach Waterfall

There's high, and then there's the Mürrenbach Waterfall. At Stechelberg, the water of the Mürrenbach Waterfall thunders 417 metres down into Lauterbrunnen Valley. This is Switzerland's highest waterfall and it is at its most spectacular after the snow melts each spring and following heavy thunderstorms in summer. At other times, the Staubbach Waterfall steals the show. Although not as towering, it cascades in a much more picturesque manner than the Mürrenbach Waterfall, which is hidden between rocks.

Staubbach Waterfall

This 297-metre waterfall is the key landmark of Lauterbrunnen and the highest free-falling waterfall in Switzerland. Because of the frequent thermals, the water sprays in all directions like dust, which is how the waterfall got its name ("Staub" means dust). The Staubbach Waterfall is illuminated during the peak season. In summer, you can view it from behind the water thanks to a specially designed viewing gallery. Entry is free of charge. Even the world-famous poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was inspired by the impressive waterfall and in 1779 wrote the poem "Song of the Spirits over the Waters".

More waterfalls than anywhere else

Lauterbrunnen Valley is the only place where you can marvel at three of the most impressive waterfalls in the Jungfrau Region on an easy hike that is suitable for pushchairs and takes less than two hours. Starting at the Staubbach Waterfall, the trail takes you along the White Lütschine River to the Mürrenbach Waterfall via the Trümmelbach Waterfalls.



↔ 6,8 km

() 1:45 h

📤 117 m

▼ 3 m

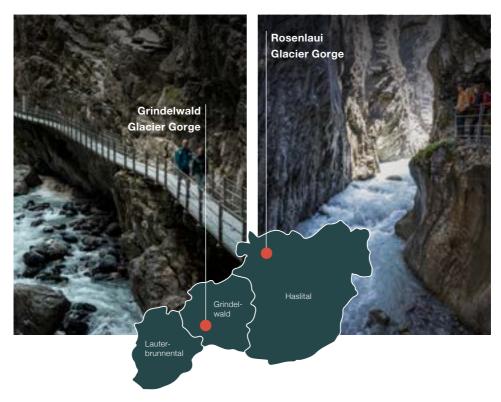
🔼 914 m

797 m





Gorges



Grindelwald Glacier Gorge

Walk through the gorge of the Lower Grindelwald Glacier, which was once covered by glacial ice, passing through rock galleries and tunnels. If you are looking for something even more thrilling, venture out onto the walkable net that extends across the gorge at around the half-way point. It's an opportunity to test your nerve and step out over the thundering Lütschine river. Another way to get your kicks is to leap from a platform into the gorge while attached to a cable and then swing through it like an oversized pendulum. An injection of pure adrenaline! The Grindelwald Glacier Gorge stays open until 10 pm on Fridays.

Rosenlaui Glacier Gorge

This narrow gorge below the Rosenlaui Glacier is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch. Here, a secured 573-metre-long path, with several tunnels and a height difference of 155 metres, has been blasted into the rock. It takes you past mighty waterfalls, romantic grottos and bizarre rock formations. You can only walk through the gorge upwards. On the way back to the starting point, you will walk through a pristine mountain forest.



Alpbach Gorge

Venturing into the Alpbach Gorge between Meiringen and Hasliberg requires steady feet and a good head for heights. This via ferrata-like path embedded in the rock walls above the rushing stream is not for the faint of heart. The starting point is the Bergbahnen Meiringen-Hasliberg bottom station. You can only walk through the gorge from the bottom upwards. A normal hiking trail takes you back to Meiringen.

Aare Gorge

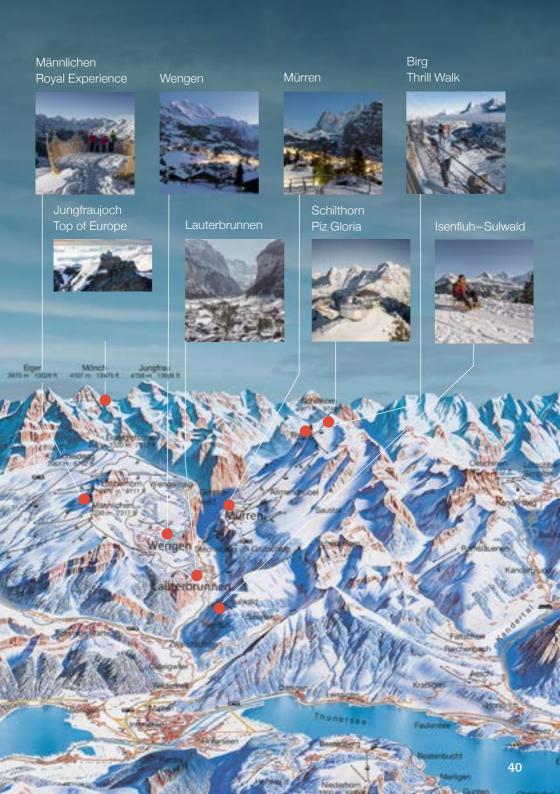
In the Haslital, the Aare river has carved its course through the limestone rock over tens of thousands of years, spanning the stretch between Meiringen and Innertkirchen. In doing so, it has created a gorge 1.4 kilometres long, up to 200 metres deep, and narrowing to only 1 to 2 metres wide at certain points. You can walk the whole of the Aare Gorge, starting from Meiringen or Innertkirchen. Tip: in July and August it is open and illuminated until 10 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

