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New Savognin Youth Hostel Set to Open on 18 December 2026

Following its acquisition by the municipality of Surses, the former Hotel Cube will be modernised extensively and converted into a youth hostel. With currently 178 beds, the tourist offer in Val Surses is being expanded specifically for families, groups and school classes. It will open on 18 December 2026 – bookings are now possible.

On 29 March 2026, the population of the municipality of Surses voted 75% in favour of purchasing the former Hotel Cube in Savognin. The property, which has been unused for several years, has since been taken over by the municipality and is now being converted into a modern youth hostel. “The necessary repair work is progressing rapidly and will be completed on schedule by mid-December. Savognin Youth Hostel will be able to welcome its first guests on 18 December 2026, just in time for the winter season,” says a delighted Daniel Wasescha, Mayor of the municipality of Surses. Bookings for snow and sports enthusiasts, school classes or families are now possible via the Swiss Youth Hostels website.

Overnight accommodation for everyone

The reopening of the hostel is intended to generate additional overnight stays and make better use of the existing tourist offerings in Val Surses. The youth hostel is ideally located for anyone who enjoys being active and spending time outdoors – right next to the mountain railways – and is therefore the perfect starting point for the skiing and hiking area. The Lai Barnagn bathing lake and one of the local sports shops are also right next door. “The youth hostel complements the existing accommodation offering specifically for families, groups and school classes. In addition, it will also help boost the year-round appeal of the destination to tourists,” says Janine Bunte, CEO of the Swiss Youth Hostels. Thanks to its combination of modern design, a relaxed atmosphere and close proximity to nature, the new youth hostel is designed for everyone. Albert Kruker, CEO Tourismus Val Surses Savognin Bivio AG, sees many benefits for the region: “Whether it’s a weekend in the mountains, a holiday with the family or an outing with friends – the new youth hostel makes it easy to discover the region’s numerous leisure opportunities while at the same time offering comfortable and affordable accommodation. Thanks to good public transport connections, getting to Savognin is both easy and climate-friendly.”

Cosy retreats for active days

The spacious lobby forms the heart of the building, inviting guests to linger. The mix of rooms ensures a pleasant, uncomplicated atmosphere. In the first year of operation, 178 beds will be available, divided into an exciting mix of rooms comprising 12 double rooms, 26 family rooms and 12 four-bed rooms, of which currently two rooms are barrier-free – one on each floor. The available rooms can already be booked from today, and a further 85 beds are expected to be added in a year’s time. The temporary reduction in capacity is due to the short preparation time, helping to ensure the best possible stay from day one. Opening on 18 December 2026, the youth hostel will already provide the perfect starting point for skiing and snow sports enthusiasts next season, who can also benefit from reduced ski passes thanks to early bird discounts.

Bed in a 4-bed room with shower/WC – CHF 47.00 per person incl. breakfast
Double room with shower/WC – CHF 58.00 per person incl. breakfast
Single room with shower/WC – CHF 83.00 per person incl. Breakfast

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 more than 820,000 overnight stays every year. The focus is on quality-conscious, sustainable and affordable tourism for young people and families. www.youthhostel.ch/en

About the municipality of Surses
With an area of around 325 km², the municipality of Surses in Graubünden is the fourth-largest municipality in Switzerland – and one of the most exceptional. Located on the Julier and Septimer passes, the municipality of Surses unites 11 villages, three languages and two ski resorts in Savognin and Bivio. Parc Ela, Switzerland's largest nature park, and the multi-award-winning Origen cultural festival make the municipality of Surses a unique place where nature, culture and linguistic diversity come together in a truly special way.

About Tourismus Val Surses Savognin Bivio AG:
Tourismus Val Surses Savognin Bivio AG is the destination organisation of Val Surses with the holiday resorts Savognin and Bivio. It oversees marketing, tourism product development and guest relations in the region. With a wide range of summer and winter offerings, it makes a significant contribution to value creation in the valley.

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