

## 2019 FACT SHEET

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### Pilatus – 2132 possibilities above sea level

With its diverse range of leisure activities on Mt. Pilatus, PILATUS-BAHNEN AG offers «2132 possibilities above sea level». Two cableways, two hotels, five restaurants, the world's steepest cogwheel railway and the largest rope park in Central Switzerland promise to provide exciting excursion experiences and exceptional seminar and banquet facilities. Visitors can experience the kings of the Alps at first hand on the ibex safari or immerse themselves in the history of the dragon mountain on the saga hike. Mountain experiences which are bound to set your pulse racing.



#### Nice views

The most beautiful 360-degree panorama: Mt. Pilatus offers the best view of the Swiss Alps and Central Switzerland.



#### Eye-catchers in all directions

2,132 possibilities all around Mt. Pilatus – including a lovely view of Lucerne and Lake Lucerne to the north.

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## Railway and Cableways

**The world's steepest cogwheel railway** From Alpnachstad to Pilatus Kulm, the world's steepest cogwheel railway (since 1889) winds up through lush meadows, past clear mountain streams and imposing rock faces.

### Technical data on the cogwheel railway

Section	Alpnachstad – Pilatus Kulm
Opened	June 4, 1889 (steam operation)
Reopened	May 15, 1937 (after electrification)
Operating period	May to November
Height difference	1,635 m
Length of railroad track	4,618 m
Travel speed	Ascent: 9 to 12 km/h; descent: max. 9 km/h
Travel time	Ascent: 30 min.; descent: 40 min.
Max. transport capacity	340 persons per hour
Railcar capacity	10 railcars, 40 persons each
Transport system	Locher cogwheel railway system
Driving power	210 PS or 154 kW per locomotive
Track	Gauge: 0.8 m, gradient: 48% maximum, 38% average
Manufacturers	Locher General Building Contractors <a href="http://www.locher-ag.ch">www.locher-ag.ch</a> , Carriages: SLM Swiss Locomotive and Machine Works of Winterthur



### World's steepest cogwheel railway

Designed by Eduard Locher, an engineer from Zurich, the cogwheel railway was and still is a pioneering feat and a unique system – still going strong after more than 125 years.



### Maximum performance on the mountain

As you can imagine, the spectacular track route made constructing the cogwheel railway with a gradient of up to 48% a difficult task.

**Aerial cableway «Dragon Ride»** The newest mountain lift on Mt. Pilatus connects Fräkmüntegg and Kulm in about three-and-a-half minutes. The cabins with panorama seats make you feel as though you are flying and offer clear views of the breathtaking mountain panorama.

#### Technical data on the aerial cableway

Section	Fräkmüntegg – Pilatus Kulm
Opened	April 3, 2015
Operating period	All year (except during maintenance periods)
Height difference	646.6 m
Length of cable	1,387.6 m
Travel speed	Field: max. 9.0 m/s; support: 7.0 m/s.
Travel time	3 min. 39s
Max. transport capacity	589 persons per hour
Cabin capacity	2 cabins, 55 + 1 persons each
Transport system	Reversible cableway
Driving power	260 kW, drive station: Fräkmüntegg
Cables	2 carrying cables per track Ø 44 mm; 1 haul cable Ø 30 mm 1 support, height: 18.3 m, gauge: 11.8 m
Manufacturers	Mechanical components: Garaventa AG, Goldau Electrical components: Frey AG, Stans Cabins: CWA Design, Olten



**Aerial cableway «Dragon Ride»**

It feels like you are flying – thanks to the large arched windows. The panorama seats provide a clear view of Lake Lucerne and the mountain panorama.



**Aerial Panorama Gondola**

The gondola takes visitors from Kriens to the family paradise of Krienseregg and outdoor enthusiasts to Fräkmüntegg, where the rope park is sure to make their pulse race.

**Aerial Panorama Gondola** The panorama gondola takes guests from Kriens – via Krienseregg – to the Fräkmüntegg summit terminus in about 30 minutes. A ride with magnificent panoramic views.

#### Technical data on the gondola

Section	Kriens – Krienseregg – Fräkmüntegg
Opened	December 24, 1954
Reopened	May 10, 1996 (after refurbishment)
Operating period	All year (except during maintenance periods)
Height difference	899 m
Length of cable	Section 1: 2,118 m, Section 2: 2,774 m
Travel speed	Max. 4.5 m per sec.
Travel time	18 min. (minimum)
Max. transport capacity	750 persons per hour
Cabin capacity	132 cabins, 4 persons each
Transport system	Circulating monocable gondola
Driving power	400 kW per section, drive station: Krienseregg
Cables	Haul cables: Ø 44 mm
Manufacturers	Mechanical components: Garaventa AG, Goldau Electrical components: Frey AG, Stans

## Hotels & Catering

In 2009 and 2011, PILATUS-BAHNEN AG invested more than 30 million Swiss francs over a two-year period spanning four stages of construction in the complete renewal of the hotel and catering infrastructure on Pilatus Kulm. The centerpieces were the historic Hotel Pilatus-Kulm, the new Panorama Gallery and the completely modernized self-service restaurant with a sun terrace in Hotel Bellevue. The revamp of the Pilatus also included the extensive renewal of the building services with a centralized energy and water supply, refurbishment of the station (with a ticket pavilion) in Alpnachstad and the complete refurbishment of the landmarked Restaurant Chalet in the historic style of the *Gründerzeit* (1871-1873, a period when many industrial firms were founded) in Alpnachstad.

