

# FACTS & FIGURES

## ANDERMATT HOLIDAY REGION



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## A warm welcome

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***The Andermatt vacation region is located in the heart of the Swiss Alps, surrounded by four major Alpine passes. The region offers a wide range of possibilities and is the ideal place for those seeking relaxation, nature and culture in both summer and winter. Great moments in a fantastic mountain world are guaranteed here.***

The largest ski area in Central Switzerland, Andermatt+Sedrun+Disentis, offers winter sports enthusiasts 180 kilometres of slopes as well as cross-country skiing trails, winter hiking trails, snowshoe trails and much more. In summer, a diverse natural landscape with countless mountain lakes, small glaciers, impressive side valleys and four mountain passes await you. This region at the Gotthard is noted for its cultural diversity and well-documented history. Traces of the history

are seen in the architecture, at the Valley Museum and at the fabled Schöllenen Gorge with its Devil's Bridge, which once enabled goods and travellers to cross the Gotthard Pass.

It is with good reason that Switzerland is known as Europe's moated castle. In the Andermatt Holiday Region, you are right at the centre of it. The rivers Rhine, Reuss, Rhone and Ticino all start at the Gotthard Massif with these rivers taking seven percent of all Alpine water in four different directions. All of the four rivers sources are linked by the Four Headwaters Trail ([www.vier-quellenweg.ch](http://www.vier-quellenweg.ch)), which can be covered on foot in five varied stages. The highest triple watershed is located in the middle of the Gotthard massif, where precipitations separate into the Rhine, Ticino and Rhone.

Four hiking trails lead to the continental watershed with the four starting points Furkapass, Realp, Gotthardpass and Villa.

The Ursern Valley with the communities of Andermatt, Hospental and Realp is one of Switzerland's most impressive high-lying valleys. It even attracted the attention of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who, when travelling through the valley in 1779, declared "of all the places I know, this is the dearest and most interesting to me". The name Ursern comes from the Latin-roman word Ursus, meaning bear. Hence Ursern means the valley of the bears. The bear is still used as the emblem of Ursern. The white cross on its back indicates that the area once belonged to the monastery of Disentis. The Gotthard Pass (2,106 m.a.s.l.) has long been an important Alpine crossing linking north and south. The route over the Gotthard was the only Alpine

crossing where travellers only had to cross one pass. The Schöllenen Gorge, which was difficult to cross, was opened up as early as 1200. By 1830, the mule track had become a road that could be used by carriages and sledges. In 1882, the 15-kilometre-long Gotthard railway tunnel opened from Göschenen (Canton Uri) to Airolo (Canton Ticino). It was considered the longest tunnel in the world until 1905. In the heyday of the muleteers, a journey from Lucerne to the Italian border still took a good five to seven days. The same distance could be covered in 24 hours with the introduction of the stagecoach, and today, thanks to the Gotthard Base Tunnel, it takes just over two hours.



## The six municipalities

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**The Andermatt Holiday Region includes the six municipalities of Andermatt, Hospental, Realp, Göschenen, Wassen and Gurtellen. Andermatt itself is the region's largest village. Zumdorf, between Hospental and Realp, is the smallest village in the region and in fact the smallest village in Switzerland, and hence is linked politically to the municipality of Hospental.**

### Andermatt

Andermatt (1,444 m.a.s.l.) is located at the entrance to the Oberalp Pass. The village provides direct access to the two areas of Nätschen and Gemsstock, which are part of the skiing area Andermatt+Sedrun+Disentis. The Ursern Valley Museum is housed in a beautiful historic building dating from 1786 and documents the valley's long history. Other locations with many historical tales to tell include the Devil's Bridge, the "Urnerloch" (one of the first tunnels in the Alps) and the Suvorov Monument near the Schöllenen Gorge. The name Schöllenen is probably derived from "scalina", which means "small step". With its hotels including event- and meeting locations, a modern concert hall, restaurants and sports outlets, Andermatt is the perfect hub for exploring the Andermatt Holiday Region and the Gotthard Massif with its surrounding areas. At present, Andermatt has developed into an attractive year-round destination. The village, situated in the middle of the Ursern valley, offers a wide range of leisure activities in summer and winter.

