



Kandersteg
International
Scout Centre



**Kander
Active**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Permanent Mini Jamboree!

Lord Baden-Powell believed the best way to achieve happiness was to bring happiness to others. He also believed that by exploring nature, working in the patrol system and learning by doing, young people would be able to develop themselves and become active citizens of the world. Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is Baden-Powell's dream come to life.

Open 365 days a year, today we welcome over 12.000 Scouts and Guides from more than 45 countries, joining together to live the spirit of the Permanent Mini Jamboree, to share and learn from each other; simply, to live the dream.

KISC is run by a volunteer staff team of Scouts and Guides from around the world and is made up of people working from three months to several years.

We are situated in the Bernese Oberland, one of the most spectacular regions of the Swiss Alps. This makes KISC the perfect base for activities such as hiking, rock climbing and mountaineering.

We live true to Baden-Powell's beliefs and through our programme, we encourage Scouts to develop and be agents of peace and positive change throughout the world. Welcome to the World Scout Centre!



Jack Higgins
Director

ADVENTURE AWAITS IN KANDERSTEG

*Experience the
Permanent Mini
Jamboree and have
the time of your life!*



KISC is a place where Scouting happens every day, where we enable young people to learn, develop and become citizens of the world. We achieve it through a variety of activities that serve as tools for empowering our guests.

We offer a programme that is adventurous, educational and enjoyable. It's suitable for Scouts, non-Scouts, families or school groups!

Kander Active shows a small selection of our programme. For a complete list of activities and details please visit our website at www.kisc.ch

Be close to the mountains

KISC's location offers endless possibilities for adventurous activities, nature discoveries and trips. Challenge yourself and enjoy spectacular mountain areas!



**High
Adventure**

Meet the world in the Alps

The Permanent Mini Jamboree is an ideal place to create international friendships and to bridge cultures, interests, opinions, religions, countries and continents.



**International
Friendship**

Take care of our environment

At KISC, we focus on improving one's ecological behavior and giving young people tools to take action for the environment.



**Eco
Adventure**

PLANNING YOUR PROGRAMME

All of our activities have a range of parameters and age restrictions, to keep them safe and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Age Limits

For most of our activities, we have minimum age requirements to ensure both the fun and safety of the whole group. Please note that these requirements are strictly enforced. We require a leader over the age of 18 to take part in each activity.

Difficulty

We have assigned a difficulty level to each activity, from very easy to very difficult. These guidelines are based on the average fitness level of most of our guests and will vary depending on everyone's personal fitness and health conditions as well as experience with the mountains 2'000 m above sea level.

Suitability

We aim to offer activities for a wide range of ages, from younger Scouts to adult Rovers. We want to give advice about the suitability of our activities to different Scout ages, so it is enjoyable for all our guests, and so they are not too bored, or on the other hand, too overwhelmed.



- Very easy
- Easy
- Medium
- Difficult
- Very difficult

 Cub Scouts (7 - 10 years old)

 Scouts (11 - 14 years old)

 Explorers (15 - 18 years old)

 Rovers (18+ years old)



HIKING ACTIVITIES

Giving you a true alpine experience!

Kandersteg is a small traditional Swiss village located on the northern side of the Bernese Alps at an altitude of 1'200 meters above sea level. It is noted for its spectacular mountain scenery and breathtaking alpine landscapes.

Our hikes give you a real taste of KISC's beautiful surroundings.

Choose from one or two days activities, with or without an overnight. Select appropriate hikes for inexperienced hikers or for those who have been up hills since they were born. Kandersteg offers endless possibilities for exploring nature and for hiking. Summiting mountain peaks, exploring beautiful valleys, crossing glaciers or swimming in an alpine lake are some of the things you can experience through our programme.



HIKING IN THE SWISS ALPS

Bunderspitz Three Valleys Hike

Summit a mountain peak and experience a night in KISC's mountain hut. The second day is spent exploring three other beautiful valleys!



Duration

2 days

Min. Age

14 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Lötschenpass Hike

Crossing a glacier does not need to be just a dream. The Romans were using this pass thousands of years ago, and in summer, it could be you!