The steepest slope and the longest sledging run



Winter map





Grindelwald-Wengen

Conquer the longest downhill run on the ski world cup circuit

After the racing is finished in mid-January, the perfectly groomed slope of the Lauberhorn downhill run at the skiing area is always opened to the public. Don't miss this unique opportunity! To get there, take the Wengernalp Railway from Wengen to Kleine Scheidegg and then continue with the chairlift to the Lauberhorn. The mountain station is located at 2,394 m above sea level. You can grab some refreshments at the Start Bar before heading to the starting point. Take a deep breath, followed by one or two more, and then go!



Getting there

The Eiger Express takes you from the Grindelwald Terminal to the Eiger Glacier – which sits at 2,328 metres above sea level – in just 15 minutes. You can also reach the skiing area from Grindelwald and Wengen by rack railway (Wengernalp Railway) or by cableway (Grindelwald-Männlichen Gondola Cableway) or Wengen-Männlichen Aerial Cableway).

Skipass

Jungfrau Ski Region Ski Pass – includes journey from Interlaken-Ost



Total length of slopes in km 104

Number of ski lifts

21

Practice area

Kleine Scheidegg Swiss Ski & Snowboard School



Snowgarden (Figeler) Wengen Swiss Ski & Snowboard School Sliberhorn Centre



Ski school Skiparadies Männlichen



Did you know?

You can record your very own skiing video

Measure your time and film your descent on slope number 3 (Männlichen).

Speed check

Measure your speed on slopes 21 and 45 (Kleine Scheidegg).

Photo spots

The skiing area has various photo points where you can scan your ski pass and take a panoramic photo.

Ski depot

Rent a heated ski depot at the terminal in Grindelwald – by the day, for a season or for the whole year.

For the little ones

The Lily Pump Track and Lily Family Slope on the Kleine Scheidegg are sure to bring a smile to the faces of young and old alike.

EIGE 3970 r **SCHRECKHORN** 4078 m **WETTERHORN** 3692 m Hønegg BRANDEGG Tsdbuggen elwald-First Läger GRINDELWALD Grindelwald Termina every/alle 15' Skigebietswechsel GRINDELWALD TERMINAL THYSI HOLENSTEIN m **SCHWENDI** BURGLAUENEN



Grindelwald-First

A halfpipe with a view of the Eiger North Face

Whether you're a beginner or a pro, Snowpark Grindel-wald-First has the perfect facilities for you. The centrepiece of the Oberjoch facility is the 130-metre-long and 5.60-metre-high halfpipe with a view of the Eiger North Face. The park also has kickers, rails, bonks and boxes. The person in charge of the park is none other than Olympic halfpipe champion Gian Simmen.



The Eiger North Face

Getting there

You can reach the First in about 25 minutes by taking the gondola cableway from Grindelwald.

Ski pass

Jungfrau Ski Region Ski Pass – includes journey from Interlaken-Ost



Total length of slopes in km 55

Number of ski lifts

7

Practice area

bodmiARENA Outdoor Switzerland AG



Did you know?

Racing run

Slope number 1 is a public racing run with timekeeping.

Ski cross

At the Schilt ski lift, you can try out this Olympic sport on an 800-metre-long slope.

Powder snow/freeriding slopes

Slopes 5 and 14 are only groomed from the second day after snowfall.

Avalanche rescue

At the ATC Avalanche Training Centre, you can practise avalanche victim search and rescue techniques using avalanche transceivers and avalanche probes.

For the little ones

The figures, waves and banked turns of the Lily Fun slope help children to improve their snow sports skills in a fun way.

An injection of pure adrenaline

With the First Flyer and First Glider (included in the Jungfrau Ski Pass) you can enjoy an adventurous flight from First or Schreckfeld.





