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On the anniversary and on agriculture: On July 14,

1865, the Briton Edward Whymper and his rope team reached the summit of the Matterhorn for the first time . In 2015, 150 years later, the Matterhorn village celebrated the Swiss landmark and Alpine tradition.

In view of the extraordinary anniversary year of the first ascent of the Matterhorn, the Zermatt community, together with the "Hörnlihütte 2015" Foundation, has decided to renovate the Hörnlihütte, a destination and starting point for Matterhorn hikers and climbers for more than 130 years, and to adapt the Matterhorn Mountain House to today's requirements regarding environmental compatibility and infrastructure .

After investments of around eight million Swiss francs, the rebuilt Hörnlihütte can be used again by future mountain hikers from July 2015. In addition to noticeable changes to the rooms and the building's exterior, the range of amenities has also been significantly expanded. The hotel at the foot of the Matterhorn now offers treatments based on alternative medicine.

But the celebrations for the first ascent of the last four-thousander in the Alps aren't the only topic of conversation in the village this summer. With the warmer season approaching, Zermatt farmers are also intensifying their agricultural work . However, the necessary work of the landscape conservationists occasionally offends some property owners and homeowners.

Complaints about the smell of manure and noise emissions from agricultural machinery and vehicles, as well as fenced meadows that no longer allow access to other cultivated areas, sometimes make the work of farmers in Zermatt more difficult.

In the current issue, you can read the arguments farmers are using to appeal to the public's common sense.

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Matterhorn Plaza with live radio

ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTER OF ZERMATT WITH EVENTS AND RADIO ROTTU

As part of the celebrations

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Matterhorn's first ascent, Matterhorn Plaza is buzzing with life all summer long. Radio Rottu will be broadcasting live from July 1 to August 16. There are also numerous events and a Pop-up store.

rrro is broadcasting from Zermatt this summer. This is because the Matterhorn village is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. Every summer, the radio producers leave the studio in Visp and broadcast a special program over the airwaves. So it's only natural that the radio producers would head to Zermatt to follow in the footsteps of the first ascent . Literally, almost. Because rro editor-in-chief Bruno Kalbermatten will climb the mountain of mountains together with a mountain guide and guests and report live. That's if there's even enough air left to speak. "I'm training hard and optimistic that this plan will work. But I'm certainly aware of the challenge." And it's a big one. Because once we reach the top, a live broadcast from the summit is planned. No easy undertaking. After all, at 4,478 meters, the Matterhorn is one of the highest mountains in the Alps.



Multimedia program

In addition to the ascent of the Matterhorn, the rro live program from Zermatt will include promotions for the various events surrounding the major event of the first ascent, as well as portraits, reports, and special programs on the cultural life in Zermatt. The media support for the individual events is intended to help the organizers present their events to the



Starting in early June, the Matterhorn Plaza will be revitalized this summer with a bar and pop-up store, along with numerous events.

Large image: Gaudenz Danuser

To bring the region closer to locals and guests . As a multimedia company, rro will broadcast all program content via radio, on its website, the app, and social media. "The exploration of topics related to all areas of life in Zermatt in words, text, and images will be a multifaceted, major media event in itself . A colorful exploration of the people and their living culture and traditions," explains rro Managing Director Matthias Bärenfaller. The realization of the rro summer program in Zermatt is intended to create a sense of solidarity and identity between Zermatt and the Valais community, among the participating organizers, authorities, institutions, and visitors alike.

"We want to raise awareness among users of the rro media, but also among visitors to the various events, and thus among all the people of Upper Valais , as well as guests, about the shared values in the areas of society and culture," Bärenfaller continues.

Guests welcome

Speaking of guests, the rro summer studio will be located at the center of the action.

In a small chalet near the Matterhorn Plaza in front of the Zermatterhof.

Searchers are always welcome.

Other Swiss radio stations will also broadcast from the rro studio, so that the whole of Switzerland can participate in the anniversary celebrations for the first ascent of the Matterhorn .

Pop-up store in the shelter

A pop -up store will be integrated into the large shelter starting June 3rd . Books and souvenirs will be available for sale. The DVD "Focus Matterhorn" and the CD with the anniversary anthem "1865" by Zermatt native Dan Daniell will also be available. Victor Inox pocket knives, plaques, caps, and much more will be available , as well as tickets for the Zermatt open-air performance "The Matterhorn Story" and for the 1865 village tour with actors.

Book launch with bestselling author

The first major event will take place on Sunday, June 7, on the Matterhorn Plaza . At 2 p.m., bestselling Swiss author Blanca Imboden will read from her latest book, "Matterhorns – A Consequential Legacy." The story takes place in Zermatt, including the Zermatterhof and the Zermatt mountains. The book topped the Swiss bestseller list for weeks . Presented by Frank Baumann.

Severe earthquakes in Nepal

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS POPULATION

EC Following the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, the municipality of Zermatt is committed to victim assistance and is donating 10,000 Swiss francs. The money will be used to support two local projects . 7,000 Swiss francs will be used to rebuild a hospital in Lukla. The remaining amount will go to the Luhma project.



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Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon

OVER 2000 ATHLETES FROM OVER 40 NATIONS

GE On July 4, 2015, the Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon will enter its 14th edition. Zermatt, with its breathtaking alpine panorama, is also the host of the long-distance mountain running world championships this year . Participants in the ultramarathon, which leads up to the Gornergrat at 3,089 meters, will overcome approximately 2,000 elevation gains.

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meter.



Swiss Food Festival

FONDUE ON A ROPE

FG the Swiss Food Festival has long been a fixture in Zermatt's event calendar . This year, the gourmet event, which takes place from August 7th to 9th in the Matterhorn Village , will feature another culinary highlight : guests can look forward to the "Fondue on the Rope" offering, served in the gondola.



