**Engelberg**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

4

**Intermediate Runs**

9

**Advanced Runs**

5

**Total Runs**

18

**Lifts**

20

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

7

**Gondola Cable Cars**

5

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

4

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

60m (197ft).

**Overview**

One of Switzerland’s leading ski resorts, Engelberg (meaning ‘Angel Mountain’) is situated in the country’s Central canton. This unique location grants the resort enviable access to Zurich and its international airport, making it a popular weekend ski break destination for European powder hounds.

Engelberg makes the most of its topographical prowess with access to two main skiing areas, Titlis and Bruni, while some smaller, less developed ascents are on offer too.

2000m (6,560ft) above the town, glacier crowned snowsure slopes guarantee skiing from early October to late May. This area is accessed by a network of state-of-the-art lifts, including one of the world’s few revolving cable cars, and a new gondola unveiled in 2015-16 that has dramatically cut ascent times.

Glorious slaloming runs of up to 10km (6.2 miles) in length take skiers back down to the resort centre, originally centred around an ancient Benedictine monastery, which boasts a superb selection of restaurants, cafés and a bar scene that gets lively when the lifts close on Saturday.

None of this however manages to distract from the resort’s primary attribute, it’s impressive terrain, which will entertain everyone from bow-legged to off-piste powder freaks.

**Location**

Engelberg is found in the Obwalden canton in south eastern Switzerland, about 35km (21 miles) south of Lucerne and not far from the Italian and Liechtenstein borders.

**Website**

www.engelberg.ch/en

**Piste Map**

http://www.engelberg.ch/en/interactive-map/

**Hit The Slopes**

At 3,239m (10,627ft), Engelberg’s main ski mountain of Titlis provides dependable snow and glacial skiing. Additional snowmaking facilities are also on hand for lower-lying slopes and these services are continuing to expand.

There are some 82km (51 miles) of pistes on the Titlis side of Engelberg village too, including some tricky blacks and narrow reds. It also has a wonderfully challenging red/black route (run 1) from the summit, which is accessible by revolving cable car.

There are fewer skiers across at Jochpass, where the runs are less steep, but there are two interlocking blues (runs 7 and 10) that are a nice change of pace, plus a gentle and rather pretty route (run 5) into town.

On the other side of the village, Brunni, at 2,040m (6,693ft), has some lovely tree-lined routes and a huge area for children, families and beginners featuring T-bar lifts and magic carpets as well as small jumps and a slalom course. There are 7km (4 miles) of graceful, sun-kissed runs here, which dip between the trees further down the mountain. There’s also sledging available.

Multilingual ski schools are available on both sides of the resort. With such accessible free-riding opportunities, especially the 35% Laub run and the glacier fields of Galtiberg, off-piste instructors are recommended.

**Engelberg**

**Resort**

1050

**Base**

1050

**Top**

3208

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Attractions beyond the slopes at Engelberg are almost as exciting as the happenings on them. Winter thrills include snowmobile racing, ice skating, sledging, airboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and a high rope walk, as well as snow tubing.

Plenty of camera-wielding tourists make their way to the top of Mount Titlis for photos too. Most say “cheese” next to a cardboard cut-out of the characters from Bollywood classic, *The Brave-Hearted Will Take Away the Bride* (which was filmed here), before tackling the wind-whipping cliff walk and slightly disappointing glacier cave.

Engelberg also hosts plenty of competitions, from a Ski Jumping World Cup round in December to the Snow Epic fatbike cycling race in January. There are also regular torchlit downhill runs from the top of Titlis, with the resort often attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the most torch holding skiers descending at one time.

**Family Fun**

Young skiers may be happiest on Brunni where the Schweizer Skischule (tel: +41 416 395 454; [www.skischule-engelberg.ch](http://www.skischule-engelberg.ch)) can get little ones up and snow-ploughing in no time. There’s plenty on offer here from T-bar lifts and magic carpets to small jumps, a slalom course and the chance to meet a furry, fair-weather mascot called Gobi.

During white outs, the Ludothek board games library (tel: +41 416 373 631) at Einwohnergemeinde becomes a treasure trove of puzzles and toys, Hotel Edelweiss (tel: +41 416 397 878; [www.edelweissengelberg.ch/English](http://www.edelweissengelberg.ch/English)) and Hotel Terrace (tel: +41 416 396 666; [www.terrace.ch/en](http://www.terrace.ch/en)) both offer childcare services for guests.

**Retail Therapy**

Engelberg’s Dorfstrasse has some decent shopping opportunities. OKAY shop (tel; +41 416 370 777; [www.okay-shop.com](http://www.okay-shop.com)) on Bahnhofplatz is a ski rental shop that doubles up as free-riding hangout, while NAJO (tel: +41 79 195 5581; najoandfriends.ch) at 6 Studentenweg stocks cool locally-designed clothes. Foodies should seek out the Show Cheese Factory (tel: +41 416 380 888; [www.schaukaeserei-engelberg.ch](http://www.schaukaeserei-engelberg.ch)) at the Engelberg Monastery.