Mürren-Schilthorn

Steep, steeper, Direttissima

Slope 9, the "Direttissima", guarantees an adrenaline rush! With an 88 per cent incline, it is the steepest slope in the Jungfrau Region. This daring descent starts at Birg station and takes you directly down to Engetal. It goes without saying that only experienced skiers should attempt the Direttissima.



Getting there

You can reach the skiing area by cableway from Lauterbrunnen and Stechelberg.

Ski pass

Jungfrau Ski Region Ski Pass – includes journey from Interlaken-Ost



Total length of slopes in km

Number of ski lifts

13

Practice area

Allmendhubel Schilthornbahn AG



Snow sports in Mürren Mürren-Schilthorn Swiss Ski School



Did you know?

There's high, and then there's the Schilthorn

Mürren-Schilthorn is the highest skiing area in the Bernese Oberland, therefore ensuring exceptionally reliable snow conditions. The highest point is at almost 3,000 metres above sea level.

You can record your very own skiing video

Measure your time and film your descent on slope number 4.

For the little ones

Ski over waves and past obstacles – Lilly's Magical Kids' Slope is a skiing paradise for children on the Allmendhubel.

Snowpark

Rails, boxes and a kicker line for every skill level. The Skyline Snowpark at the Maulerhubel/Winteregg resort has all this and more.





Meiringen-Hasliberg

Night skiing at the Hasliberg

Well-lit even at night

A unique experience in the Jungfrau Region: on selected days from January to March, slopes number 14 and 23 from Mägisalp to Reuti are illuminated until 10 pm. Before and after your night of skiing, enjoy an evening at the Mägisalp mountain restaurant, complete with musical entertainment.

Getting there

You can reach the skiing area from Meiringen by cableway – or from Brünig-Hasliberg by PostBus.

Ski pass

Morning passes, afternoon passes, day passes, multi-day passes



Total length of slopes in km 60

Number of ski lifts

Practice area

Skihäsliland Bidmi Meiringen-Hasliberg Swiss Ski School



Did you know?

Ski race centre

Who is the fastest? Find out at the ski race centre.

For the little ones

At Skihäsliland, children can discover the joy of skiing in a playful and secure environment, overseen by a dedicated team from the snow sports school.

Balis Park

The perfect combination of ski cross (with dips and jumps) and an obstacle course with boxes and rails.

Free taxi

Regular service between Twing-Halti and Skihäsliland Bidmi included in the ski pass.

Check your elevation stats

When you return in the evening, wouldn't it be helpful to know how many metres in altitude you've covered, how many kilometres of slopes you've skied and how many ski lifts you've used? Skiline can tell you.

Avalanche rescue

The ATC Avalanche Training Centre at the "Spycher" below Mägisalp is the perfect place to train with emergency equipment.





Sledging and more

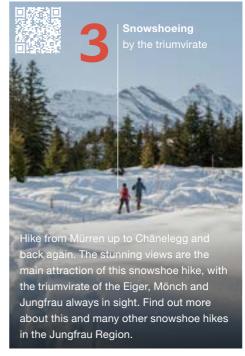
The Jungfrau Region also has plenty to offer away from the ski slopes in winter.



The world's longest sledging run, measuring 15.4 kilometres in length, goes from the Faulhorn to Grindelwald. You'll descend 1,600 m in altitude in total, with moments along the way where a bit of effort may be required to navigate the terrain. The Jungfrau Region has many other classic sledging runs to try – from the Apollo Run to the City Run and the Fox Run.









skating styles of cross-country skiing. On

your route, you will have a majestic mountain landscape at your back. You will also

find perfectly groomed sections in Haslital

and Lauterbrunnen.



From bustling streets to calm and car-free havens

Flower meadow Isenfluh







Jungfraujoch, First and Pfingstegg

In Grindelwald, the village nestled at the foot of the Eiger, you'll find the most modern terminal in the Alps, featuring two cableways, links to public transport, a car park and a shopping centre. The Eiger Express, the world's most state-of-the-art tri-cable gondola, takes just 15 minutes to transport up to 2,200 guests per hour up to the new Eigergletscher mountain station, located at 2.333 m above sea level, in the heart of the hiking and skiing area. Here, guests can transfer to the Jungfrau Railway to continue up to the Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe, where they can marvel at the ice palace and the Aletsch Glacier - the largest glacier in the Alps. The bottom station for the Grindelwald - First gondola cableway can be found in the centre of the village. The hike from the mountain station to the Bachalpsee is a major highlight. Adventure-seekers are in for a treat on First. The First Flver and First Glider will really get the adrenaline pumping. Other unique attractions include the First View viewing platform and the First Cliff Walk. Small but perfectly formed is an apt description of Pfingstegg. Reachable in under five minutes by cableway from Grindelwald, it features a 725-metre-long toboggan run and a fly-line. Not far from the centre of Grindelwald village, there is also an impressive glacial gorge you can visit.

