

FAMOUS CONQUERORS OF MOUNT PILATUS

When Richard Wagner reached the summit of Mount Pilatus in 1859, he was overcome by the breathtaking views over central Switzerland. Since then, millions of tourists from all over the world have enjoyed the same amazing experience as the acclaimed composer of the «Nibelungen Rings». Such famous people as England's Queen Victoria (on horseback), King Don Carlos of Spain and Antarctic explorer Lincoln Ellsworth have marvelled at the magnificent Alpine panorama from Mount Pilatus.

MYSTERIOUS LEGENDS AND MYTHS

From time immemorial, mysterious legends and myths have enshrouded the rugged cliffs high above Lucerne. In the Middle Ages, the bleak crevices were believed to be the haunt of a well-meaning dragon and spirits. It was said that the restless ghost of the Roman governor Pontius Pilate had found its final resting place in former Lake Pilatus. For a very long time it was forbidden to climb the mountain. Woe to anyone who disturbed the ghost of Pontius Pilate!

GOLDEN ROUND TRIP

A day excursion to Mount Pilatus is quite simply an exceptional experience. Travel by nostalgic lake steamer from Lucerne to Alpnachstad and then with the world's steepest cogwheel railway to Pilatus Kulm. A uniquely impressive panorama of 73 Alpine summits and countless lakes awaits you, some 2132 metres above sea level. A spectacular ride by aerial cableway and panorama gondolas takes you down to Kriens for the bus back to Lucerne.

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH UNSPOILT NATURE

From Alpnachstad to Pilatus Kulm, the world's steepest cogwheel railway winds up through lush meadows carpeted with Alpine flowers, past sparkling mountain streams and fascinating rock faces. With a little luck you may spot ibex and chamois or the beautiful blossom of Alpine roses, arnica and gentian. Over 900 species of flora are native to the Pilatus region – many of them protected species.

THE WORLD'S STEEPEST COGWHEEL RAILWAY

Many people thought engineer Eduard Locher was crazy when he put forward the idea of building a railway up to Mount Pilatus in the 19th century. But the 4618 m long stretch of railway was opened in 1889 (steam operation till 1937) and its 48% gradient is still the steepest cogwheel railway in the world. This was achieved by the brilliantly innovative construction of two horizontally revolving cogwheels, first presented at the 1889 Paris World Exhibition.



360° Switzerland

FAMILY AND HIKING PARADISE

Mount Pilatus is the ideal mountain excursion for families. It takes just 15 minutes by comfortable aerial panorama gondola to reach Krienseregg – an attractive recreational area with well-marked circular hiking paths, inviting picnic places, a fun-filled children's playground and much, much more. The spacious sun terrace at the family-friendly restaurant is the perfect place to relax and enjoy delicious refreshment.

SPORT AND ADVENTURE MOUNTAIN

Mount Pilatus is also a top all-year-round venue for all sports fans. In summer a host of hikes, climbing tours or a thrilling ride on Switzerland's longest summer toboggan run (1350 m) and Central Switzerland's largest suspension rope park at Frakmuntegg promise unforgettablely enthralling experiences. In winter, enjoy romantic winter walking through snow-white woods or a super sledding adventure down the 6 km long run to Kriens.

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

Whether your style is rustic and relaxed or elegant and exotic, Mount Pilatus offers the height of choice cuisine. The restaurants on Krienseregg (35 seats inside, Stubli 20 seats), Frakmuntegg (100 seats inside) and Pilatus Kulm offer tasty traditional dishes such as roesti, grill delicacies, Alpine macaroni or a spicy cheese fondue, mouth-watering à la carte menus and international specialities. Special menu suggestions for groups.

STAR-STUDDED DREAMS AT 2132 M ALTITUDE

The serenity of the mountain world is where dreams come true. Nowhere do the stars shine more brightly and nowhere is the sunrise more spectacular than on Pilatus Kulm. Guests will enjoy a good night's sleep in the historical, romantic Hotel Pilatus-Kulm (built 1890) with 23 rustic double rooms (with running water, showers/WC on floors) or the Hotel Bellevue (built 1960) with 28 comfortable double rooms (shower/WC/TV).

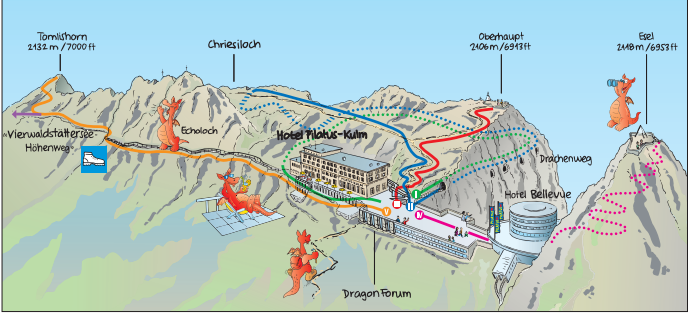
SUMMIT-LEVEL CONGRESSES AND CELEBRATIONS

Analyse results, create concepts, develop ideas or celebrate that special occasion – all comes easily at the inspirational vantage point on Mount Pilatus. The stylishly renovated banqueting hall, state-of-the-art infrastructure and welcoming restaurants provide the perfect venue for company and association events, with capacity for up to 200 persons. Fine fare to pamper every palate and not just to celebrate an important anniversary or birthday! Please ask for our banquet and seminar documentation.





