

practical information

**How to get there:**

Take the mountain train Visp-Zermatt (hourly connections); it takes 65 minutes and is a scenic trip! There are hourly train connections to Visp from Bern (55 min.), from Lausanne (1 h 32 min.), from Zurich (2 h) and from Geneva (2 h 16 min.).

No access for cars (only as far as Täsch). Foreign currency exchange at the train station (travel agency Zermatt-Tours).

① Next to the train station (at Bahnhofplatz 5), you'll find the **tourist information** (027 966 81 00). Also by the station runs the main street, Bahnhofstrasse, along which you'll find most of the shops, pharmacies, supermarkets (i.e. food markets Migros and Coop), etc., you'll need. @ Internet station at Internet Corner Pöstli (Bahnhofstrasse 41), at the Country Bar at Hofmattweg 3 or at your hostel; launderette at "Waschsalon Doli" at Hofmattstrasse 3.

www.zermatt.ch
www.backpacker.ch

budget accommodation

Zermatt Youth Hostel, Staldenweg 5 (027 967 23 20) »www.youthhostel.ch/zermatt;
Matterhorn Hostel, Schluhmattstrasse 32 (027 968 19 19) »www.matterhornhostel.com

events

April 12th–16th Zermatt unplugged, with Seal, Roger Hodgson (the voice of Supertramp), One Republic, David Gray and many more

July 9th Zermatt Marathon. A marathon with an altitude difference of over 1,400 m; a challenge for any racer!

July 24th Täschalp Race and Alp Festival

July 29th–31st Matterhorn Eagle Cup. Golf tournament at over 2,500 m above sea level

August 1st Swiss National Day, fireworks and celebrations everywhere!

August 14th 43rd Folklore Festival. More than 1,200 participants will take part in this huge parade



A hiker on tour... In the background the Matterhorn (4,478 m)

Zermatt (1,620 m/5,320 ft), situated just in front of the majestic Matterhorn, is one of the world's most famous mountain resorts. The idyllic village in the heart of the Alps has become one of the most renowned mountain resorts. There are no petrol-driven cars allowed in Zermatt. **Horse-drawn carriages**, as well as electric cars, are the only means of transport. Zermatt and its surroundings offer tons of great outdoor activities and hiking possibilities the whole year round. Summer skiing is possible too, on the everlasting glacial snow at the foot of the Matterhorn, between 2,900 and 3,900 meters. And as an experienced climber you can climb a few 4,000 m peaks.

some highlights

Zermatt and its surroundings offer tons of great **outdoor activities** and hiking possibilities the whole year round. And Zermatt has many spectacular **mountain railways**. Gornergat (3,130 m/10,134 ft) is one of them. From the top, you will enjoy an exciting view of Monte Rosa. Klein Matterhorn, at 3,820 m/12,338 ft, is the highest station you can go. By the way, the famous Matterhorn has an altitude of 4,478 m (14,463 ft). Check out Europe's highest glacier grotto at Klein Matterhorn, including an informative exhibition.



In Zermatt **summer skiing** is possible! Enjoy 20 kilometres of piste on Zermatt's Theodul glacier. Carve and relax together with national alpine ski teams from all over Europe, with the Matterhorn always in sight. **Skiing and snowboarding the whole year round**, with 365 days of snow – you can only find this in Zermatt. As the highest altitude, largest and most efficiently developed snow sport location in the Alps, Zermatt offers an absolute snow guarantee.



Save money and travel in the afternoon with an "afternoon ticket"! Enjoy the wonderful afternoon atmosphere

at the viewing points in the Matterhorn glacier paradise (departure 1.30–3 pm, CHF 78.50, June 11th–October 16th), the Schwarzsee paradise (dep. 2.30–3.30 pm, CHF 38.50, June 11th–October 9th) or the Rothorn paradise (dep. 2.30–3.30 pm, CHF 52.–, June 18th–October 18th).

For **biking**, rent one at the station or at a sport shop and get a good map from the tourist office. Don't forget your camera – the view is breathtaking up there.

For **hiking**, numerous **well-marked footpaths and walks** (nearly 400 km/250 miles) take you through pine-scented mountain forest, to the shores of calm alpine lakes and to the ice-blue glaciers. Consult a map before you set off!

You should not miss visiting **the oldest part of the village**, with houses and barns which are 200–250 years old, the original main street, etc.

On a rainy day you could visit the **Matterhorn Museum** (at Bahnhofplatz 57). The museum tells the exciting story of the Matterhorn – from its origins in Africa and the terribly dramatic first ascent to the present day. Open daily 2–6 pm (July – September 11 am–6 pm), admission CHF 10.–,

students 8.–, and it's free of charge if you hold a Swiss Pass (see page 5).

Or spend some hours playing **games**. The Country Bar at Hofmattweg 3 (Hotel Elite) offers different games (tabletop football, pool and more) and Internet stations.

entertainment, fun & parties

- **Broken Bar/Disco** at Bahnhofstrasse 41 is Zermatt's cult disco. You can dance on a legendary wine barrel.
- **Braun Cow Snack Bar** at Bahnhofstrasse 41. They serve hot food from 9 am–11 pm (sandwiches, hamburgers, salads and soups).
- **Schneewittchen** at Steinmattstrasse 34 is a bar and nightclub open from July–October.
- **TBar "Let's Dance"** at Bahnhofstrasse 28. Disco with original fittings and furnishings (with old elements from the Zermatt cable cars).
- **Boîte à Chocolat** at Bahnhofstrasse 7b is a bar but also has homemade chocolate specialities as well as a variety of top handmade swiss chocolate.
- **Papperla Pub** at Steinmattstrasse 34 is a legendary meeting point for everyone in Zermatt.
- **GramPis Pub** at Bahnhofstrasse 70 is where people meet & eat.
- **Sparky's Bar and Restaurant** at Schluhmattstrasse 32. Nachos, pasta, thai-food, salads, soups and more.
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