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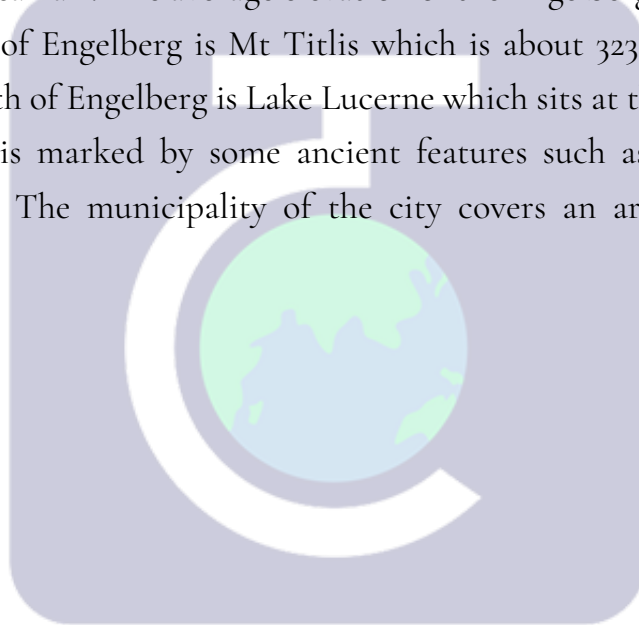
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### 1. Geographical location

Located in central Switzerland, Engelberg is primarily regarded as a resort town and is situated in the canton of Obwalden. Engelberg is a municipality and is among the exclaves of Obwalden. It is surrounded by other geographical features known as cantons namely, Uri, Bern and Nidwalden. It is also surrounded by the Alps which create an extremely steep terrain. Within Switzerland, Engelberg is known as the leading mountain resort used for sports activities such as skiing because of its clean air. The average elevation of the Engelberg is 1020 meters above sea level. The highest point of Engelberg is Mt Titlis which is about 3239 meters above sea level. About 25 kilometers north of Engelberg is Lake Lucerne which sits at the valley of Mount Titlis. Engelberg's topography is marked by some ancient features such as monasteries where the Monks reside and pray. The municipality of the city covers an area of about 74.8 square kilometers.



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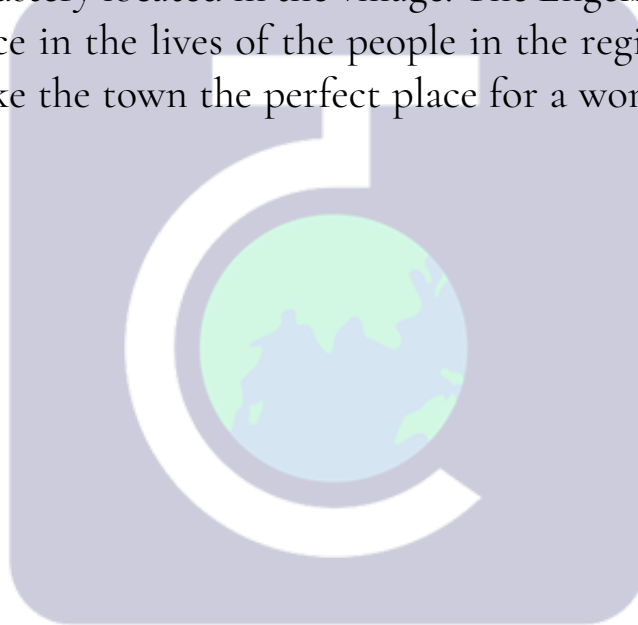
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Engelberg Is A Huge City That Is Sufficiently Connected To Other Cities/towns By Developed And Modern Transport Network. The Nearest Cities To Engelberg Include Zurich Which Is 60.1 Kilometers Away From Engelberg. Lorrach Lies 104.4 Kilometers Away From Engelberg While Breisgau Hochschwarzwald Is 125.7 Kilometers Away From Engelberg.



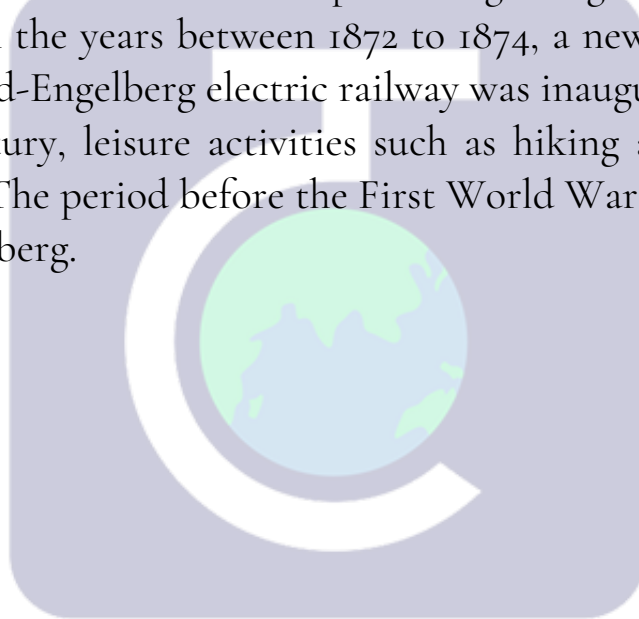
### 3. Significance

Engelberg may be one of the most sought after winter and summer sports venue in Switzerland, but it is also a favorite family holiday destination. People throng to this Alpine resort for the sheer beauty of the natural landscape as well as for the wide variety of holiday activities provided for every kind of visitors. The rustic character of Engelberg becomes all the more appealing with the presence of the Benedictine Monastery located in the village. The Engelberg Abbey continues to be a great influence in the lives of the people in the region. Modern facilities and rural setting make the town the perfect place for a wonderful holiday in the lap of nature.



