



Rigi

# MOUNT RIGI

*Queen of the Mountains*

Switzerland.  
by train, bus and boat.



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# WELCOME



Which are the things that you should do, see, and experience at least once in your lifetime? In our opinion, making the trip to the top of Mount Rigi is something that needs to be on everybody's bucket list. For all those who have never enjoyed this mountain, this beauty and tranquillity, this expanse and, of course, this view, have missed something essential. They have missed the „Queen of the Mountains“!

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Mount Rigi will celebrate 150 years of alpine tourism as the first mountain railway established in Europe. Since its founding in 1871, Mount Rigi has built up a legendary reputation as a place where people yearn to travel to. Mount Rigi has not only hosted artists, authors,

and aristocrats over the years, but has dazzled generations of tourists with its unique alpine panorama, the sparkling lakes glistening in the valley below, and its ability to make visitors' everyday worries melt away.

It is our mission at Mount Rigi Railways to delight every one of our visitors with an unrivaled range of unique experiences and a hearty alpine welcome. How about a ride to the summit of Mount Rigi in one of our historical carriages or perhaps even with a steam engine? Or what about a thrilling tandem paragliding flight or a relaxing horse-drawn carriage ride to enjoy the serene landscapes and unforgettable panorama? Come and allow yourself to get carried away with us on Mount Rigi!

For over 150 years, we have been a reliable partner and share the same passion as you in our desire to go above and beyond to provide all of our customers with one-of-a-kind memories. Let's take advantage of this and forge a WIN-WIN-WIN situation!

We look forward to welcoming you at Mount Rigi very soon.

Royal Greetings,

Frédéric Füssenich, CEO MT. RIGI RAILWAYS AG

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Queen Victoria of England praised the spectacular panorama when she visited Mt. Rigi in 1868. Will you?



## WHY MOUNT RIGI?

- ✓ Europe's **1<sup>st</sup>** Mountain Railway, since 1871
- ✓ **Central location** in Switzerland
- ✓ **Most popular** mountain destination for the Swiss
- ✓ Up to **9 ways** to travel on the mountain
- ✓ **Gateway to the Alps** – enjoy sweeping panoramas and amazing 360-degree views
- ✓ The only place in Switzerland where you can spot up to **13 lakes**
- ✓ **Fully included** in Swiss Travel Pass
- ✓ Regardless of weather, **open 365 days** a year
- ✓ **Ski for free** – by holding a valid Rigi ticket there is no extra fee for skiing!
- ✓ **Attractive packages** for groups
- ✓ **All ages** welcome!

# OVERVIEW OF MOUNT RIGI REGION

The Mount Rigi massif rises up – like a majestic pre-Alpine peninsula between Lake Lucerne, Lake Zug, and Lake Lauerz. The vast expanse of the area makes it a perfect place for guests to explore. Since 1871, steam trains have been climbing the Queen of the Mountains, offering their passengers a truly first-class railway experience. The main transport hubs for travel onto Mount Rigi are the stations at Vitznau, Weggis, and Arth-Goldau. At 1800 meters above sea level at Rigi Kulm, guests are afforded a breathtaking 360-degree panorama with a view of up to 620 alpine peaks and 13 lakes.

The Mount Rigi region extends over nine communities across the cantons of Lucerne and Schwyz. Countless restaurants, hotels, tour operators, and activity-providers cater to the needs of all visitors to the Queen of the Mountains. And our partner organizations down in the valleys and around the lake throw in everything else to help make your stay on Mount Rigi absolutely perfect. So why not come to Mount Rigi ... and stay for a while?!