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Municipality of Zermatt – Administrative Account 2014

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

Results overview

The 2014 administrative accounts closed with a profit surplus of CHF 3.3 million and a financing surplus of CHF 2.8 million. Cash flow amounted to CHF 11.6 million. Net investments of CHF 8.7 million were realized.

Overall, the municipality achieved a good result that met the expectations of the budget

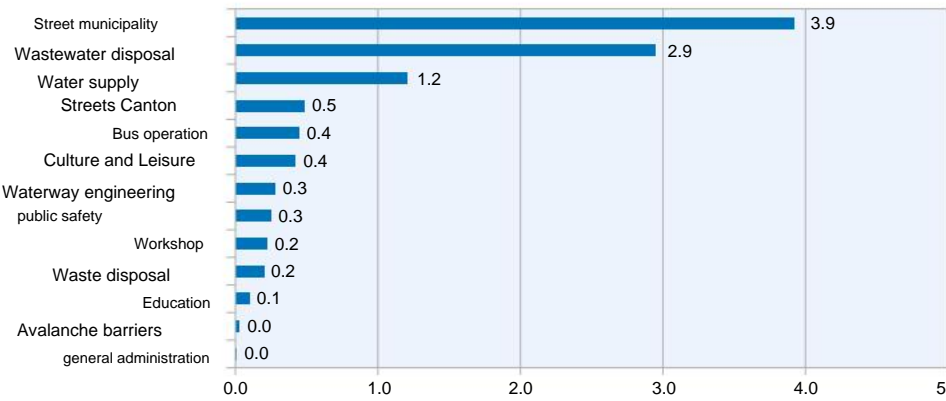
- Budgeted expenditure before depreciation was undercut by CHF 3.0 million.
- Income was CHF 3.8 million lower than budgeted.
- Not all planned investments could be made, so the net investment were CHF 9.2 million lower than budgeted.
- The finances of the municipality of Zermatt are sound. However, there is a significant backlog of investments in infrastructure, and this is planned, for example: Investments in the municipal road network and the renovation of the Walka school buildings. In addition, a high investment volume is expected in the coming years for the investments in the 2018 strategy of the Zermatt-Matterhorn destination.

Current account (in CHF)	2013 invoice	2014 invoice
Earnings before depreciation		
Expense	47 262 289.42	47 825 490.16
Yield	64 130 698.13	59 410 168.03
Self-financing margin	16 868 408.71	11 584 677.87
Result after depreciation		
Self-financing margin	16 896 908.71	11 584 677.87
Ordinary depreciation	8,537,000.00	7 884 087.41
Additional depreciation	4,692,274.09	372 029.95
surplus profit	3 639 134.62	3,328,560.51
Investment appraisal		
expenditure	16,627,994.31	10 514 644.75
revenue	5,359,177.35	1,765,954.75
Net investments	11,268,816.96	8,748,690.00
financing		
Self-financing margin	16 868 408.71	11 584 677.87
Net investments	11,268,816.96	8,748,690.00
Financing shortfall		
Financing surplus	5,599,591.75	2 835 987.87

Investment appraisal

Gross investments amounted to CHF 10.5 million, while revenues totaled CHF 1.8 million. The net investment total thus amounts to CHF 8.7 million. The highest investments were made in the municipal road network, with a total of CHF 3.9 million spent on this. CHF 2.9 million was invested in wastewater disposal . Investments in the water supply amounted to CHF 1.2 million.

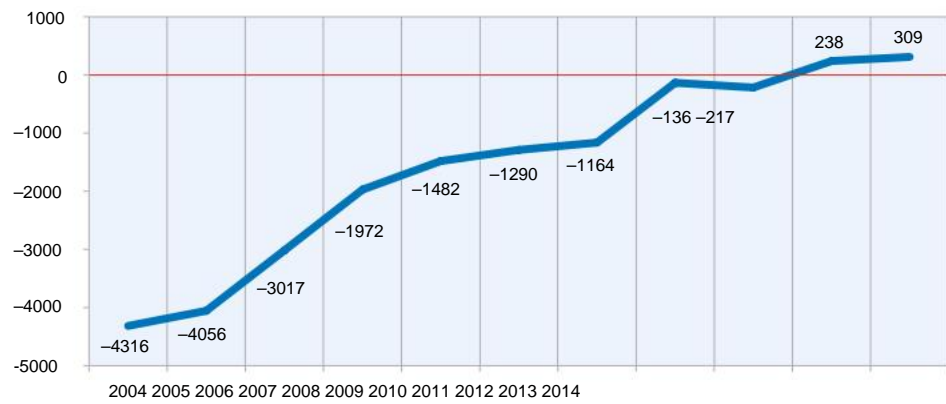
Gross investments in million CHF



Balance sheet

The profit surplus of CHF 3.3 million was credited to equity . Equity thus increased from CHF 65.2 million to CHF 68.5 million. Net debt per capita was reduced during 2013 and converted into net assets. In 2014, net assets per capita continued to grow and amounted to CHF 309.00 as of December 31, 2014.

Development of net debt/net assets per capita in CHF



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SMARTER INTO THE ENERGY FUTURE –

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A look at the Grand Council

Two major discussion points dominated the session of the Grand Council from April 29 to May 1, 2015. On the one hand, the law on the accommodation of persons subject to asylum law, and on the other hand, the Audit Committee of the Valais Hospital.

