

**Facts & Figures  
Andermatt Holiday Region**





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## Welcome

**The Andermatt Holiday Region is located in the heart of the Swiss Alpine Passes. The variety of touring possibilities with the eight surrounding Alpine Passes is unique in the world! In both summer and winter, the region is the perfect place for nature lovers to enjoy unforgettable moments relaxing in a magnificent mountain setting.**

This largest ski area in Central Switzerland offers **winter sports enthusiasts** some 120 kilometres of varied pistes as well as cross-country skiing trails, winter hiking trails, snowshoe trails and much more. Awaiting you in **summer** is a diverse natural landscape with countless mountain lakes, small glaciers, impressive side valleys and a range of mountain passes to be explored on foot or by bicycle. This region at the Gotthard is noted for its cultural diversity and well-documented history. Traces of this turbulent history are seen in the architecture, at the Valley Museum and at the fabled Schöllenen Gorge with its celebrated Devil's Bridge, which once enabled travellers to cross the Gotthard Pass from north to south.

It is with good reason that Switzerland is known as **Europe's moated castle**. And in the Andermatt Holiday Region, you are right at the centre of it. The sources of the Rhine, Reuss, Rhone and Ticino rivers start at the Gotthard Massif with these rivers taking seven percent of all Alpine water in four different directions. These sources are linked by the Four Headwaters Trail, which can be covered on foot in five varied stages.

The **Ursern Valley** with the communities of Andermatt, Hospental and Realp is one of Switzerland's most impressive high-lying valleys. It even attracted the attention of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who, when traveling through the valley in 1779, declared "of all the places I know, this is the dearest and most interesting to me". The name Ursern comes from the Latin word Ursus, meaning bear. Hence Urseren means the valley of the bears. The bear is still used as the emblem of the Ursern. The white cross on its back indicates that the area once belonged to the monastery of Disentis.



The **Gotthard** (2,091 m.a.s.l.) has long been an important Alpine crossing linking north and south. The route over the Gotthard was the sole Alpine crossing for travellers who only wanted to cross one pass. In 1200 the difficult "Schöllenschlucht" (Schöllenen Gorge) was opened to foot travellers and later, in 1830, this pack-way was expanded to take coaches and sleighs. In 1852 the 15-kilometre long railway tunnel between Göschenen (Canton of Uri) and Airolo (Canton of Ticino) was opened and this was considered the longest tunnel in the world until 1905. In the heyday of the "Säumers" (freight haulers using pack-animals) the journey between Lucerne and the Italian border took between 5-7 days. With the arrival of the Post Coach this journey was reduced to some 24 hours and the opening of the Gotthard railway tunnel further reduced it to 9 hours. During this 100-year period the journey over the Gotthard was shortened from several days to just a few hours.

## 1. The six municipalities

The Andermatt Holiday Region includes the six municipalities of Andermatt, Hospental, Realp, Göschenen, Wassen and Gurnellen. Andermatt itself is the region's largest village. Zumdorf, between Hospental and Realp, is the smallest village in the region and in fact the smallest village in Switzerland, and hence is linked politically to the municipality of Hospental.

### **Andermatt**

Andermatt (1,444 m.a.s.l.) is located at the entrance to the Oberalp Pass. The village provides direct access to the two ski areas of Nätschen and Gemsstock, which are part of the SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun. The Ursern Valley Museum is housed in a beautiful historic building dating from 1786 and documents the valley's long history. Other locations with many historical tales to tell include the Devil's Bridge, the "Urnerloch" (one of the first tunnels in the Alps) and the Suvorov Monument near the Schöllenen Gorge. The name Schöllenen is probably derived from "scalina", which means "small step". With its many hotels, restaurant and sports outlets, Andermatt is the perfect base for exploring the Andermatt Holiday Region and the Gotthard Massif with its surrounding areas. At present, Andermatt is being developed into an attractive year-round destination consisting of a golf course, hotels, holiday apartments and chalets. This tourism project is described in more detail on page 14.

[www.gemeinde-anderlatt.ch](http://www.gemeinde-anderlatt.ch)

### **Hospental**

During the era of the muleteers, Hospental was the valley's most important and main village because it was the last settlement before the Gotthard Pass. Even today, its neat array of beautiful old buildings gives the village a traditional and historical appearance. The village is dominated by a tower, which was inhabited until the 13th century by the "Lords of Hospental", who represented the monastery of Disentis and who collected the tolls. In addition, here is the small village of Switzerland Zumdorf belongs to the municipality Hospental. Group accommodation is available in Hospental and the village is popular with freeriders, bikers and ski tourists. In spring especially, the tourists walk up towards the Winterhorn and Gotthard with climbing skins on their skis.