# SO CLOSE TO EVERYTHING

*and yet so far away from it all*

## FROM ZÜRICH

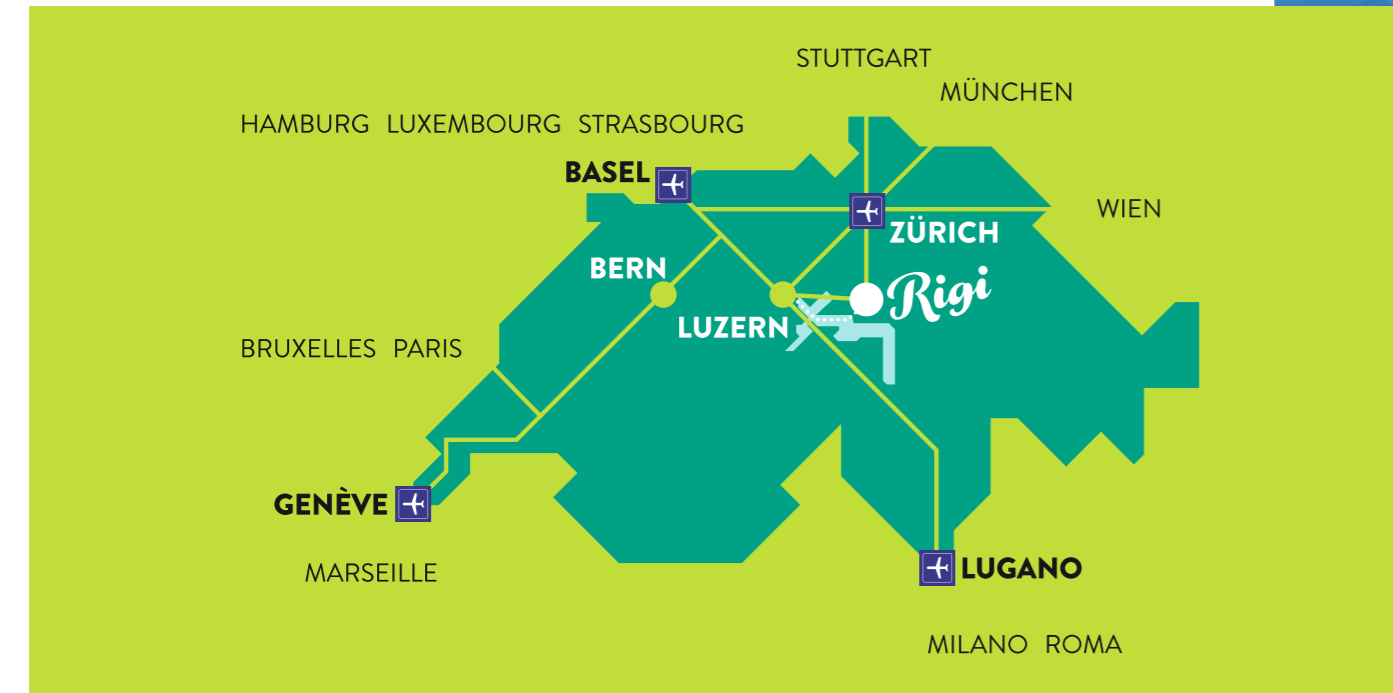
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## FROM LUCERNE

🚆 30 min  
🚗 28 min  
🚠 58 min

## FROM MILANO

🚆 2h 50 min  
🚗 3h





# ROYAL COMBINATIONS

## ½ DAY – MOUNT RIGI ESSENTIAL TOUR

*Tight on time? No problem. This tour is perfect for those who are in a bit of a hurry. This compact excursion covers most of the highlights of the Queen of the Mountains.*

- 📍 Vitznau–Goldau A4 Car Park
- 🕒 approx. 2.5–4 hours
- ✔ From Vitznau to Rigi Kulm and from Rigi Kulm to Goldau A4, both by cogwheel train

Can you imagine visiting an iconic Swiss mountain in just couple of hours ? We will make this happen! Thanks to its unique location, Mount Rigi is one of the most easily accessible mountains in Switzerland. You will start from the lakeside town of Vitznau and ascend Europe's oldest mountain railway through a real-world fairy tale landscape. After a riveting 30-minute ride, you will already be standing on the summit of the Queen of the Mountains. Don't forget to strike a pose in the unspoiled panoramic view! After a 15-minute visit (can also be extended to 1h15min), your train is ready to depart. This train ride will take you down the other face of Mount Rigi. The scenic descent trip is comfortable and smooth and gives you a totally different perspective of the surrounding area. Soon, you will reach Goldau A4 car park, where your coach awaits you. From here, there is express access to the Swiss A4 Motorway.