The new asylum law, which is intended to regulate municipalities' right to have a say, was particularly controversial. Municipalities will be required to provide information in the future. Municipalities will not have a right to have a say or veto over the admission of asylum seekers.

The report on the Valais Health Network (GNW) sparked intense, emotional debate. Individual political groups even repeatedly called for the resignation of State Councilor Tornay.

The Parliamentary Investigation Committee (PUK-GNW) was established by the Grand Council in March 2014 following several incidents in the highly specialized visceral surgery unit and various audits and expert opinions. The mandate of the Parliamentary Investigation Committee (PUK) encompasses the organization and management of the Valais Hospital, as well as the role of the department and the office.

The 99-page report clearly reveals weaknesses in leadership. Following the report, measures based on the recommendations were commissioned. Some of these measures have since been implemented.

The rest will follow continuously. Among other things, the bilingualism of hospital staff remains an unresolved issue. The Grand Council has long since mandated the necessary implementation of this. This is the only way to prevent patients from moving from the upper part of the canton toward Bern.



The May session dealt with, among other things, the law on the accommodation of persons subject to asylum law and the Audit Committee for the Valais Hospital.

The new shop opening hours were also discussed. The municipal council will now be able to inform the local trade and business associations about special events at their request.

Events can be permitted on up to four Sundays or public holidays. Opening hours depend on the duration of the event for which the exemption is granted. Parliament approved the proposal with 80 votes in favor, 41 against, and six abstentions. The Council of State will now draft a bill.

664 new naturalizations were granted on the proposal of the Jus-

tic Commission with 109 votes in favor and 5 against. taken.

As always, elections for the Council Presidency will be held on the Friday of the May session. This year, State Councilor Melly will serve as President of the Council of State. The new President of the Grand Council is Nicolas Voide (CVPU) from Martigny. Edmund Perruchoud of the SVP will be the First Vice President, and Diego Wellig (CSPO) from Naters will be the new Second Vice President. If all goes according to plan, he will be able to serve his 2018/19 presidential term.

Opening hours of the Zermatt municipal administration

APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE OPENING HOURS

The various specialist departments and Departments in the municipal building are open daily (Monday–Friday) from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thus, the administration is officially open to the public for 4.5 hours daily and 22.5 hours per week .

Needs analyzed

The customer needs and concerns of residents can be met in the various departments during existing counter opening hours . Public service is also increasingly being accessed online.

Additional time slots

In order to make administration more flexible for the population, additional time slots will be created during which appointments can be made by prior arrangement. From now on, individual appointments can be arranged in the various departments by telephone during the following times:

Monday to Friday

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

With these adjustments, the Zermatt municipal administration aims to provide even better public service and be available to the population even outside of official opening hours .

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Flexible opening hours for the residents of Zermatt.

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Help for earthquake victims in Nepal

ZERMATT MUNICIPALITY DONATES 10,000 FRANCS

The local council is deeply saddened by the hardship and destruction left behind by the severe earthquake in Nepal . The local people in the remote valleys and rural areas are particularly badly affected.

Therefore, at its last meeting in April, the municipal council decided to donate CHF 10,000 on behalf of the municipality of Zermatt.

Councilor Gerold Biner, CEO of Air Zermatt, has a special connection to Nepal through the air rescue development and training projects in the Khumbu Valley . He used his local contacts to inquire about the situation and needs following the earthquake.

Nicole Niquille Foundation – Hospital in Lukla
The Nicolle Niquille Foundation, established by the first Swiss female mountain guide, operates a hospital in Lukla. The hospital building was damaged by the earthquake. The cost of reconstruction is estimated at CHF 50,000.

The local council has decided to donate part of the donation to Lukla Hospital through the Nicole Niquille Foundation to quickly repair the damage caused by the earthquake.

Nicole Niquille Foundation – Luhma Project
In order to support development work in Nepal in the long term and sustainably,

The second part of the donation will go to the Luhma Project (Lukla Helicopter Medical Assistance Project). The Luhma Project aims to provide medical assistance by helicopter to remote Nepalese villages . Medical assistance is free for the population.

The earthquake clearly demonstrated how important air supply is for the undeveloped mountain valleys.



Natural disaster in Nepal: The total death toll rose to more than 8,000.

Would you also like to help people Help in Nepal with a donation?

Donations to the Nicolle Niquille Foundation can be made to one of the following accounts.

The following donation accounts have been set up for the hospital in Lukla

• Postfinance
Fondation Nicole Niquille, Hospital
Lukla, 1637 Charmey
IBAN: CH79 0900 0000 1021 3060 6

• UBS
Fondation Nicole Niquille, Hospital
Lukla, 1630 Bull
IBAN: CH07 0026 6266 6011 34M1 T

• Raiffeisen Valle de la Jogne
Fondation Nicole Niquille, Hospital
Lukla, 1637 Charmey
IBAN: CH74 8011 7000 0015 3953 8

The following applies to the Luhma project: Donation account available

• Raiffeisen Vallée de la Jogne
Luhma Account, 1637 Charmey
IBAN: CH65 8011 7000 0015 3950 6

The «Rägeboge» moves from the parish center to the schoolhouse

OFFER IS BEING EXPANDED

Family structures are changing and the economy and employers, especially in tourism, are interested in the knowledge and skills of their

Employees are not allowed to In addition, with the introduction of the new Primary School Act and at the initiative of the School Commission, block periods will be introduced in primary schools in the coming school year (see the April 20, 2015, issue of "Zermatt Inside") . These also have an impact on everyday family life.

As part of the Zermatt schools' educational strategy, the school board is committed to facilitating the balance of family and work. Working parents can already register their children for lunch in the "Green Room" in the parish center. This service is well-used. The municipality of Zermatt signed a corresponding service agreement with the operators of the "Rägeboge" lunch center years ago . The service is now being expanded.

