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Affordable overnight stays, great experiences: Winter highlights at the Swiss Youth Hostels

If you want to experience winter in Switzerland, you don't have to spend a fortune. The Swiss Youth Hostels show that alpine experiences, wellness and culture are possible even on a tighter budget – without sacrificing style, comfort and atmosphere.

The network of Swiss Youth Hostels comprises numerous hostels that are ideal for a stay in the colder months of the year. These include hostels in the mountains, for example.

Sun and fun in the snow at a fair price

In Davos, Pontresina, St. Moritz, Valbella-Lenzerheide and Schaan-Vaduz (Principality of Liechtenstein), guests wake up in the midst of nature with views of snow-covered mountain panoramas and ski slopes right nearby. The Davos ski package, for example, offers accommodation and breakfast in the historic Kurhaus ambience, including a ski pass. In the Engadin, the "Sleep & Ski" offer impresses with day passes from CHF 47. Looking to improve your cross-country skiing skills? Book the Pontresina cross-country skiing package, a camp offering classes on more than 200 kilometres of trails right on your doorstep. One insider's tip is the Ski special in Schaan-Vaduz – three nights with half-board and a ski pass for the small but exquisite Malbun ski area from CHF 369 per person. And for those who prefer to spend the night on the ski slopes, Valbella-Lenzerheide Youth Hostel is a great place to stay, as it's located right next to the ski lift and the slopes – as close as it gets.

Wellness with a view

If you want to relax after getting in your fix of winter sports or just want to relax in general, you'll also find what you're looking for at the youth hostels. At wellnessHostel³⁰⁰⁰ in Laax, you can head into winter with the "3-for-2" offer – including admission to the Aua Grava Spa with sauna, steam bath and views of Lake Laax. In Saas-Fee, wellnessHostel⁴⁰⁰⁰ awaits guests with a massage and spa lunch basket, and Wellnesshostel3000 St-Luc in Val d'Anniviers offers a delightful blend of wellness and culinary surprises in a stylish, welcoming grand hotel atmosphere.

Cheese, culture and community

Our youth hostels in various Swiss cities offer atmospheric alternatives for those who prefer to spend winter in an urban setting: The cosy winter Raclette yurt has returned to Bern, with a view of the Federal Palace. Christmas dinners in the Mariastein and Burgdorf castle hostels are also a nice way to start the quiet season – ideal for groups, clubs and companies.

Christmas markets on the doorstep of the youth hostels

Cities are very popular with visitors in the colder months of the year, especially in the run-up to Christmas. A visit to the Christmas markets located near the youth hostels is a must. Basel, for example, is home to Switzerland's oldest Christmas market, Bern's Stäнемärit enchants visitors, Lucerne's Franziskanerplatz transforms into a Christmas village, and several traditional Christmas markets can be found between Zurich's main railway station and Seebecken. Guests staying at a youth hostel in Western Switzerland can also enjoy the festive Christmas atmosphere – for example in Lausanne in the Flon district, at Place St-François and Place Pépinet, in Montreux along the lakeside promenade or at Place Centrale in Martigny.

Whether you're looking for some fun on the slopes, a hot sauna, an evening of raclette or a Christmas market, the Swiss Youth Hostels offer a different way to experience winter: authentic, affordable, full of variety. More information about winter at the Swiss Youth Hostels can be found here: <https://www.youthhostel.ch/en/winter-magic>.

**About the Swiss Youth Hostels**

The Swiss Youth Hostels Association's network comprises 43 hostels under its ownership and 7 Associated Youth Hostels, ranging from romantic castles to urban design locations and wellness hostels. The non-profit organisation records over 810,000 annual overnight stays. The focus is on quality-conscious, sustainable and affordable tourism for young people and families. www.youthhostel.ch

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