## 1 DAY – QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAINS ROUND TRIP

The Queen of the Mountains Round Trip offers a winning combination of boat, cogwheel railway and aerial cable car rides. This varied excursion through the heart of Central Switzerland makes the perfect day or half-day trip from/to Lucerne.

- 📍 Lucerne–Lucerne
- 🕒 approx. 6–7 hours
- ✔ Lucerne–Vitznau–Rigi Kulm–Rigi Kaltbad–Weggis–Lucerne
- ✔ Good to Know: This trip is also available in an abbreviated version by taking the boat one-way and ending up at Weggis.

An unbeatable classic – the Queen of the Mountains Round Trip has been delighting visitors young and old for years. The combination of a boat trip on Lake Lucerne, a ride on Europe’s first cogwheel railway (1871) up to the summit of Mount Rigi and the journey by aerial cable car from Rigi Kaltbad to Weggis. From Weggis, it’s only a leisurely 10-minute-walk and you are ready to board the connecting ship at the boat pier back to Lucerne. This trip guarantees a relaxing day or half-day excursion that is rich in variety.



## 1 OR 2 DAYS – GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

Exploring Switzerland: this not only consists of a combination of boat and train but also two of the most attractive regions in the country, thereby creating a first-class experience. The Gotthard Panorama Express shows off one of the most varied perspectives of Switzerland.

- 📍 Lugano–Lucerne
- 🕒 min. 7 hrs
- ✔ Gotthard Panorama Express train: Lugano to Arth-Goldau (operator: SBB)  
Cogwheel train: Goldau to Rigi Kulm, Rigi Kulm to Vitznau (operator: RBAG)  
Boat ride: Vitznau to Lucerne (operator: SGV)

Discovering Switzerland: The Gotthard Panorama connects two of Switzerland’s most beautiful regions by boat and rail in a single top-notch experience. These highlights await you: Panorama train with 1<sup>st</sup> class seats and large windows. The train also has a photo car with windows that open; ideal for taking pictures. A journey through unique countryside on the panorama train, following the historical Gotthard route with its variety of loop tunnels and bridges. In Arth-Goldau, the journey continues onto Mount Rigi courtesy of the cog railway, descending afterwards to Vitznau and onwards by boat from Vitznau to Lucerne.

This trip can of course be extended to a two-day excursion by overnighting on Mount Rigi at one of the attractive lodging options!

The tour guides of the Gotthard Panorama Express tell stories about the Gotthard Panorama route during the journey. In the Gotthard Scheitel Tunnel, opened in 1882, an audio-visual presentation takes travelers back to the time of tunnel construction



# DINING OPTIONS



## GASTRONOMY ON MOUNT RIGI – SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY!

*Regardless of whether it is rustic alpine fare, organic regional specialties, or sophisticated Michelin dining, Mount Rigi has an incredible array of culinary variety to suit any taste.*





# CATERING CHOICES FOR EVERY BUDGET AND NEED



## ALPINE RESTAURANT LOK 7

- ✓ Located at Rigi-Staffel
- ✓ Alpine chic ambience with freshly-prepared Swiss and international dishes
- ✓ Authentic Swiss style
- ✓ Large indoor play area
- ✓ Cost per person from CHF 18



## RIGI PIC

- ✓ Located at Rigi Kulm
- ✓ Easy dining and take-away
- ✓ Time-saving & convenient
- ✓ Right next to the train station
- ✓ Cost per person from CHF 10



## KALTBAD

- ✓ Cheese fondue
- ✓ Can be combined with horse-carriage rides and/or a visit to the Mineral-Bath & Spa
- ✓ Cost per person from CHF 18



