

Press release new V-Cableway of Jungfrau Railways

The Jungfrau Railway Group is the largest mountain railway company in Switzerland. Its main activity is the operation of excursion railways and winter sports facilities in the Jungfrau Region. The most profitable segment is the trip to the Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe, situated 3,454 meters above sea level, within the UNESCO World Heritage Site Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch. The Jungfraujoch is an especially popular destination for International guests. In 2019, it attracted over one million visitors for the fourth time. The Jungfrau Railways build the V-Cableway - the most innovative and exciting construction project in the Alps, with an investment of 470 Mio. Swiss Francs.

In the tradition of visionary pioneering achievements in the construction of the Jungfrau Railway between 1896 and 1912, the V-Cableway will be in operation by December 2020. From the new terminal in Grindelwald, a tricable gondola takes you to the Eiger Glacier and a new 10-seater aerial gondola to the Männlichen – spectacular views and significantly reduced travel times included

The V-Cableway secures the medium and long-term successful future of tourism throughout the entire Jungfrau Region as a top destination in Swiss tourism throughout the year. It strengthens the competitiveness of the Jungfraujoch as a globally renowned destination, and it helps the winter sports region reach the top position in international competition.

Thanks to the direct connection of the V-Cableway to public transport, the travel time from all Swiss cities to the ski area and the Jungfraujoch –Top of Europe has been shortened by 47 minutes.

Arrival by public transport:

- Berne - Eigergletscher (ski slopes) 1 h 49 min
- Berne – Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe 2 h 31 min
- Zurich – Eigergletscher (ski slopes) 2 h 51 min
- Zurich – Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe 3 h 33 min

The direct connection of the V-Cableway to public transport and the increase in capacity of the new rolling stock on the Bernese Oberland Railway (valley railway on the feeder line from Interlaken Ost to Grindelwald) increase the attractiveness of the railway and ensure a shift in traffic from road to rail.

With the realisation of the V-Cableway project, in particular with the commissioning of the "Eiger Express" tricable gondola, central junctions will be de-congested and long-term traffic and parking problems will be solved. This is ensured by a new parking garage and a constantly updated parking guidance system with real-time information. A customer information system on all railways enables targeted visitor guidance.

The new Grindelwald Terminal stop massively increases the public transport passenger capacity. With the new cable cars and the increased capacity, queuing in the valley for transport to the ski resort will be a thing of the past. A single seat reservation guarantees the Jungfraujoch guests their seat when transferring to the Jungfrau Railway.

Holiday guests in Grindelwald reach the Eiger Glacier station and the ski slopes in just 15 minutes. Thanks to the rapid return transport by the tricable gondola to the mountain, the beautiful valley slopes can be enjoyed repeatedly. The additional shuttle to the First Railway directly from the terminal makes changing ski resorts a quick and easy process.

The V-Cableway project guarantees facilities of the latest standards with a high level of guest comfort. These include new rolling stock on the Bernese Oberland Railway, the Grindelwald Terminal with shopping, food and ski depots, as well as the tricable gondola Eiger Express (26 seats) and the 10-passenger aerial gondola on the Männlichen. There is also a car park with 1,000 spaces. Separate group accesses

reduce congestion.

A tailor-made operational adjustment of the Bernese Oberland Railway (BOB), Wengernalp Railway (WAB) and Jungfrau Railway (JB) to suit the demands and the latest technology is guaranteed.

The V-Cableway ensures the competitiveness of the Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe and thus the future of a beacon of tourism for the Jungfrau Region and all of Switzerland. Prospects are created for generations to come in the Jungfrau Region. Thanks to the new trains, Grindelwald will become significantly more attractive as a destination.

The V-Cableway strengthens the competitiveness of the Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe and Grindelwald as a winter and summer destination. The year-round visitor volume increases the business opportunities in Grindelwald. The new terminal offers business spaces with direct access to the flow of customers. Around 50 jobs will be created with the shops there. The project increases guest attendance for day and holiday guests. Catering providers, businesses and the hotel industry will also benefit from this.

The shorter travel times, the direct public transport connection, the new facilities, the new rolling stock and the terminal building with shops provide guests with more quality and comfort. The region thus remains competitive internationally in future.

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