[www.hospental.ch](http://www.hospental.ch)

### **Realp**

The small village of Realp at the end of the Ursern Valley is the last settlement before the Furka Pass. Despite its small size it has something very special to offer. The Realp golf course is probably the most "alpine" golf course in the world and a round of golf here in this unique location and landscape is an unforgettable experience. Also, the historic Furka Steam Train starts at Realp before crossing the Furka. In the winter there is a small skilift that is ideal for children and beginners, and the Furka Pass road is turned into a toboggan run. The village serves as a base for a wide range of ski tours in the winter. In summer it is a starting point for hikes to such destinations as the Albert-Heim Hut, the Rotondo Hut and the Siedelen Hut. The name Realp comes from "riva alba", meaning white stream and was named after the strikingly white foaming waters of the local Lochberg stream in springtime.

[www.realp.ch](http://www.realp.ch)

## **Göschenen**

Göschenen is home to the famous Devil's Stone, which, as legend has it, the devil wanted to use to destroy the Devil's Bridge in the Schöllenen Gorge. His intentions were frustrated and the stone has remained there until this day. In the early 1870's until 1884 the small village of Göschenen had up to 3,000 inhabitants. These were mainly Italian guest workers who were working on the Gotthard railway tunnel. This 15-km long rail tunnel was the world's longest tunnel until 1905 and was, for those times, a technical masterpiece.

Leaving Göschenen, you may visit the lovely Göscheneralp Valley with its intoxicatingly beautiful natural landscapes. The post bus travels here in summer and it serves as a base for a wide range of hikes along the dam and to one of the five nearby mountain huts (Damma, Salbit, Voralp, Bergsee and Chelentalp huts). One of the most spectacular hikes in the Andermatt Holiday Region takes you over the Salbit Bridge and links the Salbit and Voralp huts.

[www.goeschenen.ch](http://www.goeschenen.ch)

## **Wassen**

Those who arrive by train from the north can look out the window and see the church at Wassen three times. To enable the trains to gain altitude, two helical tunnels were constructed near Wassen enabling the line to spiral upwards for 200 metres. This is still an engineering feat and a treat for any traveler on the Gotthard axis. The famous Swiss comedian Emil Steinberger took up this theme in one of his sketches and this only added to the fame of the Wassen church among German-speaking people.

Wassen is well worth a visit. There you can see the little "Pfaffensprung" gorge where the water has so creatively eaten its way through the rock. There are also many hiking routes in the surrounding mountains as well as to both the Sewen and Sustli mountain huts. The Susten road, which takes you through the Meien Valley and over the Susten Pass, links the Reuss Valley in Canton Uri with the Aare Valley in the Bernese Oberland.

A very special wellness offer awaits at the Hinterfeld Alp: Here you can enjoy a whey bath in a wooden tub as in the times of Cleopatra.

[www.wassen.ch](http://www.wassen.ch)

## **Gurtnellen**

In Intschi, Gurtnellen, a small cable car takes visitors up to the family paradise of Arni and to Lake Arni, where there are wide views over the Reuss Valley. There are also numerous hiking trails that begin at Lake Arni and at Gurtnellen. Learn more about the region - follow the Gurtnellen Adventure Trail as it takes you through water, forest and wildlife areas, and hike on the Stäuben (spray) Trail, which leads to a small waterfall (Stäuben) and certainly lives up to its name. There are resting areas and BBQ sites along these routes. Mountain hut adventure awaits both young and old at each of the Leutschach, Tresch and Sunniggrad huts.

[www.gurtnellen.ch](http://www.gurtnellen.ch)

## 2. Getting here



Because of its central location, the Andermatt Holiday Region is easily accessible for visitors traveling from the north, south, east or west. The region is only one and a half to two hours travel from either Zurich or Lugano.

If traveling by car, exit the motorway at Göschenen. Then it takes another ten minutes to reach Andermatt. The ease of traveling along the winding road up the impressive Schöllenen Gorge could scarcely have been imagined by the muleteers of bygone days.