## KULM

- ✓ One of the oldest mountain hotels in Switzerland
- ✓ Fine dining with a view
- ✓ Large, stylish group dining halls
- ✓ Cost per person from CHF 20

# THINGS TO DO

*Mount Rigi is a great option, year round as there is no shortage of things to do regardless of the season. It is truly a 365-day-a-year destination.*



## HIKING AND WALKING

Mount Rigi also offers the possibility of booking an experienced local guide with expert knowledge about the region, the terrain, and the local history. This is the perfect way to discover the secrets of Mount Rigi. Our guides can be booked on request all year round and the commentary is available in various languages. Guided tours can be organized flexibly at different points on/around Mount Rigi. For all of your tour-planning and reservation needs, we are more than happy to help you!



## HISTORIC CARRIAGES AND STEAM TRAIN RIDES: EXPERIENCE THE „BELLE EPOQUE“

As Europe's oldest mountain railway, passengers have been travelling up from Vitznau to Mount Rigi since 1871. Some of the engines and carriages from those very early years have been lovingly and expertly restored. Mount Rigi Railways is now in possession of one of the world's largest collections of vintage rolling stock. A steam engine – combined with vintage carriages – makes the trip up to the „Queen of the Mountains“ an exclusive, nostalgic adventure.

The rides with the steam train are available on certain public dates (subject to an extra fee) or can be arranged privately as well. It is also possible to arrange a private nostalgic carriage up to Mount Rigi, albeit one that is attached to a regular Mount Rigi train.



## VIEW TO A THRILL – PARAGLIDING WITH A PILOT

Explore Mt. Rigi from above!

Two, three steps and you float away from everyday life into the blue sky, together with a professional pilot from our touristic partner „touch and go“ ... and this without prior experience! Unique paragliding flight from Rigi, the Queen of the Mountains at 1797 meters. An intense tandem flight experience, with a spectacular view of the Swiss plateau, the Schwyzer Mountains and Lake Zug with landing in Arth Goldau. The ultimate paragliding experience for the whole family.

Flight time approximately 20–40 minutes, depending on the weather conditions.

Time required approximately 2.5 hours, altitude difference 1500 m.



## FONDUE EXCURSION ON THE TRAIN, WINTRY MOOD AND ROMANTIC MOMENTS

Enjoy a memorable fondue party in the world's oldest electric cogwheel railcar (built in 1911). Climb by moonlight up to 1,800 metres above sea level in this heated vintage carriage. The unique evening atmosphere on the mountain and the delicious Rigi cheese fondue make for an absolutely perfect occasion.

As you travel up into the enchanting snowy landscape, hosts will serve an aperitif followed by a merry fondue party in the heated vintage carriage. A brilliant starry sky and the sparkling lights in the valley create the perfect backdrop for an event that reaches the heights of sensory and culinary delight. This activity is available from November to March and is possible for maximum 30 people.

## THE FREEDOM TO SKI

The Mount Rigi railways take you up through the snow-covered landscape to magnificent viewpoints, where a family and beginner-friendly ski resort awaits you. This little but charming ski area is perfectly situated and easy to access, which will bring you loads of fun in the snow.

In the three skiing areas, from Seebodenalp to Rigi Staffel/Kaltbad, and Rigi Scheidegg/Burggeist, you can enjoy a total of 20 kilometers of perfectly-groomed slopes with almost no queuing at the ski lifts.

What's more, all ticket-holders at Mount Rigi can use the ski lifts at no additional charge!



## HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES AND CHEESE FONDUE IN THE FOREST

Being outside while feeling the power of nature is a popular trend, which has also arrived on Mount Rigi. A special dinner in the forest, next to a roaring fire with blankets - cheese fondue in the forest is a perfect group activity and can be arranged throughout the entire year.

This activity is bookable from 5 people up to maximum 20 people. Blankets and torches are provided and the location is close to Hotel Rigi Kaltbad at the middle station (approximately a 5-minute walk).