Duration

1 day

Min. Age

14 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Ueschinen Hut Hike

Spending a night in an alpine mountain hut is a unique and scouty experience. Even young Scouts will be able to hike to the hut and enjoy the view!



Duration

1.5 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Doldenhorn Hut Hike

A traditional Swiss experience! Reach a local mountain hut and enjoy some delicious local food, with magnificent views of the Oeschinen lake!



Duration

1 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty





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CLIMBING ACTIVITIES

Kandersteg is known for its climbing routes, with different levels of difficulty. Simply a climber's paradise!

Climbing is always fun and challenging, but our guided climbing is much more than that. We want you to learn different techniques and safety measures involved in every vertical experience.

Instructions on how to use ropes, devices and equipment, and learn how to take care of yourselves. Choose between a one day climbing activity, or go for one of our Hike & Climb and make the most of it!

One day Climbing Activities

Our climbing guides will take you to one of the local climbing areas. As well as climbing for a whole day, you will learn different techniques and methods on how to be safe on a rope.



Duration

1 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability

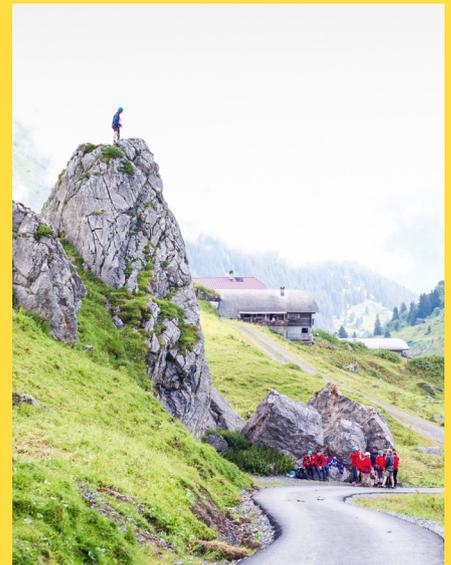


Difficulty



Hike & Climb

Combine exciting climbing activities with some of our best hikes. Two days that will give you the experience of a lifetime. Explore the local hiking and climbing areas with a Pinkie guide!



Duration

1,5 - 2 days

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty





GLACIER ACTIVITIES

Venture high into the mountains to experience alpine glaciers!

The Fründen Glacier is the perfect place to learn basic glacier techniques, supervised by qualified Swiss Mountain and KISC guides.

Whether it is being lowered deep into a crevasse, using ice axes and crampons or watching the sunset from high up in the mountains, our Snow and Ice programme has it all!



