



# Welcome to Grimselwelt

Grimselwelt – a mountainous world bulging with mighty glaciers, bizarre granite rocks, cavernous gorges, idyllic meadows and deep valleys. A world of sparkling water, rushing down thundering waterfalls or resting quietly in one of the numerous reservoirs. In 1925, the Kraftwerke Oberhasli AG (KWO) started to use this abundance of water to produce electricity. The Grimsel Dam was the first to be built, and at that time, the highest in the world. Several decades were needed to create a vast underground network of tunnels, shafts and plants – a masterpiece of technology. You are welcome to dive into this exciting world full of contrasts.



**Tourist Information Grimselwelt**  
If you are looking for more information about the Haslital region, you will find it here. You can make a booking for power plant tours or buy tickets for trains, busses or gondolas and funiculars.



**Opening hours**  
**Winter** Mon – Fri 8.00 – 11.00  
Sat – Sun closed  
**Summer** Mon – Fri 7.45 – 12.00 / 13.30 – 18.00  
Sat – Sun 7.45 – 12.00 / 13.30 – 16.00

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This is where the Grimselwelt can be found



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- Tourist Information
- Campsite
- Barbeque Area
- Bus/Engstlenalp-Bus
- Funicular
- Gondola
- Suspension Bridge
- Viewpoint
- Summit
- E - filling station
- Paid parking

Being surefooted, having a good head for heights and being reasonably fit are requirements that have to be fulfilled when hiking on mountain trails and alpine routes. Solid hiking shoes with non-slip soles, equipment adequate for the prevailing weather situation and topographic maps are essential. Children are to be supervised at all times. Please respect flora and fauna. Keep your dog on a leash and always stay on the marked paths and trails. Keep the area clean, take your rubbish with you. **Many thanks!**

- Mountain trails**
- Mountain trails are narrow and partially exposed. Exposed sites may be secured with ropes or chains. Snow is to be expected in early summer.
  - Some sections of the mountain trails are particularly exposed, shadowy and wet. In early summer, parts are likely to be covered with snowfields.

- Alpine routes**
- Track is not necessarily available on alpine routes and may include simple climbing sections. Exposed terrain, precarious grassy activities, jagged rocks, névé and free of snow glacier passages are to be expected. Structural precautions are limited to exposed passages with a high risk of falling.

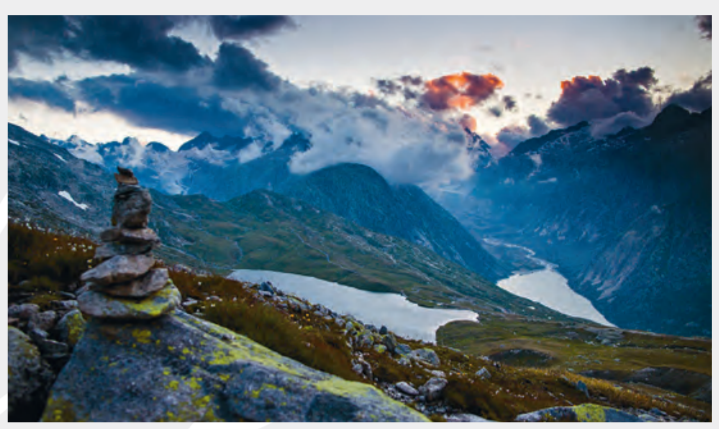
**River safety**

Water level in rivers may rise rapidly without warning due to heavy rainfall or power plant operations. Please be extra careful when staying at or close to rivers and lakes. Pay attention to the warning signs along the rivers.

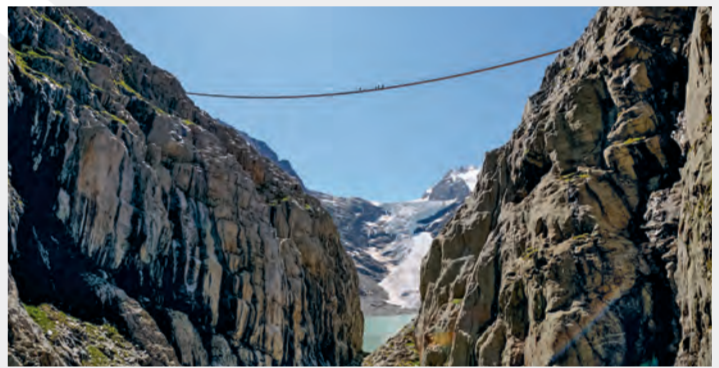
## Excursion Tips



**Sidelhorn**  
Start this alpine hike from the top station of the Sidelhorn Gondola, at the foot of this impressive mountain. The trail on the Aar-ridge (1.5h) will lead you to the summit at 2765 m a.s.l., awarding you with a spectacular 360° view of the surrounding mountainous world with its glaciers. A must-do for every hiking-lover, where you can detect about 10 marvelous alpine lakes of the Grimsel area.