Travelers by train from north or south catch the hourly Gotthard express train to Göschenen. For the final ten minutes you travel on the narrow gauge Matterhorn-Gotthard Railway, which makes a spectacular ascent up the Schöllenen Gorge.

[www.andermatt.ch/en/inform/getting-to-andermatt](http://www.andermatt.ch/en/inform/getting-to-andermatt)

Domestic	Km	Car	Train
Lucerne	75	55 min	2 h
Lugano	110	1 h 25 min	2 h
Zurich	110	1 h 30 min	2 h
Basel	170	2 h	3 h

Abroad	Km	Car	Train (at least)	Flight to ZRH
Milan	185	2 h 30 min	3 h	55 min
Stuttgart	325	4 h 10 min	5 h 30 min	45 min
Munich	370	5 h	6 h 30 min	55 min
Frankfurt	495	5 h 15 min	6 h 30 min	1 h 05 min
Paris	670	8 h	7 h	1 h 15 min
Rome	770	8 h 15 min	6 h 30 min	1 h 25 min
Vienna	780	9 h 30 min	12 h 30 min	1 h 15 min
Hamburg	980	9 h 50 min	10 h	1 h 25 min
London	1,020	11 h 30 min	11 h	1 h 40 min
Stockholm	1,950	20 h 40 min		2 h 20 min
Moscow	2,710	31 h 40 min		3 h 10 min

### 3. Facts and Figures

#### Population

Year	Andermatt	Hospental	Realp	Göschenen	Gurtnellen	Wassen
1880	-		232	2,992	767	2,744
1900	818		208	773	1,100	990
1950	1,231		186	698	1,132	888
2000	1,545		172	541	670	480
2016	1,442	197	149	474	563	444
2017	1,468	202	160	518	560	424

Metres above sea level	Andermatt	1,444
	Hospental	1,493
	Realp	1,538
	Göschenen	1,111
	Gurtnellen Village	935
	Gurtnellen Wiler	741
	Wassen	930

**Highest mountain** Dammastock 3,630 m.a.s.l.  
 The highest peak in the Urner Alps and the highest in central Switzerland. The mountain however is not completely on Urner territory, but builds the border between canton Uri and Wallis, that does not belong to central Switzerland.

**Highest mountain reachable by cable car** Gemsstock 2,961 m.a.s.l.

**Alpine passes in the Holiday region Andermatt** Gotthard: <http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en/alpine-passes/Gotthardpass>  
 Furka: <http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en/alpine-passes/furka>  
 Oberalp: <http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en/alpine-passes/oberalp>  
 Susten: <http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en/alpine-passes/susten>

**More alpine passes near by** Grimsel, Nufenen, Lukmanier und Klausen: <http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/>

**4 Springs** Rhein, Rhone, Reuss und Ticino  
 These are all in the Gotthard region and flow to all four point of the compass. On the Four Headwaters Trail all the springs can be visited on a five day walk.

**Mountain lakes** Over 40

**Glacier** Gurschenfirn, St. Annafirn, Ober Schatzfirn, Unter Schatzfirn, Witenwasserengletscher, Muttengletscher, Tiefengletscher, Sidelengletscher

