**Klosters**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Families

Non-skiers

Snow reliability

**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**

Klosters is a small, upscale resort displaying a classic Alpine village appearance. Its relatively low-key and unassuming character, compared to many other resorts in the region, has seen it become the favourite resort of Britain's Prince Charles; but this tranquillity can be interrupted on occasion when his trips bring waves of publicity and regular invasions by hoards of paparazzi.

In combination with nearby Davos, the resort offers a wide range of top-notch skiing; but those who want to hit the bars after hitting the slopes are better off being based in its larger neighbour. However, Klosters certainly fits the bill for those seeking scenery, succour, comfort and old-world charm.

Central Klosters – known as Klosters Platz – provides a good base in 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 remote 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 halfpipe and parks on Jakobshorn, 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 here. 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: 081 422 5164; [www.kulturschuppen.ch](http://www.kulturschuppen.ch)), which includes a theatre and a cinema (please note that feature films are often shown in the original language).

There are a number of art galleries and museums in the twinned resort, including the Nutli Hüschi Museum (Kreuzung Monbielerstrasse / Talstrasse; tel: 076 424 2543; [www.museum-klosters.ch](http://www.museum-klosters.ch)), which displays local artefacts in a beautiful 16th-century wooden building. Art enthusiasts will love The Kirchner Museum (tel: 081 410 6300; [www.kirchnermuseum.ch](http://www.kirchnermuseum.ch)) in neighbouring Davos, which houses a range of works by expressionist artist Ernst Ludwig Kirchner.

For sporting activity away from the slopes, Sportzentrum Klosters (Doggilochstrasse 51; tel: 081 415 3600; [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**

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 (Landstrasse 184; tel: 081 422 1516) 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 (Talgasse 33; tel: 081 422 2070; [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 (Bahnhofstrasse 12; tel: 081 422 2222; [www.chesagrischuna.ch](http://www.chesagrischuna.ch)) and the Silvretta Parkhotel (Landstrasse 190; tel: 081 423 3435; [www.silvretta.ch](http://www.silvretta.ch)), which attract a quiet après-ski crowd with their piano music and relaxed ambience, typify this ‘grown-up’ feel.

Among the livelier places to hang out in town, Wynegg Hotel (Landstrasse 205; tel: 081 422 1340; [wynegg.ch](http://wynegg.ch)) is popular with beer drinkers; while The Gotschnabar (Gotschnastrasse 21) is a good option for evening relaxation and partying. For late-night dancing, try the disco Casa Antica (Landstrasse 176; tel: 081 422 1621; [www.casaantica-klosters.ch](http://www.casaantica-klosters.ch)).

**Eating Out**

There are more than 140 restaurants in Klosters and Davos, ranging from gourmet establishments to traditional family-run eateries.

Guesthouse Sonne (Landstrasse 155; tel: 081 422 1349; [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. Among the other reasonably priced options is Chesa Grischuna’s eatery, which offers quality fare in cosy surrounds.

For the ultimate gourmet feast, secure a table at Walserhof (Landstrasse 141; tel: 081 410 2929; [www.walserhof.ch](http://www.walserhof.ch)). Meticulous presentation is evident here both on the plate and in the dining area – Prince Charles' patronage here probably says enough.

**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.

**Hotel Alpina**

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

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Bahnhofstrasse 1

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

7250 Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

081 410 2424.

**Website**

http://www.alpina-klosters.ch

**Rustico Hotel**

This small hotel is – as one might expect from the name – rustic in style, but elegant with it. Among its facilities is a sauna and car parking.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Landstrasse 194

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Klosters

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

081 410 2288.

**Website**

http://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**

XXX

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

081 422 1256.

**Website**

http://www.sport-lodge.ch