Education as a fundamental responsibility of parents
Caring for children remains the primary responsibility of parents. The cantonal youth law of January 1, 2010, stipulates in its fundamental article that parents are primarily responsible for their care, maintenance, and upbringing .

Family-complementary services (e.g. pre-school care, lunch, after-school



The “Rägeboge” lunch menu will be offered in the Schluhaus Walka 3 starting in the coming school year 2015/16.

However, childcare is necessary for many parents to complete the care of their children or to better combine work and family .

Communities with an important mission
The Youth Act obligates municipalities to take appropriate measures to ensure that private or public family- supporting childcare places are available for children from birth to the end of primary school. The approval and supervision of these structures are subject to federal and cantonal regulations. The municipality of Zermatt has concluded service agreements with various providers to fulfill this important mandate (Association for Family-Supporting Services, Daycare Center) .

«Kinderparadies», «Marzipan» crèche, «Niko-lai» childcare center and «Rägeboge» lunchtime program).

The lunch table «Rägeboge» moves from the parish center to the school building
For years, working parents have been able to register their children for the lunch program. The children can eat lunch in the "green room" of the parish center and are supervised by qualified professionals until school starts . This program can also be used during school holidays. Planned renovations in the parish center, changed class times, and vacant space in the school building now make it possible for the "Rägeboge" lunch program to move to the Walka 3 school building for the coming 2015/2016 school year .

Offer

The lunch menu is expanded by supplementary care before and after school:

• Preschool care: 7:45–8:45 a.m. (new)
The care now takes place directly in the school building and is organized around the lessons.
On days when classes don't start at 8:00 a.m., for example, children can be looked after by their families until school starts, by external care, or, as before, by a "Rägeboge" specialist in the school building (preschool care) starting at 7:45 a.m. Afterward, the children go to their classroom.

• Lunch: 11:30–1:30 p.m.
After class, the children can who eat lunch together in a family atmosphere.

A balanced and healthy diet is emphasized. The children receive competent care until they start school.

• After-school care: 4:00–6:00 p.m. (new)
After school, the children gardeners and primary school students are also looked after (homework, snacks, etc.).

Half-day and full-day care can be offered upon request.

For further questions regarding the program, please contact the school administration. Relevant information (instructions, registration forms, and rates) will be available on the website www.schulenzermatt.ch in early June 2015.

be available.

Always ready for first use

PIKETT PICK-UP IN USE SINCE SUMMER 2014

In the event of faults and interruptions in a water supply (WVZ), a well-equipped emergency vehicle is of great importance for the initial deployment.

The WVZ now has a modern "Jumbolino pick-up" with energy-regenerating engine brakes, independent wheel suspension, digital engine control, and a rectifier for a 220-volt power connection.

Well equipped

All important equipment for emergencies is provided on the loading area.

The passenger cabin is equipped with five seats so that several employees can be transported.

Proven in use

In recent months, the on-call electric vehicle has already proven itself several times in everyday use. The WVZ employees are pleased to now be able to intervene quickly and with the necessary equipment in the event of disruptions. This will significantly increase supply security, which is in everyone's interest.



The Jumbolino pickup is used in the event of disruptions or interruptions in the water supply.

ZAV apartments become biker apartments

NEW HOSE MACHINE FOR BIKERS

Just in time for the summer season, and for all bikers in and around Zermatt, Täsch, and Randa, Zermatt's first Schlauchomat (a vending machine for bicycle tubes) is now available. It is located in Zen Stecken, opposite Dorsaz Sport Ski Rental.

With the Schwalbe app for iPhone or Android, every guest can easily find the tube machine. A bicycle pump is installed for the summer season. A heartfelt thank you to Daniel Dorsaz for allowing us to install the machine next to his store.

The Zermatt Apartment Association is also setting the first milestone for the requirements for mountain bike-specific vacation apartments. These criteria will soon be applied and tested in a pilot phase for Zermatt vacation apartments.

The resulting experiences will be incorporated into the development of a nationally valid criteria catalogue for mountain bike-specific holiday apartments by the Swiss Tourism Federation.



Wo gibt es das beste Schnitzel der Schweiz?

Das vielleicht beste Schnitzel der Schweiz. Wer kann das schon beurteilen? Unsere Gäste, natürlich. Denn nur für Sie halten wir unsere Hausspezialität bereit – Tagtäglich.

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Zermatt back in the day

Ground floor Matterhorn

Africanus

A few years ago, the Swiss Postal Administration issued a stamp featuring the Matterhorn and the map of Africa. If Africa is turned upside down, its shape resembles the Matterhorn and

vice versa.
The Matterhorn is of African origin
jump. During the Triassic period (270–190 million years ago), the five continents formed a single Earth, Pangaea.

In the Mesozoic era (190–120 million years ago), the ocean expanded and its margins subsided.

The Atlantic and the Tethys Ocean pushed between Laurasia (North America, Europe, Asia) and Gondwana (South America, Africa, and Australia). Large parts of present-day France, Switzerland, and Austria were under the water cover of the Tethys Ocean. In the following 60 million years, the Tethys Ocean separated in the east of Africa.

One part, Apulia, drifted northward toward Europe. This Apulian microcontinent, along with African rocks that would later form the Matterhorn, moved at a rate of about 3 cm per year.