[www.gemeinde-andermatt.ch](http://www.gemeinde-andermatt.ch)

### Hospental

During the era of the muleteers, Hospental was the valley's most important and main village because it was the last settlement before the Gotthard Pass. Due to the extension of the alpine passes, the carriage and hotel industry flourished, although this only lasted until the completion of the Gotthard railway in 1882. Even today, its neat array of beautiful old buildings gives the village a traditional and historical appearance. The village is dominated by a tower, which was inhabited until the 13th century by the "Lords of Hospental", who represented the monastery of Disentis and who collected the tolls. In addition, here is the smallest village in Switzerland, Zumdorf, belonging to the municipality of Hospental. Group accommodation is available in Hospental and the village is popular for freeriders, bikers and ski tourers. In spring, especially, the tourers walk up towards the Winterhorn and Gotthard with climbing skins on their skis.

[www.hospental.ch](http://www.hospental.ch)

### Realp

The small village of Realp at the end of the Ursern Valley is the last village before the Furka Pass. Despite its small size it has something very special to offer. The Realp golf course is probably the most alpine golf course in the world and a round of golf here in this unique location and landscape is an unforgettable experience. Also, the historic Furka Steam Train starts at Realp before crossing the Furka. In winter, there is a small skilift that is ideal for children

and beginners. The village serves as a base for a wide range of ski tours. In summer, it is a starting point for hikes to destinations such as the Albert-Heim hut, the Rotondo hut and the Sidelen hut. The name Realp comes from "riva alpa", meaning white stream and was named after the strikingly white foaming waters of the local Lochberg stream in springtime.

[www.realp.ch](http://www.realp.ch)

### Göschenen

Göschenen is home to the famous Devil's Stone, which, as legend has it, the devil wanted to use to destroy the Devil's Bridge in the Schöllenen Gorge. His intentions were frustrated and the stone has remained there until this day. Another witness of the time of the muleteers is the Zollbrücke. Until 1830, custom duties were levied on travellers. In the early 1870's until 1884 the number of inhabitants in Göschenen increased from 350 to up to 3,000

inhabitants. These were mainly Italian guest workers who were working on the Gotthard railway tunnel. This 15-km long rail tunnel was the world's longest tunnel until 1905 and was, for those times, a technical masterpiece. The village tour, which has 14 stations, is dedicated to the history of the railway tunnel and leads to the historical points of the village. Leaving Göschenen, you may visit the lovely Göschenalp Valley with its stunningly beautiful, natural landscapes. The Post Bus drives here in summer and the alp serves as a base for a wide range of hikes along the dam and to one of the five nearby mountain huts (Damma, Salbit, Voralp, Bergsee and Chelenalp huts). One of the most spectacular hikes in the Andermatt Holiday Region takes you over the Salbit Bridge and links the Salbit and Voralp huts.

[www.goeschenen.ch](http://www.goeschenen.ch)



## Wassen

Those who arrive by train from the North can look out of the window and see the church at Wassen three times. To enable the trains to gain altitude, two helical tunnels were constructed near Wassen enabling the line to spiral upwards for 200 metres. This is still an engineering masterpiece and a treat for any traveller on the Gotthard axis. The famous Swiss comedian Emil Steinberger took up this theme in one of his sketches and this only added to the fame of the Wassen church among German-speaking people. Wassen is well worth a visit. There you can see the little "Pfaffensprung" gorge where the water has so creatively made its way through the rocks. There are also many hiking routes in the surrounding mountains to both the Sewen and Sustli mountain huts. The Susten road, which takes you through the Meien Valley and over the Susten Pass, links the Reuss Valley in Canton Uri with the Aare Valley in the Bernese Oberland. Every year in September, the alpine dairymen of the Hinterfeld Alpine Cooperative move from the summer alp to the valley with their cows and cattle. This tradition is an important annual event for the population and the farming community and a major tourist attraction.

