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# Jungfraujoch

## TOP OF EUROPE

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### Building of the miraculous Jungfrau railway

The construction and triumph of the Jungfrau Railway is one of the world's most impressive rail engineering feats. Work began in 1896 and it took 16 years to complete the 9.2 km line with most of it tunnelling through the rock of the Eiger and Mönch mountains. The line was opened with a great celebration on 1 August 1912. It runs from Kleine Scheidegg through the Eiger to the highest railway station in Europe at 3,454 metres above sea level: Jungfraujoch–Top of Europe.

#### Places to visit:

- **Alpine Sensation** – Time travel to the early days of tourism in the Jungfrau region, learn history of the Jungfrau Railway and witness this tribute to the tunnel workers.
- **Ice Palace** - Featuring impressive ice sculptures such as eagles, penguins and amphorae that transform the grottoes into shimmering works of art.
- **Glacier Plateau**–Views of Jungfrau and Aletsch Glacier from the vantage platform is simply stunning! Sphinx terrace observatory offers magnificent all-round views beyond the borders.
- **Snow Fun Park on the Jungfraujoch** (Top of Europe) – Experience the thrill of winter sports in summer: skiing and snowboarding, tobogganing and zip-line.

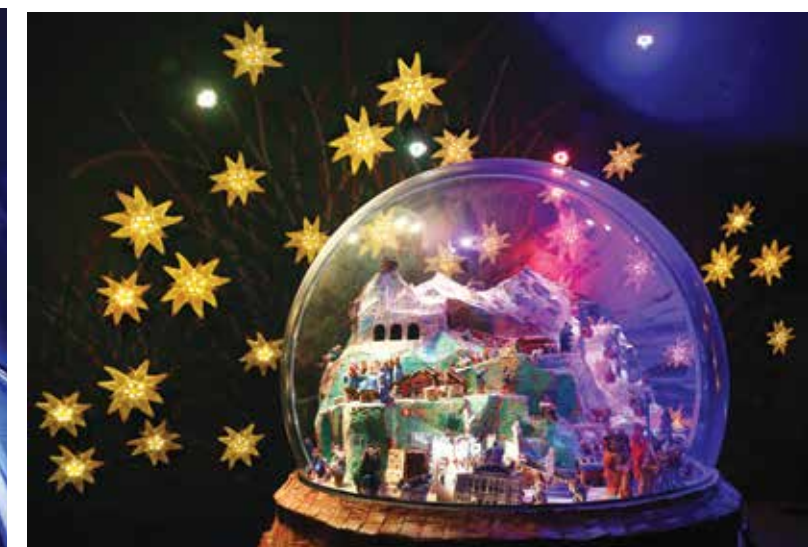
*\*Did you know?*

*Jungfraujoch has the highest-altitude post box in Switzerland, the highest-altitude chocolate shop in Europe and the highest-altitude watch shop in the world!*

### Welcome at 3,454 metres above sea level.

It was once inaccessible, but thanks to the construction of the Jungfrau railway, (the highest-altitude railway station in Europe), it is now a famous holiday haven for visitors to admire the unparalleled beauty of the crown jewel of Switzerland—the Jungfrau mountain.

It offers visitors a unique experience of natural wonder: the UNESCO World Heritage Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch and the spectacular Aletsch glacier—the longest glacier in the Alps spanning 120 square kilometres.





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# Winter Wonderland

As one of the Central Switzerland's hidden gems, the Swiss Alpine village of Engelberg and the Mount Titlis glacier is a convenient excursion from the major cities of Zurich and Lucerne. Engelberg – meaning the “mountain of angels”, is originally founded by a Benedictine monk. This area is now a famous winter wonderland filled with many attractions and memorable experiences.



Titlis Cliff Walk

## Titlis Cliff Walk & Glacier Cave

Titlis cliff walk—Europe's highest elevation suspension bridge is simply a must-do. It is situated on the Titlis glacier in the Engelberg region at 3,041 metres, and makes a 500-metre drop. It takes a 150 heart-pounding steps to traverse. On clear days, visitors can see all the way to Italy, including the Uri Alps and some of the distant glaciers. However, it is the experience of crossing the Titlis Cliff Walk that will take your breath away.

At the frosty heart of the Titlis glacier, a magical world awaits. The Glacier Cave in Mount Titlis is 20 metres below the glacier's surface. The natural blue colour, due to the light's refraction, illuminates the 150-metre-long walkway of frozen ice. The temperature inside the cave is regulated at frosty -1.5°C. Exploring the glacier cave is an amazing experience!



Rotating Cable Car

## Mt. Titlis & Cable Car

Mount Titlis is the highest peak in central Switzerland, reaching 3,239 meters above sea level. It has the finest views for visitors with not only an amazing panoramic view of the Alpine peaks, but other fascinating attractions as well. Don't miss out on the Titlis Rotair gondola—the world's first rotating cable car! The fully revolving gondola transports passengers conveniently to the summit in a five-minute ascent, offering stunning views of sheer rock faces and glacier crevasses of the Alpine peaks. EZ