### Hotel Pilatus-Kulm

The successful conclusion of the complete refurbishment in August 2010 marked the beginning of another chapter in the vibrant history of the historic Pilatus-Kulm Mountain Hotel. Ever since it first opened in 1890, the heritage-protected Hotel Pilatus-Kulm has been characterized by its uniqueness. 27 spacious hotel rooms and three suites herald the dawn of a new era. There is room for 120 people inside Restaurant Queen Victoria and an additional 200 people on the sun terrace. Only dishes of the highest quality are served at an altitude of 2,132 meters.



#### 2,132 meters above the average

Gem on the mountain: Hotel Pilatus-Kulm was constructed in 1890 and is under a preservation order.



#### Deep sleep on high

A jewel from the belle époque: history combined with modern Alpine style.

### Pilatus Business Center

Hotel Pilatus-Kulm is home to the Pilatus Business Center, the ideal venue for workshops, seminars and banquets set against a breathtaking backdrop. The historic mountain hotel offers many different rooms that are also able to cater for special requirements with their state-of-the-art infrastructure. Because the spaces are flexible, it can accommodate up to 300 attendees. The «Gipfelsaal» can seat 160 people and can be subdivided into four smaller spaces on request (Tomlishorn, Klimsenhorn, Oberhaupt and Esel). The «Mythen Foyer» seats 50 people. The «Dragon Forum» seats 150 people. The «Cheminée Saal» (60 seats) has a cozy ambience and the «Dohlenstübli» (30 seats) has a homely feel to it. The «Lobby & Bar» (15 seats) and the large «sun terrace» (200 seats) are perfect for relaxation.

### Hotel Bellevue

Hotel Bellevue welcomes its guests with an attractive mix of solid rock and top-quality wood. From every seat in the circular restaurant, you can enjoy what the name Bellevue promises: a tremendously expansive view. Profile: 20 comfortable double rooms with a shower/WC/TV/telephone, a modern self-service restaurant with free-flowing spaces: 160 seats, large sun terrace (self-service): 200 seats.



#### Expand your horizons

Hotel Pilatus-Kulm provides inspiration and offers space for seminars with up to 300 attendees.



#### Fine dining

Dine like a king on the summit: Restaurant Queen Victoria (pictured), Cheminée Saal or Dohlenstübli are very stylish.

### **Panorama Gallery**

The spectacular, covered Panorama Gallery extends over the enlarged panorama terrace which has an area of more than 1,000 square meters, is weatherproof and houses the Dragon Shop and Steinbock Bar. An arena in the middle of this viewing platform is used for many different types of events. The Panorama Gallery connects the two hotels Pilatus-Kulm and Bellevue.

### **Restaurants on Mt. Pilatus**

Situated right next to the midway station, the family-friendly Krienseregg Mountain Restaurant (54 indoor seats and 80 outdoor seats) is where you get hearty fare. The refurbished Restaurant Chalet (35 indoor seats and 100 outdoor seats) is situated right next to the valley station in Alpnachstad. The team looks forward to serving visitors freshly prepared dishes. At the gateway to the largest rope park in Central Switzerland and in the immediate vicinity of the base station of the aerial cableway «Dragon Ride» is the Fräkmüntegg self-service restaurant (120 indoor seats and 120 outdoor seats) which was fully refurbished in 2014. Wood and stone are dominating features, with large panorama windows and an imposing terrace providing spectacular views of Mt. Pilatus and the mountain landscape. Here you get delicious Swiss dishes. The spicy «Dragon Rösti» is the house specialty.



#### **Alpine chic on Fräkmüntegg**

Swiss specialties attract diners to this modernized self-service restaurant.



#### **A family paradise on Krienseregg**

Young and old alike find what their heart desires at Krienseregg – including a tasty lunch.

## Offers

### Golden Round Trip

From May to mid-October, you can experience the diversity of Lucerne's landmark mountain courtesy of the Golden Round Trip, either as a half-day or whole-day excursion. After a boat trip on Lake Lucerne, you can look forward to a spectacular ride on the world's steepest cog-wheel railway. At an altitude of 2,132 meters, you can savor culinary delights while you take in the amazing panoramic view of the mountain range of the Alpine massif. Then you take the aerial cableway «Dragon Ride» and panorama gondola down to Kriens, where a five-minute walk brings you to bus no. 1 for the journey back to Lucerne. The Golden Round Trip can also be completed in the opposite direction.