## 4. History

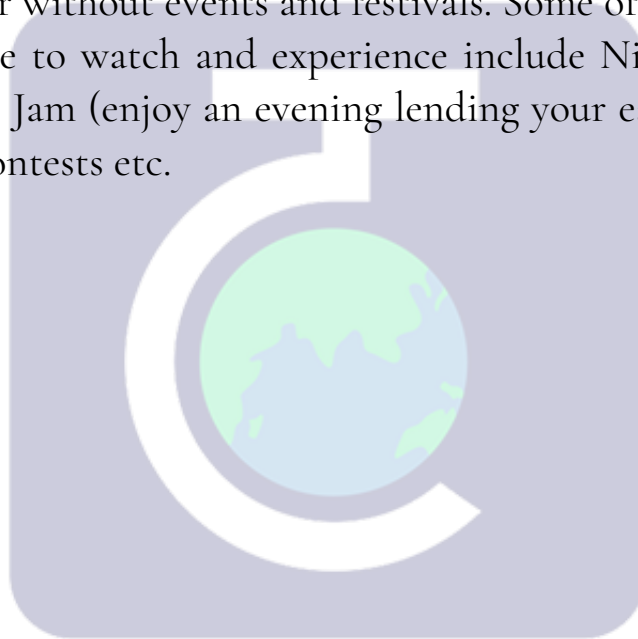
Popular as one of Switzerland's most favorite resort towns, Engelberg mountain pasture has been existence since a long time now. Although its first mentions are found as 'Engilperc' in 1122, when the Abbey was first discovered there. Engelberg has risen to its status as one of the world's best vacation spots since 1850, thanks to the abundance of mineral water, milk serum and fresh air cures. Development projects were established in order to improve Engelberg's position as a holiday resort destination. In the years between 1872 to 1874, a new wider road was laid out, and the Stansstad-Engelberg electric railway was inaugurated in 1898. By the end of the 19th century, leisure activities such as hiking and mountain sports gained prominence. The period before the First World War was particularly very progressive for Engelberg.



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### 5. Cultural identity

According to records, the culture of Engelberg goes as back as the 12th century. For tourists who believe that the glimpse of culture is best felt through a city's architecture, Engelberg has an iconic church and monastery respectively - Collegiate Church and Engelberg monastery. Plus you must also go to the Collegiate Library and the Valley Museum. The USP of travelling to Engelberg is that the place is never without events and festivals. Some of the key events which you may get a chance to watch and experience include Night skiing, the Titlis night ride, Mountain Jam (enjoy an evening lending your ears to some great live music), Waterslide contests etc.



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### 6. Natural resources

There is a limited natural resources reserve that includes natural gas, petroleum, silica, hydropower, metals, manganese, iron ore, oil, coal, zinc, tin, limestone, salt, gypsum, arable land, clay, rocks, slate, chalk, bauxite, manganese, uranium, lignite, coal. It has densely covered vegetation that includes several species of plants, shrubs, herbs, grass, etc. It has a large number of species of flora and fauna. It is a home to various species of animals, mammals, reptiles and birds.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Engelberg Abbey

Dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels, Engelberg Abbey has many structural buildings consisting of the largest church organ, an impressive library and the valley museum. It dates back to 1120 and takes up the commanding position at the head of the Nidwalden Valley. This abbey has various cultural programs and also offers film shows at the entrance.

Address : Klosterhof, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.82048039999999, 8.409699199999977

Contact : +41-416396161

Website : <http://www.kloster-engelberg.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Engelberg Train Station

Entry Fee : Without Exhibition – Adults: 8 CHF Students and Seniors over 65 years: 7 CHF Youth (12 to 18 years): 4 CHF Children up to 12 years: Free admission With Exhibition – Students and Seniors over 65 years: 9 CHF Children up to 12 years: Free admission

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Hergiswiler Glas AG

In operation since 1817, Hergiswiler Glas AG is the manufacturing site that deals with the ideal transportation routes for wood fuel and goods. Being the only glasswork in the country to manually mold glass into different shapes, the tradition of craftsmen continues to live with this modern glassworks design. Here, visitors can get a chance to observe the glass blowers working at the furnace.

Address : Seestrasse 12, 6052 Hergiswil, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6052

Location : 46.98207699999999, 8.311846999999943

Contact : +41-416323232

Website : <http://www.glassi.ch/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hergiswil train station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 5 Children under 10: Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Sundays

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Swiss Museum of Transport

Offering a range of interactive and intriguing settings, the Swiss Museum of Transport also known as Verkehrshaus der Schweiz opened in 1959 and exhibits all forms of transport and their development. This is the most popular museum that maintains a large collection of work created by a local painter and sculptor. Planetarium and IMAX are other attractions present besides this museum that are sure to enhance your visit.

Address : Lidostrasse 5, 6006 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6006

Location : 47.052873000000001, 8.3363910000000049

Contact : +41-413704444

Website : <https://www.verkehrshaus.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Brühl Bus Station

Entry Fee : Museum: Adults: 30 CHF Children (below 6 years): 15 CHF Family: 65

CHF Group of 10 people: Adults - 26 CHF; Children - 13 CHF Planetarium:

Adults: 15 CHF Children (below 6 years): 9 CHF Family: 42 CHF Group of 10

people: Adults - 13.50 CHF; Children - 7 CHF Chocolate Adventure: Adults: 15

CHF Children (below 6 years): 9 CHF Family: 42 CHF Group of 10 people:

Adults - 13.50 CHF; Children - 7 CHF Film theatre (Day time movies): Adults: 18

CHF Children (below 6 years): 14 CHF Family: 55 CHF Group of 10 people:

Adults - 14 CHF; Children - 12 CHF Film Theater (Evening 2D): Adults: 19 CHF

Children (below 6 years): 16 CHF Group of 10 people: Adults - 19 CHF; Children

- 16 CHF Film Theater (Evening 3D): Adults: 22 CHF Children (below 6 years):

19 CHF Group of 10 people: Adults - 22 CHF; Children - 19 CHF

Open & Close Timing : Museum, Shop and Special Exhibitions: Summer Time:

10:00hrs-18:00hrs Winter Time: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Hans Erni Museum, Art Shop:  
Summer Time: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Winter Time: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Titlis Cliff Walk

Built at around 10,000 feet above sea level, Titlis Cliff Walk is a pedestrian bridge along the cliff of Mount Titlis and is the highest elevation suspension bridge in the whole of Europe. It stretches from one rock face to another spanning a length of 100 meters with a huge 500-meter chasm below your feet. Crossing this bridge is an experience infused with an unmatched adrenaline rush and soul-stirring views.

Address : Titlis, Engelberg, 6390

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.77066560000001, 8.426079200000004

Contact : +41-416395050

Website : <http://www.titlis.ch/en/glacier/cliff-walk>

Nearest Public Transport : Titlis Cableway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-16:45hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



#### 7.2.2. Ballenberg

The Ballenberg open-air museum lies in the heart of Switzerland and is a stroll through the historic past displaying over 100 buildings and architecture from all over the country that have been transported from their original sites. Along with the main appeal of the buildings themselves, some of the engineering and crafting buildings still operate to give expressions to the customary rural crafts, techniques and art of cheese-making.