**Trift Bridge**  
With the Trift Gondola, you can reach the Trift valley with its majestic glacial surroundings. From the top station, a 1.5 hours hike will lead you to the highlight of this valley - the Trift Suspension Bridge, 170 m in length. Enjoy the breathtaking view over the Lake Trift and Trift Glacier. If you want to pay a visit to the Windegg hut, you can choose between the direct path «Kettelweg» or the easier «Family trail». Starting at the Trift Bridge, an alpine route will lead you to the SAC Trift hut (approx. 3h).



**Lake Gelmer**  
Ride the steepest roofless funicular in Europe - The Gelmer Funicular with an inclination of up to 106%. Once at the top station, you can enjoy a hike around the turquoise Lake Gelmer with its fascinating high-alpine landscape. Explore the Gelmer Dam close to the top station or enjoy some culinary delights at Hotel Handeck nearby the bottom station. Some more spectacular lookouts can be found at the Gelmer hut. The steep climb up to the Gelmer hut follows the Diechterbach as the water of the stream rushes over massive granite cliffs.



**Grimselwelt Trail**  
Starting at the Grimsel mountain pass, you will make your way through blooming alpine meadows and rough rock formations. On your way, you will take a ride on the roofless Gelmer Funicular, the steepest of its kind in Europe. One of the highest and most spectacular suspension bridges awaits your visit close to the Trift Glacier. Six days will go by until you reach your final destination, the Engstlenalp.



More detailed information about hiking possibilities in the Grimselwelt can be found on [www.grimselwelt.ch/en/excursion-tips](http://www.grimselwelt.ch/en/excursion-tips)



## A miracle of nature 1400 m long, 200 m deep

The Aare Gorge is the gateway to the Grimselwelt. Over thousands of years, the Aare River eroded a path through the calcareous rock formation. Follow the course of the Aare River through this impressive gorge, which has been made accessible by a system of safe paths and tunnels. Experience this magnificent spectacle, whose leading actor is Mother Nature herself. The Meiringen-Innertkirchen-Train MIB will take you to the stage. Get a ticket for both train and Aare, and alight at one of the stations at the entrance (Aareschlucht West or East).



**Opening hours** 8.30 – 17.30 (July & August 8.30 – 18.30).  
Special Evening illumination in July and August, Thu – Sat, starting at 18.30. Access only at West-entrance (Meiringen)



## Grimsel Hospiz – Historic Alpine Hotel Like a castle, towering high above Lake Grimsel

The Hotel Grimsel Hospiz sits enthroned on a rocky promontory on the verge of the Grimsel reservoir. A symbol of hydroelectricity. To this day, it is considered to be one of the most comfortable alpine guest houses. The rugged granite façade with its red shutters hides a cosy interior leaving nothing to be desired. Enjoy the view over the scenic landscape from our terrace, it is simply breathtaking.



**Opening hours Hotel Grimsel Hospiz** Due to construction works, the Hotel will remain closed during summer 2019  
**Opening hours Spitalamm-Bistro** During the summer months 2019, we will be happy to welcome our guests at our bistro next to the Grimsel Hospiz (accessible via Sidelhorn Gondola).