History and tradition

The day Grindelwald burned

The 18th of August 1892 was a dark day in the history of Grindel-wald. The weather was scorching hot and it hadn't rained in a long while. Suddenly a fierce Föhn storm descended upon the town with hurricane-like force. As the roof of the Gasthof Bären caught fire, the situation took a sudden turn for the worse. In a devastating chain of events, the buildings went up in flames, one after another. Grindel-wald was ablaze. Even the sun was obscured on this fateful 18th of August. In just under two hours, 116 buildings were consumed by the flames. The fire of 1892 left more than 400 locals homeless.

Drama on the Eiger

"If the face of the mountain can be climbed, we will climb it – or die trying!" This statement, made by Edi Rainer and Willy Angerer in 1936 about the Eiger North Face, tragically proved prophetic for both of them – they did, indeed, die trying. The first ascent attempt in the summer of 1936 turned out to be the most famous drama the Eiger North Face has ever seen. Together with Andreas Hinterstoisser and Toni Kurz from Germany, the two Austrians died on the mountain. The Eiger North Face was finally conquered in 1938.

The velogemel - a triumph of Grindelwald

These days, when snow falls, modern machines quickly clear it from roads and paths. But things weren't always so efficient. A hundred years ago, it was rather more difficult to get around after heavy snowfall. Christian Bühlmann, a woodcarver and sawyer from Grindelwald, who had a disability that made it difficult for him to walk, found getting home on foot from his weekly rehearsals with the village music group very difficult. In 1911, determined to find a solution, he made himself a snow bicycle that would get him to his destination more quickly on flat and downhill routes. This innovative contraption had a wooden frame with two runners and could be steered using the handlebars at the front. To propel it forward, Bühlmann simply pushed off the ground with his legs. He named it the velogemel. The name is a combination of the words Velo, which is Swiss German for bicycle, and Gemel, which means sledge in the Grindelwald dialect. You can still find velogemels on the sledging runs in Grindelwald today.

Want to try it? You can hire a velogemel at the station and in selected sports shops.







My insider tip

Alessandra Lochmatter

Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch UNESCO World Heritage Site Foundation

Local delicacies and grazing Alpine ibex

One of the most impressive mountain hikes for me is the ascent to the Glecksteinhütte. Starting from the Gleckstein junction in Grindelwald, it takes about an hour to hike to the mountain station of the Wetterhorn aerial cableway. Switzerland's first public aerial cableway, this was short-lived as it ceased operations during the First World War. Next, the trail takes you over steep, exposed rock formations, through a refreshing waterfall and across lovely Alpine meadows. After around three hours, you'll reach the Glecksteinhütte, where you can try some local delicacies and watch the Alpine ibex graze. The steep, dizzying climb is definitely worth it because your reward is spectacular mountain scenery and a fascinating world of ice around the Upper Grindelwald glacier in the middle of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

"Out and about with..."

Bringing children closer to nature and introducing them to the topics of sustainability and biodiversity – this is biologist Alessandra Lochmatter's goal when visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch (SAJA) with school groups. We spent some time watching the World Heritage guide at work, on a hike from Grosse Scheidegg to First.



Read the whole story!





The valley of 72 waterfalls

The 297-metre-high Staubbachfall Waterfall is the key landmark of Lauterbrunnen and the highest free-falling waterfall in Switzerland. Even the world-famous poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was inspired by the impressive waterfall and, in 1779, wrote the poem "Song of the Spirits over the Waters". It was a similar story in 1911, when the then 19-year-old J.R.R. Tolkien visited the Lauterbrunnen Valley. It's a little-known fact that this is where he drew his inspiration from for the landscape described in "The Lord of the Rings". Yes, really: anyone who has read the books and seen the films will feel like they have landed in Middle-earth in the Lauterbrunnen Valley. The Staubbachfall Waterfall is not the only highlight in this area - the Trümmelbach Waterfalls also deserve a special mention. The ten glacier waterfalls inside the mountain can be accessed by a tunnel lift. They are considered to be the largest underground waterfalls in Europe. The Mürrenbach Waterfall – the highest in Switzerland, at 417 metres - is also in the Lauterbrunnen Valley. Apart from the Staubbachfall Waterfall, the Trümmelbach Waterfalls and the Mürrenbach Waterfall, the Lauterbrunnen Valley boasts an astounding array of 69 waterfalls.

