**Wengen**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

29

**Intermediate Runs**

32

**Advanced Runs**

18

**Total Runs**

79

**Lifts**

40

**Chairs**

20

**Drags**

10

**Gondola Cable Cars**

10

**Parks**

2

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

5.3m (17.4ft).

**Overview**

Beautiful scenery and excellent runs for all abilities intertwine to make the idyllic resort of Wengen one of the best all-round ski destinations in the world.

Firstly, there's the dramatic Alpine scenery of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, which is almost enough to distract your attention from the slopes; then there's the traditional Swiss village feel with a cog train line the only way to access the resort (cars are banned and must be parked in the valley below). And lastly, there's the giant Jungfrau ski region on the doorstep linking Wengen's Kleine Scheidegg / Männlichen ski area to that of its neighbours Grindelwald and Mürren, which together offer a plethora of slopes for all standards.

It's hard to believe that Wengen is in fact one of the world's earliest purpose-designed mountain holiday villages, growing up largely in the 19th-century, with Lord Byron an early visitor 190 years ago.

After the arrival of the railway in the 1880s, more than 30 hotels were built over the subsequent 20 years, and it has continued to grow (slowly) ever since. But for all its ongoing modernisation, Wengen still has that magical feel, and the trains still chug through like clockwork.

**Location**

Wengen is located in the Bernese Oberland region of the Swiss Alps, in the canton of Bern in south-central Switzerland.

**Website**

http://www.wengen.ch

http://www.jungfrau.ch

**Piste Map**

http://wengen.ch/de/Ferien/WINTER/Geoffnete\_Anlagen\_und\_Pisten

**Hit The Slopes**

Wengen's ski area is located on the surrounding slopes of Männlichen and Kleine Scheidegg, which it shares with Grindelwald. The regional Jungfrau pass covers all lifts in this area, as well as those at the separate First ski area above Grindelwald, and at Mürren, a train ride down and then up the valley on the other side. This train line continues up to Europe's highest railway station, Jungfraujoch, where there's year-round snow but no piste back down from the top.

The slopes at Kleine Scheidegg are reached by train (a 25-minute journey that, except for upgraded rolling stock, has changed little for skiers in 80 years), or by cable car from the village, which takes only five minutes. Both options open up all kinds of exciting terrain and great routes down to Grindelwald and back to Wengen.

Whilst the whole area is open to intermediate skiers, beginners will find good nursery slopes right in the centre of the village. More experienced skiers will wish to pay homage to the legendary Lauberhorn racecourse, where the famous downhill race is staged each January – as it has been since 1930. The course is one of the longest – at 4.5km (2 miles) – and toughest, descending over 1,000m (3,280ft). Before and after the skiing race, the downhill piste is open to the public.

Thanks to improved snowmaking capacity in recent years, snow in Wengen is relatively reliable, and the ski season here usually runs from early December to mid-April.

**Jungfrau**

**Resort**

XXX

**Base**

584

**Top**

2971

**Wengen**

**Resort**

1274

**Base**

1274

**Top**

2320

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Apart from the resort’s sports centre, the majority of Wengen's indoor facilities are based in the larger hotels; yet still remain accessible to the paying public.

There is a health and beauty centre in the Hotel Regina (tel: +41 338 565 858; www.[hotelregina.ch](http://hotelregina.ch)), while spa facilities are available to the public in the Hotel Victoria Lauberhorn (tel: +41 338 56 2 929; [www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch](http://www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch)) and Beausite Park Hotel (tel: +41 3385 65161; [www.parkwengen.ch](http://www.parkwengen.ch)).

Outdoors, there are ice and curling rinks, snowshoeing trails, 100km (62 miles) of tobogganing runs and 100km (62 miles) of cleared winter hiking paths. Visitors can also venture on a guided historical village walk or take the train up to the Jungfraujoch, Europe's highest rail station. Paragliding is another possibility for those looking for a lasting memory of their visit.

**Family Fun**

Wengen is a dream holiday destination for kids of all ages, especially those who love both trains and skiing, and is aided by the wholesome, car-free atmosphere at the resort.

Wengen's youngest guests can sign up for the Playhouse (tel: +41 33 856 8585) non-ski nursery from the age of one-month-old. This is located by the tourist office in the heart of the village, and is open daily.

The Swiss Ski School (tel: +41 338 552 022; www.[skiwengen.ch](http://skiwengen.ch)) has classes for children aged three and older who can progress from the nursery slope in the centre of the village to the beginner areas higher up.

**Retail Therapy**

Wengen has about 20 shops covering all basic ski holiday requirements. There are also a few boutiques selling fashion items, jewellery and local artisan products.

For a wider choice, take the train back down to Interlaken where there are plenty of opportunities to buy Swiss products such as watches, cheese, chocolate and wine.

There’s a major tourist centre at the Jungfraujoch, which underwent a 12 million Swiss franc upgrade in 2014, including a new Lindt chocolate shop.