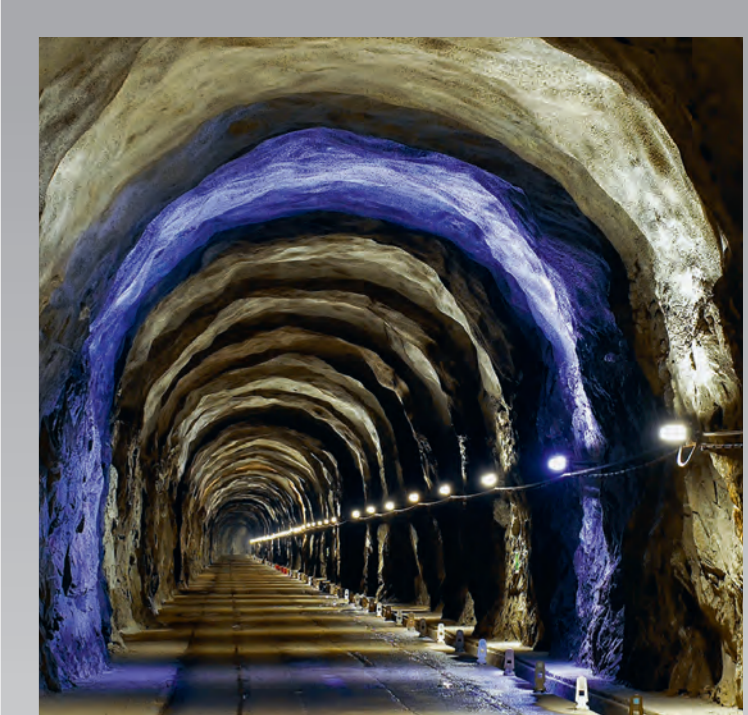




## Alpine winter wonderland Culture at Grimsel Hospiz

No hibernation at Grimsel Hospiz! The turbines and pumps in the subterranean power plants are going full speed. So does the Historic Alpine Hotel Grimsel Hospiz, where life is buzzing on 2000 m a.s.l. Deep within the snow-covered landscape, events like «Culture at Grimsel Hospiz», wine tasting in our rock cellar, as well as «Wine&Dine» take place in a cosy atmosphere.

Make sure to get regular information about our special offers. Early booking is recommended.



### Tours for Groups

## A powerful day

The Grimselwelt is a world of hydropower, waterfalls, alpine lakes and reservoir dams. This area is considered to be Switzerland's water castle, and the water in the reservoirs can be transformed into pure energy. Experience this area and it will provide you with a better understanding for hydroelectricity. How is electricity generated? Find out on a guided tour in the Grimsel 2 power plant. Explore the crystal cavern on your way to the power plant or feel completely electrified during a ride on the thrilling Gelmer Funicular.

**What to expect** Gelmer Funicular ride (return), Lunch at the canteen Handeck, Power Plant Tour Grimsel 2 with Crystal Cavern. **Number of participants** Group of 10 to maximum 24 participants. **Dates** Early June – mid-October, Mon – Sat. **Duration** 5h 30 (11.00 – 16.30). **Price** per person CHF 89.-. **Language** German (other languages on demand)

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### Tours for families and individuals

## Deep within the ground

On this tour, you will explore how water is used to produce electricity. Discover this unique underground world deep inside the solid granite mountains of the Aare valley, be amazed about the pioneering technology and do not forget to take a gander at the enchanting Crystal Cavern.



**What to expect** Power Plant Tour Grimsel 2 with Crystal Cavern. **Number of participants** Up to 24 participants, online booking only. **Dates** Late May – mid-October, daily. **Duration** 1h 30min. **Price** per person CHF 25.- **Language** German (other languages on demand)



## Adventurous journey to winter wonderland Take a breather

It's not a secret: There is no place in this world, where the silence is as perfect, peace as extensive and relaxation as lasting as in the mountains. With its thick brick walls, the Grimsel Hospiz offers ideal settings to slowing down life's pace, no matter what season. Let your eyes sweep over the pristine nature. Enjoy the splendid starry sky; no other source of light will illuminate the pitch-black night. The Grimsel Hospiz is a silent oasis, in summer, but as well in winter, when the cosy fireplace helps to enjoy the rough alpine climate. Let the day fade with a festive dinner and an enchanting glass of wine.

**Open** Christmas until Silvester, January until early April Wednesday to Sunday (Monday to Wednesday possible on request).

**NEW!** Our guests can now enjoy our barrel sauna



### Handeck – Hotel and Nature Resort

## A picture-perfect Nature Resort

The 3\*\*\* superior hotel can be found on Alp Handeck, at the foot of the Grimsel mountain pass. The herdsman could never have imagined how comfortable life can be on «their alp». Today's hotel offers newly designed, modern-alpine furnished rooms in three different houses. Adult guests can find ease and relaxation in our oasis of well-being, while our younger guests can seek adventures on the extensive playground. The alpine cheese dairy and the Gelmer Funicular are just a stone's throw away from the Hotel, which is the ideal place to stay if you want to explore nature and local culture. You will never leave our restaurant hungry, where our chef prepares delightful creations with natural ingredients, growing on fields, meadows and in forests.