Address : Museumsstrasse 131, 3858 Hofstetten bei Brienz, Switzerland

Zipcode : 3858

Location : 46.7496093, 8.085735300000001

Contact : +41-339521030

Website : <http://www.ballenberg.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Brienzwiler train station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Lake Lucerne

Encompassed by famous excursion mountains, Lake Lucerne has a complicated shape with several sharp bends and 4 arms. Being one of the most scenic spots, it is somewhat like a fjord but has a mild lake climate. In winter seasons, it turns into a picturesque lakeside setting against an impressive mountain backdrop. The summers here are celebrated with a summer night festival.

Address : Lucerne, Switzerland, 6006

Zipcode : 6006

Location : 47.0136401, 8.437159800000018

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Cheese Factory

Being the only cheese factory in Switzerland situated within the walls of a monastery, you can watch how cheese is produced and how quickly it takes up the shapes of various molds through some demos here. There are architectural contrasts which are worth enjoying here, along with regional food specialties and souvenirs item to remind you of the visit here.

Address : Kloster Schaukäserei, Klosterhof, 6390 Engelberg

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.8197829, 8.408607299999971

Contact : +41-416380888

Website : <https://www.schaukaeserei-engelberg.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Engelberg Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Low Season: Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Cheese production: Daily between 11:00hrs and 16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Birnbaum AG

An old-established business, Birnbaum AG is a leading brand of watches as well as jewelry in Switzerland. Visit this store to browse through an amazing collection and fill your bags.

Address : Bahnhofstrasse 15, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.82003919999999, 8.402252699999963

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Blatter Holzkunst GmbH

Interested in shopping for souvenirs, wooden toys or t-shirts? Make a note of this huge store located near to the railway station. Once you step in here, you definitely won't return empty-handed.

Address : Poststrasse 1, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.8200965, 8.4029934000000014

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Luter Schöni Sache

Considered as the best place to buy souvenirs, Luter Schöni Sache's specialties include jewelry, accessories and bags. It has unusual gifting ideas that are worth every penny you spend.

Address : Klosterstrasse 8A, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.8203252, 8.405736499999989

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Mr. Philipp Guntensperger und Brillen

Head here to shop for glasses, jewelry, Swiss watches and their like. You are sure to return with a bagful of purchases.

Address : Dorfstrasse 26, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6390

Location : 46.82137609999999, 8.404864200000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Engelberg is popular for its ski terrains that offer the best skiing areas for the advanced skiers and novices alike. The other adventures this town and the surrounding mountains provide include hiking, snowboarding, walking, cycling, mountaineering, climbing, and golfing.

- **Multi-sport -**

Address : Titlis Engelberg, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.772048,8.437770399999997

Contact No : +41 41 639 50 50

Website : <http://www.titlis.ch/en>

Entry Fees : Snow sports – 65 CHF to 454 CHF Cable Car Rides – 9 CHF to 56 CHF

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 7

- **Sky diving -**

Address : OutVenture, Wasserfallstrasse, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.801828,8.448847

Contact No : +41-416111441

Website : <http://www.outventure.ch/en/>

Entry Fees : Sky Diving – 350 CHF to 380 CHF Bungee Jump – 150 CHF to 169 CHF Para Gliding – 170 CHF to 240 CHF Rope Park – 17 CHF to 40 CHF

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2



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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

While skiing is mainly a winter sport, all the other adventures are mostly enjoyed in the summer when the region is thronged by vacationing families and sports enthusiasts.

- **Gross Titlis Schanze:**

Address : 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.8144867,8.40403660000004

Contact No : +41 41 639 77 77

Website : <http://www.weltcup-engelberg.ch/>



## 10. Spas and relaxation

There are various sauna and spa treatments for helping you rejuvenate your lost energy during the tour. The heating and healing treatment is one of the must-try techniques here.

- **Sporthotel Eienwäldli:**

Address : Wasserfallstrasse 108, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.8098421,8.42290939999998

Contact No : +41 41 637 19 49

Website : <http://www.eienwaeldli.ch/>

- **Hotel Garni Belmont:**

Address : Dorfstrasse 54, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.8200985,8.398472200000015

Contact No : +41 41 637 24 23

Website : <http://www.belmont.at/en/hotel-garni-belmont/a-spa-to-relax.html>

- **Titlis Resort:**

Address : Alpenstrasse 11, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.8189469,8.39627500000006

Contact No : +41 41 639 50 00

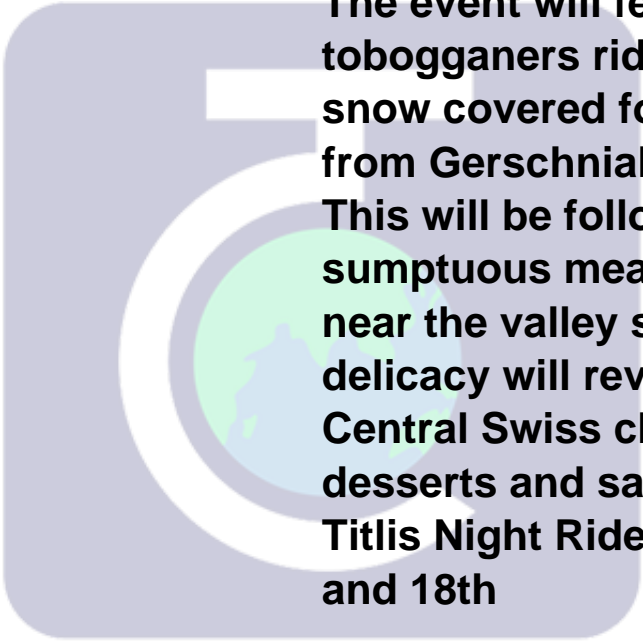
Website : <http://www.titlisresort.ch/en/wellness/wellness-offering/day-spa>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Extra Night time tobogganing and Fondue meal @ Engelberg (January 2nd)**




**The event will feature tobogganers ride through the snow covered forests starting from Gerschnialp to Engelberg. This will be followed by a sumptuous meal in the Chalet near the valley station. The delicacy will revolve around Central Swiss cheese fondue, desserts and salads.**

**Titlis Night Ride @ Mt Titlis (19th and 18th**

**An event where participants ski and snowboard throughout the night. The event will also take place in the snow tubing park at Trubsee. Participants can also visit the Trubsee bar for a bite. They can then ski down the Valle station with the use of the new Titlis Xpress cable car.**  
**Live musik on Ristis @ Bergrestaurant Ristis ( March 27th)**

**The event is a musical entertainment which incorporates a lot of eating. It will begin at 09:00hrs with a great breakfast buffet, followed by 11:30hrs buffet which will be inclusive of lunch dessert. There will be an Easter egg hunt known as 'Globi'. The event is kid friendly so children are welcome.**