And while you're at it, why not consider a horse-drawn carriage ride to whisk you gently through the romantic alpine landscape? It's the perfect way to discover some of the Mount Rigi locations that are „off the beaten track“.

## AUTHENTIC ALPINE CHEESE DAIRY VISIT, WITH THE OPTION OF CHEESE-MAKING

Rigi farmer Franz Toni meets visitors to Rigi Kulm at his farm called the „Chäserenholz“. Surrounded by lush green meadows and forests, the Alp Chäserenholz offers not only traditional food but also accommodation on the alp, a cheese dairy to visit, and an alpine spa centre with unbeatable views.

Individuals can visit the cheese dairy with a personal tour by the alpine herdsman Franz-Toni Kennel by arranging a booking in advance. There is also a possibility to book cheese-making as an engaging and educational group activity too!

Have you heard of „Alpine BBQ“? This is a perfect way to round-off your Mount Rigi experience! Franz Toni will be glad to organize his legendary barbecue for group visitors to his farm.



## ENJOYING THE PANORAMA WHILE SOAKING IN THE FAMOUS MINERAL BATH

Rigi Kaltbad has attracted visitors for centuries drawn to the area for the water's healing properties.

Designed by world famous Swiss architect Mario Botta, the Mineral Bath and Spa Kaltbad is the perfect place to relax on Mount Rigi. The pool complex is complemented by a spa area including a crystal spa, steam room, organic sauna and expansive chill-out zone. The luxurious facilities are rounded off by a large selection of massage options, as well as a café serving beverages and light cuisine. The water temperature of the indoor and outdoor pools is a constant 35°Celsius, year-round.

## WINTER PARADISE FOR EVERYONE! SLEDGING DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

The sledging runs on the Queen of the Mountains offer moments of happiness combined with an adrenaline „kick“ in a pristine natural setting! You will whiz down the mountain on freshly polished runners. There is no need to take your own sledges with you as our rental centers offer upholstered toboggans as well as toboggans equipped with child seats. We particularly recommend a night-time sledging adventure under a bright starry sky followed by a decadent fondue party



## INDIVIDUAL SNOW SHOE TOURS WITH A LOCAL GUIDE

Are you looking for the ideal program for a group? The snowshoe tours with Hans Osterwalder are just perfect. Native born Hans Osterwalder is an experienced snowshoe trekker and Mount Rigi expert. He knows Mount Rigi like no one else. A guided tour with Hans is guaranteed to be exciting and informative thanks to his vast knowledge and engaging storytelling!



Take a virtual look!





# EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## YOUR NEXT MEETING OR EVENT ON THE „QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAINS“

Are you ready to take your event to new heights? At Rigi, Queen of the Mountains, we will elevate your next meeting or event!

From the exclusive, multi-functional Rigi Event Tent to the 100,000 year-old cave at Gruebisbalm, we have the right venues to deliver an event that is close in touch with nature. The different spaces are suitable for events ranging from 2 to 600 persons.

Our technical partners are the best in the business and will work with you to deliver state-of-the-art light and sound. Our cooks will amaze you with creations ranging from the simple to the more elaborate. On Mount Rigi, we cater to all tastes ranging from basic fare to culinary creations worthy of Michelin Stars. When it comes to cuisine, there are no cravings that we cannot satisfy.

The variety of activities we offer on Mount Rigi means that we are in a position to offer exciting and diverse programs to compliment your event or congress. Whether you want to take it easy or engage in exciting activities that will get your heart racing, we have got you covered! We can organize everything from a „wild herb walk“ to downhill sledging, to igloo-building or even cheese-making! Not only will these activities clear your head, but they will motivate and inspire you to reach new creative heights.





## RIGI STAFFEL – EVENT TENT

The Event Tent at Rigi Staffel can accommodate up to 600 people, enjoys stunning mountain views and is the ideal setting for very special events.

Our crew has different kinds of seating arrangements and the most modern facilities and equipment available, so you'll have just the right set up for your event.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Alfacom AG, Goldau will assist with all technical equipment requirements and gladly put together a suitable package of technologies to suit every event.