During the Eocene (about 40 million years ago), a slow and deep collision of northward-drifting Apulia with Europe occurred. This resulted in mountain formation. The rock of the Matterhorn and its oceanic substratum became European. The Dent Blanche Matterhorn nappe is a small continental

valley raft, stranded on marine sediments of the now vanished ocean (remnants of the Piedmont Ocean). However, the current shape of the Matterhorn rock pyramid only emerged in the last 2.5 million years. During this

Over time there was a gradual cooling of the climate and thus the emergence and growth of the mighty glaciers. Under the weight of the glacial ice,

The rocks were planed and polished. This ice sheet shaped the flanks of the Matterhorn into its characteristic, today admired silhouette.

Mons Sylvius

Around 1544, Johannes Schalbetter, whose family roots lie in Zermatt and is thus one of the most important Zermatt residents, a map of Valais. This map formed the basis for the famous

The maps of the Valais region by Johannes Stumpf and Sebastian Münster in the years 1545–1548.

These cards can be found at the back of the mat-valley, above Matt, was once called Mons Sylvius by Johannes Stumpf, although this label referred to the border area between Matt and the Krämerthal in the south. On Sebastian Münster's map, the name

Mons Sylvius/Augstalberg on a mountain massif similar to the Matterhorn.

In the 16th century, interest in the mountains lay less in the individual peaks and mountains, but rather in the Alpine passes for trade, the military, and pilgrims. The Alpine passes around Zermatt, the Theodul Pass, and the Col d'Herens were of great economic importance. The surrounding mountains inspired fear and terror. In the 16th century,

Century, the Swiss
The Bavarian humanists Schalbetter, Stumpf and Münster created a sense of the mountain world through their geographical descriptions and cartographic representations.

It was only the description of the mountain peaks in "The Alps" by Albrecht Haller and the translation of this work into various languages that aroused interest in exploring the mountain world.

The scholar Albrecht Haller and the Bo-tanker Abraham Thomas present the Mons Sylvius the Theodul Pass equal.
In Alpine literature, the term Mons Sylvius retains the stated meaning of a large glacier, the Matterjoch in the background of the Zermatt Valley, until the end of the 18th century. Gott-

Dear Grunder, he sees in Mons Sylvius or Augstalberg that pass (Theodulpass), which is very difficult and only accessible in summer walkable.
The origin of the name Mons Sylvius is obscure. It is possible that the name refers to a Roman general.

or a bishop of Sion. It is possible that the name derives from a Celtic or Gallic forest deity, Silvanus, or from the Theodule Pass, which the Romans called Alpes Silvanæ or Mons Sylvius.

The German name Matterhorn can be found in 1778 in Gottlieb Grunder's work
"Travels through the most remarkable regions of Helvetia," in which it says: "Sylvius, who is also called Matterhorn."
Grunder may have been



Map section of Mattal/Mons Sylvius

on the one founded by Pastor Gabriel Walser in 1768 supported by a map which reads: «Matter Horn alias Mons Sylvius». From now on, this name Matterhorn can be found on various Milanese and Savonian maps.

Matterhorn – Monte Cervino – Mont Cervin

The world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, at 8,848 meters, towers above all other peaks on earth. Since its first ascent in 1952 by Edmond Hillary and Norgay Tenzing, it has captivated expeditions from all over the world every year.

The Matterhorn, in its majesty and splendor, pride and attraction, charisma and beauty, outshines all other mountains on earth. No other mountain has been painted and photographed so often by artists and amateurs. This stone pyramid captivated poets and writers. The fates of the

The Matterhorn has been immortalized on canvas in many ways, and the Matterhorn inspires local poetry and songs.

At Disneyland in Los Angeles and Disney World in Florida, the replica of the Matterhorn towers over the famous fun parks.

In Nepal, at the foot of the eight-thousanders, images hang in the exotically scented alleys of Kathmandu. On postcards in

It is pictured in Nairobi, at the foot of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa.

In poetry, textbooks, novels of all kinds, one can find the most fascinating signs requirements alongside scientific explanations.

Countless quotations could be added. Dean Gregor Brantschen sensed the pulse of the astonished and awed observer in his Matterhorn song:

«Oh Matterhorn, how I love you
On your shoulder I rock myself
In your shadow I rest
At your feet let me die»

The profound thinker, Paul de Chastonay, writes: "Thoughts about the Matterhorn are thoughts about eternity."

What is eternity? Deeply contemplating and reverent, Dean Gregor Brantschen said: "Eternity lasts as long as a dove sweeps a pebble off the Matterhorn with a single flap of its wings every 500 years, until the Matterhorn is completely eroded."

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Gregor Brantschen – one of the greatest Valais folk song writers

«GREETINGS TO THE MATTERHORN»

On September 6, 1987, long-time Zermatt pastor Gregor Brantschen passed away. The "subtle local poet and composer" was 93 years old; his poetic folk songs and compositions have survived to this day and have become part of the local heritage—particularly in his hometown of Zermatt, where they remain omnipresent.

The future «Liederpfarrer» was born on 12 February 1894 in Randa. In the idyllic mountain village in the Matter Valley, Brantschen attended primary school.

As the Swiss Yodeling Conductors and Composers Association writes about the career of the Servant of God, he made himself useful to his parents' home as a goat and cowherd on the Alps and in the valley. At the age of 14

At the age of 18, he entered the Spiritus Sanctus College in Brig. After the eight years of compulsory training in what was then the Alpine town, he finally completed his Matura and initially went to Bern. In the Swiss capital, he completed recruit training as a military

trumpeter. From 1915 to 1919, he attended the seminary in Sion.

On 3 August 1919, the talented folk songwriter was ordained a bishop in Sitten by Bishop

Viktor Bieler was ordained a priest and appointed by him as pastor of the parish of Blatten in the Lötschental.