Duration

1,5 - 2 days

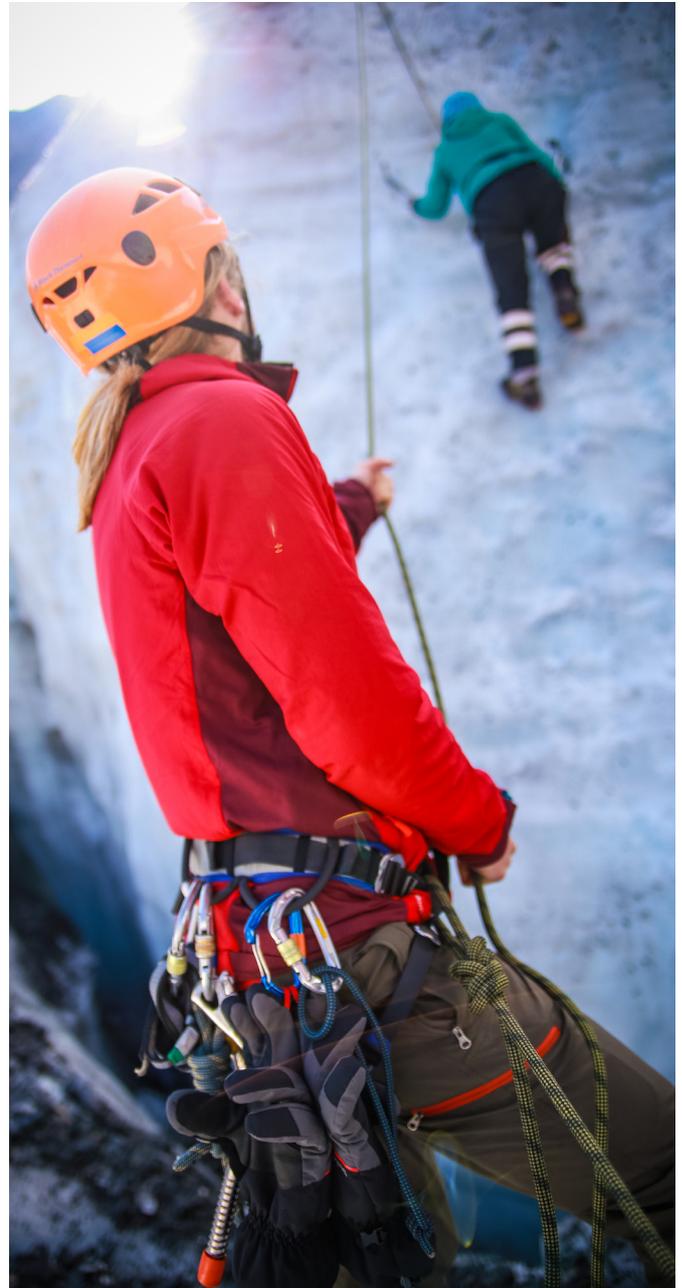
Min. Age

14 years old

Suitability



Difficulty





CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES

Complete adventurous activities without leaving our campsite!

Your ability to work in a team and your group's cooperation will be tested. These are half day activities which are great for a rest day down in the valley.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Team Building

Do you want to prove how well your patrol works together? Experience fun games and challenges with us!



Duration
3 hours
Min. Age
All ages

Suitability

Difficulty


Zip Wire

Enjoy a fun half day flying over our campsite. With 70m of Zip Wire you will be sure to have a great time.



Duration
3 hours
Min. Age
10 years old

Suitability

Difficulty


Crate Stacking

Test your balance and your nerves by climbing high up into the trees on a wobbly tower of crates.



Duration
3 hours
Min. Age
10 years old

Suitability

Difficulty




Jacob's Ladder

The ultimate co-operative challenge! If you are aiming to reach the top, you had better team up with a friend and come up with some creative ideas on how to help each other.

Duration
3 hours
Min. Age
10 years old

Suitability

Difficulty


JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

*Sing, jump, race, think, co-operate, learn
and play with Scouts and Guides from all
over the world!*

Live with Scouts and Guides on our campsite, join conversations or songs around a cozy campfire, learn dances from different cultures. These friendships and memories often become the most unforgettable ones.

During the high season, we run one or two of these activities every day, mostly in the evening, and we join together between 100 and 1500 people to celebrate World Scouting. Do not miss this opportunity to meet the world in the mountains!

Join us in singing, racing, talking...
Simply enjoying the Permanent Mini
Jamboree!



International Campfire

Experience an unforgettable night around a campfire, where hundreds of Scouts from all over the world come together to share the fire of international friendship. Groups are invited to share a skit, song or dance.

Duration
2 hours

Min. Age
All ages

Suitability



Difficulty
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GET TOGETHER

Light Trail

Follow a torch lit trail under the stars. Stop at different points and listen to the reflective thoughts we have prepared for you. Share your thoughts with us.



Duration

1 hour 30 minutes

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



International Evening

Come and join an international evening where you, together with other Scouts, can share traditional food, games, dances and culture from your country.



Duration

1 hour

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



International Sports Afternoon

A great afternoon of fun and competition. There will be an international volleyball and football tournament, as well as some other sporty challenges!



Duration

2 hours 30 minutes

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



Kander Challenge

Join this activity and be part of an international team with Scouts from different countries. With your new friends, you will navigate between a series of challenges spread around our Campsite.

Duration

1 hour

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



Leaders' Gathering

A warm and personal welcome to KISC! Meet a member of our senior management team, who will brief you on some rules and guidelines to make your week at KISC the best it can be.