**Waterslide Contest @ Jochpass (16th)**



**A sports event where participants contest to see who will remain standing while splashing across the surface of water. The starting distance is reduced with every round and the event is inclusive of an award ceremony for the participants.**

**Candlelight Dinner @ Panorama Restaurant, Titlis, Engelberg (6th May)**

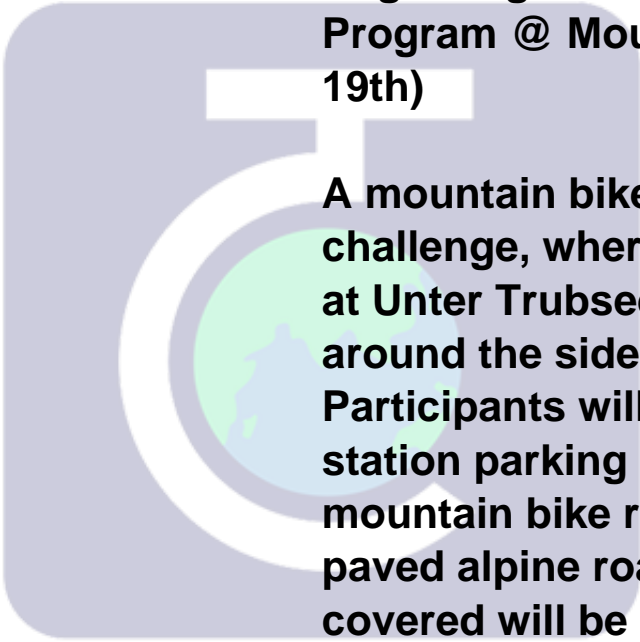
**An eating event where intimate fondue chinoise will be served in the presence of warm candlelight and soft music playing in the background. The romantic dinner will be set specifically for you and your loved ones.**

**Fisherman's Friend  
StrongmanRun Switzerland @**

## **Engelberg (4th June)**

**The event will be a race where the winners will be awarded and there will be a pre party and an after party to mark the commencement and the end of the event.**

## **Engelberg Mountain Bike Program @ Mount Titlis (July 19th)**




**A mountain bike riding challenge, where the ride begins at Unter Trubsee area and around the sides of Mount Titlis. Participants will meet at the Titlis station parking lot and begin the mountain bike ride along the paved alpine road. Route covered will be Engelberg to Gerschniap to Unter Trubsee to Arnialp.**

## **The Serravalle Castles @ 6714 Sermione Engelberg (6th to 31st August)**

**An exhibition that showcases the transformation of Serravalle hill which is at the entrance of Blenio Valley over the years. (Beginning from the 9th century all the way up to the 21st Century). The main aim of the exhibition is to**

**preserve the site for further research and history purposes. The exhibition is in 3D as it tries to bring out the live features. Guided tour @ 1984 Les Hauderes (22nd September to 25th September)**



**An exhibition of the picturesque village of les Hauderes which will also include a site visit of the village. You will have an opportunity to take very appealing and beautiful photos of the village which is marked by small streets which have a bountiful history of the Swiss culture.**

**Swiss Folk Music Concert @ Hotel Banklialp ( October 22nd)**


**The event is a live concert where Swiss Folk music will be played by renowned Swiss musicians. There will be exquisite food served from the restaurant. The event will be starting at 21:00 hrs.**

**Ski and snowboard test @ Middle station Trubsee (27th)**

**The event marked as Radical Sports will showcase the latest ski and snowboard collection for**

**the winter this 2016 to 2017 and will be inclusive of snowboarding and skiing. There are no entry charges for the event.**

**FIS Worldcup Skijumping  
Engelberg @ Skisprungschanze  
Sporting Park, Engelberg  
(December 17th and 18th)**



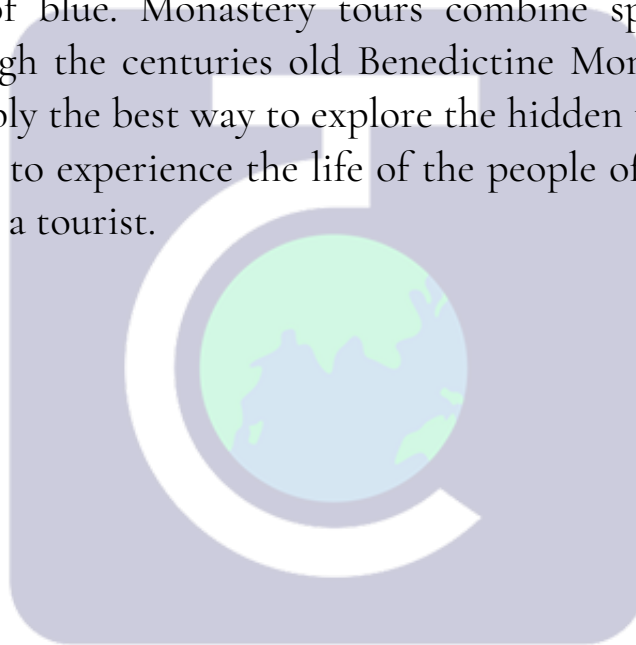
**Switzerland Ski jumping world cup event, for the ultimate determination of the world's longest jump that will be inclusive of top competitors. Christmas (25th)**

**Christmas is celebrated by lighting the entire city. There are Christmas market such as the St Nicholas Market along with a variety of events conducted by the churches and parties hosted by families.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Engelberg is not just a skiing and sports destination. The village itself offers a whole lot of sights and attractions for families and other holidaying tourists. Four Lake Hike is the most popular hiking tour in the town. The hike covers four magnificent lakes in the region. The tour offers a spectacular view of the mountains, the beautiful flora and fauna, and the waters of the lakes with enchanting shades of blue. Monastery tours combine spiritual, cultural and historical tour through the centuries old Benedictine Monastery of the village. Bike tours are probably the best way to explore the hidden treasures of the town. Visitors get a chance to experience the life of the people of Engelberg more as a local resident than as a tourist.