Tschen was to hold the priesthood in the Lötschental valley parish for nine years, during which he also found the time to devote himself extensively to music, composing, and his arrangements. Among other works, he wrote

this period one of his most famous ten song creations, the folk song «Mis Heimatderfli».

Mis Heimatderfli

Heimatderfli, there by the forest,
va the Sunnu painted over,
o äs traumt mer nur va dir,
and you are with me.

Dini dunklu brünu Hüsli mit du rotu
Näglistrüssli, oh I want to see them again!
Oh, I want to see them again!

Heimatderfli, you are as old as
the dark Tannuwald,
but in the world you look fresh and healthy
every time d'Sunna chunt.

Dini dunklu brünu Hüsli mit du rotu
Näglistrüssli, oh I want to see them again!
Oh, I want to see them again!

The talented "Verslischmied" initially acquired his musical education from his father, who was himself an accomplished and versatile musician and organist. Brantschen's work was also influenced by Gustav Zimmermann.

(1877–1926), a Sitten music professor, conductor, composer, and expert in organ and bell disposition, influenced by the distinguished composer Charles Hänni (1867–1953) from Leuk and Johann Imahorn (1878–1975) from Obergesteln, choir director at the Franciscan Church in Lucerne. In 1928, Gregor Brantschen moved to Zermatt, where he served as pastor until 1957. He then served there until 1975.

as chaplain. Shortly after taking office, Brantschen dedicated "The Zermatt Yodeling Song." In 1935, he founded the church choir, which eventually evolved into the traditional costume choir, which he directed for more than 20 years. A collection of his best-known songs, such as "The Song of the Alpine Rose" and "The Song of the Shepherd Boy," as well as compositions in the Valais dialect such as "Dr. Geissbüäb," "Mis Gletscheralp-Hittli," and others, was published at that time.

My Gletscheralp-Hittli

My Gletscheralp-Hittli is small and narrow, the walls are black and brown.
The Pfeister are narrow and oi clei.
The benches are raw and rough.

But I love my Hittli very much; I don't know anybody, any gentleman!
But I love my Hittli very much; I don't know anybody, any gentleman!

The fir trees rustle so quietly all the time.
Abundsunna paints my Hittli so red.

My Gletscheralp-Hittli doesn't see much light, it's just black and thin.
God doesn't mind. It's always inside and I'm never alone.

That's why I love my Hittli very much; I don't like Chinig, I don't like Lord!
But I love my Hittli very much; I don't know anybody, any gentleman!

The fir trees rustle so quietly all the time.
Abundsunna paints my Hittli so red.



“Lieder Pastor” Gregor Brantschen

In addition to numerous compositions of religious content, it is primarily the secular songs whose texts were also written by Gregor Brantschen himself. He also worked

He contributed to various song collections for schools and churches, as well as to the church hymnal "Lobsinget." On November 3, 1957, Gregor Brantschen was awarded the Rottenbund's Upper Valais Cultural Prize as runner-up "in recognition of his services as a poet and composer" in the Knights' Hall of Stockalper Castle in Brig.

According to the publication «60 Years of Rottenbund – A Review" by Alois Grichting and Bernard Truffer, the honoree received a

Parchment certificate and a commemorative gift. «The traditional costume choir of Zermatt accompanied the Celebration with familiar Brantschen songs.

Chaplain Karl Burgener, spiritual son and confidant of the award winner, delivered the laudation. Radio Bern was also present at the ceremony.

and reported excerpts about the cultural events in Brig.»

Greetings to the Matterhorn

I greet you, my beautiful Matterhorn, you proud king in the noble mountain world!

I love you, sweet source of my joy! I praise you, ice-crowned hero of glory! My first glance is for you in the golden sun, when a crown smiles sweetly on a brow.

O Matterhorn, how I love you!
On your shoulder I rock; in your shadow I rest,
at your feet let me die!

Where is a king in the vast world of God
as glorious as you, my dear Matterhorn? Where else sits a prince so close
the blue sky?

Where is a ruler in the wide world
born, who wears gold and silver in his royal robe like you, my Matterhorn, since time immemorial?

O Matterhorn, how I love you!
On your shoulder I rock; in your shadow I rest,
at your feet let me die!

Many thanks to Norbert Biner
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What do our children do in their free time?

CHILDREN AND THEIR LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Mountain biking – Climbing – Karate – Jugendmusik – youth fire brigade – tennis – JO-Ski – Ice Hockey – Floorball – Bärge-JO – JUBLA – Football – Gymnastics – Guggenmusik – Altar Boys – Forest Playgroup – Jugi – Drums and Fifers – Table Tennis – Golf – Cycling – Skating – Youth with Impact – Children's gymnastics – Volleyball kids – Kickboxing – Parent-child gymnastics – Dancing and singing – music society – traditional costume club – playgroup – music school, etc. A diverse range of guided leisure activities is available to children and young people in Zermatt. Coaches, instructors, conductors, leaders, pros, teachers, gymnasts, youth workers, and dedicated parents organize, explain, demonstrate, and supervise countless training and practice sessions, often on a voluntary basis. The children pursue meaningful leisure activities together with others, cultivate friendships, and experience interesting activities together. They can be found at tournaments, music festivals, sporting events, recital practice, in the gymnasiums, on the stage, on the golf course, on the ski slopes, and more.

With so much on offer, it's not easy to keep track. Parents and children can find out about the various clubs and their offerings on the website of the municipality of Zermatt (<http://ge-meinde.zermatt.ch/div/vereine.html>) and the association "Familienergänzende Angebote" (<http://www.fea-zermatt.ch/fea/>). What exactly do our children do in their free time? What do they enjoy about their leisure activities? What motivates them? With this in mind, we introduce children and their leisure activities in the current issues of "Zermatt Inside."