**Splashing Out**

The Privat Ski and Snowsports School (tel: +41 338 555 005; www.[snowpro.ch](http://snowpro.ch)) provides private lessons and guiding in all snow sports disciplines. Their personalised teaching is guaranteed to improve the customer’s skiing or boarding standard faster than normal group lessons.

**Apres Ski**

Although not known as an après-ski mecca, Wengen has half a dozen lively pubs and a wider selection of more peaceful hotel lounge bars.

Cafe Gruebi (tel: +41 588 555 855) serves a good coffee but is also a nice spot for an evening beer, with a terrace for when the sun is shining.

The unique Pickel-Bar (tel: +41 338 560 505) in Hotel Eiger is made almost entirely of wood, while the popular Da Sina pub (tel: +41 338 553 172) has live music.

Hasenstall Dancing (tel: +41 799 606 078) and Blue Monkey (tel: +41 338 451 120) are the main choices for dancing into the early hours.

**Eating Out**

There are around two dozen places to eat in Wengen, the majority of which are traditional Swiss Alpine restaurants housed within the main hotels.

The Hotel Baeren’s restaurant (tel: +41 338 551 419; www.[baeren-wengen.ch](http://baeren-wengen.ch)) is ideal for families with young children, housing several play areas to keep the kids occupied.

For gourmet dining, Hotel Schönegg (tel: +41 338 553 422; [www.hotel-schoenegg.ch](http://www.hotel-schoenegg.ch)) serves international cuisine and has been awarded 13 points by the Gault Millau gourmet guide. This total is only topped by Hotel Regina (tel: +41 338 565 858; www.[hotelregina.ch](http://hotelregina.ch)), which serves up delightful French fare in its Chez Meyer’s restaurant as well as lighter snacks at its Jack's Brasserie.

The Allegro restaurant in the Sunstar Hotel (tel: +41 338 565 200; www.[wengen.sunstar.ch](http://wengen.sunstar.ch)) has a good reputation for its Chinese fondue and vegetarian cuisine, while the Da Sina Pizzeria (tel: +41 338 553 172) is popular for Italian-style pizza.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Bern Airport (BRN); Zurich Airport(ZRH); EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg(BSL).

Distance to resort: 65km (40 miles); 140km (87 miles); 170km (106 miles) respectively.

Driving time to Lauterbrunnen: 55 minutes; 1 hour 50 minutes; 2 hours respectively.

Nearest railway station: Wengen.

Distance to resort: Within the resort.

**Getting Around**

Wengen is a car-free resort, so visitors are requested to leave their car in Lauterbrunnen and travel to the resort by train – Wengen is reached by rail from Lauterbrunnen in 14 minutes.

There is no need for transport within Wengen itself as the centre is compact and there are no roads for conventional vehicles. Small electric trolleys are used for moving baggage and there are electric buggies for people with reduced mobility.

**Hotels**

Most of the accommodation in Wengen is in the form of 3- and 4-star hotels, and the village itself is dominated mostly by sizeable Victorian-era builds. There are plenty of catered chalets and self-catering apartments too, none of which are particularly luxurious.

**Hotel Silberhorn**

The Hotel Silberhorn is a large 4-star hotel right by the railway station that was one of the first to be built in the village in the late 19th-century. Facilities here include a spa with massage tables and an on-site restaurant and bar.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Dorfplatz

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 565 131

**Website**

www.silberhorn.ch

**Hotel Victoria-Lauberhorn**

A classic grand hotel that’s rated 3-stars, the Hotel Victoria-Lauberhorn has an excellent on-site restaurant, and a large swimming pool.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Dorfstrasse

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 562 929

**Website**

www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch

**Hotel Edelweiss**

Hotel Edelweiss is a very popular 2-star, that’s located a short five minute walk down from the station. The establishment boasts friendly staff, clean, comfortable rooms and a price tag that won’t break the bank.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Am Acher

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 552 388

**Website**

www.edelweisswengen.ch

**Beausite Park Hotel**

A very personal, luxurious 4-star option, Beausite Park Hotel is a short walk from the village centre. The hotel restaurant offers excellent cuisine and an indoor swimming pool is accessible to guests, along with a sauna and wellness centre.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 565 161

**Website**

http://www.parkwengen.ch

**Chalet Tilia**

The small Chalet Tilia has a two- and a six-person apartment available, both with Wi-Fi internet access, and is situated in a central location in the lower village of Wengen. The train station in the resort centre is a five minute walk away.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Gruebi

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 552 573

**Website**

www.tilia-wengen.ch

**Hotel Bären**

A family-friendly hotel and restaurant that’s just a five-minute walk from the village centre, in the lower part of Wengen. Ammenities at the Hotel Bären include an on-site restaurant and children’s playroom.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 338 551 419

**Website**

www.baeren-wengen.ch