[www.wassen.ch](http://www.wassen.ch)

## Gurtnellen

Five parts of the village form the municipality of Gurtnellen: Gurtnellen-village, Gurtnellen-Wiler, Butzen, Männigen, Platti and Intschi. In Intschi, a cable car takes visitors up to the family paradise of Arni and to Lake Arni, where there are wide views over the Reuss Valley. There are also numerous hiking trails that begin at Lake Arni and at Gurtnellen. Learn more about the region - follow the Gurtnellen Adventure Trail as it takes

you through water, forest and wildlife areas, and hike on the Stäuben (spray) Trail, which leads to a small waterfall (Stäuben) and certainly lives up to its name. There are resting areas and BBQ sites along these routes which invite you to stay and relax. A mountain hut adventure awaits both young and old at each of the Leutschach, Tresch and Sunniggrad huts. In winter, Snowshoe hiking is very popular around the picturesque Arni lake.

[www.gurtnellen.ch](http://www.gurtnellen.ch)



## Getting here



Because of its central location, the Andermatt Holiday Region is easily accessible for visitors travelling from the North, South, East or West. The region is only one and a half to two hours travel from either Zurich or Lugano.

If travelling by car, exit the motorway at Göschenen. Then it takes another ten minutes to reach Andermatt. The ease of travelling along the winding road up the impressive Schöllenen Gorge could scarcely have been imagined by the muleteers of bygone days.

Travellers by train from North or South catch the hourly Gotthard express train to Göschenen. For the final ten minutes you travel on the narrow gauge Matterhorn-Gotthard Railway, which makes a spectacular ascent up the Schöllenen Gorge.



City	Km	Car	Train
Lucerne	75	55 min	2 h
Lugano	110	1 h 25 min	2 h
Zurich	110	1 h 30 min	2 h
Basel	170	2 h	3 h
Milano	185	2 h 30 min	3 h
Munich	370	5 h	6 h 30 min



**More alpine passes nearby**

Grimsel, Nufenen, Lukmanier and Klausen

**Four springs**

Rhein, Rhone, Reuss and Ticino  
 These are all in the Gotthard region and flow to all four points of the compass. On the Four Headwaters Trail all the springs can be visited during a five day walk. [www.vier-quellen-weg.ch](http://www.vier-quellen-weg.ch)

**Glaciers**

Gurschenfirn, St. Annafirn, Ober Schatzfirn, Unter Schatzfirn, Witenwasserengletscher, Muttengletscher, Tiefengletscher, Sidelengletscher and Rhonegletscher

**Mountain lakes**

Over 40: Göschenalpsee, Oberalpsee, Arnisee, Tomasee, Lutersee

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**Metres above sea level**

Andermatt	1,444 m
Hospental	1,493 m
Realp	1,538 m
Göschenen	1,111 m
Gurtellen	935 m
Wassen	930 m

**Highest mountain**

Dammastock 3,630 m.a.s.l.  
 The highest peak in the Urner Alps and the highest in central Switzerland. The mountain, however, is not completely on Uri territory, but builds the border between the cantons Uri and Wallis.

**Highest mountain reachable by cable car**

Gemsstock 2,961 m.a.s.l.

**Alpine passes in the Andermatt Holiday Region**

Gotthard, Furka, Oberalp and Susten  
[www.andermatt.swiss/spellbinding-alpine-passes](http://www.andermatt.swiss/spellbinding-alpine-passes)

**Population**

Year	Andermatt	Hospental	Realp	Göschenen	Gurtellen	Wassen
1880	-		232	2,992	767	2,744
1900	818		208	773	1,100	990
1950	1,231		186	698	1,132	888
2000	1,395		172	541	670	480
2016	1,442	197	149	474	563	444
2017	1,468	202	160	518	560	424
2018	1,524	197	164	481	544	404
2019	1,533	186	160	432	532	409
2020	1,600	187	149	461	513	418
2021	1,573	186	154	484	517	416
2022	1,595	193	174	523	516	459
2023	1,665	184	179	535	502	438