### Silver Round Trip

The journey on the Zentralbahn Railway from Lucerne to Alpnachstad takes just 20 minutes. After that it's up and away to Mt. Pilatus on the world's steepest cogwheel railway. At 2,132 meters above sea level, a diverse cuisine awaits you in the most varied of establishments and on various different terraces. The aerial cableway «Dragon Ride» and panorama gondola to Kriens offer breathtaking views of the mountain range. The stop serviced by bus no. 1 is just a five-minute walk from the valley station. The Silver Round Trip can also be completed in the opposite direction.



#### Rope park against a mountain backdrop

The largest rope park in Central Switzerland: the 10 courses on Fräkmüntegg offer something to suit all tastes, and you are bound to get a special kick out of it.



#### Learning to fly with PILU

The new PILU rope park takes brave climbers from 4 to 8 years of age on an adventure consisting of seven stages with the Pilatus mascot

### **The largest rope park in Central Switzerland**

Young adventurers (or the young at heart!) looking for extra thrills will meet their match at the Pilatus rope park – and no special training is needed. Thrills and spills are guaranteed by a total of 10 trails: each trail consists of between six and eleven features requiring balancing and climbing, and there are exciting aerial ropeway rides to go on and challenging obstacles to overcome. Climbing enthusiasts scale up to 14-meter high platforms on selected «monkey trees». Especially daring climbers free-fall for 20 meters on the Powerfan secured by a rope.

### **ibex safari**

The kings of the mountains have lived on Mt. Pilatus for more than 50 years. Between 1961 and 1969, 19 animals were returned to the wild at the initiative of Pilatus-Bahnen AG. The ibex colony has grown significantly to reach its current population, and observing these animals is an unforgettable and impressive experience. On selected dates in the period from May to the beginning of October, visitors can find out more about the diverse flora and fauna of Mt. Pilatus in the company of retired local gamekeepers.



#### **Experience ibexes at close hand**

Ibexes have lived on Mt. Pilatus and its environs for 50 years. On the ibex safari, gamekeepers provide an insight into the life of these animals.



#### **Only flying is nicer**

Spend the night in a floating “Tree Tent” on the Fräkmüntegg. Tree Tents are spanned between trees and have space for two or three persons.

### Tree Tents.

Like floating on clouds, gently swaying in the wind, the stars close enough to touch – in the Tree Tents your sleep is divine. In the evening a delicious grill and salad buffet awaits. Before you crawl into your “air castle” marvel at the sunset, and then it’s off to dreamland in the dragons’s nest, on a bed of mountain air. After a restful night in the Tree Tent fortify yourself with a generous breakfast at the Restaurant Fräkmüntegg. And then? You may well fell up to more adventures... By the way, the Tree Tents are spanned low to the ground between two trees, so getting in and out is easy. The tents come from America and hold two or three persons.

### Pilatus Snow & Fun

Snow enthusiasts will find a wide variety of winter sports on Fräkmüntegg: it’s all go for winter sports enthusiasts on the downhill slopes which are covered in natural snow as well as varying in length and level of difficulty. Speeding through the snow on various pieces of equipment: visitors can hire family flizzer, toboggans, Ghosky, Rebel sleds, mini-bobs and airboards. The equipment is issued right next to the panorama gondola station Fräkmüntegg.

### Hiking on Mt. Pilatus and its environs

With hikes ranging in difficult from easy to Alpine, families, schools, senior citizens and associations always find the right trail on Mt. Pilatus for breathtaking expeditions.

### Climbing on Mt. Pilatus and its environs

Pilatus is a popular climbing region home to varied routes of all degrees of difficulty. Pilatus Kulm or Ämsigen are the best starting points for all climbing routes.



#### Fun leisure activities in summer...

Up hill and down dale together: hiking trails with incomparable views await you all year round on Mt. Pilatus.



#### ...and winter

An easy winter hike or a fast-paced sled ride: Fräkmüntegg and Krienseregg cover the full spectrum.

### **Idyllic family-friendly retreat half way up the mountain**

The best insider tip for families is Krienseregg: the attractive local recreation area with its marked hiking circuits, inviting picnic areas and «PILU®-Land» adventure playground is a hit with young and old alike. The large sun terrace of the family-friendly Restaurant Krienseregg is very popular.

### **PILU®-Land playground**

The home of the friendly, fire-red Pilatus dragon is divided into three themed areas: Dragon Castle, Dragon Forest and Dragon Land. Built using unsprayed timber from false acacia trees, the individual play elements have, to a large extent, been left in their natural state.

### **Dragon Moor**

A natural wonder at Krienseregg. The wonderful moorland landscape and the burbling Pilatus mountain streams captivate visitors. Forests and reed meadows make for an idyllic setting. Those interested in history can cast an eye over the area's ice-age past.



#### **A barbecue for the whole family**

After a thrilling treasure hunt or a hike, you can recharge your batteries during a rest at one of the numerous barbecue spots.



#### **Fun with PILU® the local dragon**

Young children can let off steam in the PILU®-Land adventure playground – sometimes also together with the friendly dragon.