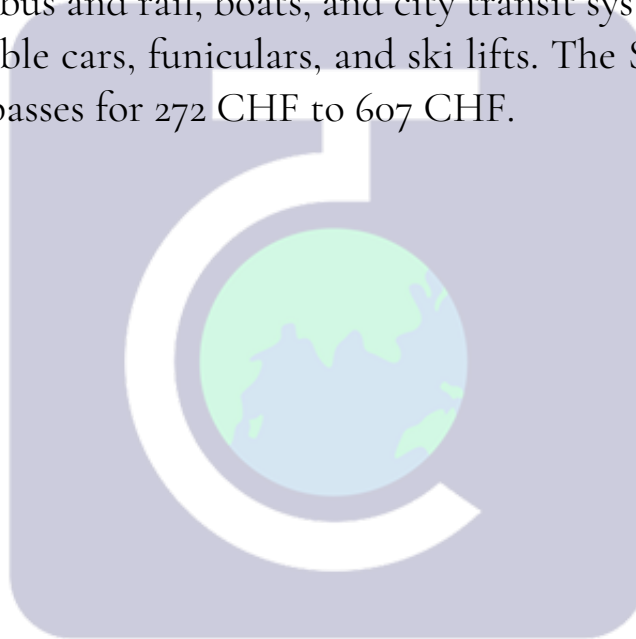
**Index****13. Transportation hubs**

There are no airports in Engelberg. Tourists usually arrive at Zurich Airport which is 101 km away or Berne Airport which is 137 km away from Engelberg. There are trains to Lucerne from where hourly direct services to Engelberg can be caught. It takes about more than 2 hours for the total journey from the airport to the centre of the village. A taxi ride from the Zurich airport to Engelberg usually costs about 280 CHF. Engelberg has two railway stations with connections from Lucerne: Engelberg Station and Grafenort Station.



**Index****14. Transportation cost**

Visitors to Switzerland usually buy a 1-month Swiss Half-Fare Card for train travel for around 120 CHF. Children between the ages of 6 and below 16 only need to pay half fare all over the country. Children travelling with a paying parent or grandparent can travel free provided the parent has a Junior Card or the grandparent has a Grandchild Travelcard. A Swiss Pass for visitors allows access to all national bus and rail, boats, and city transit systems, and half fare on privately operated cable cars, funiculars, and ski lifts. The Swiss Pass is available as 4-day to 1-month passes for 272 CHF to 607 CHF.



**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

There are free shuttle buses with luggage compartments that are used to transport tourists from the cable car stations of the train stations to the hotel. However, it is good to make arrangements on the transportation of your luggage from the railway station or the airport with the hotel that you will reside in.



**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

Engelberg is famous for turf beef and Traditional macaroni. Most of the dishes are garnished with beautiful components and heavy cream. You must try the desserts which are filled with chocolates and their varieties. Cheese fondue is yet another tasty food item that is served with white wine and cherry brandy along with rosti.



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Engelberg has many modern European and International Restaurants on the ski sites. Most of the Restaurants are located on Trubsee Jochpass Street, Untertrubsee Street and Engelbergerstrasse Street.

#### Food -

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- **Wirtschaft zum Schweizerhaus:**

Address : Schweizerhausstrasse 41, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.818274,8.424761999999987

Contact No : +41 41 637 12 80

Website : <http://www.schweizerhaus.ch>

Open / Close Time : Thursday to Tuesday 09:00hrs-23:00hrs Wednesday Closed

- **Restaurant Ende der Welt:**

Address : Horbisstrasse 124, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.8316189,8.433130799999958

Contact No : +41 41 637 47 87

Website : <http://www.endederwelt.ch>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Saturday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-20:00hrs Monday and Tuesday Closed

- **Restaurant Alpstübli:**

Address : Trubsee, 6390, Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.7914209,8.3885702000000004

Contact No : +41 41 637 15 44

Website : <http://www.alpstubli.ch>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:30hrs-17:15hrs

- **Restaurant Hess by Braunerts:**

Address : Dorfstrasse 50, Engelberg, Switzerland, 6390

Location : 46.820054,8.4005200000

Contact No : +41 637 0909

Website : <http://www.hessrestaurant.ch>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Sunday, 11:30hrs-14:00hrs & 18:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 11:30hrs-14:00hrs; 18:00hrs-22:00hrs Monday and Tuesday Closed

- **Brasserie Konrad:**

Address : Erlenweg 36, Engelberg, Switzerland, 6390

Location : 46.819007000000001,8.402017

Contact No : +41 637 3500

Website : <http://www.skilodgeengelberg.com>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 06:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Yucatan Music|Food|Events:**

Address : Bahnhofstrasse 10, 6390 Engelberg Switzerland

Location : 46.8192309,8.403226899999936

Contact No : +41 637 13 24

Website : <http://www.yucatan.ch>

Open / Close Time : Daily 15:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Dream Life Bar:**

Address : Dorfstrasse 48, 6390 Engelberg, Switzerland

Location : 46.820083,8.401310299999977

Contact No : +41 41 639 7071

Website : <http://www.centralengelberg.ch>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Hotel Central AG:**

Address : Dorfstrasse 48, 6390 Engelberg Switzerland

Location : 46.8201828,8.401291300000025

Contact No : +41 41 639 7070

Website : <http://www.centralengelberg.ch>

Open / Close Time : Daily 15:00hrs-02:00hrs



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 20.00 CHF. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 100.00 CHF. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 4.49 CHF. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 14.00 CHF. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 3.19 CHF.





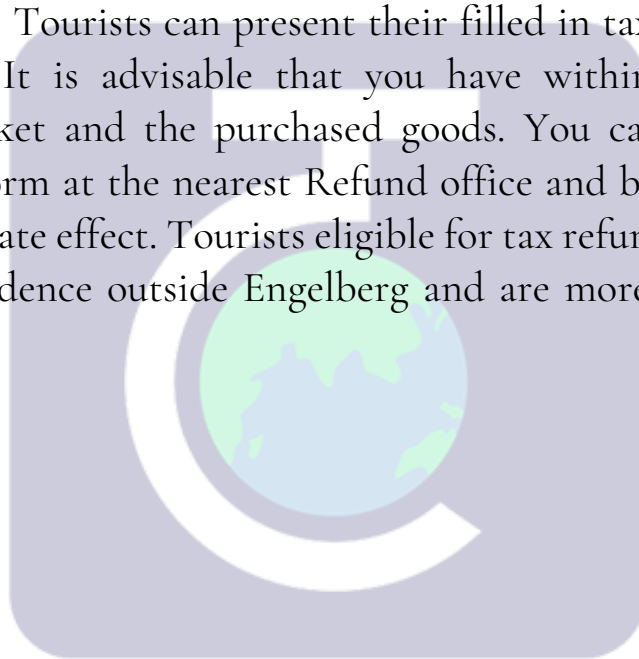
## 19. Shopping

If you're to venture out shopping in Engelberg, be informed that you're most likely going to find shops located near to the Engelberg railway station. So while the shop names will be different, the address is going to be the same.



