**Klosters**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Non-skiers

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

26

**Intermediate Runs**

28

**Advanced Runs**

24

**Total Runs**

78

**Lifts**

59

**Chairs**

13

**Drags**

31

**Gondola Cable Cars**

15

**Parks**

2

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

3.1m (10.2ft).

**Overview**

With a growing reputation, bolstered by the backing of British Royalty (the resort is a long-time favourite of Prince Charles), the Swiss ski resort of Klosters is coming into its own, emerging from the shadow of dazzling neighbour Davos.

The two resorts, located a few miles apart, share a world-class ski area and a celebrated winter sports heritage, which slaloms back to the early years of downhill skiing.

But while Davos is a bustling mountain town with a plethora of shops and restaurants, Klosters is a low-key and unassuming mountain village with a small collection of largely up-market restaurants, chalets and hotels. This traditional Alpine village feel makes Klosters an ideal base for those wanting an unpretentious, quiet and dignified base from which to tackle some of the most exciting terrain in Europe.

Central Klosters – known as Klosters Platz – provides a good base from which to explore, with its cable car to Gotschna and the Parsenn ski area. Further down the valley is Klosters Dorf, which is the entry point via a gondola to the various runs at Madrisa.

**Location**

Klosters is situated towards the southern end of the Prättigau Valley, within the easterly Swiss canton of Graubünden. It is 8km (5 miles) from Davos.

**Website**

http://www.klosters.ch

**Piste Map**

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

**Hit The Slopes**

Klosters is linked with its neighbour Davos under the same ski pass; and additionally, the large Parsenn ski area is easily accessible from both resorts – albeit with the likelihood of queues from the Klosters side via the Gotschna cable car. The runs from Parsenn dropping down to Klosters tend to be steep and fairly demanding, with plenty of excitement in the form of moguls.

The only ski area accessible solely from Klosters is Madrisa, where lifts go up to 2,602m (8,537ft). Intermediate and beginner skiers have good options on these smooth, sunny slopes, and the snow cover here is also reliable.

Off-piste possibilities include long descents to Jenaz and Fideris, though some sections will need to be climbed. From here, skiers can go back to Klosters using the regular train service. Expert freestylers and snowboarders are well catered for with a superpipe, parks on Jakobshorn, and boardercross courses in several of the resort’s sectors, while there is a beginners’ area in Madrisa.

Around 35km (22 miles) of cross-country trails span out along both ends of the valley from Klosters, suitable for all ability levels. But cross-country skiing doesn’t stop there. A short ride over to Davos opens up a vast choice of more than 120km (75 miles) of snowy tracks.

The ski season in Klosters runs from late November until April.

**Klosters**

**Resort**

1179

**Base**

1100

**Top**

2844

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

The village has a thriving cultural centre, the Kulturschuppen Klosters, Äussere Bahnhofstrasse 3 (tel: +41 814 225 164; [www.kulturschuppen.ch](http://www.kulturschuppen.ch)), which includes a theatre and a cinema).

There are a number of art galleries and museums in the twinned resort, including the Nutli Hüschi Museum (tel: +41 764 242 543; [www.museum-klosters.ch](http://www.museum-klosters.ch)), which displays local artefacts in a beautiful 16th-century wooden building.

For sporting activity away from the slopes, Sportzentrum Klosters (tel: +41 814 153 600; [www.sportzentrum-klosters.ch](http://www.sportzentrum-klosters.ch)) offers skating (free for resort guests), speed skating, ice hockey and curling. Back on the snow; choose from tobogganing, snowshoeing or Nordic walking on one of the three trails that range from 3.5km to 4.6km (2 to 3 miles) in length.

Those looking to savour the scenery in and around the resort can opt for ice climbing, paragliding or horseback riding; all of which afford incredible views of the landscape.

**Family Fun**

Klosters is a great choice for families searching for a relaxed ski holiday in a peaceful and child-friendly environment.

Non-skiing young children (two years and above) can be looked after at the crèche near the gondola at Madrisa, which also has a children's ski park with adventure slides and play areas. Those wishing to head out onto the slopes can make use of ski and snowboarding tuition from several ski schools, with their tailored classes for kids.

For older children and teenagers, the Sportzentrum Klosters sports centre has hockey and curling classes, as well as a range of exhilarating sporting activities to try.

**Retail Therapy**

The limited selection of shops in Klosters includes fashion boutiques, sports retailers and gift shops found mainly in the vicinity of the train station in Klosters Platz. Among these, Rössli Antiquitäten (tel: +41 814 221 516) is a good choice for local handicrafts. There is also a small supermarket in the centre for convenience goods. A wider range of shopping opportunities is available in neighbouring Davos, including boutiques and souvenir shops along the main street.