**Open** late May – mid-October

Visit our website to learn more about our attractive packages  
[grimselwelt.ch/en/grimselhotels/hotel-handeck](http://grimselwelt.ch/en/grimselhotels/hotel-handeck)



### Gelmer Funicular

## A vertical experience

If you are looking for an adrenaline rush, this is exactly where you should be. With an inclination of up to 106%, it is the steepest, roofless funicular in Europe. Originally built to transport the heavy construction materials for the Gelmer Dam, it is nowadays open for adventure-seeking hikers. In a blink, the funicular makes its way to the Gelmer valley 1860 meter above sea level, where you can enjoy some fascinating insights into the high-alpine world.

**Open** end of May – mid-October  
**Hours of Operation** please visit our website  
**Price** Adults return CHF 32.- / single CHF 16.-  
Children (6-16years) return CHF 12.- / single CHF 6.-



### Restaurant and Mountain Lodge Oberaar

## Magnificent mountainous scenery

The sun is almost always shining at 2500 meters above sea level. Guests like to raise their glasses to the sun, while enjoying the terrace of the Mountain Lodge Oberaar. The view is simply breathtaking. The eternal ice of the glaciers within reach and the huge body of water in the reservoir at your feet. Welcome to this unique area, where you find yourself surrounded by mountains higher than four thousand meters.

**Open** early July – late September



### Tälli Gondola and the Tälli region

## The Gadmer Dolomites

Within 10 minutes, the Tälli Gondola travels from the Susten mountain pass road to the foot of the Gadmer Dolomites. Once at the top, the Tälli Mountain Restaurant features a spectacular terrace, a restaurant and even some romantic rooms for an overnight stay. The top station is starting point for a number of splendid hikes across blooming alpine meadows, as well as for the Tälli Via ferrata, the first of its kind in Switzerland, with ladders, ropes and posts to aid your ascent.



**Open** mid-May – late October  
**Hours of operation** 7.00 – 21.30 / self-operating  
**Price** per ride Adults CHF 6.- / Children (6-16years) CHF 4.-



### Trift Bridge

## Bridging the gap

The gondola seems to glide weightlessly through the air, high above the Trift Gorge, taking 8 passengers at a time from the Gadmen valley up to the Trift valley. From the top station, a 1.5 hours hike will lead you to the highlight of this valley - the Trift Suspension Bridge. With a span of 170m, this is one of the longest suspension bridges in the Alps. It takes a bit of courage, but the view from the bridge across the lake and up to the glacier makes it worthwhile.

**Open** early June – mid-October  
**Hours of Operation** June, Sept, Oct 8.00 – 16.00 / July, August 8.00 – 17.00  
**Price** Adults return CHF 24.- / single CHF 12.-  
Children (6-16years) return CHF 10.- / single CHF 5.-

### Reichenbach Funicular

## Where Sherlock Holmes challenged his archenemy Moriarty



This is a must-see destination for Sherlock Holmes fans. At this site, the famous detective challenged his archenemy Moriarty to a final battle – this fierce fight ended with both opponents falling over the edge and into this very waterfall!

**Open** early May – early October  
**Hours of operation** 9.00 – 17.30  
**Price** Adults return CHF 12.- / single CHF 8.-  
Children (6-16years) return CHF 8.- / single CHF 6.-



### Sidelhorn Gondola

## Europe's water castle

Slide weightlessly over Lake Grimsel, from the Grimsel Hospiz to the foot of the Sidelhorn. The top station is starting point of some picturesque hiking routes, for example to the mountain summit of the Sidelhorn or to the scenic Lake Triebten. Several adventurous alpine hikes in pathless terrain can be found at the watershed of the Swiss Alps - where the Aare and the Rhone River rise from the numerous impressive glaciers. This empire of water, this appealing mountain landscape is the origin of the Grimsel hydropower. During summer 2019, the Spitalamm-Bistro next to the Grimsel Hospiz will only be accessible via Sidelhorn Gondola.

**Open** pass opening – mid-October  
**Hours of operation** 7.00-11.30 / self-operating  
**Price** per ride: Adults CHF 6.- / Children (6 – 16 years) CHF 4.-