**Splashing Out**

Stay overnight at the Trübsee Igloo Village (tel: +41 416 122 728; [www.iglu-dorf.com](http://www.iglu-dorf.com)) where, long after all the skiers have gone down the mountain, guests enjoy dinner, a snowshoe stroll under the stars, bubbly in a hot tub and fresh tea brought to their bed in the morning.

**Apres Ski**

Don’t be fooled by the midweek quiet, Engelberg attracts weekend skiers from all over Europe who party as hard as they carve. Yucatan (tel: +41 41 639 6 868; [www.bellevue-terminus.ch](http://www.bellevue-terminus.ch)) is the village behemoth with a basement-feel and cheesy cover bands.

The Hotel Hoheneck bar (tel: +41 416 395 700; [www.hotelhoheneck.com](http://www.hotelhoheneck.com)) offers Irish music, low-slung ceilings and a drinks roulette wheel for the indecisive. It also has the best lounge in town: a chic den with areas designed as different rooms. Whisky in the bedroom, anyone?

Clubbers should seek out Spindle ([www.spindle.ch](http://www.spindle.ch)) for dance music and stag do behaviour.

**Eating Out**

You’re never far from a schnitzel in Engelberg, but it’s not all about the alpine appetite, and visitors will find everything from super salads to spaghetti bolognese in the village, along with those Alpine favourites: fondue and raclette.

Mexican food and monster burgers can be found at Yucatan (tel: +41 416 396 868; [www.bellevue-terminus.ch](http://www.bellevue-terminus.ch)), while the steaks are so big in Aplenclub (tel: +41 416 371 243; [www.alpenclub.ch/en/home](http://www.alpenclub.ch/en/home)) they come with a bib. However, if anything, Hess (tel: +41 416 370 909; [www.hess-restaurant.ch](http://www.hess-restaurant.ch)) has an even better reputation for its meat dishes, which bases its menu on local seasonal produce.

Ende der Welt (tel: +41 416 374 787; [www.ende-der-welt.ch](http://www.ende-der-welt.ch)) is a little out of town, but this family-run joint serves excellent traditional food, especially during hunting season when the game is as fresh as it gets.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Zurich Airport (ZRH).

Distance to resort: 90km (56 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 45 minutes.

Nearest railway station: Engelberg (direct trains from Lucerne).

**Getting Around**

While Engelberg isn’t the biggest resort, it can take some time to cross in ski boots. Seven bus routes cover the village (free to lift pass holders). All go to the Titlis lift station, while Routes 3 and 5 pass Brunni lift station en route to Neuschwändi. Use Route 2 for the Fürenalp lift and Route 6 for Tellenstein.

Out of the ski gear, much of the resort is walkable, but Titlis-Taxi (tel: +41 799 039 373; [www.titlis-taxi.ch](http://www.titlis-taxi.ch)) is a good taxi option if required.

**Hotels**

Bar a few recent developments, Engelberg has managed to retain its Alpine allure with a host of chalet-style hotels and belle époque boltholes. Though the village is in discussions about erecting its first 5-star retreat, that still looks a long way off, even if it gets the go ahead. Until then, guests can enjoy everything from self-catering accommodation to pretty art nouveau hotels, but ski-in/ski-out locations are few and far between.

**TITLIS Resort**

These generously spaced, self-catering apartments stand out like a show home. Tastefully furnished with space age mod cons, they’re bright, quiet and come with access to a small but smart Alpine spa.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Alpenstrasse

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 395 000

**Website**

www.titlisresort.ch/en

**Hotel Bellevue-Terminus**

Overlook this belle époque beauty at your peril. First opened in 1898, the hotel still holds a majestic air over Engelberg train station. A recent renovation has turned rooms into modern, fin-de-siècle masterpieces.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Bahnhofstrasse 10

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 396 868

**Website**

www.bellevue-terminus.ch

**Ramada Hotel Regina**

Ignore the Soviet-looking façade; Hotel Regina has all the hallmarks of a 4-star chain with large rooms, comfy beds and a relaxing wellness centre. Expect excellent service too.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Dorfstrasse 33

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 395 858

**Website**

www.h-hotels.com/en/hotels/ramada-hotel-regina-titlis-engelberg

**Berghaus Jochpass**

One of the only ski-in/ski-out options in Engelberg, this hotel on the Jochpass slopes has a choice of three restaurants and clean, basic rooms that sleep two to 10 people.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Jochpass 2222

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 371 187

**Website**

www.jochpass.ch

**Hotel Hahnenblick**

With only 12 rooms, the Hotel Hahnenblick is all about the small details. It’s quality and comfort above everything else, with filling homemade food in the restaurant and overwhelming views from the bedroom balconies.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Wasserfallstrasse 6

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 371 212

**Website**

www.hahnenblick.ch

**Hotel Schweizerhof**

A striking period hotel in the centre of Engelberg, the Schweizerhof offers well-sized sleeping quarters and wonderfully attentive staff. Some rooms may be a little dated, but this hotel is all about the Swiss hospitality.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Dorfstrasse 42

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Engelberg

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

6390

**Country**

Switzerland

**Telephone**

+41 416 371 105

**Website**

www.schweizerhof-engelberg.ch