### CATERING

The Rigi Event Tent is a dream location for all kinds of special events. The experienced catering partner will treat you to culinary delights and offers a wide-ranging menu. The first-class service, picturesque mountain surroundings and unique ambience are sure to make every event a success.

### SUPPORTING EVENTS

The tent's generous interior can be set up to suit every kind of event. The large window front showcases the spectacular Alpine panorama.

### BASIC EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Standard stage, 10 x 5 m (height 1 m)
- ✓ 600 moulded plastic chairs, anthracite colour (cannot be combined with chair covers)
- ✓ 80 rectangular tables, 250 x 80 cm
- ✓ 20 bar tables
- ✓ 5 coat racks with coat hangers
- ✓ 8 standing ashtrays for terrace (no smoking in the tent)
- ✓ PA system from Kling & Freitag including wireless microphone
- ✓ simple stage lighting (white light 12 KW)
- ✓ 500 m<sup>2</sup> carpet element (2 x 1 m, red)
- ✓ Truss construction capable of bearing up to 2,000 kg

## ALPINE RESTAURANT LOK 7

Enjoy the fantastic panorama over the mountain scenery and the enchanting Lake Lucerne with us in Alpine Restaurant Lok 7.

Let yourself get spoiled by a great variety of trendy, home-style and regional dishes.

The Alpine Restaurant Lok 7 has a cozy interior with high-quality furniture in a trendy „alpine chic“ style, which offers a wide range of venues for your choice:

- ✓ Restaurant: fits 20–90 people
- ✓ Banquet Hall Small: fits 20–55 people
- ✓ Banquet Hall Large: fits up to 60 people
- ✓ Panoramic terrace: fits up to 120 people

Large in-house children's playroom: for our small guests, there is a spacious and bright playroom just underneath the restaurant, equipped with a fun slide, a marine ball pool, many books and fun toys.



## STAY WITH US. OUR OVERNIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Want to spend more days on Mt. Rigi? A wide array of choices from hotels, mountain inns and holiday homes, even alpine huts (along with their passionate hosts!) await you. And don't forget to get up early! The sunrise on Mt. Rigi is just legendary. Further countless choices are available in the communities surrounding Mount Rigi. Check out the following selection of group accommodation possibilities located across the region guaranteed to meet your needs. For a full overview of accommodation options on and around Mount Rigi, please visit [rigi.ch/en/book/accommodations](http://rigi.ch/en/book/accommodations)

### ON THE MOUNTAIN

#### HOTEL KULM

Business and pleasure, topped off with a marvellous view. Rigi Kulm has been welcoming visitors for the past 200 years.

The magnificent mountains and world-famous panorama are unchanged, while Hotel Rigi has been modernised to meet today's standards, without sacrificing any of its classic Alpine charm. The hotel has 33 rooms with 66 beds.

Room rates depend on circumstances. Please enquire at the hotel directly.

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#### HOTEL KALTBAD

Rigi Kaltbad Swiss Quality Hotel offers modern rooms with views of the surrounding Alpine landscape and free entrance to the mineral bath and spa area on site. The property has 3 restaurants that serve regional and international cuisine.

Rooms at the Swiss Quality Hotel have a bathroom, free WiFi and a flat-screen TV with cable channels. The hotel has 52 rooms with 101 beds.

Price per person/night, incl. breakfast:

Single CHF 95  
 Double CHF 75  
 Triple CHF 65

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### BY THE LAKE

#### HOTEL SCHWERT GERSAU

Located right on the shore of Lake Lucerne, Seehotel Schwert in Gersau offers free WiFi and a balcony with lake views in all rooms. The restaurant features a lakeside terrace and serves European and Asian cuisine. The bright rooms at the Schwert Seehotel feature a mini-bar, satellite TV, and a bathroom with a hairdryer. Free private parking is available on site. 15 Double Rooms with free wifi access.

