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Spring is in the air.

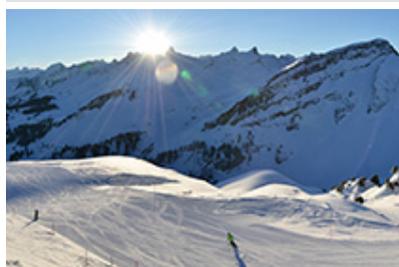
Can you feel it already? The sun is getting warmer, the days are getting longer and there is this little something in the air, that promises one thing: spring is not too far away.

And with that, one of the secret seasons in Switzerland is about to start. We're talking spring skiing with long days on sunny mountain terraces, flowers and trees bursting into bloom and nature waking from its beauty sleep.

We've put together our favourite spring stories for you.

Best wishes,

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Your UK Media team



Switzerland's sunniest slopes.

Some say it's the best time for skiing (insider tip: get out by early morning for the best conditions) - the days are getting longer, the snow a bit softer and you can enjoy a drink in the warm sunshine on the terraces of the mountain huts. But which are the best slopes to enjoy the spring sun? We've put together our top slopes for sun-worshippers. But be careful, it's red alert on these descents: get the sun cream out!

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Live is Life - spring festival Arosa Lenzerheide.

The coolest Slope & Club festival in the Alps is celebrating is back. After its first edition in 2018, the Live is Life music festival will take place in Arosa Lenzerheide from 5 - 7 April 2019. During the day the ski area will be rocking and at night there are many concerts in small and cosy locations of

Arosa and Lenzerheide. This spring music festival is not about big stages and shows, the Live is Life brings visitors right back in the front row. In total there will be 21 national and international artists playing 29 concerts. The genres range from Pop to Rock, Folk but also Hip Hop, House and more.

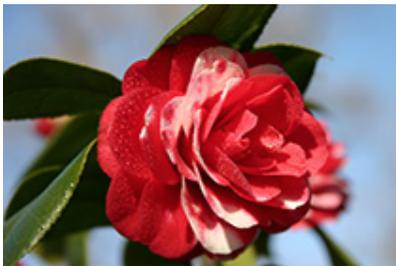
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Tulip Festival Morges.

Spring is all about the flowers. And one of the real ambassadors of the season are tulips. That's why every spring, the village of Morges on the shore of Lake Geneva hosts a tulip festival. From 30 March to 5 May, the Parc de l'Indépendance (independence park) turns into a sea of flowers. Over six weeks, more than 120,000 tulips of 300 varieties await nature lovers in an exceptional site opposite the Alps, free of charge. The diversity of these banks of flowers reminds fans of the tulip's huge range of shapes and colours.

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Camellia festival Locarno.

From 27-31 March, Locarno hosts the most important camellia exhibition in Europe. Flower lovers will be able to see over 200 types of this flower, splendidly arranged by experienced gardeners. The flowers are to be seen in private and public gardens of the Locarno region. The programme also includes numerous side-events, cultural moments as well as a flower and botanical literature market.

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...and more Flower Power.

If tulips and camellia don't satisfy your hunger for colours, there is more flower power to be discovered this spring. Meadows are full of flowers; the trees are in bloom and their leaves have the brightest green. It's Switzerland from its most colourful side. We put together a list of the best places to see spring in all its blooming glory.

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Burning the snowman - Sechseläuten

Soon it's time to wave winter goodbye. And in Zurich, this is celebrated with a big bang. Literally. On 8 April, the city will celebrate the famous 'Sechseläuten' where a giant snowman is burnt on a stack of wood until its head explodes and with the time it takes to do so, predicts the weather for summer. After the city's guilds had their parade through the old town, the pyre is lit at around 6 pm. The faster the fire reaches the snowman, called

'Böögg', and makes the head explode (it is packed with fireworks), the better the summer will be. That's the legend in any case.

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