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Meiringen-Hasliberg Ski Resort

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Introduction:

An area of outstanding beauty, Meiringen-Hasliberg ski resort is part of a UNESCO World Heritage area that also encompasses the neighbouring Jungfrau region with its famed resorts of Wengen, Grindelwald and Mürren.

While some associate Meiringen-Hasliberg as the place where Sherlock Holmes fell to his supposed death in a struggle with Professor Moryarti in *The Final Problem*, few realise that it's also believed to be the home to the meringue. The egg-white-based dessert is believed to have been created here first in the early 17th century by a patisserie chef named Casparini, who originally named the fluffy treat 'meiringe' after the town.

The Sherlock Holmes connection abounds throughout Meiringen-Hasliberg ski resort. The Reichenbach Falls, where the tussle ensued, provide a spectacular day trip in the summer months (the funicular up to the waterfall is closed during winter), while a museum housed in the charming English Church is dedicated to the Baker Street-based detective. Holmes' creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, stayed just yards away in the Parkhotel du Sauvage, his chosen setting for the fictional Engländer Hof hotel.

Meiringen-Hasliberg ski resort attracts mainly Swiss locals and German visitors, but there is a general smattering of other nationalities, which fails to detract from its authentic Swiss mountain town feel. One of its main target audiences, however, is families – and the Swiss Snow Sports School here is highly rated. Its terrain is suited mainly to beginner and intermediate skiers and snowboarders, although the more advanced can make use of a challenging black run and off-piste areas.

Location:

Meiringen-Hasliberg ski resort is situated within the Haslital ski area of the Bernese Alps in the Swiss canton of Bern. It lies on the shores of Lake Brianz between the cities of Interlaken to the west and Lucerne to the northeast.

Website:

www.haslital.ch (<http://www.haslital.ch>)

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