Duration

40 minutes

Min. Age

18 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



OUR WORKSHOPS

Messengers of Peace Workshop

In this workshop, learn about the Messengers of Peace initiative, enjoy an interactive session around the Chalet and our campsite, and plan a project to complete at home.



Duration

3 hours

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Service Projects

There is always something a group of Scouts can do to help. You will usually do conservation projects on KISC grounds or in the Kandersteg valley guided by our Staff or a UNESCO local guide.



Duration

4 hours

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability

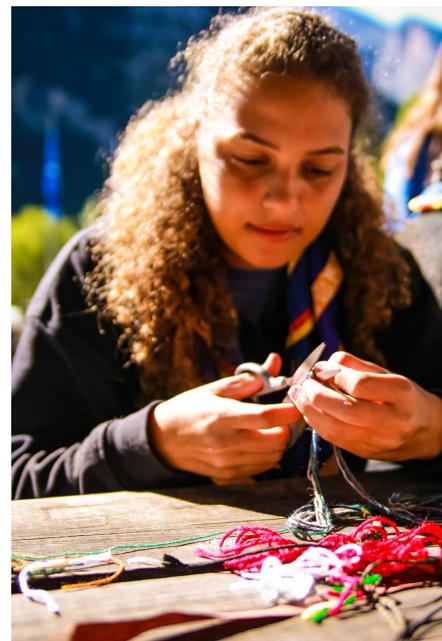


Difficulty



Culture Crafts

Learn about cultures from all over the world. Our selection of crafts are based on five different world continents. Choose two of them and discover the culture associated with each craft.



Duration

3 hours

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



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ECO ACTIVITIES

*Glaciers, flowers, animals, mountains...
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and learn the best ways to protect it.*

Backwoods Workshop

Put your Scouting skills to the test in this workshop and learn some new techniques to survive in the wilderness.



Duration
3 hours
Min. Age
All ages

Suitability
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Difficulty
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Evolving Alps Hike

This educational guided hike, into the beautiful Gastern valley, is a perfect introduction to the Alps for Scouts.



Duration
4 hours
Min. Age
10 years old

Suitability
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Difficulty
●●○○○

Solar Workshop

Learn how to use solar energy to make popcorn, art, listen to music, power a car and much more!



Duration
2 hours
Min. Age
All ages

Suitability
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Difficulty
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Whether you want total tranquility or a wild adrenaline-filled ride, our suppliers have all your water adventure activities covered.

Rafting

Get onto a raft with a professional instructor and raft down a picturesque river. Choose from many different difficulties and lengths.



Operated by third party

Duration

1 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

FLOAT TRIP ON THE AARE (guided) CHF 86.-

Float past stunning alpine scenery towards the picturesque city of Bern. The water is perfect for a refreshing swim on hot summer days where you can float alongside the boat. **Minimum age 8**

RIVER RAFTING SIMME CHF 98.-

Located in one of the most idyllic Swiss regions, the Simme is a fun, scenic river ideal for groups and families. **Minimum age 10**

RIVER RAFTING LÜTSCHINE CHF 109.-

Straight from the start below the Eiger North Face, continuous rapids surge down from the mountains and out into the Interlaken valley and the Lake of Brienz. (Confident and strong swimmers only) **Minimum age 14**

CANYONING INTERLAKEN (easy) CHF 109.-

Our local canyon covers every aspect of the sport and makes a great introduction to canyoning. **Minimum age 12**

CANYONING GRIMSEL (advanced) CHF 144.-

Set on a mountain pass, the Grimsel trip starts with a heart-pumping 50m rappel and has amazing jumps, slides and a zipline into the crystal clear pools. **Minimum age 14**

CANYONING CHLI SCHLIERE (ultimate) CHF 189.-

The best of the best, Chli Schliere takes canyoning to the ultimate level. This canyon has high rappels, big jumps, fast slides and is considered the best in the region. (Confident and strong swimmers only) **Minimum age 14**

ADVENTURE PARK INTERLAKEN CHF 25.-

The Adventure Park is a forest adventure of rope bridges, Tarzan swings and zip lines, all set high up in the tree tops. **From height 1.0m**

COMBO

CANYONING OR RAFTING & ADVENTURE PARK CHF 119.-

Minimum age 12 (14 for Rafting), Minimum height 1m (Adventure Park)

CANYONING EASY & RAFTING LÜTSCHINE CHF 189.-

Minimum age 14

ON COLD DAYS ALL THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IS INCLUDED.