## Summer Activities

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Cable cars	Gemsstock (no operation during summer 2015 because of construction works) Arnisee Sedrun-Tgom → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/summer/summer-operations">www.andermatt.ch/en/summer/summer-operations</a>
Hiking trails	Over 500 km → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/hiking">www.andermatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/hiking</a>
Bike & Bicycle	Over 250 km → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/cycling">www.andermatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/cycling</a>
Climbing Areas	Göscheneralp, Furka, Meiental, Gotthard, Oberalp → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing">www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing</a>
Via ferrata	Diavolo → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing">www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing</a> Bergsee (Krokodil) → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing">www.andermatt.ch/en/climbing</a>
Golf	18-hole golf course in Andermatt → <a href="http://www.andermatt-swissalps.ch/golf/andermatt-golfregion/">www.andermatt-swissalps.ch/golf/andermatt-golfregion/</a> 9-hole golf course in Realp → <a href="http://www.golf-gotthard.ch">www.golf-gotthard.ch</a> 9-hole golf course in Sedrun → <a href="http://www.golfclub-sedrun.ch">www.golfclub-sedrun.ch</a> 9-hole golf course in Obergesteln → <a href="http://www.golf-source-du-rhone.ch">www.golf-source-du-rhone.ch</a>
Touring	With its eight surrounding mountain passes, the Andermatt Holiday Region offers a unique driving experience. The range of touring options is unique anywhere in the world. → <a href="http://www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en">www.faszination-alpenpaesse.ch/en</a>
More activities	alpine climbing, tennis, fishing, places of earthly, racing bike, e-bike <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en">www.andermatt.ch/en</a>
Further experiences	Historical stagecoach rides → <a href="http://www.gotthardpost.ch/index.php/en/">www.gotthardpost.ch/index.php/en/</a> Carriage rides → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/kutschenfahrten">www.andermatt.ch/en/kutschenfahrten</a> Furka Steam Railway → <a href="http://www.dfb.ch">www.dfb.ch</a> Pass crossings by Post Bus → <a href="http://www.postauto.ch/en">www.postauto.ch/en</a> Segway → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/segway">www.andermatt.ch/en/segway</a> Geocaching → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/geocaching">www.andermatt.ch/en/geocaching</a> Guided tours → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/guided-tours">www.andermatt.ch/en/guided-tours</a> <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/de/museen">www.andermatt.ch/de/museen</a>
Museums	Valley Museum Ursern, Andermatt → <a href="http://www.talmuseum-ursern.ch">www.talmuseum-ursern.ch</a> Antonini Quarry, Wassen → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/museen">www.andermatt.ch/en/museen</a> Sasso San Gottardo, Gotthard Pass → <a href="http://www.sasso-sangottardo.ch">www.sasso-sangottardo.ch</a> National St. Gotthard Museum, Gotthard Pass → <a href="http://www.andermatt.ch/en/museen">www.andermatt.ch/en/museen</a>

## Winter Activities

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Cable Car Operator	Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG → <a href="http://www.skiarena.ch">www.skiarena.ch</a>
Name of Ski Resort	SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun
Different Ski Areas	<p>Andermatt-Gemsstock, 3 ski lifts High alpine runways for freerider, advanced skiers and families</p> <p>Andermatt-Nätschen, 4 ski lifts Sunny slopes, ideal for families</p> <p>Oberalp-Sedrun, 7 ski lifts Varied and wide slopes for all levels, very popular with snowboarders Snowpark Valtgeva Sedrun, 3 ski lifts Big kids park, kids restaurant and snowtubing</p> <p>Andermatt-Realp, 1 ski lift Kids park and beginners area</p>
Other Attractions in the Ski Resort	<p>View from Gemsstock on 2,961 m.a.s.l. (Accessible by cable car)</p> <p>MATTI KidsArena</p> <p>Snowtubing in the Snowpark in Valtgeva</p> <p>Fun- and CrossPark with a halfpipe (Tegia Gronda in Sedrun)</p> <p>Avalanche Training Center ATC in Andermatt</p> <p>Sledding in Andermatt and Sedrun</p>
Transport facilities	<p>4 Cable cars, SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun</p> <p>11 Chair lifts, SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun</p> <p>7 Ski lifts, SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun</p> <p>Train of "Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn": The train line Realp-Andermatt-Sedrun is included in the ski ticket (stops at the ski resorts: Nätschen, Oberalp and Dieni).</p>

Winter hiking	73 km; 35 km in Andermatt and 38 km in Sedrun <a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/winter-hiking">www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/winter-hiking</a>
Snowshoe trails	Over 100 km trails; 43 km divided in 8 trails in Andermatt and 22 km divided in 3 trails in Sedrun <a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/snowshoeing">www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/snowshoeing</a>
Cross country skiing	40 km; 28 km tracks in the Ursern Valley and 12 km tracks in Sedrun <a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/Cross-Country-Skiing">www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/Cross-Country-Skiing</a>
	Over 80 km runs in Obergoms (only 1 h away by train) → <a href="http://www.obergoms.ch/loipegoms">www.obergoms.ch/loipegoms</a>
Tobogganing	15.5 km → <a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/Tobogganing">www.anderlatt.ch/en/discover/Holidays-for-nature-lovers/Tobogganing</a> 5.0 km run in Nätschen, Andermatt 3.0 km run in Milez-Rueras, Sedrun 7.0 km run in Tiefenbach-Realp, Furka
Ice Park	Icepark Andermatt → <a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/eisplatz-anderlatt">www.anderlatt.ch/en/eisplatz-anderlatt</a>
Horse-Drawn Carriage	<a href="http://www.anderlatt.ch/en/carriage-rides">www.anderlatt.ch/en/carriage-rides</a>
More activities	Ski touring, Ice climbing, Freeriding, Snowbike, Fatbike, a variety of restaurants