## 20. Tourist benefits

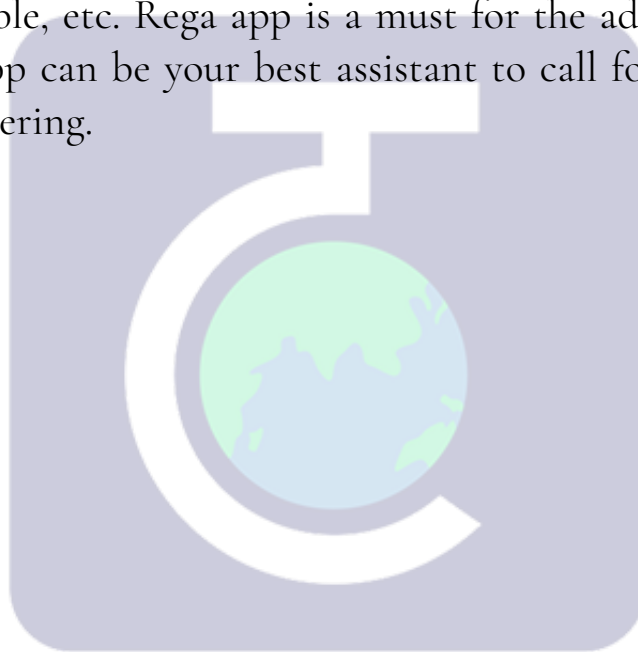
The Standard VAT rate in Engelberg is 8%. In Engelberg tourists can claim for a VAT refund in shops where there is such a provision. Tourists can simply ask for their Tax Free Form and reclaim their VAT. The basic requirements are that the total purchases must be more than CHF 300 which is an amount inclusive of the VAT charge. Goods purchased must be exported outside Switzerland within a period of thirty days. Tourists can present their filled in tax exemption forms at the customs office. It is advisable that you have within your possession, a passport, a valid ticket and the purchased goods. You can then present your stamped Tax Free Form at the nearest Refund office and be reimbursed the full amount with immediate effect. Tourists eligible for tax refund are those who have their permanent residence outside Engelberg and are more than eighteen years old.



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### 21. Essential local apps

Mobile apps are quite useful when you are in a new place and would like to explore the area without any hassles. Engelberg-Titlis app works on almost all devices and provides useful information like availability of hotel rooms, best places to eat, skiing and hiking trails, and much more. SBB Mobile app is essential for train travel in Switzerland. The app has detailed information about trains, routes, stops, timetable, etc. Rega app is a must for the adventure junkies. This emergency service app can be your best assistant to call for help during skiing, hiking, or mountaineering.



## 22. Driving

Driving in Engelberg requires that you meet the following requirements; that you are eighteen years and above and that you hold a valid driving license from your country of residence. Engelberg, Switzerland recognizes foreign driving licenses and allows foreigners to drive with the use of their national driving licenses for a period of one year. Thereafter, foreigners are then expected to acquire a Swiss driving license. If the driving license that you hold as a foreigner is written in a language which is not familiar with the Swiss authorities, you are required to have an International Driving License, which should be inclusive of a valid translation of the contents of your driving license. Citizens from the European Union or the European Economic Area need not exchange their foreign driving license for a Swiss one. A practical test and theory test are done when acquiring a Swiss driving license. Each canton in Switzerland has its own driving regulations but basically, drivers drive on the right hand of the road. It is important that you always carry your driving license and insurance certificate for your motor vehicle. The speed limit is 50 km per hour within the urban areas and 80 kilometers per hour on open road and over speeding automatically leads to on the spot fines.

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### 23. Travel essentials

The standard voltage of Engelberg municipality is 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. The types of plugs found in this municipality are type J. Type J works well with Plug C but not that well with plug N. It has a three round pin fit. It would also be suitable to use your appliances within Engelberg if the standard voltage of the country from which you come from is 220 volts or 240 volts. Type J plugs look very similar to Type C plugs. They have 4 millimeter plugs that are 19 millimeters long. Adaptors shaped in the same way as the type J plugs can be obtained from the retail outlets, supermarkets or from the hotel upon request. However, it is advisable to carry with you your own adaptors to save on costs and voltage converters especially if you come from countries with a low voltage such as America and various parts of Asia. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Engelberg, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.

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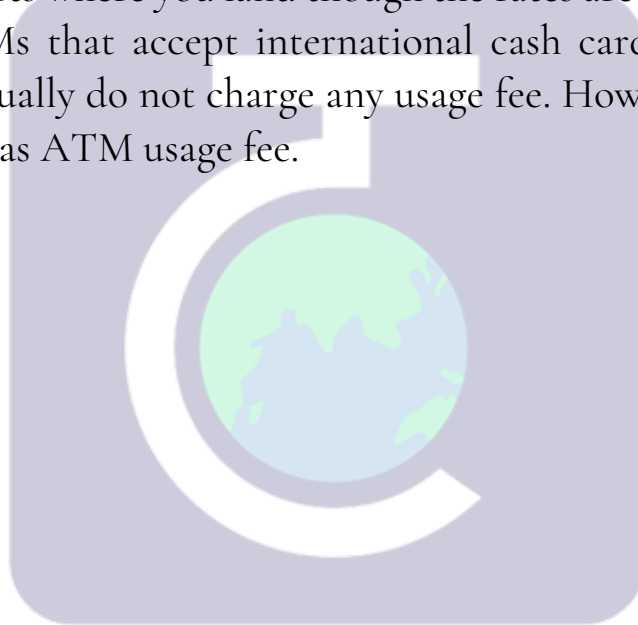
**Index****25. Local currency**

Swiss franc is the local currency of Engelberg. It is denoted as Fr., SFr. or CHF. 1 USD = 0.99 Swiss franc.



**Index****26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks and exchange offices. Post offices also offer this service. There are currency exchange offices in railway stations as well. Some hotels change foreign currency. However, compared to banks and post offices, all the other currency exchange services offer lower rates or charge higher commissions at about 8-10% or more. There is also the option to change foreign currency at the airports where you land though the rates are usually not very good at the airports. ATMs that accept international cash cards are present in the town. Swiss banks usually do not charge any usage fee. However, the card issuing bank may levy overseas ATM usage fee.





**Index****27. Staying connected**

Buying and carrying a prepaid SIM card is your best bet in most parts of Switzerland including Engelberg. Mobile coverage and Internet connectivity is quite strong discounting the mountainous areas of course. In case you need to have frequent Internet-access, you can rent a Wi-Fi hotspot and enjoy high-speed internet without data limit. Travelers Wi-Fi offers hotspots at rent, you can take advantage of its high-speed in most public places including when you go hiking etc.



## 28. Time Zone

Engelberg follows Central European Summer Time with UTC + 2 hours.