Assunção Silva Daniel – Dancer in the Portuguese dance group
17 years old, 3rd orientation school

Daniel, who is the Portuguese dance group?
We are eight to twelve dance couples from the Castro d'Aire area. The dancers wear colorful traditional costumes, and we wear a white shirt, black pants, a black vest, and a black hat. We tie a colored ribbon (red, green, or blue) around our waists, depending on the color of our partner's traditional costume. We are accompanied by a band playing traditional music from our homeland. Singers, an accordion, guitars, flutes, drums, and a triangle play Portuguese folk music.

How did you discover the Portuguese dance group?
When I was 12, my aunt, who was part of a Portuguese dance group, asked me if I would come to a rehearsal. The dance group was practicing at the Triftbachhalle, and I watched. I knew some of the songs and tried to join in. Over time, I learned more and more dance steps and songs. At a performance at the "Walka" gymnasium, a dancer was suddenly missing, and I was allowed to step in and dance. I was very nervous, but my performance was a success.

What do you learn in the dance group?
First, I had to learn to feel the beat, which involved watching intently and memorizing the songs. The basic step is "1-2-3 stomp." Each song has its own movements, so I had to figure out which movement follows which: When should I shake hands with my dance partner, when should I let go, when should my hands be up, when should I be down, and at what beat should I turn? It's different for every song, so I had to concentrate quite hard.

Equipment?
I wear my black traditional costume with the colored ribbon and pointed shoes—that's all I need. When we dance in the street, I have to be careful not to get caught on the cobblestones or anything else and fall over.

Practice, performances?
We dance once a week in the "Zur Matte" pavilion. We need at least eight couples to practice, and last but not least, we also have a live band. We perform at the Zermatt Folklore Festival and at various festivals organized by the Portuguese community.

Fun factor?
After a stressful day at school, I don't always feel like practicing with the dance group, but when I get there, meet my friends, and we're all together, making music, dancing, and talking, I'm really happy. I can now dance along to 12 to 15 songs. In the company of others, I forget the problems of everyday life.

What are the requirements for the Portuguese dance group?
Anyone can dance; you just have to develop a feel for it, have fun, and be able to persevere. At first, it was quite difficult to remember the dance steps and movements for each song. Now I can even step in if I don't have another partner, because I usually dance with my aunt. My father says, "If you can dance, you can dance with any partner."

And this too...?
I learned to dance; before, I had no sense of rhythm or melody. Today, I dare to dance traditional dances with friends at a festival.

It gives me a lot of joy!

Daniel, thank you very much for the interview!



Tobias Bumann – Floorball
12 years old, 6th grade

Tobias, how did you discover floorball?
My brother Fabio plays floorball, and I saw one of his games. I really wanted to try it out. I went to practice and really enjoyed it. It's much easier than playing with a stick in ice hockey. Later, I was accepted onto the team.

What is floorball?
Floorball is a form of indoor hockey, but the game is less physical than on the ice. Three children and a goalkeeper are on the field. Our team consists of eight players, and we can make substitutions on the fly, just like in hockey.

How are you equipped?
I wear our team uniform, which consists of a T-shirt and shorts, along with indoor shoes. My legs are protected by leg warmers. Children under 16 must wear goggles for protection. I'm left-handed and play with a lightweight plastic stick with a slightly curved tip.

What is the difference to ice hockey?
Floorball is a less physical game. It's played with a small, round plastic ball, and instead of skates, we wear sneakers. The boards along the edge of the rink are only about 70 cm high, the playing field is smaller than an ice rink, and the equipment is much lighter. Additionally, modified rules apply: We're only allowed to swing our sticks up to hip height, the stick may not be played "high," and there's a square goal area in front of the goal that players aren't allowed to enter. We're also allowed to take free kicks, which must be taken within five seconds of the ball coming into position.

Training – practice?
I have training on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and a match once a month. We start with a warm-up, then stretch the muscles and practice the goalkeeper's position. Afterward, we practice passing, shooting, and conclude the training with a game.

What do you learn in training?
I've learned how to handle the ball and the stick. I try to hit the ball correctly when doing the "hammer," and practice wrist shots and spin shots. It's not that easy to hit the goal, to pass at the right moment.

to cover the opponent and, above all, to play as a team.

Requirements?
Actually, anyone can play floorball; it does require a bit of ball sense and stamina. It's important that you don't do everything alone, but rather learn how to play in a team.

Fun factor?
Yes, of course! I have fun when I get to play with friends. Sometimes it's not so easy to train when you also have homework and studying to do. We have a break in the summer, and I'm looking forward to training again in the fall.

And this too...
There are also girls' teams in floorball. The sport is good for me; I'm not always indoors doing something for my fitness. Above all, I've learned to contribute to the team and play on a team.

Tobias, thank you very much for the interview!

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Volunteer work

Serving Zermatt's agriculture for twelve years

It is strenuous but satisfying work . Petra Eckstein, originally from outside Switzerland, has been volunteering to help with haymaking in Zermatt for twelve years.

"We're always happy when Petra comes to help with haymaking," says Mirjam Gobba, a teacher and cheesemaker . The three Swiss Brown Swiss cows that provide her with the milk for her cheese are fed Zermatt hay. And this hay must first be brought from the steep slopes of Zermatt. Furthermore, the quality of the cheese is guaranteed when the cows are allowed to eat Zermatt hay.

