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Gornergrat Railway with the Matterhorn, Valais

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Surrounded by no fewer than 29 4000-metre peaks, the Gornergrat (3,089 m a.s.l.) reveals an unforgettable 360° panorama and affords the most magnificent view of the Matterhorn, the Dufourspitze and Europe's third longest glacier, the Gorner Glacier. After a ride of merely 33 minutes from Zermatt, the most stunning mountainscape imaginable unfolds.

The Gornergrat is among those locations that one must have visited at least once in a lifetime. Europe's highest open-air cog railway takes guests from Zermatt station directly to the summit of the Gornergrat, year-round. The railway conquers a total of 1,469 metres altitude in the process and leads across impressive bridges, through galleries and tunnels, past larch-and-pine forests, rocky ravines and mountain lakes.



History

The mystical world of the Alps has attracted an ever-growing number of people since the 18th century. And one peak in particular has always held a special fascination for alpinists: the 4,478-metre-high Matterhorn. Its first ascent was a real sensation. Indeed, the interest extended to the Gornergrat with its matchless view of 29 4000-metre peaks. So, in 1890, even before the railway line to Zermatt was completed, some 8,000 guests already visited the Gornergrat.

On 20 August 1898, the Gornergrat Railway went into operation. This new attraction rapidly heightened the appeal of the Alpine tourist resort of Zermatt. Starting in 1928, the whole route was step by step rendered safe for use in winter. Thus, in 1942, the first winter journeys to the summit station could take place.

Due to the constantly growing number of visitors, the railway had to be expanded continuously. Today, more than 100 years later, the Gornergrat Railway is still Europe's highest open-air cog railway. Travelling comfortably into the Alpine mountainscape by train has not lost any of its fascination up to this day.

All-year highlights on the Gornergrat.

Once at the summit, excursionists can choose from numerous activities, sights and adventures:



Priority Boarding.

On the train, the seats on the right side offer the best view of the Matterhorn. It's only natural that those seats are the first to be taken. With priority boarding, passengers can get on the train before the other guests and thus secure the most coveted seats for themselves.

Hiking.

With its viewing platform at 3,100 metres a.s.l., the Gornergrat is simply one of the most attractive hiking mountains. The hour-long walk to Lake Riffelsee with its world-famous Matterhorn reflection is a classic among hiking tours. Thanks to the large number of sunshine hours, winter hikes are especially popular: snowshoeing and winter hiking trails are perfectly signposted and well prepared.



Chapel Gornergrat "Bernhard of Aosta".

The Chapel Gornergrat "Bernhard of Aosta" was built in 1950 and is one of the most-visited chapels in Zermatt. Here at 3,100 metres altitude, guests from all over the world light hundreds of candles every day and open themselves to the soothing silence of this mountain location.

3100 Kulmhotel Gornergrat.

The Gornergrat is home to the highest situated Hotel of the Swiss Alps, the 3100 Kulmhotel Gornergrat. This remote hotel with 22 rooms has a library, a shopping centre, and an in-house planetarium, which offers sparkling vistas of infinite space. An overnight stay far away from civilisation is an almost intoxicating experience.



Gourmetticket.

Exciting moments in the overwhelming Alpine world quicken the appetite. The Gornergrat Railway takes gourmands onto a journey of delight and discovery: Various delicacies are served in three different mountain restaurants, which are accessible by train, on foot or – in the wintertime – even on skis.

Adventures in summer.



360° loop Gornergrat.

This easy, 20-minute walk delights guests with an impressive wraparound view: on (viewing) offer are: Switzerland highest mountain peak, the Dufourspitze, the famous Matterhorn, and the Gorner Glacier at one's feet. With a bit of luck – and patience – an ibex may be spotted in the crags. Telescopes are available along the way for free use. And thanks to the path accessible to buggies and wheelchairs, the 360° loop is an experience suitable for everyone.

Biking.

