**Wengen**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

9

**Intermediate Runs**

17

**Advanced Runs**

7

**Total Runs**

33

**Lifts**

16

**Chairs**

10

**Drags**

4

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**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 neighbouring Grindelwald. The regional Jungfrau pass covers all lifts in this area, as well as those at the separate First ski area above Grindelwald, and the lifts at Mürren, which are 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 and ice but sadly no ski route back down from the top.

The skiing can be reached by getting back on the train from Interlaken or Lauterbrunnen and continuing up to Kleine Scheidegg, a 25-minute journey that, except for upgraded rolling stock, has changed little for skiers in 80 years. Alternatively, it’s possible to travel 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.

**Wengen**

**Resort**

1274

**Base**

1274

**Top**

2320

**Jungfrau**

**Resort**

XXX

**Base**

584

**Top**

2971

**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 33 856 5858; [hotelregina.ch](http://hotelregina.ch)) and spa facilities in the Hotel Victoria Lauberhorn (tel: +41 33 856 2929; [www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch](http://www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch)) and Beausite Park Hotel (tel: +41 33 856 5161; [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 stay.

**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 33 855 2022; 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 artisan products from the surrounding Bernese Oberland region – particularly wood carvings made locally.

For a wider choice (of more than 50 shops), 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, with new outlets including a Lindt chocolate shop.

**Splashing Out**

The Privat Ski and Snowsports School (tel: +41 33 855 5005; 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 bars and a wider selection of more peaceful hotel lounge bars.

Cafe Gruebi (tel: +41 58 855 5855) serves a good coffee but is also a nice spot for an evening beer, especially on its small terrace if the weather is good.

The unique and popular Pickel-Bar (tel: +41 33 856 0505) in Hotel Eiger is made almost entirely of wood from floor to ceiling, while the popular Da Sina pub (tel: +41 33 855 3172) often has live music or karaoke.

Hasenstall Dancing (tel: +41 79 960 6078) and Blue Monkey (tel: +41 33 845 1120) 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 within the main hotels; although there are a few Italian options and a steakhouse.

The Hotel Baeren’s restaurant (tel: +41 33 855 1419; www.[baeren-wengen.ch](http://baeren-wengen.ch)) is particularly popular for its good food and welcoming staff, and is ideal for families with young children who have several play areas to enjoy along with the dining experience.

For gourmet dining, Hotel Schönegg (tel: +41 33 855 3422; [www.hotel-schoenegg.ch](http://www.hotel-schoenegg.ch)) is a good candidate, which serves international cuisine and has been awarded 13 points by the Gault Millau gourmet guide for its food. This total is only topped by Hotel Regina (tel: +41 33 856 5858; www.[hotelregina.ch](http://hotelregina.ch)), which is the place for French dining with its Jack's Brasserie serving lighter snacks and its Chez Meyer’s restaurant that’s been awarded one Gault Millau point higher than Hotel Schönegg.

The Allegro restaurant in the Sunstar Hotel (tel: +41 33 856 5200; www.[wengen.sunstar.ch](http://wengen.sunstar.ch)) has a good reputation for its Chinese fondue and good selection of vegetarian cuisine, while the Da Sina Pizzeria (tel: +41 33 855 3172) is a popular choice for Italian meals, and unsurprisingly, 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).

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

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 Bären**

A family-friendly hotel and restaurant that’s just a five minute walk from the village centre, in the lower part of Wengen.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 33 855 1419.

**Website**

http://www.baeren-wengen.ch

**Hotel Falken**

A family-run hotel with a nice atmosphere and some lovely antique furniture, Hotel Falken has a large dining room where international and local specialities are served.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Gruebi

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Wengen

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

CH 3823

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 33 856 5121.

**Website**

http://www.hotelfalken.com

**Beausite Park Hotel**

A very personal, 4-star superior hotel, Beausite Park Hotel is a short walk from the village centre. The hotel offers excellent cuisine, an indoor swimming pool, 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 33 856 5161.

**Website**

http://www.parkwengen.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 33 855 2388.

**Website**

http://www.edelweisswengen.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 33 856 2929.

**Website**

http://www.hotel-victoria-lauberhorn.ch

**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 nineteenth century. Facilities include a spa with massage tables and 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 33 856 5131.

**Website**

http://www.silberhorn.ch