Price per person/night, incl. breakfast:

June–September CHF 50  
 October CHF 45  
 November–March CHF 40

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#### HOTEL SWISS CHALET

Located in Merlischachen on Lake Lucerne, Swiss-Chalet Lodge offers comfortable rooms with free WiFi access. The sauna at the neighboring Schloss-Hotel can be used free of charge, and a restaurant is available there as well. In the Swiss-Chalet restaurant, guests can enjoy fine Swiss specialties. The Chalet Bar serves cocktails and a large selection of wines. The hotel features 26 double/twin rooms with box-spring mattresses and either lake or garden views.

Price per person/night  
 CHF 125, incl. breakfast and 3-course-dinner

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## AT THE LAKESIDE

#### NATURE RESERVE AND WILDLIFE PARK GOLDAU

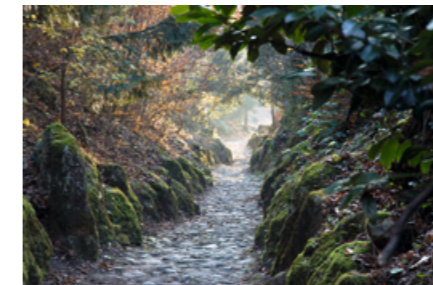
The Nature Reserve and Wildlife Park Goldau is located in the middle of a wild, romantic landslide area near Mount Rigi. More than 100 species of wild European animals live in an area of 42 hectares. Many of them are endangered. The spacious animal enclosures are situated in between giant rocks and give the park its distinctive charm. The park was founded in 1925 and is now a nature conservation center and recreation area. Employees organize exhibitions, guided tours and camps for children and young people and offer visitors the chance to get up close and personal with native animals in an area where they roam freely. Staff are also committed to international projects aimed at conserving endangered species and reintroducing them to the wild.



#### HOHLE GASSE

Located in the heart of Switzerland, the Hohle Gasse is a monument of historical significance.

According to the „White Book of Sarnen“, William Tell assassinated the Habsburgian bailiff Gessler at the Hohle Gasse. The „Hohle Gasse“ offers guests easily digestible, yet impressive information about the history and stories revolving around this historical monument. Thanks to the contemporary information pavilion, the history of William Tell at the Hohle Gasse can be heard, seen, felt, and experienced!



#### AERIAL CABLE CAR TO RIGI SCHEIDEGG

Rigi Scheidegg particularly suits groups who are tight on time and cost sensitive.

The cable car Kräbel-Rigi Scheidegg was totally rebuilt in 2017. More comfort, more space, new technologies, but the same track: up to Rigi Scheidegg where you enjoy one of the most amazing panoramic views.

A stone's throw away: the cable car from Kräbel, just a few minutes' drive up above Goldau, takes you up to Rigi Scheidegg in just 6 minutes. This popular destination is centrally located and easy to reach from all parts of Switzerland.



#### AERIAL CABLE CAR TO SEEBODENALP

Soak up the sun and chase the traces of the ice age.

The hiking and winter sports area of Seebodenalp is situated on a wide, terraced expanse on the north-west flank of Mt. Rigi. The town is situated at around 1,020 m a.s.l. between Küssnacht and Rigi-Kulm, surrounded by forest and easily accessible via the Küssnacht-Seebodenalp aerial cable car. You can look forward to a fantastic view of Mt. Pilatus and the city of Lucerne, Küssnacht and Lake Lucerne, as well as Lake Zug, the Zugerberg and the Alpine foothills all the way through Central Switzerland.



## EXPERIENCE THE TRADITIONAL SWISS WAY-OF-LIFE ON MOUNT RIGI

The denizens of the Mount Rigi region are a traditional bunch and are extremely proud of their customs. From local traditions such as „schwingen“ (a type of wrestling), to alpine dairy farming that has been passed down through the generations, authentic Swiss culture is alive on the Queen of the Mountains!

In addition, Mount Rigi has an active and thriving event calendar, 365 days a year. Whether you are looking for musical concerts, local festivals, or something a bit more sporty, there is bound to be something that ignites your passion!



## YOUR NOTES

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