**Davos**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Non-skiers

Après ski

Snow reliability

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

26

**Intermediate Runs**

40

**Advanced Runs**

19

**Total Runs**

85

**Lifts**

61

**Chairs**

12

**Drags**

34

**Gondola Cable Cars**

15

**Parks**

2

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

3.1m (10.2ft).

**Overview**

Davos is one of the world’s oldest ski resorts with some of the first downhill ski trips in the Alps being recorded here 120 years ago.

Today, modern Davos has an air of a small town rather than a simple ski resort and certainly has an identity outside of winter sports. Those arriving at the end of January may find world leaders and their entourages in town attending the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, while other visitors are drawn to the town's extensive health and spa facilities, with numerous private clinics available.

But Davos does have skiing in its DNA, and its slopes, shared with the neighbouring village of Klosters, are some of Switzerland’s most extensive with 350km (220 miles) of piste that’s considered by many skiers and boarders to be among the best in the Alps.

Off the slopes, the highest city in Europe has a wide range of facilities and activities available, including Europe’s largest natural ice-rink and, of course, world class spa facilities.

**Location**

Davos is located in the easterly canton of Graubünden, a region where Alpine peaks and valleys dominate. The Wolfgang Pass and Prättigau Valley connect Davos to Landquart, the main junction for routes north (to Zurich) and west.

**Website**

http://www.davos.ch

**Piste Map**

http://www.davos.ch/en/experience/winter/ski-snowboard/maps-and-piste-plans.html

**Hit The Slopes**

The Davos-Klosters region offers varied runs for all ability levels. Most of the more demanding runs are at lower elevations, within the trees, where the valley sides are steepest. In all, there are five distinct ski areas, each served by an extensive lift system.

The largest and busiest is Parsenn, which peaks at the 2,844m (9,331ft). From here, a 12km-long (7.5-mile), 2,034m (6,673ft) descent runs to Küblis, but this is only navigable when the snow cover is at its most extensive. This is a historic ski route and one of the first to be completed by the earliest downhill skiers, long before the arrival of the whirring ski lifts . Meanwhile the Jakobshorn, across the valley, is favoured by snowboarders and has halfpipe and snowboard parks.

Both the Parsenn and Jakobshorn ski areas are suited to beginners, with gentle nursery slopes and easy intermediate runs; while the slightly more advanced can make the most of the Rinerhorn and Pischa domains, with their handful of ungroomed runs.

Off piste, it's possible for experienced ski tourers to ski as far as Arosa, but this is a major undertaking, entailing three hours of hiking and a three-hour return by train.

The ski season in Davos runs from mid-November until the end of April and thanks to its high-altitude slopes it is normally one of the more snowsure destinations in the Alps.

**Davos**

**Resort**

1560

**Base**

1100

**Top**

2844

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Davos offers plenty of variety away from the slopes, such as 75km (47 miles) of cross-country trails and 84km (52 miles) of winter hiking routes. Skaters can choose between four locations, including Europe's largest natural rink occupying 18,000 sq m (193,750 sq ft) in the Davos Sports Centre (tel: +41 814 153 600). There are also tobogganing runs using the Davos sledge, named after the resort.

Sedentary options are more limited, though there are spectator sports, extensive spa facilities and the Kirchner Museum (tel: +41 814 106 300; [www.kirchnermuseum.ch](http://www.kirchnermuseum.ch)), which is devoted to the expressionist painter Ernst Ludwig Kirchner (who lived in Davos during his formative years). A fun night out can be had at 101 Bowling (tel: +41 793 033 865; [www.bowling-davos.ch](http://www.bowling-davos.ch)) on Promenade 101, which has four bowling alleys and a billiard table for all ages to enjoy.

**Family Fun**

Although most of the Davos Klosters terrain is accessible on easy to moderate slopes, the Madrisa area is the sector that the Davos lift company has designated for families, creating an ideal place to learn to ski. The Madrisa Land facility near the top lift station is well equipped with nursery slopes as well as a tubing run and a bouncy castle. The Swiss Snowsports School (tel: +41 814 162 454; www.[ssd.ch](http://ssd.ch)) offers classes for those aged three and above, and has a kindergarten. Other options for families include the indoor swimming pool, heated outdoor pool and water slide at Eau-là-là (tel: +41 814 136 463; [www.eau-la-la.ch](http://www.eau-la-la.ch)), as well as family-friendly facilities at the Davos Sports Centre.

**Retail Therapy**

Thanks to its size and year-round operation, independent of the ski season, Davos has a much more cosmopolitan feel than most ski resorts and this equates to lots of good shopping facilities, with everything from general conveniences to fashionable ski gear retailers. Specialist shops, including chic and pricey boutiques, food stores and souvenir shops are strung along the central Promenade, the compact main thoroughfare. Among these, 1560 Fashion Point (tel: +41 815 521 560; [www.1560.ch](http://www.1560.ch)) is good for trendy threads.