History and tradition

The famous bell

Lauterbrunnen Valley comes under the economic, judicial and – as part of the parish of Gsteig near Interlaken – ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the monastery. The valley inhabitants built their first church in 1487, without permission from the parish of Gsteig. They received considerable help and support from their relatives in Lötschental. The Lötscherglocke (Lötscher Bell) was already cast five years before construction began. The 200-kilogram bell was then carried over the Wetterlücke saddle on foot. When the old church was demolished in 1830, the framework that was used to carry the bell was found. The lower lip of the bell was damaged during transport, probably because it had to be dragged over the particularly steep sections. Today, it can be found in the Valley Museum.

The plague

In 1669, an outbreak of plague tore through Lauterbrunnen Valley. Within four months, 360 of the 580 people living in the valley at the time had died.

Lauterbrunnen lace-making studio

According to Wikipedia, bobbin lace making (known here as "Klöppeln" is a handicraft technique in which various types of lace are made using (usually wooden) bobbins with yarn being wound onto them." This type of lace making originated in 16th-century Venice. It spread from Italy to many regions of Europe. One of those regions was the Lauterbrunnen Valley, where lace making served as an additional source of income for many poor families. Today, efforts are being made to keep the tradition alive. Every Friday afternoon and every first and third Tuesday evening of the month, a group makes lace items such as jewellery, scarves, hats and decorations in the old schoolhouse in Lauterbrunnen. Visitors are invited to observe the lace makers at work and marvel at their skill. Lessons are also offered.







My insider tip

Fritz Bühlmann Hiking Trail Manager

Observation point and Alpine flora

This circular hike takes around 2.5 hours and covers 490 metres in altitude. It starts in Isenfluh. From the bus stop, head up to By Spycheren, where the Fluhweg path branches off to Sulwald. Continue along an easy mountain trail through pastures and past stables into the local forest. From here, you hike steadily uphill through a beautiful spruce forest until you reach the first reservoir in Sulwald. The trail runs along a small stream up to the mountain road. Heading east, you come to the Sulwald observation point, directly above the steep rock face. Now follow the mountain road west. Before you reach the Sulwaldstübli restaurant at the mountain station of the cableway, your path branches downwards and off to the left. You pass meadows with beautiful Alpine flora. At the "Ankeweidli" meadow, you reach a wooded area again. Heading west, you cross the old merchant trail to Suls and enter a magical mountain forest, Soon, you too may encounter dwarves, elves and gnomes in the Guferwald forest, and with a bit of luck and keen eyes you might even catch a glimpse of a lady's slipper orchid. You then cross the forest road to reach the old merchant trail to Sous. Along the footpath back to Isenfluh, you'll be transported back in time, tracing the footsteps of herdsmen with hobnailed boots, and mules and muleteers, as they trod along the age-old trail. Soon you will be back in Isenfluh where you can quench your thirst at Restaurant Waldrand.

"Out and about with..."

Without his work, we would lose our way sooner or later. Quite literally. Fritz Bühlmann is responsible for ensuring that the signposts and markings in the Lauterbrunnen Valley are clearly visible to everyone. We tagged along with the sprightly pensioner as he carried out his work



Read the whole story!





Follow in the footsteps of James Bond

Mürren (1,650 m above sea level) is the highest consistently inhabited place in the Bernese Oberland - and it's car-free. The 1969 Bond film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" was shot here. The film's success still permeates the atmosphere in this village at the foot of the Schilthorn. The top attractions in Mürren are the 360-degree revolving restaurant at the top of the Schilthorn and the THRILL WALK. The rock footbridge on Birg offers plenty of thrills under the watchful eyes of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. In terms of panoramic views, the funicular to the Allmendhubel, Mürren's own little mountain, and the train journey from Mürren to the Grütschalp also figure among the absolute highlights of the Jungfrau Region.

History and tradition

A refuge for soldiers

Mürren hosted the first British tourists in the early 20th century. The winter of 1910/11 was the first time the Mürren railway operated throughout the season. But the outbreak of the First World War brought tourism to a standstill. The decision to intern British soldiers in its hotels and chalets was therefore a stroke of luck for Mürren. That's because they brought their ski equipment with them, transforming the village into a skiing mecca. After their return to Britain, the soldiers told others about their winter experiences in Mürren and made the village famous throughout their home country.