## Accommodation & Restaurants (per 31.12.2023)

<b>Hotels</b>	<b>26 Total</b>
	13 Andermatt (1****, 1****, 1***, 10 not classified)
	3 Hospental (not classified)
	1 Realp (not classified)
	4 Göschenen (1***, 3 not classified)
	1 Wassen (not classified)
	4 Gurtnellen (not classified)
<b>Other guest accommodation</b>	17 Group accommodations (4 in Andermatt)
	3 Camping sites (Andermatt and Göschenalp)
<b>Mountain huts</b>	16 huts in the Andermatt Holiday Region
<b>Typical food</b>	- „Mineschträ“ (Soup with leek, rice & potatoes)
	- „Chabis & Schaffleisch“ (White cabbage & mutton)
	- „Rindsfleischvögel“ (Beef rolled-up with sausage meat and vegetables)
	- „Urschner Panzogglä“ (Mashed potatoes mixed with flour & eggs)
	- „Urschner Ryys unt Boor“ (Rice with leek & potatoes)
	- „Ryys unt Luganighetti“ (Rice with special sausage)

### Restaurants

**37**  
Andermatt

**5**  
Hospental

**5**  
Realp

**4**  
Göschenen

**6**  
Wassen

**6**  
Gurtnellen

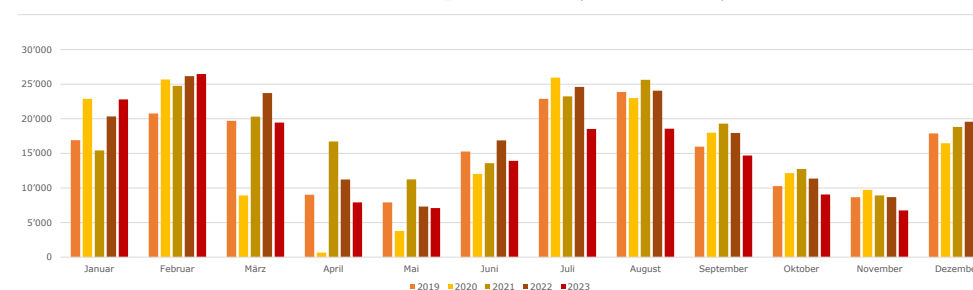
## Key figures – Hotels

**Andermatt Holiday Region** 180'316 overnight stays in 2023\*

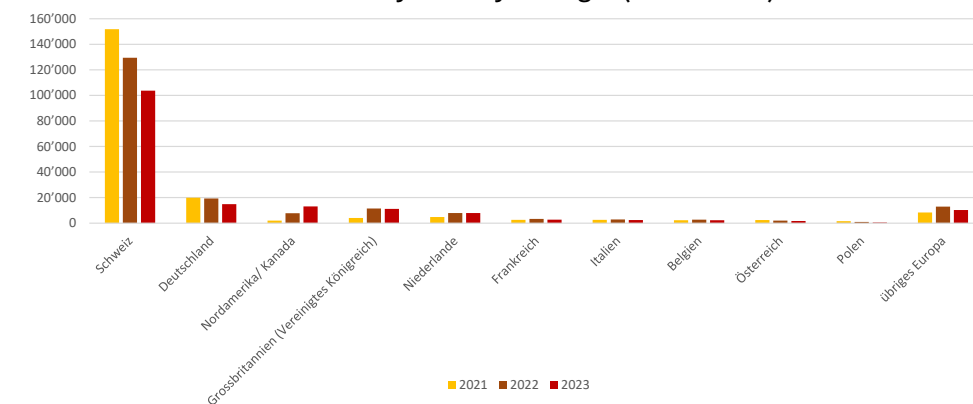
\* The above number contains only hotels. There is no existing official statistic about other guest accommodation.

### Overnight stays 2023

Overnight stays in the Andermatt Holiday Region per month (2019 – 2023)



Overnight stays in the Andermatt Holiday Region by country of origin (2021 – 2023)



### Holiday homes/Second residences 2023

Andermatt	Hospental	Realp	Göschenen	Wassen	Gurtnellen	Total
1'114	92	89	156	136	142	1'729





## Activities



### Summer

#### Hiking trails

Over 500 km  
Hiking, mountaineering and trail running  
Very popular: Four Headwaters Trail  
[www.vier-quellen-weg.ch](http://www.vier-quellen-weg.ch)

#### Bike & Bicycle

Over 250 km  
Bike: Signposted bike routes and flow trails  
E-Bike Land Uri: 38 charging stations and 170 charging points  
Road-Cycling: eight alpine passes