SAFETY

We maximise safety through systematic control of the three main influencing factors: competence of the guides, monitoring of the environment and standard of equipment.

Booking details and information:
KISC RECEPTION



OUTDOOR INTERLAKEN

DIVE INTO ADVENTURE

Canyoning

Jump and slide down rocks and waterfalls into the crystal clear pools below. An adrenaline lover's dream!



Operated by third party

Aare Tubing

Float down the Aare river on rubber tubes, enjoying the beautiful scenery all the way from Thun to Switzerland's capital, Bern.



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Duration

1 day

Min. Age

12 years old

Suitability



Difficulty





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Minimum age 10 (with at least one responsible adult)

Incl. lifejacket, dry bag, luggage transfer and safety instruction.
Confidence in water and swimming ability essential.

Join the fun and jump on into the Oberlands biggest fun park, the Aare river! Float down the majestic Aare river, between Thun and Bern, on our custom designed river tubes, rafts, kayaks and stand up paddle boards and enjoy the beautiful scenery as the current sweeps you along.

*Prices may change after print.



WINTER PROGRAMME

Our winter activities are a great way to get out into the winter wonderland around Kandersteg and try out a variety of winter sports.

When the snow covers the valley, Kandersteg becomes heaven for winter sports enthusiasts. Skiing in different resorts, hiking, snowshoeing, sledding down long, nice runs or fast and extreme ones: you can combine all of these possibilities in our half or full day activities. That is definitely the best way to experience an alpine winter.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Snow Adventure Day

A full day of snow adventures, that combines snowshoeing and sledding around Oeschinensee, finishing with a curling game in town!



Duration

1 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Igloo Building

Make your very own igloo or snow cave! With help from a Pinkie, learn the age-old skill of building a shelter with snow.



Duration

2 hours

Min. Age

All ages

Suitability



Difficulty



Gemmi Hike'n'Sled

Hike along the great Gemmipass valley paths while enjoying amazing views on the snowy peaks, and then sled all the way back down!



Duration

1 day

Min. Age

12 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Skiing & Snowboarding

Want to try some of the local ski resorts? Our Pinkies can guide you around the slopes. They will take care of the group and lead you safely around the area.

Duration

1 day

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty





LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Kandersteg is full of opportunities for outdoor adventures but also for more relaxing activities and city breaks. Enjoy the local area to the fullest!

Mountain huts

Enjoy the Alps through a unique overnight experience, in a traditional Swiss mountain hut!



Fründen Hut

Hike from Kandersteg via the magnificent Lake Oeschinen, the trail ascends on the right side of the lake to the Fründenhütte (2'562 m). Enjoy views of the deep blue mountain lake!



Lötchenpass Hut

The hut (2'690 m) stands on the historic pass, which connects Kandersteg and the Lötschental. A cozy hut and spectacular sunsets await you at Lötchenpass Hut.



Doldenhorn Hut

The hut is located above Kandersteg at 1'915 metres. Starting at the Kandersteg railway station, one reaches this typical Swiss hut via a well-built mountain path in two-and-a-half to three hours.





OESCHINENSEE GONDOLA SUMMER SLEDGE RUN

Have your next day out at the Summer Sledge run at Oeschinensee. You can also go rowing or hiking, or just relax by the lake surrounded by nature.



Vouchers for the sledge run are available at the KISC Reception.

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KISC MOUNTAIN HUTS

Hike to Ueschinen Hut

The Ueschinen Hut is the Centre's very own hut at 1'890 metres. Use the Allmenalp cable car or hike from the Centre. Once in the Ueschinen valley, it's a steady but easy climb to the Ueschinen-hütte, passing through traditional high alpine farms.

Duration

Overnight

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



Hike to Gfellalp Hut

Hike or take a bus to Selden in the Gastern valley. From there, venture up to the top of the valley, and up towards our hut, Gfellalp, in time for dinner. This is a perfect spot for stargazing, or simply enjoying a nice campfire outside!