**Splashing Out**

For something truly memorable, soar weightlessly and effortlessly over the mountains during a tandem paragliding flight over the Prättigau Valley with Flugcenter Grischa (tel: +41 814 222 070; [www.gleitschirm-schule.ch](http://www.gleitschirm-schule.ch)). Flights depart from Gotschnagrat.

**Apres Ski**

Klosters is generally a laid-back, sleepy kind of place, with the nightlife concentrated mostly in hotels or restaurants at the Platz area of the village. Chesa Grischuna (tel: +41 814 222 222; [www.chesagrischuna.ch](http://www.chesagrischuna.ch)) and the Silvretta Parkhotel (tel: +41 814 233 435; [www.silvretta.ch](http://www.silvretta.ch)) attract a quiet après-ski crowd, with their piano music and relaxed ambience, which typifies the resort’s sophisticated feel.

By ordering a cold one in the Chesa Grischuna Hotel (tel: +41 814 222 222; [www.chesagrischuna.ch](http://www.chesagrischuna.ch)) you’ll be following in the footsteps of numerous Hollywood A-Listers, including Gene Kelly, Rex Harrison and Renée Zellweger, who’ve all propped up the bar here.

For livelier late-night dancing, try the disco Casa Antica (tel: +41 814 221 621; [www.casaantica-klosters.ch](http://www.casaantica-klosters.ch)).

**Eating Out**

There are around 40 restaurants in Klosters, with 100 more easy to reach in neighbouring Davos. The Klosters choice is largely within the hotels, but also includes a growing number of gourmet establishments and traditional family-run eateries.

Guesthouse Sonne (tel: +41 814 221 349; [www.sonne-klosters.ch](http://www.sonne-klosters.ch)) serves affordable yet tasty regional fare, while Wynegg Hotel also provides good value and filling food in a lively location.

Despite the clear onus on tasty local cuisine, a number of international eateries have arrived in Klosters, including the Tapas Bar (tel: +41 814 102 570; [www.its-tapas-bar.ch](http://www.its-tapas-bar.ch)), which is quickly becoming a tourist favourite, and the stylish Baer’s Bistro (tel: +41 814 233 309; [www.baer-s.ch](http://www.baer-s.ch)) which is the home of the excellent salmon burger.

The Berghaus Alpenroesli (tel: +41 814 221 357; [www.alpenroesli-klosters.ch](http://www.alpenroesli-klosters.ch)) located above the resort, offers a special experience, a romantic evening fondue followed by the chance to sledge back down to the village in the moonlight.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Zurich Airport (ZRH).

Distance to resort: 150km (94 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 50 minute.

Nearest railway station: Klosters.

Distance to resort: Within the resort centre.

**Getting Around**

Klosters is quite spread out for a small village, but buses (free for guests) link the two areas, Platz and Dorf, and the ski lifts. Regular trains connect Klosters to Davos, with services also operating to Zurich via Landquart.

**Hotels**

The chalet-style ski resort has plenty of Alpine appeal and is home to a large choice of attractive guest houses, apartments and hotels. For most visitors, central Klosters Platz is the best location; or for more choice (though in less attractive surrounds), the nearby resort of Davos has 45 or so hotels and a whole host of apartments.

**Silvretta Parkhotel Klosters**

The Silvretta Park Hotel is a large and comfortable 4-star hotel, that’s well located in the resort. Facilities include a spa with swimming pool and sauna, while the restaurant serves tasty (and filling) buffet dinners.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Landstrasse 190

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 103 435

**Website**

www.silvretta.ch

**Romantik Hotel Chesa Grischuna**

The Romantik is a pleasant 3-star hotel ideally situated close to the ski lifts, station and resort centre. The establishment boasts spacious and comfortable rooms and has a reputation for good service.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Bahnhofstrasse 12

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 222 222

**Website**

www.chesagrischuna.ch

**Silvapina**

A popular 2-star hotel, the Silvapina is arguably one of the most affordable in Klosters with a good location that requires only a short walk to the slopes.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Silvapinaweg 6

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 221 468

**Website**

www.silvapina.ch

**Hotel Alpina**

A large, well-run, chalet-style hotel located near the train station, Hotel Alpina has rooms with swish en-suite bathrooms as well as slightly cheaper rooms in annex buildings.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Bahnhofstrasse 1

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 102 424

**Website**

www.alpina-klosters.ch

**Rustico Hotel**

This small hotel is – as one might expect from the name – rustic in style, but also with an air of elegance. Facilities include a sauna and designated parking for guests.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Landstrasse 194

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 102 288

**Website**

www.hotel-rustico.ch

**Sport-Lodge Klosters**

This homely, traditional chalet-style lodge boasts a sauna that's perfect for post-ski relaxation. For those on half-board deals, meals are taken at a partner hotel a few minutes away.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Doggilochstrasse 36

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 7250

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 814 221 256

**Website**

www.sport-lodge.ch