

Ski Trip Switzerland

World Cup Race at Lauberhorn, Wengen



January 12 - 21, 2013

- Lucerne
- Lauberhorn
- Jungfrau, Eiger, Mönch
- Grindelwald
- Wengen
- Zurich

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Day 1 • Saturday, January 12, 2013 Depart USA

Our adventure begins as we depart on our international flight, and wing our way over the Atlantic to Zurich, Switzerland! We enjoy meals, beverages and movies in flight as provided by the airlines. **IF**



Day 2 • Sunday, January 13, 2013 Grindelwald

Upon arrival in Zurich, we collect our luggage, meet our tour leader and board our coach. During our coach ride we immediately notice the splendid beauty of perhaps the most amazing country in the world. **Our first stop is Lucerne**, which lies on the magnificent “Vierwaldstättersee”. We take time to cross the famous wooden **Chapel Bridge**, and stop to see the poignant **Lion Monument**. It was designed by the Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France. A drive over the Brunig Pass brings us to the heart of the Swiss Alps and to our hotel in Grindelwald. **L/D**

Day 3 • Monday, January 14, 2013 Grindelwald

After our first healthy Swiss breakfast, it is time to hit the slopes in the **Jungfrau region**, which has the highest altitude railway station at 3,454 meters (11,332 ft). The Jungfrau region is one of Switzerland’s most famous alpine resort areas, offering a wide range of runs with 214 km (132 miles) of slopes. Grindelwald received over 8 foot of snow last season which broke a 30 years record. Skiing can be found on three sites of the mountain. For lunch we rest in one of the rustic huts and sample the Swiss food. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hauser, invite us to enjoy a welcome drink next to the big fireplace. **B/D**



Day 4 • Tuesday, January 15, 2013 Grindelwald

Today we have the option to ski with the owner of our Hotel. Mr. Hauser will guide and show us the **Schlithorn** region with its best slopes and hopefully some wonderful scenery of the Swiss Alps. We also can ski on our own or use the time to enjoy our great hotel facilities with indoor-pool, Jacuzzi, an outside salt-water Jacuzzi, Finnish sauna, steam bath, bio-sauna and experience shower. **B/D**

Day 5 • Wednesday, January 16, 2013 Grindelwald

We hit the slopes again this morning before we attend the **downhill racers training** at the **Lauberhorn**. In the afternoon, Mr. Hauser and your guide invite you to a toboggan run in the area of Grindelwald. The Jungfrau region is famous for the world’s



longest and most spectacular toboggan run with 10 miles from the Faulhorn to Grindelwald. In the evening we enjoy an **authentic Swiss cheese fondue** at the hotel. **B/D**

Day 6 • Thursday, January 17, 2013 Grindelwald

Today, you have the option to take a day away from skiing and visit the capital of Switzerland. The Old Town of Bern has been featured in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 1983. Take a look around this fabulous cultural site and enjoy the charm of the covered arcades, cobbled streets and decorated facades. We have great opportunities to shop at the little unique stores and perhaps find some souvenirs or visit some sights of Bern. In the early evening Mr. Hauser invites us to play a **game of Curling**. During our little competition we will get a sample of the **Swiss Gluhwein**. **B/D**

Day 7 • Friday, January 18, 2013 Grindelwald

Racer’s ready. In the morning we ski over to the **Lauberhorn** to watch the **Super Combined** of the downhill race along the slope or at the finish line. After lunch we have the opportunity to watch the slalom in Wengen or to hit the slopes back to Grindelwald. Non-Skiers will have the opportunity to take the train over the Kleine Scheidegg to get access at the finish line in Wengen. **B/D**



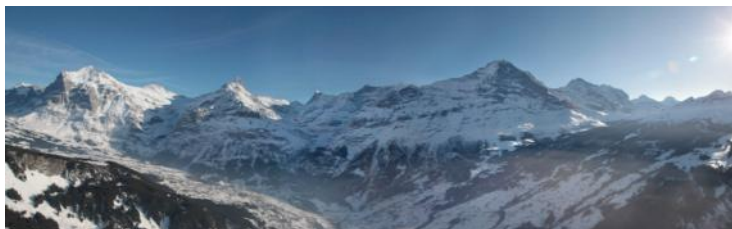
Day 8 • Saturday, January 19, 2013 Grindelwald

Today’s highlight will be the one of the **oldest, longest downhill ski race** in the World at the **Lauberhorn**. An established attraction is the **air show** by the “**Patrouille Suisse**”, the aerobatic demonstration team of the Swiss Air Force. The Lauberhorn Race is after the Hahnenkamm Race

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in Kitzbuhel the highest-attended winter sports events on the FIS World Cup, attracting around 30,000 spectators each year. Again, Non-Skiers will have the possibility to take the train over the Kleine Scheidegg to get access at the finish line in Wengen. **B/D**