The first slalom in history

"It was here in Mürren that Arnold Lunn set the first slalom in 1922 and organised the first world championship in downhill and slalom racing in 1931" - so reads an inscription on a memorial in Mürren. There's no doubt that the British peer, Sir Arnold Lunn, is closely tied up with the history of both modern slalom racing and Mürren itself. He, too, found himself in Mürren during the First World War, after a climbing accident left him unfit for military service. While there, he looked after sick and injured British soldiers and officers. He also entertained detainees by organising ski courses and competitions. And he campaigned – successfully – for recognition of Alpine ski racing. In January 1922, he set up the first slalom in history in the Allmendhubel area. He developed the modern rules for downhill and the slalom, which were adopted by the FIS in 1928. In 1931, the first FIS World Championships with downhill, slalom and combined were held in Mürren. These were the first ever FIS races. The Kandahar Club, which was founded back then and has club locations in London and Mürren. still produces top ski racers in the Ski World Cup today. The current top skiers are Daniel Yule from Switzerland and Dave Ryding from Great Britain.







My insider tip

Yanick WyssSlope Groomer

A beer with a view

In summer, when our snow groomers are parked in the garage, the mountain landscape around Mürren is a hiker's paradise. You can walk from Mürren to Grütschalp in just over an hour or take the Lauterbrunnen-Mürren Rail & Cableway (BLM-Bahn). This part of the route is a must-see, but it's not our insider tip. That part starts at Grütschalp. The hike takes about two and a half hours, passing through the Marchegg forest to Marchegg, then through Soustal to Sousläger, and finally going up to Alp Suls and onwards to the Lobhornhütte. This is a fantastic place to have a beer and enjoy the view. Bonus tip: Not far from the SAC hut, you will find the stunning mountain lake Sulsseeli.

"Out and about with..."

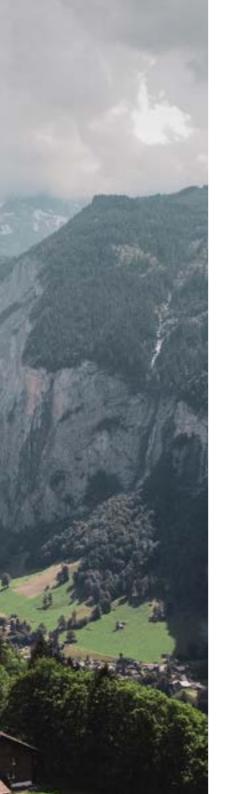
It's 3 pm and we're travelling from Interlaken to Stechelberg. Against the flow of traffic. A steady stream of cars approaches from the opposite direction. Many who were out and about in Grindelwald, Wengen or Mürren today are already on their way home. But not Yanick Wyss. We met him at the bottom station of the Schilthorn cableway. When others are winding down their day, his work is just beginning. Yanick Wyss is a slope groomer.

PS. Yanick Wyss now works in Wengen – on the other side of the valley – as a slope groomer.



Read the whole story!





The Lauberhorn downhill run, the Royal Ride – and hardly any cars

What a route! We could say this about the beautiful train journey, which goes from Grindelwald via the Kleine Scheidegg to Wengen. We could also say it about the famous Lauberhorn downhill run. The village of Wengen at the foot of the Jungfrau owes its fame to this notorious course. But the only way you can get to whizz around here is on the ski slope in winter, as Wengen can only be reached by public transport. Just a few cars operate in the village. In summer, vou can conquer the longest downhill run on the ski world cup circuit on foot. Wengen also offers an experience fit for kings and queens - or, at least, for those who just want to feel regal. Take the Royal Ride – a trip on the open-air balcony of the Männlichen – Wengen aerial cableway. Then, when you get to the mountain station, the Royal Walk takes you from there to the summit of the Männlichen, and to the viewing platform shaped like a crown.

History and tradition

The invisible flag

The name Jungfrau appeared in a historical document for the first time in 1577 – in Thomas Schöpf's "Chorographia ditionis Bernensis". In this book, the author describes the mountain as being stiff with eternal snow and ice, and completely inaccessible, prompting the residents to name it after an untouched virgin. But on the 3rd of August 1811, the Jungfrau became the first four-thousand-metre peak in Switzerland to be conguered – by brothers Johann-Rudolf and Hieronymus Meyer from Aarau and the Valais mountain guides Joseph Bortis and Alois Volken. The pioneers stuck a pole with a black linen cloth attached to it into the pristine snow on the summit as proof of their achievement. Unfortunately the symbolic gesture couldn't be seen from the valley below, so there was no tangible evidence. Consequently, many people doubted their success. One year later, on the 3rd of September 1812, the two chamois hunters repeated the feat with Johann-Rudolf's son, Gottlieb. This time, the flag they raised could be seen from the valley, and it remained visible until 1842.