#### Climbing areas and Via ferrata

Göscheneralp, Furka, Meiental, Gotthard, Oberalp, Arni Diavolo, Bergsee-hut (crocodile), Damma-hut (Jubilaeus), Arnisee (Adlerhorst and Piel-Flue)

#### Cable cars

Schneehüenerstock-Express (Oberalppass-Schneehüenerstock)  
Gütsch-Express (Andermatt-Gütsch)  
Cable Car Intschi Arnisee (Intschi-Arni)

#### Golf

18-hole golf course in Andermatt [www.golf-andermatt.swiss](http://www.golf-andermatt.swiss)  
9-hole golf course in Realp [www.golf-gotthard.ch](http://www.golf-gotthard.ch)  
9-hole golf course in Sedrun [www.golfclub-sedrun.ch](http://www.golfclub-sedrun.ch)  
9-hole golf course in Obergesteln [www.golf-source-du-rhone.ch](http://www.golf-source-du-rhone.ch)

#### Touring

With its eight surrounding mountain passes, the Andermatt Holiday Region offers a unique driving experience. The range of touring options is unique anywhere in the world! [www.andermatt.swiss/spellbinding-alpine-passes](http://www.andermatt.swiss/spellbinding-alpine-passes)  
Pass crossings by Post Bus [www.postauto.ch/en/](http://www.postauto.ch/en/)

#### Scavenger hunts

Smuggler-Trail (all year)  
Molly, the Marmot (mid-June – mid-October)

#### Audio tours

Schöllenen Gorge circular trail, Andermatt  
Witch Hunt in the Ursern Valley, Hospental  
The free app "Actionbound" is required  
[www.actionbound.de](http://www.actionbound.de)

#### Museums

Valley Museum Ursern, Andermatt, [www.talmuseum-ursern.ch](http://www.talmuseum-ursern.ch)  
Antonini Quarry, Wassen, [www.andermatt.swiss](http://www.andermatt.swiss)  
Sasso San Gottardo, Gotthard Pass  
[www.sasso-sangottardo.ch](http://www.sasso-sangottardo.ch)  
National St. Gotthard Museum  
[www.passosangottardo.ch](http://www.passosangottardo.ch)

#### Guided tours

Guided tours on various topics:  
- Village tour Andermatt, Realp or Hospental  
- Traffic history and mobility  
- History of Tourism  
- Energy and environment  
- Myths and legends  
- Hospental Tower guard tour Hospental

#### Furka Steam Railway

Travel adventure through a mighty mountain landscape: the trip takes around two hours on carefully restored vintage trains from Realp (Uri) to Oberwald (Valais) or vice versa. Visit to the steam railway depot is possible  
[www.dfb.ch](http://www.dfb.ch)

#### Horse carriage

Historical Stagecoach rides [www.gotthardpost.ch](http://www.gotthardpost.ch)

#### More activities and experiences

Multifield-Arena with Pump Track, table tennis, trampoline, football and basketball, Tennis and fishing

## Winter

<b>Skiing</b>	The Andermatt+Sedrun+Disentis ski area offers a broad variety of slopes for beginners and advanced skiers as well as freeriders
<b>Gemsstock</b>	attracts freeriders and advanced skiers from all over the world, high snow reliability
<b>Nätschen-Gütsch to Schneehüenerstock</b>	Sunny slopes, ideal for families, varied slopes for all levels and the Matti KidsArena
<b>Oberalp-Sedrun</b>	Varied and wide slopes for all levels, very popular with snowboarders, large kids park and kids restaurant
<b>Disentis</b>	The varied slopes reach up to 3,000 m.a.s.l. and are suitable for families and advanced skiers as well as freeriders
<b>Realp</b>	Kids park and beginners area
<b>Other attractions in the Ski Resort</b>	View from Gemsstock on 2,961 m.a.s.l. (accessible by cable car) Avalanche Training Center ATC in Andermatt
<b>Transport facilities</b>	33 installations and 180 slope kilometres The ski area includes cable cars, 8- and 10-seater gondolas, chair lifts, ski lifts and magic carpets. Train of "Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn": The train line Andermatt-Disentis is included in the ski ticket in Winter (stops in the ski resort: Nätschen, Oberalp and Dieni).
<b>Winter hiking</b>	69 km 29 km in Andermatt and 40 km in Sedrun-Disentis
<b>Snowshoe trails</b>	72 km 22 km in Andermatt (8 trails) and 50 km in Sedrun-Disentis (3 trails)
<b>Cross-country skiing</b>	92 km 32 km tracks in the Ursern Valley and 60 km in Sedrun-Disentis Almost 100 km in Obergoms (only 1 h by train) <a href="http://www.goms.ch">www.goms.ch</a>