Duration

Overnight

Min. Age

10 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



FUN NEAR KANDERSTEG

Brigerbad Thermal Park

Relax in the heated indoor and outdoor pools or fly down a 182 metre long mountain water slide. A great day whether you want to chill out or have fun.

Suitability



Difficulty



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Paragliding

See Kandersteg like never before as your guide takes you up the Allmenalp cable car and then flies down with you in style. Enjoy the spectacular view!

Suitability



Difficulty



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Summer Sled Run “Rodelbahn”

Try sledding in summer! Speed through the beautiful Swiss mountains on the 750 metre long Summer Sled Run. Located near Oeschinensee, it is both easily accessible and great fun for Scouts of all ages.

Duration

1 day

Suitability



Get your discount ticket for
Brig, Thun, Interlaken and Bern
at the KISC information desk.



ATTRACTIONS & CITY BREAKS

If you're looking to escape the valley, why not consider a day trip and explore some nearby attractions?

Chocolate and Cheese Trip

Get a taste of Switzerland! Visit the world famous Cailler chocolate factory in Broc and the cheese factory in the beautiful picturesque village of Gruyère.

Suitability



Difficulty



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Jungfrauoch & Eiger Trail Day Trip

Travel like never before as you take trains and a coach to the top of Europe and marvel at the wonders the Swiss Alps and the Aletsch Glacier have to offer.

Suitability



Difficulty



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Trip to Stresa in Italy

Stresa is a beautiful old Italian town situated next to the stunning Lake Maggiore with an unmistakably Mediterranean atmosphere. Enjoy a relaxing day in neighbouring Italy!

Suitability



Difficulty



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ADVENTURE IN ADELBODEN

An Adventure park, a Via Ferrata, or a combo of both - enjoy these high adventure activities in the neighbouring valley!

Chäligang Via Ferrata

Climb high along a mountain with waterfalls and an ancient rock face at the Chäligang Via Ferrata.

This is the perfect introduction to Via Ferratas in a spectacular setting, leading up to Engstligenalp along the breathtaking waterfall from Unter dem Birg Adelboden. This activity is suitable also for families.

Adelboden Adventure Park

Feel the adrenaline rush in the Adelboden Adventure park as you race through the air on 2'200 metres of zip wire high above the river.

Chäligang Via Ferrata & Adventure Park Combo



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Duration

1 day

Min. Age

12 years old

Suitability



Difficulty



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PRACTICAL PROGRAMME INFO

Every year we provide activities for over 10'000 Scouts and Guides, and we do it with Scouting values and a high level of safety in mind.

We believe that through our Programme and activities young Scouts and Guides can better understand the great value of nature and the safe, multicultural environment that is present at KISC.

Programme in different seasons

During the summer time (our busiest season) we run activities from the first week of July until the first week of September. If you have already made your prepayment, you can start to prepare your programme on our website.

In spring and autumn, we have fewer staff available to run activities and also we are limited by weather, cable cars and resources in the area. For that reason, if you want some activities in this period, email us in advance and we will inform you about the possibilities.

In winter time, the valley transforms into a snow covered mountain wonderland. We offer a wide variety of winter activities: snowshoeing, curling, sledding, skiing and much more is waiting for you to try out.

Third Party Activities

We work with several external suppliers to run certain activities. By purchasing a service of a third party, you are accepting the terms and conditions specified by the provider. All activities which are run by external suppliers are listed on our website as "Guided externally". We accept no liability for services brokered through KISC which are provided by a third party. The invoicing is handled by KISC in the name of the provider.



Safety in activities

We have various regulations and guidelines in place, to help minimise the risks while running all our activities.

All our KISC guided activities are run in accordance with up to date risk documents developed according to Safety in Adventures standards. Our safety documents are for internal use within our organisation and ensure that all KISC led activities are provided in a safe and enjoyable way. We encourage groups to make risk assessments for any self-guided activity, and we provide the necessary support for this such as self-guided hiking routes and detailed descriptions of externally guided activities.



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