Numerous mountain bike routes with various levels of difficulty are available to sports enthusiasts around the Gornergrat – all of them against the magnificent backdrop of mountains and glaciers. Located on altitudes between 1,400 and 3,100 metres, with larch-and-pine forests, mountain restaurants for one's creature comforts, and the impressive panorama of mountain giants. For professionals, aficionados, and families with children. All in crisp Alpine air.



Summit conference.

With the additional Peak2Peak ticket, travellers can combine two must-see scenic outposts on a one-day excursion: the Gornergrat and the Matterhorn glacier paradise, Europe's highest summit station. This adventure abounding in panoramic splendour starts with a ride up to the Matterhorn glacier paradise. The journey continues by cableway to Riffelberg and finally up the Gornergrat on the idyllic cog railway. This adventure trip can also be experienced in the opposite direction.

Sunrises and sunsets.

The moment when the morning sun touches the Matterhorn is priceless. At the subsequent breakfast buffet, the captivating impression lingers in the minds of early risers. However, late risers may count on an experience just as magnificent: They enjoy a delicious Fondue Chinoise against the backdrop of the sun setting over the imposing mountainscape of 29 4000-metre peaks.



Events on the Gornergrat.

In 2019, Europe's highest open-air theatre at an altitude of 2,600 metres enters the third round with "Matterhorn: No ladies please!" The Matterhorn serves as a one-of-a-kind background. The play is delivered in Swiss German (dialect), German and English. For all other languages, audio guides are available. The open-air theatre is taking place from 11 July to 01 September.

Adventures in winter.



Skiing.

The Gornergrat Railway takes guests from Zermatt station directly to the skiing area with snow guarantee, where 360 kilometres of perfectly groomed ski slopes and state-of-the-art mountain facilities await. Winter sports enthusiasts enjoy cruising the endless ski slopes against the fantastic background of the mountain panorama between Zermatt and Cervinia in Italy. Sun and snow merge with Swiss hospitality and Italian lifestyle.

Switzerland's highest toboggan run.

Onto the sledge, steady, go! A chance to revisit one's childhood: sitting on a sledge, looking down toward the valley and then feeling the rush of airstream on one's face. Switzerland's highest toboggan run is situated at 2,813 metres altitude. It is 1.5 kilometres long and means pure fun for the whole family. The ride can be repeated to one's heart's content: At ten-minute intervals, the Gornergrat Railway takes enthusiastic sledgers from the lower terminal of the toboggan run at Riffelberg back up to its start at the Rotenboden station.



Igloo village Rotenboden.

The sparkling igloo village at Rotenboden (2,727 m a.s.l.) is the highest of the Alps. The igloo bar right at the edge of the slope invites visitors to linger in the middle of the snowscape. The view of the Matterhorn can be admired while savouring a typical Swiss fondue. The romantically inclined can stay overnight in an igloo. The fantastic mountain scenery is quite conducive to a healthy appetite and a good night's sleep.

Dining with the stars.

Nowhere does the star-spangled sky look as clear as on the Gornergrat. Every Thursday, astronomers and hobby stargazers get the unique opportunity to explore the wonderful night sky over Zermatt from the Stellarium (observatory). Enjoying a delicious dinner of Fondue Chinoise – with the stars as dining partners.



Facts und Figures.

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Timetable	Year-round every 24 minutes (in the high season) gornergrat.ch																														
Travel time	Zermatt–Gornergrat 33 minutes																														
Stops	Zermatt GGB–Findelbach–Riffelalp–Riffelberg–Rotenboden–Gornergrat																														
Eating and drinking, accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3100 Kulmhotel Gornergrat, 3,100 m a.s.l.: highest situated hotel of the Swiss Alps ▪ Riffelhaus 1853, 2,500 m a.s.l.: historic 3-star hotel ▪ Buffet&Bar Riffelberg, 2,570 m a.s.l.: friendly self-service market ▪ Riffelalp Resort, 2,222 m a.s.l.: 5-star superior hotel with highest situate SPA of Europe ▪ Restaurant Alphitta and Chämi-Hitta, Riffelberg: two rustic Alpine pubs 																														
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