## Accommodation and Restaurants

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Hotels	43 Total
	17 Andermatt (1*****, 0****, 4***, 2**, 0*, 10 not classified)
	8 Hospental (1**, 7 not classified)
	5 Realp (not classified)
	4 Göschenen (1***, 3 not classified)
	6 Wassen (not classified)
	6 Gurtnellen (1**, 5 not classified)
Other guest accommodation	22 Group accommodation (in Andermatt 5)
	2 Camping (Andermatt und Göscheneralp)
	1 Converted barn (Sleeping in straw)
Mountain huts	14 in the region and more in the neighbouring regions
Restaurants	58 Total
	27 Andermatt
	8 Hospental
	5 Realp
	4 Göschenen
	7 Wassen
	7 Gurtnellen
Typical food	In the "Urschner-Kitchen" you can taste the closeness of Italy:
	- „Mineschträ" (Soup with leek, rice & potatoes)
	- „Chabis & Schaffleisch" (White cabbage & mutton)
	- „Rindsfleischvögel" (Beef rolled-up with sausage meet and vegetables)
	- „Urschner Panzogglä" (Mashed potatoes mixed with flour & eggs)
	- „Urschner Ryys unt Boor" (Rice with leek and potatoes)
	- „Ryys unt Luganighetti" (Rice with special sausage)

## Facts & Figures - Hotels 2017

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<b>Andermatt Holiday Region</b>	43 hotels total
	128 484 overnight stays
	611 average numbers of rooms
	27.7 % net occupancy rates* for rooms
	44.5 % net occupancy rates* for rooms (just Andermatt)
	1309 available beds
	21.6 % net occupancy rates* for beds
	37.9 % net occupancy rates* for beds (just Andermatt)

Note:

The above numbers contain only Hotels. There is no existing statistic about other guest accommodation.

\*The net occupancy rates consider only the rooms/beds from open hotels.

## Overniht stays listed by Nations 2017

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Andermatt Holiday Region	Nation	Overnights	in %
	Switzerland	69'957	54.4 %
	Germany	16'755	13.0 %
	BeNeLux	10'245	7.9 %
	UK	6'307	4.9 %
	Nordics	4'376	3.4 %
	USA	3'910	3.0 %
	Italy	2'850	2.2 %
	France	2'301	1.8 %
	Austria	1'402	1.1 %
	Russia	1'100	0.8 %
	Others	9'350	7.3 %
	<b>Total</b>	<b>128'484</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## 4. Development in Andermatt

### The companies

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#### **Andermatt-Urserntal Tourismus GmbH (AUT)**

The local tourist organisation is responsible for marketing the Andermatt Holiday Region. This region includes the upper part of Canton Uri with the municipalities of Realp, Hospental, Andermatt, Göschenen, Wassen and Gurnellen. The marketing also includes the SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun area and the Gotthard region, which are no longer fully part of Canton Uri. Currently there are ten employees.

[www.anderstatt.ch](http://www.anderstatt.ch)



#### **Andermatt Swiss Alps AG (ASA)**

Andermatt Swiss Alps AG is charged with the development, planning, realisation and operation of the Andermatt Swiss Alps resort. This organisation with its approx. 70 employees has its head office in Altdorf, Canton Uri.

[www.anderstatt-swissalps.ch](http://www.anderstatt-swissalps.ch)



## **The Tourism Project of Andermatt Swiss Alps AG (ASA)**

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Andermatt is a year-round holiday destination in the heart of the Swiss Alps. The Andermatt Swiss Alps resort is currently being developed in Andermatt. It is a traditional mountain village in the heart of the Swiss Alps High valley at 1,440 metres a.s.l.

<b>Project scope</b>	6 hotels in the four- and five-star range 42 apartment houses with some 500 flats About 25 exclusive chalets Indoor pool facility Convention facilities 18-hole golf course with clubhouse Upgrading and merging of the Andermatt and Sedrun ski areas into the Andermatt-Sedrun ski destination Modernisation of the train station in collaboration with the "Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn"
<b>Investment sum</b>	Total CHF 1.8 billion By the end of 2016 approx. CHF 728 million invested. Moreover there is an investment from CHF 130 million for the SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun.

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[www.anderstatt.ch/de/informieren/medien](http://www.anderstatt.ch/de/informieren/medien)

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