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	Difficulty	Height (feet)	Time	Description
I	Hotel Pilatus-Kulm > Drachenweg	easy	0	10 Min. A short stroll through the 500-metre long rock gallery (Dragon Path).
II	Hotel Pilatus-Kulm > Drachenweg (via Chriesloch) > Hotel Pilatus-Kulm	medium	131	30 Min. A longer circuit through the rock gallery. The only route crossing north-south.
III	Hotel Pilatus-Kulm > Oberhaupt	easy	164	10 Min. Spectacular 360° panorama: Alpine range (Eiger, Monch, Jungfrau), Black Forest, Säntis. View over the following six lakes: Lucerne, Rot, Hallwil, Baldegg and Sempach.
IV	Hotel Pilatus-Kulm > Esel	medium	164	10 Min. Spectacular 360° panorama: Alpine range, Black Forest, Säntis. View over six lakes.
V	Hotel Pilatus-Kulm > Tomlishorn	medium	197	35 Min. Echo chamber after 10 minutes. Footpath to the highest point of Mount Pilatus.



TRAVEL TO ALPNACHSTAD (cogwheel railway) from

> BASEL	A2 motorway via Luzern, A8 direction Sarnen/Interlaken, exit Alpnachstad
> ZÜRICH	A3 motorway and E41 main road direction Zug, A14/4 and A8 motorway direction Luzern and Sarnen/Interlaken, exit Alpnachstad
> LUCERNE	railway station (90 min.); Boat from Pier No. 2 Look for the «Pilatus» sign at the railway station

TRAVEL TO KRIENS (aerial gondola and cable car) from

> BASEL	A2 motorway, exit Luzern Sud/Kriens
> ZÜRICH	A3 motorway and E41 main road direction Zug, A14/4 motorway direction Luzern, exit Luzern Sud/Kriens
> LUCERNE	railway station (20 min.); trolley bus No. 1, direction Kriens to «Linde/Pilatus» stop

THE GOLDEN ROUNDTRIP (1/2 DAY)

- Luzern – Alpnachstad 90 Min.
- ← Alpnachstad – Luzern
- Romantic boat trip along the shores of Lake Lucerne. (Pier no. 2, departure for Alpnachstad)
- Luzern – Alpnachstad 20 Min.
- ← Alpnachstad – Luzern
- Enjoyable journey along Lake Lucerne. (Take the train to Sarnen as far as Alpnachstad, platform 12 or 13)
- ↑ Alpnachstad – Pilatus Kulm 30 Min.
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- Experience an unique trip through meadows and rock faces on the world's steepest cogwheel railway.
- ↓ Pilatus Kulm – Fränküntegg 05 Min.
- ↑ Fränküntegg – Pilatus Kulm
- Enjoy a smooth trip on the aerial cableway over steep chasms.
- ↓ Fränküntegg – Krienseregg – Kriens 30 Min.
- ↑ Kriens – Krienseregg – Fränküntegg
- Enjoy the trip from panorama gondolas as far as the trolleyline.
- ↓ Talstation Kriens – Busstation Kriens 05 Min.
- ↑ Busstation Kriens – Station Kriens 10 Min.
- Well-signposted footpath through Kriens.
- Kriens – Luzern (Bahnhof) 15 Min.
- ← Luzern (Bahnhof) – Kriens
- Short bus ride by public transport. (Bus no. 1 to/from Kriens bus-stop «Linde/Pilatus»)

Pilatus Kulm, the high spot of Central Switzerland
 At the summit, enjoy the culinary delights offered by the various restaurants, one with a sun terrace and a magnificent view of the Alps. The Dragon Shop offers a large selection of souvenirs and gifts for you and your friends. The walk through the gallery hewn out of the rock face and the splendid view are further unforgettable high spots.

PILATUS – HIKERS HEAVEN

From simple strolls to tougher mountain tours. Ask for the Pilatus Hiking Map at the ticket office.

FRÄNKÜNTEGG – KRIENSEREGG

An easy hike (approx. 1 hr) over lush green Alpine meadows, through magnificent moorland and alongside sparkling mountain streams. Picnic places with barbecue areas and tables and benches along the route.

KRIENSEREGG: CIRCULAR HIKE

Well-marked circular path in the nearby Krienseregg leisure area (max. 1 hr) – suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

We recommend good footwear and waterproof clothing.

PILATUS SEILPARK

www.pilatus-seilpark.ch
FUN & ACTION ON FRÄNKÜNTEGG
 Test your agility skills in the open air on Fränküntegg Central Switzerland's largest rope park. Promises fun-filled adventure for outdoor fans, families, schools, companies and clubs.