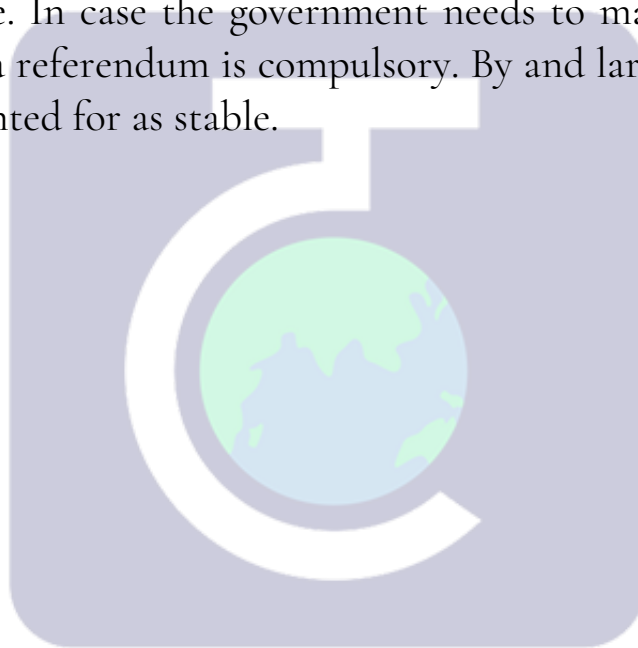
## 29. Languages

German, Portuguese and French are the main languages spoken here.



### 30. Political Scenario

The political framework of Switzerland is a bit unlike anything seen anywhere in the world. The style of governance practiced here is known as direct representation; also it is called half-direct democracy. The Federal Council of Switzerland has the collective administrative reins of the country and the state. The government exercises executive control and federal powers do not rest on a single political figure. In case the government needs to make any change in its constitution or law, a referendum is compulsory. By and large, the governance of Switzerland is accounted for as stable.



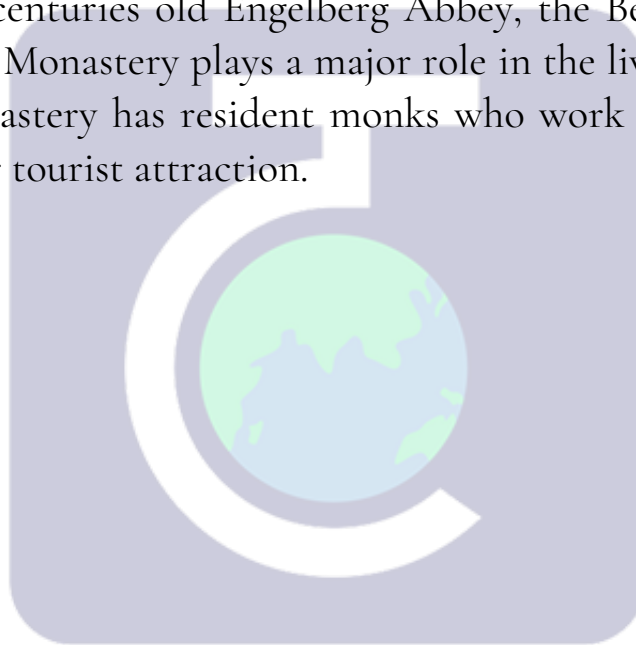
**Index****31. Economic Scenario**

Economy-wise, one may be inclined to think that Engelberg has a touristic economy. To an extent this is very true, given the fact that Engelberg has really picked itself up further as a tourist holiday spot, and that's why it witnesses an influx of visitors throughout the year. Interesting, the business and industry sectors of Engelberg are also very strong. Even though the population-count is meager, the people are mostly involved in businesses of agriculture, trade and services respectively.



**Index****32. Religious belief**

Christianity is the prominent religion in Engelberg. Among the Christians, the Roman Catholics form the largest group. The followers of the Swiss Reformed Church also constitute a substantial percentage of the population. Other Christian groups and practitioners of other religions are also present in the town. The religious prominence of Engelberg becomes all the more significant due to the presence of the centuries old Engelberg Abbey, the Benedictine Monastery founded in 1120. The Monastery plays a major role in the lives of the residents of the region. The monastery has resident monks who work and teach there. The Abbey is also a major tourist attraction.



### 33. Visa requirements

The requirements for entering Engelberg include a valid passport and visa. However, there are certain exceptions, where nationals from certain countries are not required to have a visa for instance those from Australia, Britain, Canada, USA and other European Union countries. Additionally, citizens from the mentioned countries are not required to have a return ticket. They are only required to have valid passports whose longevity lasts for a period of three months after the duration of their stay. The passports ought to have been issued within the previous 10 years. Visa exemptions for nationals whose countries have been mentioned above only apply if their stay doesn't exceed three months. Visa holders can also apply for extension of their stay in occurrence of special circumstances such as for humanitarian reasons. There is no border control between Switzerland and Liechtenstein, however nationals of the latter country need to have passports. Visitors from other countries without a visa exemption arrangement with Switzerland will need to apply for a tourist visa before commencing their trip. You can have more information at <http://www.worldtravelguide.net/switzerland/passport-visa>.

**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

If you are traveling to Engelberg, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Rabies, Meningitis, Hepatitis A, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Tetanus, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, Hepatitis B, Cholera, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and routine vaccines.





**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

When it comes to crime towards tourists, Engelberg is a perfectly safe place even at night. However, being a skiing region, most of the hazards are related to accidents during skiing and hiking. Extreme caution must be exercised by those who are not familiar with such terrains. Avalanches can happen any time. If you are new to skiing or just sightseeing, get the help of an expert trainer or guide all the time.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

Engelberg is a municipality of Switzerland and currently it hosts no embassies or consulates. However, there are many embassies and consulates in the cities near it. Most of them are located along the Weltpoststrasse 4 Case Postale Street, Thunstrasse 45, 3005 Bern Street and Bernastrasse 02 Bern Street. For more information on the location of the embassies and consulates in Engelberg visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/switzerland>.