Day 9 • Sunday, January 20, 2013 Zurich

Today it's time to say goodbye to Grindelwald. We travel to **Zurich** where we stay for our last night in Switzerland. After a nice brief walking tour with a local guide through the small streets we will have some free time before we enjoy a farewell dinner at one of the great restaurants around the Limmat River. **B**

Day 10 • Monday, January 21, 2013 Return

Regretfully, it's time to say "Auf Wiedersehen" and transfer the distance to the Zurich airport, for our international flight back to the USA. Welcome home! **B**

B – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner **IF** – In flight

6-day Price of Ski Rental*		
	ski only	set (ski+boots)
VIP	\$195	\$270
TOP	\$150	\$225
Youth (07-12 years)	\$75	\$100
Kids (-06 years)	\$45	\$75

Cross-Country* (Ski+Boots)	
6 days	\$80
3 days	\$50

** Prices are estimated, based on 2011/2012 season and 1 Swiss Franc=1.1 US Dollar*

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for transfers from Airport Zurich to Grindelwald, Grindelwald to Zurich
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in 4-star Hotel Belvedere at Grindelwald and Hotel Adler at Zurich
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide**
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and gratuities** for provided services, except as listed below

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfare**, related taxes and fees (call for quote)
- Optional **Ski Pass Package**
- **Equipment rental** (ski, ski boots, etc.)
- Non-Skier Options listed on insert sheet
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

CURRENCY:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee and airline penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits will be assessed. Anyone cancelling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund. Airline tickets (if applicable) once written are usually not refundable.

We offer optional insurance for cancellation, life, health, and baggage. We strongly recommend purchase of this insurance.

TOUR COST: \$2,499* per person

Land only price

**Price is based on 20 paying participants, double occupancy*

Single supplement = \$350

	max. occupancy	Price Adult	Price Child (1-5 years)	Price Child (6-12 years)	Price Child (13—17 years)
double room	2 Adults	\$2,499			
triple room	2 Adults + 1 Child	\$2,499	\$499	\$1,449	\$1,799
family room	2 Adults + 2 Children	\$2,699	\$499	\$ 999	\$1,699

Optional Ski Pass Package incl. 6 days skiing in Jungfrau Region and General Gate Admission for Super Combined and Downhill Races

Adult	\$325	Youth (16-19 Years)	\$260
Senior (62 years or above)	\$290	Kids (06-15-years)	\$170

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Optional Activities*

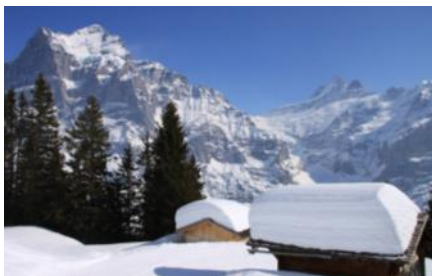
Non - Skier Options:

Hiking - walking

Our Non-Skiers have plenty of choice in the Jungfrau Region when it comes to strolling through spectacular snow-clad landscapes. In the sunny Bussalp - First area, there are 48 km of groomed paths for shorter walks, as well as more challenging snowshoe trails. A great way of exercising on foot in heavenly mountainous scenery.

For example: winter - walking on Männlichen

A short and rewarding uphill path leads from the Männlichen summit station to the Männlichen summit (2343m=9,842 feet). An easy, around one-hour hike on a prepared path leads from the Männlichen summit station down to the Holenstein middle station. From Holenstein you can return to the valley by gondola cableway or on foot. The hike from the Männlichen summit station to Kleine Scheidegg takes about two hours. You cross the Arven-garten nature reserve with its ancient and impressive Swiss stone pines and then reach Kleine Scheidegg either with a 30- minute uphill hike or the easy way with the Arven chairlift.



Tobogganing

Those with a taste for action can speed down to the valley on the world's longest and most spectacular sledge run with over 10 miles from the Faulhorn to Grindelwald. Numerous runs around the Eiger Run guarantee great fun for sledding fans.

Snowshoeing

Dive into the fascinating mountain panorama. Experience that feeling of peace, freedom and physical exertion in a relaxing, stress-free way. In Grindelwald you will find 6 well-signed paths that are safe from avalanches and acknowledged by the gamekeeper. A great experience for anyone from beginner to expert.

Cross - Country Skiing

The Alpine topography allows little space for Nordic cross-country skiing but in Grindelwald-Grund are 17 km (10.6 miles) of cross-country tracks for all levels. (classical and skating).



Tasty and historic tour through the village

Meeting place is at the church at 2 pm. You will be accompanied by a local guide through the village and you can taste original products of Grindelwald at different locations and listen to the exciting history of the village. Contribution CHF 25.- per person. Please sign in at the reception on the previous day before 5 pm for the tour.

Spa at the hotel

We strike a bridge between everyday stress and recovery. Take advantage of this opportunity and relax in our outdoor salt water Jacuzzi. The Hotel Belvedere regards health and vitality as their most important resource, and are committed to their preservation. Enjoy complete relaxation in the pool area with swimming pool (6x14 m), Jacuzzi, salt-water Jacuzzi in the garden, Finnish sauna, steam bath, bio-sauna and experience shower.



