

PILATUS - FUN FACTS AND INFO



Commissioned in 1889, up to 48 percent gradient, about 30 minutes travel time: this is the steepest **cogwheel railway in the world** in figures. Metre by metre, it climbs the path from Alpnachstad to Pilatus Kulm, past blooming alpine meadows and striking rock formations. From 2023, you'll be riding on brand-new Panorama railcars. If you are lucky, you might even see a marmot.



In just 30 minutes, the «**panorama gondola**» takes you right into the Mount Pilatus adventure. Get in and enjoy the magnificent panoramic view. Take the «**panorama gondola**» from Kriens - via Krienseregg - to Fräkmüntegg station.



A cockpit-like cabin construction, floor-to-ceiling windows and lots of space - in the **aerial cableway «Dragon Ride»** you have the feeling of flying. In three and a half minutes you float from Fräkmüntegg to the summit; on Pilatus Kulm with breathtaking views in all directions.



Nowhere do the stars shine more intensely and the sunrises are more spectacular than on Pilatus Kulm. So close to Lucerne and yet in a completely different world. Stay overnight in one of the «Pilatus Kulm Hotels». You have the choice - either in the historic **Hotel Pilatus Kulm ****** (built 1890) or in the **Hotel Bellevue *****.

Did you know? The Hotel Bellevue *** is actually older than the Hotel Pilatus-Kulm ****. It was built in 1860, but burned down and was later rebuilt in 1963.



In the summer of 1868, **Queen Victoria** stayed at the Hotel Bellevue ***. The British Majesty rode to Mount Pilatus on a mule in the ladies' seat. After the death of her beloved husband, the queen could not find her way out of her grief. Victoria's journey to Lucerne was all in memory of him. That is why the Queen was actually on a private - incognito - journey. She was looking for distance and peace, so Mount Pilatus was the perfect place for it. Years later, in 1890, the Hotel Pilatus-Kulm was built and the festive dining room named after her, the Queen Victoria Hall.



The «**Fräkmüntegg experience**» - fun in Central Switzerland's largest rope park: There is something to find for everyone on 10 courses! Whether rope park beginner or rope park freak, everyone gets their money's worth. Fräkmüntegg is also home to **Switzerland's longest summer toboggan run, Wipfelpfad** and the «**Dragon Glider**».



The kings of the mountains, the **ibexes**. The daring climbers have been living on Mount Pilatus for over 60 years. The ibex colony living on Mount Pilatus has about 100 animals. If you walk towards «Tomlishorn» on the flower trail early in the morning or later in the evening, you will often meet the impressive mountain residents.



There are many great places to capture the memories on Mount Pilatus. Here are some of our favorite **photo spots**: Both viewpoints («Esel» and «Oberhaupt»), the «Klimsen Chapel», the «peepholes» of the «Drachen Path», the «Tomlishorn» (the highest peak of Mount Pilatus), the Drachenalp, as well as outside Fräkmüntegg station.



Winter fun on Mount Pilatus - it's the perfect combination for snow lovers. The various natural snow slopes invite you to a tobogganing adventure. If you prefer a more easygoing experience, you can discover nature on Mount Pilatus on snowshoes. You can rent the snow sports equipment right next to the valley station in Kriens.



During the summer of 1421 a mighty **dragon** flew to Mount Pilatus and fell so close to farmer Stämpfli that he fainted. When he regained consciousness, he found a lump of coagulated blood and the dragon stone, the healing effect of which was officially confirmed in 1509. The dragon stone can be seen in the Museum of Nature in Lucerne. Immerse yourself and be part of the **«Dragon World»**. Experience the world of the Pilatus Dragon up close. But be aware, you never know where the dragon will appear next.



In the first and last hours of sunshine you can enjoy incredible moments on Mount Pilatus. Our favourite place for **sunrise** is the «Esel», for **sunset** the «Oberhaupt». If you want to hike a little (approx. 60 minutes including return), the «Tomlishorn» is also highly recommended for the latter - let yourself be enchanted.

In our five **restaurants** at and on Mount Pilatus we will spoil you according to your taste. Hearty or exquisite meals, delicious snacks - always freshly prepared.



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| ▪ Restaurant Bellevue | Pilatus Kulm | Self-service |
| ▪ Resuraunt Fräkmüntegg | Fräkmüntegg | Self-service |
| ▪ Restaurant Krienseregg | Krienseregg | Self-service |
| ▪ Chalet | Alpnachstad | Self-service |

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