## 37. Accessibility

Engelberg is a disabled friendly town with facilities and conveniences provided to persons with limited mobility. Trains and cable cars are wheelchair accessible. Special skiing facilities are arranged for wheelchair bound tourists



**Index****38. Emergencies**

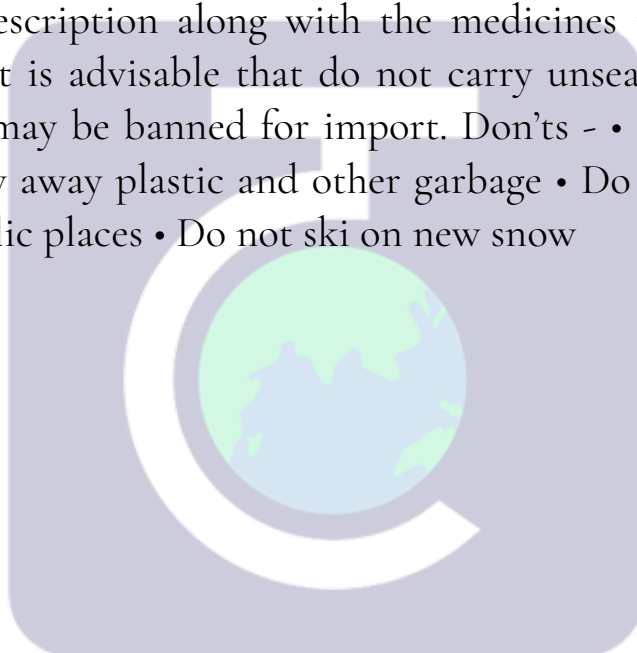
In case of emergencies you can call 117 for police, for ambulance you can dial 144 and for fire 118. You are provided with top notch services. Kantonsspital Obwalden is one of the major hospitals near Engelberg that can help you with travel insurance in emergencies.



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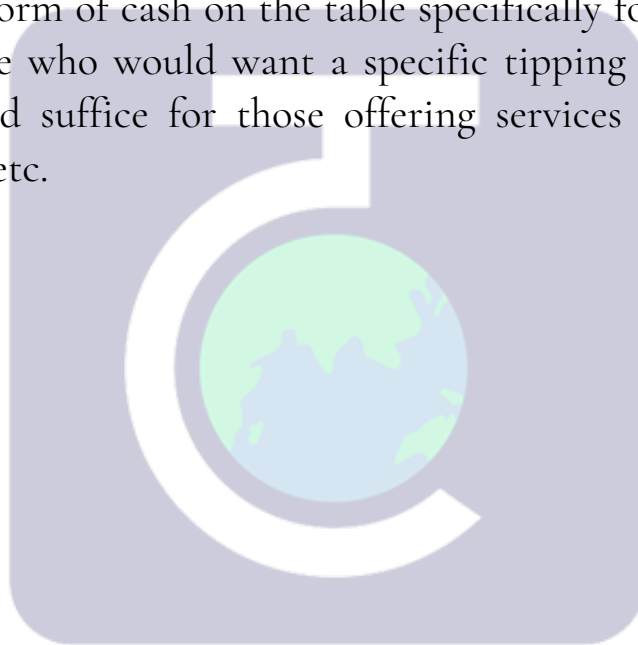
### 39. Do's and Don'ts

Skiing and other winter and summer sports bring with it its own dangers if the visitors are not knowledgeable about the possible dangers in the region. Do's - • Always stick to regular routes while hiking or walking • Hikers should carry first aid kit, food, water, and extra clothes • Check weather and avalanche forecast • Look out for danger signs and warnings • Hire a guide • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts - • Do not step on loose rocks • Do not throw away plastic and other garbage • Do not smoke on public transport and in public places • Do not ski on new snow



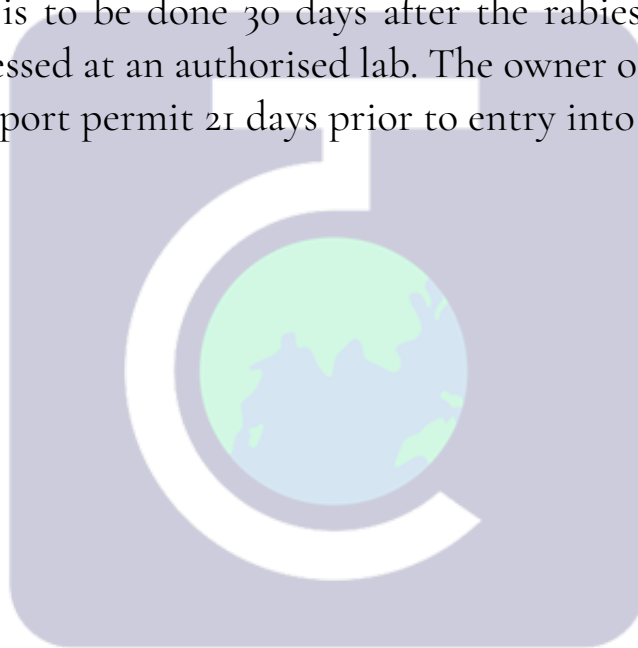
**Index****40.Tipping basics**

Tipping in Engelberg is not mandatory, whether in service giving establishments like restaurants, cafes or hotels. There are federal laws set up with regards to tipping established since the 1970s, where by service charges are included in all the set prices. However, you can tip at your own will if you feel the service offered was satisfactory. You can round up the whole amount to the nearest francs. You can leave the tip in form of cash on the table specifically for the waiter who has served you. For those who would want a specific tipping range 4 francs is the minimum that would suffice for those offering services such as taxi drivers, bellboys tour guides etc.



**Index****41.Pet info**

Pets that enter Switzerland with their owners must fulfil certain conditions and undergo specific procedures before entry into the country. The pet must be micro chipped at the country of origin. After the implanting of the micro-chip, a vaccination against rabies must be taken more than 21 days before the travel. For all animals coming from high-rabies countries, a blood titer test must be performed. The test is to be done 30 days after the rabies vaccination and the sample must be processed at an authorised lab. The owner of the pet must submit an application for import permit 21 days prior to entry into Switzerland.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Engelberg is a perfect mixture of sports and entertainment. While the endless opportunities for skiing are the main attraction for skiers and adventure sports lovers from all over the world, it is the family-friendly appeal of the place that makes it a much loved vacation destination. Winter and summer sports are the most popular activities here. While skiing remains the ultimate goal of most winter sports lovers, there is also scope for other fun activities on snow and ice such as sledding and snowboarding. And, when it is summer, there is more to explore. Families and non-adventurous visitors can try their hand at biking, climbing courses, and golfing. The Alpine playgrounds open their doors with myriads of activities for children like treasure hunts, barefoot trails, toboggan run, and many other family entertainment programmes. Hiking through the valleys, along the lake sides, and on the mountains can be a refreshing and exhilarating experience for nature lovers and adventure seekers. The views from every corner are sure to take your breath away. For those who would like to explore the cultural side of the town, there is the Alpine Pop Music Festival, the Benedictine Monastery with the largest organ in Switzerland and a valuable collection of historical manuscripts right from the 12th century, the Alpine food and wine, and many other traditional and regional specialties that the people of the village offer to the guests*



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