<b>Sledging</b>	15.5 km 5.0 km run in Nätschen, Andermatt 3.0 km run in Milez-Rueras, Sedrun 7.0 km run in Tiefenbach-Realp, Furka
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<b>Ice rinks</b>	In Andermatt, Göschenen, Sedrun and Disentis. In Andermatt, the ice rink is located at the Feldküche, by the sports bar. The size is 30 x 60 meters, 1,800 square meters of cooled ice surface.
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<b>More activities</b>	Ski touring, Ice climbing, Freeriding and Fatbike
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# Development in Andermatt

## The companies



### **Andermatt-Urserntal Tourismus GmbH (AUT GmbH)**

The AUT GmbH (Limited Liability Company) is the regional and cantonal tourism organisation in the Urner Oberland. The Andermatt Holiday Region includes the Urschner communities of Andermatt, Hospental and Realp as well as Göschenen, Wassen and Gurtellen. The Tourism Organisation is responsible for the sustainable development and promotion of Tourism in the Andermatt Holiday Region and is strongly involved in the positioning as well as the strategic advancement of the destination. Their tasks include, amongst others:

- the Tourist Information and the associated Service Centre for Guest Support
- the upkeep of diverse summer and winter infrastructures
- the marketing of the Andermatt Holiday Region
- the development of experiences/ adventures

As a partner in the project programme San Gottardo the AUT GmbH assumes further tasks

and marketing responsibilities together with Bellinzona e Valli Turismo, Sedrun Disentis Tourismus SA as well as with Obergoms Tourismus AG. AUT GmbH also cooperates with Andermatt Sedrun Disentis Marketing AG. [www.anderstatt.swiss](http://www.anderstatt.swiss)



### **Andermatt Sedrun Disentis Marketing AG (ASDM)**

Andermatt Sedrun Disentis Marketing AG is the marketing division of the destination Andermatt+Sedrun+Disentis, the merger of Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG and Bergbahnen Disentis AG. The ski area with the joint ski ticket has 180 kilometres of pistes and 33 lifts. In addition, the summer activities on the mountain are also marketed jointly. [www.anderstatt-sedrun-disentis.ch](http://www.anderstatt-sedrun-disentis.ch)

### **Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG (ASS)**

Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG belongs to the largest ski resort operator and majority shareholder Vail Resorts, Inc. This includes the mountain railways from Andermatt to Sedrun, various mountain restaurants and the sports shop Gleis 0. The ski area extends from the almost 3,000-metre-high Gemsstock, to the Schneehüenerstock and the Oberalp pass and on to the town of Sedrun in the Canton of the Grisons. With 120 kilometres of slopes and 22 lifts, it is the largest ski area in the heart of Switzerland. In total, Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG employs around 500 people in the high season at various locations in Andermatt and Sedrun.



### **Andermatt Swiss Alps AG (ASA)**

Andermatt Swiss Alps AG, based in Andermatt, plans, builds and develops the year-round destination of Andermatt. Andermatt Reuss with apartment houses, hotels and villas has been under construction since 2009. The Andermatt Swiss Alps Group includes the hotels The Chedi Andermatt and Radisson Blu Reussen, the holiday apartments Andermatt Alpine Apartments, an 18-hole, par-72 championship golf course and the Andermatt Concert Hall. Together with Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG, they are pursuing the vision of the Prime Alpine Destination. They are committed to an intact environment, a future worth living and providing future generations with an exceptional home.

#### **Investment sum:**

By the end of 2023 approx. CHF 1.55 billion invested. Moreover, there is an investment of approx. CHF 150 million for expansion and modernisation of the skiing area.

[www.anderstatt-swissalps.ch](http://www.anderstatt-swissalps.ch)





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Andermatt, Switzerland  
Officially recognized as a Best Tourism Village by UN Tourism in 2022