Ice Palace at Jungfrau

A blue revolving door opens the way to a blue stairway; the rocky vaulted roof above us changes into a glacier. We stand in the heart of the Jungfrauirn. 20 metres below the vantage plateau, on the watershed of Europe, the ice masses creep slowly northwards, their waters eventually flowing into the North Sea. Before us, long cave-like passageways open out into rooms and halls. In the 1930s, two mountain guides began to hew out this massive hall from the glacier. The 1000 m² cavern opening out before us was created by hand, using only ice axes and saws. The work is never ending; the grotto must be artificially kept to minus three degrees Centigrade, the ceiling and the vaulted corridors are regularly re-cut. The first ice sculptures appear set in alcoves and the world of eternal ice shimmers with a bluish hue.

Top of Europe - Jungfraujoch

The journey to the Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe, at 3454 metres (11,332 ft) Europe's highest altitude railway station, is the highlight of every visit to Switzerland. It offers visitors a high-Alpine wonderworld of ice, snow and rock, which can be marvelled at from vantage terraces, the Aletsch Glacier or in the Ice Palace. On clear days, views extend as far as the Vosges mountains in France and Germany's Black Forest. The train journey to the Jungfraujoch through the rock of the Eiger and Mönch is also an incredible experience. Visitors can enjoy stunning views from two intermediate stations, the Eigerwand (Eiger Wall) and Eismeer (Sea of Ice).

Excursion Bern

We have the opportunity to take the train to visit Bern, the lovely capital of Switzerland. This old university town is dominated by the late Gothic Minster and is built on a sandstone ridge, surrounded on three sides by the Aare River. Some of the interesting sights to note include the Renaissance style Bundeshaus, the elegant Gerechtigkeitsgasse, and the Bärengraben, the circular bear-pit in which bears, the symbol of Bern, have been kept since 1480. We'll enjoy lunch on our own and time for shopping before returning to Grindelwald.

Approximately cost for a round trip train ticket to Bern is CHF 75.00 per person.

*Cost of optional activities varies based on admissions, rentals, transportation mode

Jungfrau Region



Altitude of the resort	1,034 m = 3,392 ft
Top elevation	2,970 m = 9,744 ft
Total length of slopes	214 km = 133 miles
Beginner	69 km = 43 miles
Intermediate	111 km = 69 miles
Advanced	34 km = 21 miles

www.jungfrau.ch



Kleine Scheidegg

Kleine Scheidegg-Männlichen is the centre of the Jungfrau Region and has undeniably the most beautiful backdrop in the world: Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. This superb ski area is situated between Wengen and Grindelwald and is reached by the frequent sports trains from the two villages in 25 minutes. Once up at Kleine Scheidegg you will find several restaurants and snow bars dotted all over the slopes. A number of ski runs fan out in different directions from the Kleine Scheidegg, including runs well suited for beginner or intermediate skier.

Grindelwald First

Our hotel shuttle takes us within two minutes to the fast six-seater gondola which provides access to Grindelwald First. This sunny and attractive ski area with open south facing slopes and a high point of 2,500 m (8,202 ft) offers interconnecting lifts and runs with 50 km (31 miles) of prepared slopes. There are three different 8 km (5 miles) slopes which brings us back to Grindelwald - one of which is a bit fierce but the other two are relatively easy.



Männlichen

This popular ski area is set at 2,230 m (7,316 ft) and is reached by a cable car in just a few minutes from the centre of Wengen. Here we find wide open slopes above the tree line with a choice of either easy runs or some steeper slopes with moguls. From the bottom of these runs two fast chair lifts bring you back up to the Männlichen or you continue on the 8 km (5 miles) run all the way down to Grindelwald Grund.

Mürren - Schliethorn

Super Panorama! Nowhere else is the grandiose Bernese Oberland mountain skyline more impressive than in the Mürren-Schliethorn winter sports area. Here you will find the "Kandahar" run which is a steep black slope that will test your skills. The run from the Schliethorn at 2,970 m (9,744 ft) back to Mürren is 11 km (7 miles) long!!

The Lauberhorn Ski Race

The FIS Lauberhorn ski race with a downhill race and a slalom takes place annually in Wengen. It is the biggest winter sports event in the Jungfrau Region. The Lauberhorn downhill race has taken place since 1930 and has become a classic of the FIS World Cup. Its length of about 4.5 km (3 miles), race times around 2:30 min and top speeds close to 160 km/h (99 mph) make it the ultimate challenge for the athletes. Tickets are available for CHF 100 per person incl. train to Wengen.



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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Address: _____

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Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Enclosed is my check made payable to *Ed-Ventures, Inc.* in the amount of: _____

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Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Optional Ski Pass Package incl. Admission for Races (not included in price of tour, see brochure for additional cost)

Adults Sen. Youth Kid(s)

Enter number of passes to be purchased _____

Double occupancy (twin beds only) (Roommate Name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$350): Yes No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

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