Mendelssohn's sketch of the Jungfrau

The German composer, organist and pianist Felix Mendels-sohn visited Switzerland four times in all. During his visit in August 1842, he produced his famous sketch of Wengen and the Jungfrau. Today, there is a monument on the spot where he drew it. Wengen's connection to Mendelssohn remains alive and well to this day, and is also celebrated with music. The Mendelssohn Music Week is held here every year. Several concerts are held in his honour in the Reformed Church in Wengen during this special week.

"Swissness" on Männlichen

Celebrating what it means to be Swiss is a big deal in Wengen. The community celebrates Swiss folklore with various festivals – especially on the Männlichen. There's the sound of Alphorns, Schwyzerörgel (Swiss accordions) and yodelling, as well as traditional costume groups, waving flags and much more. The Bergfrühlingsfest (mountain spring festival) in June, the Trachtenfest (traditional costume festival) in July, and the Alphorntreffen (gathering of Alphorns) and Fahnenschwingertreffen (flag-waving gathering) in August make this time of year extra Swiss!







My insider tip

Werner Künzi

Ice Rink Maintenance Manager

Grilling cervelats in front of four-thousand-metre peaks

It's idyllic, romantic, varied, and a bit off the beaten path: in less than an hour you can hike from Wengen to Obere Lische, with a short detour to the Hunneflue observation point included. There are so many options here. A five-minute walk through the forest will take you to the Leiterhorn, another impressive observation point. Or you could stop a while at the BBQ area. Grilling cervelat sausages with a view of the four-thousand-metre peaks and the Lauterbrunnen Valley - what more could you want? But you could also hike on to the Spätenalp and treat yourself to a meal served by the Rubin family. Even celebrities like Robbie Williams have stopped by here. Yet another option is to head back from the Obere Lische. There are many ways to get back to Wengen. For example, you can take the forest road to the Äussere Almi Alpine hut, then turn left at the fork towards Mesti and then follow a small, idvllic path to the old Männlichen railway via the Mendelssohn memorial. It's worth making a detour to the swimming pool here, which is a listed building. Just a few minutes later you will be back in the village centre.

"Out and about with..."

It's still dark when we take the train from Lauterbrunnen to Wengen. Arriving at our destination at just under 1,300 metres above sea level, we make our way to the artificial ice rink. The car-free village is still asleep, but work is already underway here. We're tagging along with Werner Künzi. He has been working as an ice rink maintenance manager in Wengen for 20 years.



Read the whole story!





The Alpen tower, the Grimselwelt – and Sherlock Holmes

High above the Haslital, at 2,250 m above sea level, stands the majestic Alpen tower. The 360-degree panoramic view is exceptional. On a good day, you can see 401 mountain peaks from here. What's more, Hasliberg is a hive of child-friendly activities. Its two Dwarf Trails and a Marble Run are just some of the amenities that make it a paradise for families. The Grimselwelt region, too, is part of the Haslital. Electricity is generated here from a total of eight reservoirs. One of these is the Gelmersee. It can be reached from Handeag via the Gelmer funicular. With an incline of 106 per cent, it is the steepest open funicular in Europe. The Aare Gorge in Meiringen and the Rosenlaui Glacier Gorge in the unspoilt Reichenbachtal are some of the other sights worth seeing in the Haslital. For fans of Sherlock Holmes, a visit to the Reichenbach Waterfall is a must. A nostalgic wagon - an exact replica of the original wooden wagon - runs along the waterfall to the top. Right to the spot where Sherlock Holmes, in his final showdown, fell to his death. In Meiringen, there's even a museum devoted to the famous master detective created by the author Sir Arthur Conan Dovle.

History and tradition

The first ever Alpine air rescue

On the 18th of November 1946, an American Dakota C-53 aircraft took off from Vienna with twelve passengers; the flight was bound for Pisa. Following a stopover in Munich, the pilot decided to fly over the Swiss Alps - but he misjudged the altitude conditions. Because the aircraft was flying too low, it hit the Gauli Glacier at a height of 3,350 metres while flying at a speed of 280 km/h. It skidded through the deep snow, past crevasses, before finally coming to a standstill, without any life-threatening injuries being caused. As the radio was still intact, the crew was able to issue a Mayday call. However, nobody knew where the plane was. By coincidence, a few days later, a spotter plane sighted the wreck of the Dakota. The rescue mission could finally begin. It has since gone down in history as the largest rescue operation in the Alps. After various attempts by American mountain troops to reach the crash site failed, a Swiss captain took over and coordinated the rescue operation from the air, marking the start of the air-rescue service in the Alps. After six days, all of the Dakota's passengers and crew were rescued from the glacier and the members of the rescue team were hailed as heroes in the media.

