Andermatt
Best Moments

MEIENTAL

GÖSCHENERALP

FURKA

BÄZ

LUZERN

HOSPENTAL

ANDERMATT

OBERALP

UNTERALP

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GOTTHARD

ENGLISH

LARISSA SCHLEGEL

More Accommodation

Taxis & public transport

Playgrounds

The playgrounds in the Andermatt Holiday Region make children's eyes twinkle. From climbing frames, curvy slides and swings that guarantee flights of fancy – there is a suitable place for all ages to let off steam.

Wildlife rest zones

Wildlife rest zones are important retreats for wild animals in Winter. In our destination there are several such zones. From 1 December to 30 April it is forbidden to hike or ski in these areas.

Important Telephone Numbers

Medical Emergency	144
Police	117
Fire	118
REGA (Air Rescue Services)	1414
Tox Centre	145
County Hospital Uri, Altdorf	+41 41 875 51 51
Medical Practice, Andermatt	+41 41 887 19 77
Dental Practice, Andermatt	+41 41 887 12 12
Drugstore, Andermatt	+41 41 887 18 10
Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG (Mountain Railways)	+41 58 200 68 68
Village Council Andermatt	+41 41 888 71 41
Railway Station Andermatt	+41 27 927 77 07

History of Andermatt

As early as the Stone, Bronze and Roman times the Ursern valley was crossed by travellers. From around 744 to 1410 AD, the monastery of Disentis ruled over the valley. The first Romanesque settlement is thought to have been near to the church of St Kolumban. In the 11th century the Walser settled in the valley and soon made the Schöllenen Gorge passable. Thanks to this architectural masterpiece the Ursern valley developed and became the most important starting point for crossing the Alps. In 1830 the mule track was converted to a drivable pass road and 1882 saw the opening of the Gotthard railway tunnel. Within 100 years the journey over the Gotthard was shortened from several days to a few hours.

The Devil's Bridge

The "Stiebende bridge", later called the Devil's or Hell's bridge, was first mentioned in 1306. In 1595, a bold stone bridge, the legendary Devil's Bridge, was built in the same place. According to legend the people of the Ursern Valley commissioned the Devil to build it. As a reward they promised him the first soul to cross the bridge. They were clever and chased a billy goat across the bridge. Full of rage, the Devil wanted to destroy his work with a huge stone. A woman recognised his intention and carved a cross into the stone whereupon the Devil missed his target. The bridge, which was replaced by a new one in 1830, collapsed in 1888. The current Devil's Bridge was opened in 1956.

Andermatt today

The Andermatt Holiday Region is centrally located and surrounded by four alpine passes that makes it the ideal starting point for nature lovers who are looking for unforgettable moments in a strong mountain world. Impressive side valleys, countless mountain lakes, 500 km of hiking trails, 16 mountain huts and the Vier-Quellen (Four Sources) Path are waiting to be discovered. The variety of tour possibilities is unique in the world. The Gotthard region is characterised by its cultural diversity and a year-round sports programme. In particular Andermatt-Sedrun-Disentis, the largest interconnected ski area in central Switzerland, with 180 kilometres of ski pistes, ensures many day and overnight guests in the destination.

History of Hospental

The village of Hospental lies a little south of Andermatt. It was formed around a hostel founded in the 9th or 10th century by Disentis monastery. In the first half of the 13th century the striking tower of Hospental was built. It once served as a residential tower, today it offers a fantastic viewing platform over the valley. In 1669 the whole village, except for a single house, burnt down. When the Alpine passes were built, the carriage and hotel businesses in the village flourished. With the completion of the Gotthard railway at the end of 1800 this upswing came to an end. To this day, Hospental with its many listed buildings and art monuments, is one of the most beautiful villages in Switzerland.

Would you like further inspiration or are looking for detailed information about activities in the region? In our digital brochure you're sure to find what you're looking for. Printed brochures are available from our Tourist Information centre.

There is a lot to experience and discover all year round. Whether family programmes, village tours or a visit to an alpine farm – simply choose an experience, book it and off you go on your journey of discovery through the destination.

Theatre, orchestra concert, techno festival, Christmas market – the year is always packed with events of all kinds. Take a look at our Events Calendar and make sure you don't miss your favourite event!

You only know Uri from the traffic jam at the Gotthard? There are countless reasons to change this. Take a look at our image film and see for yourself that Uri is a true holiday and leisure paradise that awaits you.

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