



ENGELBERG – TITLIS

Engelberg-Titlis is the largest winter and summer holiday destination in central Switzerland. The attractive village with the famous monastery offers a wide variety of holiday activities for families, newcomers and those in the know. The many exciting options will make your stay an unforgettable mountain experience.

In the heart of Switzerland.

Engelberg, situated in the centre of Switzerland, can be reached easily: it is 20 km from the motorway A2, and for train enthusiasts a comfortable ride on the Central Railway from Lucerne straight to Engelberg.

First Impressions

- in the heart of Central Switzerland, 1'050 3'020 m in Canton Obwalden
- only 90 km from Zurich-Kloten (airport) and 35 km from Lucerne
- approx. 4'400 locals
- annually over 800'000 overnight stays
- Economical structure: 76.2% service industry, 15.6% trade, 8.2% farming & forestry

History of village and Monastery

- largest holiday and leisure centre in Central Switzerland
- 1120 foundation of Benedictine monastery by Konrad von Sellenbüren
- 1744 first ascent of Titlis
- Enclave of Canton Obwalden since the French revolution
- from 1912 opening of Titlis cableways
- 1992 opening of first revolving cable car in the world – ROTAIR
- 2015 opening of TITLIS Xpress

Pure culture

- Benedictine monastery with guided tours
- Monastery church in baroque style
- Cheese-making displayed at Engelberg monastery
- Concerts in Kurpark and monastery
- Valley museum – insight into local customs and history of tourism

Hotels: board & lodging with charm

- local and international specialties in many restaurants
- Bars, discos and pubs
- 2'224 hotel beds, 339 guesthouse beds, 1'148 beds in dormitory accommodation und approx. 200 holiday flats, camp site open all year round.

Congresses/ Conferences/ Seminars

- Engelberg is most suitable for large events, seminars and conferences, and offers complete supporting programme.

Cable Cars

- Fürenalp (1'850 m.) – the hidden beauty of Engelberg
- Brunnli (2'040 m.) – sunny excursions for walkers, climbers, hang-gliders and families
- Titlis (3'020 m.) – highest viewpoint in Central Switzerland with Ice Flyer, glacier park, Titlis Cliff Walk and glacier cave.

Winter

- 22 Cable cars / Skilifts
- 82 km ski runs
- 12 km descent, 2000 meter altitude difference
- 38 km cross-country trails
- 9 km toboggan runs
- 53 km winter footpaths
- 11 km marked snowshoe paths
- 41 km of snow-sure runs (33 km of which can be prepared by machines making artificial snow, 8 km on the glacier)
- 5 Fun park/Kids-special

Winter Outdoor Activities

- Ski- and Snowboard touring
- Cross-country
- Toboggan
- Snowshoe-trekking
- Winter-walking
- Ice climbing
- Avalanche and freerider courses
- Ski- and snowboarding
- SnowXpark
- Winter Nordic Walking
- Ice-skating
- Igloo building etc.

Summer

- 20 cable cars / lifts
- 500 km hiking paths
- Mountain bike trails (3 flow trails and 11 bike routes)
- 6 fixed rope climbs (via ferrata)
- 18-hole golf course
- 20 km Helsana Swiss Running/Walking Trail
- Vita Parcours

Summer Outdoor Activities

- Rope Park Engelberg
- Hiking
- Biking
- Golf
- Kayaking
- Rowing on Trübsee lake
- Summer toboggan run
- Glacier trekking
- Climbing
- Trotti-Scooter and Devil Bikes
- Hang-gliding
- Glacier skiing
- Outdoor swimming
- Bungee Jumping
- Summer Program



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All-year Activities

Tennis, Badminton, Climbing, Ice-skating, Ice-hockey, Ice-Stick Shooting, Cinema, Fitness training, Swimming, Wellness etc.

Special Attractions

Free of charge ski bus service, Igloo village at Trübsee, area for children (Kinderland) and beginners with child-minding on site, entertainment programme for guests.

Special Offers

In both summer and winter, it pays to look at our special offers under www.engelberg.ch – the Engelberg-Titlis tourist office website: whether it's for an all-inclusive golf holiday, "White Weeks" or "Freeling" offers. The Last Minute offers are just right for those who can make a spur-of-the-moment decision.

Events

Apart from the large, international FIS World Cup Ski Jumping event, a lot of other happenings of national and regional importance take place in Engelberg: for example the Alpine Pop Festival, Oldtimers in Obwalden, Jazz in the Village or the international Tug-of-War contest. In addition, the cattle show with market, the return-from-the-alp procession, the alp funfair or the Brunni carnival, offer a chance to take part in some of the traditions of Engelberg.

Culture – no fear of that

In Engelberg lovers of classical, jazz, rock/pop or folk-music all get their money's worth! And apart from concerts, lectures on the history of Engelberg complement the cultural programme. In the Talmuseum numerous contemporary witnesses talk about life in Engelberg in days gone by, while regular exhibitions display themes of current interest. Finally, guided tours of the Benedictine Monastery and the demonstration cheese-making plant complete the varied programme on offer in Engelberg.

It all began with the Benedictine Monastery

In 1120 nobleman -Conrad of Sellenbüren- from Stallikon in Canton Zurich- founded the Benedictine Monastery. From then on, Benedictine monks lived here according to the rules of St. Benedict, committing themselves to living according to the maxim *ora et labora* (pray and work). Today Benedictine monks still live in the Monastery, working as teachers in the monastery's schools. When you visit Engelberg, you will soon realise how significant the monastery and church is to the village, and how the political power of the monastery dominated in earlier times. A tour of the monastery and the church with all its treasures is an important part of any visit.

Engelberg as a health resort

During the 18th century more and more tourists from all over the world found their way to the Engelberg valley. The impressive mountain scenery enthralled them, as is testified in numerous writings of the time. In 1744 Mount Titlis, over 3200 metres high, was climbed for the first time. "The Titlis is frightening and very high", was what the Abbot Plazidus wrote about the mountain as far back as 1650. Considering the climbing equipment available in the 18th century, the climb must have been a particularly adventurous experience.

In the 19th century Engelberg developed into a modern health resort. Guests came from near and far to recuperate and to seek relief from their ailments, and Engelberg became popular as a health resort with clean air and a mild climate. There were soon insufficient guest-houses to accommodate the ever increasing number of guests, so hotel complexes with beautiful gardens grew up. Some of these "palaces" offered spa and drinking cures.

Good Skiing!

It was not until the beginning of the 20th century that Engelberg started to develop as a winter sport resort – and apart from skiing, bob-sleighting played an important role. Racy riders could be seen descending the Bob Run, which went from Gerschnialp to Engelberg. Today this stretch is a toboggan run and summer bob run. Ski tourism is still very important to Engelberg. The Engelberg Cableway Company strives constantly to improve and enlarge its range of winter sport facilities and to meet the ever-changing sporting trends. So, in 1992, the first revolving cable-car in the world – the Titlis Rotair – was constructed. In the years 2005/2006, 8 million Swiss Francs were invested in artificial snow-making machines, so that now at least 41 kilometres of runs are certain to have snow.

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