Driving out the evil spirits

At the end of each year, the Haslital villagers partake in the tradition of using masks and cow bells to chase away the evil spirits that haunt the village. It's an ancient tradition of Celtic origin dating from pre-Christian times, when the inhabitants of the mountain valleys used to ring cow bells to keep evil spirits away from their villages during the longest nights of the year. They have kept up the tradition to this day and are passing it down to the next generation. This special week at the end of the year starts on the night of 25–26 December and ends on the second last working day of the year, known as the "Übersitz". During this week, various trychel (cow bell) processions impressively march through the villages of Haslital to drive away the evil spirits. Every day, the trychel processions grow and the noise gets louder until the climax on the night of the "Übersitz".







My insider tip

Luzius GartmannGrimselwelt Guide

Start with stunning views - end with a real gem

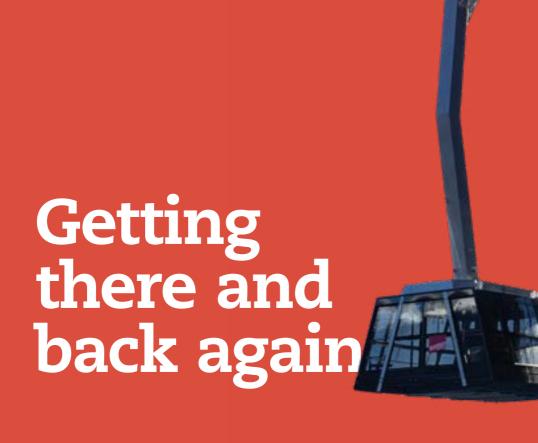
This hike begins on the Grosse Scheidegg, which you can reach by PostBus from Meiringen. You'll reach 2,006 metres above sea level where there's a breathtaking view towards Haslital and Grindelwald, with the Mittellegi ridge of the Eiger right in front of you. The trail takes you northwards, past the Gratschärm and the Alpine settlement of Scheidegg Oberläger on the beautiful, gently sloping Romantic Trail. You should definitely make a short stop at the Gibelplatti to enjoy the view of the Reichenbachtal valley. The trail then descends guite steeply on stair-like steps to the Pfanni and then onwards to the Brochhütte Alpine hut. You can either stop here for refreshments or you can press on for the last 15 minutes of this approximately 2.5-hour hike and then enjoy a bite to eat at the Chalet-Hotel Schwarzwaldalp (1,441 metres above sea level). From there, you can take the comfortable PostBus back to Meiringen. But before you do, be sure to visit the historic Schwarzwaldalp sawmill. It's a real gem, especially for anyone who enjoys seeing old technology in operation.

"Out and about with..."

Luzius Gartmann has been guiding visitors through power stations, tunnels and construction sites in Grimselwelt for almost ten years. It's a dream job for the 75-year-old from Meiringen. We tagged along with him on a tour.



Read the whole story!





How to get there

We recommend taking public transport. Within Switzerland, trains run to the Jungfrau Region every half hour.

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Great value public transport passes

There are many cost-effective public transport passes you can use to get around the Jungfrau Region, including the Swiss Travel Pass, Swiss Half Fare Card, Berner Oberland Pass and Jungfrau Travel Pass.

Park & Ride

If you are driving to Grindelwald, Wengen, Lauterbrunnen or Mürren, you can park your car in Matten bei Interlaken (day parking only) or in Wilderswil (24/7 parking). From there, you can reach your desired destination by public transport. You can get to Lauterbrunnen in around 20 minutes, to Grindelwald and Wengen in around half an hour and to Mürren in around 50 minutes.

Travel without luggage

Fancy travelling light? Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) can transport your luggage, bags or skis from station to station or even from door to door.



Parking at your destination

Grindelwald has three public covered car parks: Parkhaus Eiger+ multi-storey car park (252 parking spaces), Parkhaus Sportzentrum multi-storey car park (160 parking spaces) and the Terminal Parking of the V-cableway (1,000 spaces). Alternatively, you can use the car park at Grindelwald Grund.

Lauterbrunnen has a multi-storey car park below the train station. Alternatively, you can use the car park at the church in Lauterbrunnen.

Wengen and Mürren are car-free villages. If you are travelling by car, you must leave your car at one of the following car parks: the Matten bei Interlaken Park & Ride, the Wilderswil Park & Ride, the Lauterbrunnen covered car park or the Schilthorn cableway car park in Stechelberg.

In the Haslital, the municipality of Meiringen has 835 public parking spaces in the village centre and at the bottom station of Bergbahnen Meiringen-Hasliberg. There is also a large multi-storey car park in Hasliberg-Wasserwendi, right next to the gondola cableway to Käserstatt

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