**Splashing Out**

For a truly unique experience, consider spending the night in an igloo (tel: +41 416 122 728; [www.iglu-dorf.com](http://www.iglu-dorf.com)) in the Parsenn area. The igloos come complete with a whirlpool and sauna and are the perfect romantic setting for snuggling up with a loved-one and enjoying a glass of sparkling wine.

**Apres Ski**

Most après-ski bars and clubs in Davos are located in the Davos Platz area. Ex Bar (tel: +41 814 135 645; [www.ex-bar-davos.ch](http://www.ex-bar-davos.ch)) offers drinking and music all night long, while retro tunes are played into the early hours at Pöstli Club (tel: +41 814 154 500; [www.morosani.ch](http://www.morosani.ch)) in Hotel Morosani. Snowboarders generally gravitate towards the animated Bolgenschanze (tel: +41 814 137 101; [www.bolgenschanze.ch](http://www.bolgenschanze.ch)) with its DJs and live music.

A great place for a drink or two straight after the ski day is Bolgen Plaza (tel: +41 814 135 818; [www.bolgenplaza.ch](http://www.bolgenplaza.ch)) at the base of the slopes, which has a convivial atmosphere and also occasionally hosts live music.

**Eating Out**

With more than 110 restaurants in the town, collectively catering for almost all cuisine types, there’s plenty of dining choice in Davos.

For the full Swiss alpine-immersion experience, The Montana Stube (tel: +41 814 207 177; [www.montanastube.ch](http://www.montanastube.ch)) is an atmospheric century-old establishment with a terrace that catches the last rays of winter sunshine each day.

For a lighter meal Kaffeeklatsch Davos (tel: +41 814 133 016) is very popular and has many tasty vegetarian options, which can often be a struggle to find in Switzerland.

It is also worth noting the resort’s unique Dine Around initiative that allows those staying half-board at one of more than 20 participating hotels in the resort to also dine at the other hotels at no extra cost.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Zurich Airport (ZRH).

Distance to resort: 160km (100 miles).

Driving time: 2 hours 15 minutes.

Nearest railway stations: Davos Platz; Davos Dorf.

Distances to resort: 2.5km (1.5 miles); 2.5km (1.5 miles).

Driving times: 5 minutes; 5 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Unlike many ski resort towns, Davos’ authorities allow transportation within the resort centre. Buses serve the urban centre and ski lift stations, and these are free to those staying in Davos. Though the main thoroughfare, Promenade, is nominally a one-way street, buses are permitted to travel in both directions. Those who ski over to Klosters and don't have time to get the lifts back can take the train back to Davos, which takes 25 minutes.

**Hotels**

Davos is a sprawling, small city of a resort with most accommodation found in hotels and apartment blocks, There are around 45 or so hotels in total with a mixture of 3- and 4-star choices along with several luxury spa hotels.

**InterContinental Davos Hotel**

A 5-star offering that’s architecturally striking, the InterContinental Davos Hotel overlooks the resort and has over 200 rooms, a spa and several on-site restaurants and bars.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Baslerstrasse 9

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Davos-Platz

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7270

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 140 400

**Website**

www.intercontinental.com/Davos

**Hotel Bellevue**

The Hotel Bellevue is a comfortable 2-star hotel in a quiet location off the main street that’s well presented with a historic ski décor and provides hearty breakfasts to set you up for a day on the snow.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Hauptstrasse 9

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Davos

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7270

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 155 151

**Website**

http://www.bellevuewiesen.com

**Berghotel Schatzalp**

Located on the mountain and accessed by the funicular, a four-minute ascent from Davs Platz, the Berghotel Schatzalp hotel houses cosy, modern rooms and Wi-Fi internet access is available.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Promenade 62

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Davos-Platz

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7270

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 155 151

**Website**

http://www.schatzalp.ch

**Morosani Schweizerhof**

The primary draw of the stylish Morosani Schweizerhof is the on-site swimming pool and lavish spa, but with attentive staff and a good location close to the slopes, the hotel is a good choice for most travellers (who can afford the fee).

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Promenade 50

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Davos-Platz

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7270

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 155 500

**Website**

http://www.schweizerhof.morosani.ch

**Club Hotel**

Though unappealingly box-like from the outside, the 3-star Club Hotel has a convenient location, good facilities and offers decent deals for dinner.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Promenade 23

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Davos-Platz

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7270

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 149 100

**Website**

http://www.clubhotel.ch