Petra Eckstein (52) is a physiotherapist with her own practice and grew up on a farm. She is a fan of Zermatt and has been traveling to the Matterhorn village every July since 2003 to help with haymaking. "This physical work gives me a lot of satisfaction and provides a balance to my job as a physiotherapist," she explains, adding: "It's nice to do meaningful work in a community." This active relaxation, which she can experience amidst nature, brings her a healthy, contented tiredness.

Mirjam Gobba is grateful for the help: "Petra knows a thing or two about the subject and is incredibly supportive." Furthermore, it's becoming increasingly difficult to find people for this work. After the work is done, it is a real event, a

A social event. "We sit together, eat, and drink. Everyone appreciates that." The Gobba family of cheesemakers' haymaking helpers are joined by family members, friends, and, for years, a Portuguese man who works in Zermatt. "He, too, is part of our family during haymaking season," emphasizes Mirjam Gobba.

The article below shows that haymaking in Zermatt is not always a joy.

New opportunity with a win-win situation

Tourism was discussed at the Swiss Holiday Day in Zermatt in April 2015. One topic: "The longing for values and meaning – volunteering as a new trend." Kuoni Vice President Matthias Leisinger brought this topic to the fore. He argued that people in general, and especially in tourism, are no longer looking for status and prestige, but rather for something meaningful. The tourism industry is called upon to develop new products in the area of volunteer work.

In Zermatt, there's the example of Petra Eckstein, the farm's assistant . Is there even more potential for letting guests participate in life in the mountains? The guest is happy, and the farmer has a helping hand – a classic win-win situation.



Petra Eckstein has been volunteering to help with haymaking in Zermatt for twelve years.

Haymaking: a major challenge in Zermatt

THE UNDERSTANDING OF AGRICULTURE SOMETIMES LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED

Fenced land, polemics over haymaking, slurring and manure spreading – the Zermatt farmers do not have easy. Landowners and homeowners often lack an understanding of agricultural activities.

The farmers' annual cycle in Zermatt is met with little joy by some. "Meadows closed off with fences, complaints about manure application—our work isn't always enjoyable when we receive phone calls from angry landowners," says Mirjam Gobba.

One increasingly gets the impression that, on the one hand, there are expectations of farmers, but, on the other, a lack of understanding. The expectations: The farmers are landscape gardeners and transform the meadows and slopes in and around Zermatt into beautifully manicured areas that are not wasted . The lack of understanding: People thoughtlessly erect fences and small walls, lock them, and fail to recognize that this will prevent farmers from accessing the meadows. This also often means they can no longer mow as cleanly, and cutting the grass by hand right up to the walls and fences is very time-consuming.

Cheese and meat yes, stench no
Knowledge of the interrelationships in agriculture is disappearing, say Zermatt farmers. Sure, cheese and meat can be bought. But the fact that livestock first produce manure and slurry, which in turn must be spread on the meadows, is forgotten and repressed. Some people lack tolerance for the stench of manure and noise emissions from agricultural machinery . Furthermore, agricultural vehicles must be able to cross properties several times a year to get to the meadows. Mucking out, spreading slurry, haying, and mulching – farmers do all of this. But many properties are impassable. If a farmer temporarily unscrews the fence to drive through, it can cause arguments. The opposite can also happen, explains Gobba: "Sometimes we get calls from owners complaining because we haven't come to mow yet ." Or if a few blades of grass fly onto the lawn of a neighbor's property while mowing, a call with a complaint isn't long in coming.

In the canton of Valais, inheritance law, which is based on division, also complicates matters. Some meadows have 20 owners. That is why there are complicated usage agreements that make it virtually impossible for farmers to find a successor for the use of the land after the death of an owner. The conclusion of this phenomenon: the meadow lies fallow.

Therefore, the Zermatt farmers appeal to the understanding of the residents • Do not fence in all the properties. If a fence is must, then please with removable slats. • Be tolerant when manure and slurry be held.



Steep and often inaccessible. Hay is being carried from a meadow surrounded by houses.

- Be understanding of agriculture. Regularly mown meadows ensure high biodiversity and reduce the risk of avalanches.
- Be careful with fireworks on August 1st. If the meadow hasn't been mown or if there's still hay on the ground, there's a fire hazard. • Enjoy well-maintained and well-used meadows, as they're also a tourist attraction.
- If there is some rubbish left on the streets, We ask for your indulgence.



Turning and harvesting the hay is a collaborative effort that requires many helpers.

Open-air plays on the Gornergrat



«THE MATTERHORN STORY»

Europe's highest open-air theater

"The Matterhorn Story" tells the captivating story of the first ascent, led by the British explorer Edward Whymper, whose triumph soon turns into tragedy, in a newly created open-air theater. The stage on the Riffelberg (2600 m) will be overwhelming, simply because of the unforgettable view of the Matterhorn – and it will be the highest open-air theater in Europe. The audience is immersed in Zermatt in 1865, where love and death, friendship and rivalry, megalomania and belief in God drive its protagonists. The trilingual performance blends Valais German with High German and English (written descriptions are available in French, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, and Korean).

July 9 to August 29, 2015
www.freilichtspiele-zermatt.ch

The performances take place from Wednesday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday and August 1, 2015, at 2 p.m. Tickets start at CHF 99, including the return Zermatt–Gornergrat train ride. For an additional charge of CHF 35, the open-air performances can be combined with the Matterhorn Whymper Pass (see p. 11).

Trial start on the Gornergrat at 2600 m above sea level.

Rehearsals for the premiere of "The Matterhorn Story" have been in full swing since mid-May, while the stage and stands were being built at the Gornergrat on Riffelberg. For the 40-strong ensemble under the direction of director and author Livia Anne Richard, the



Source: Hannes Zaugg

Moving from the rehearsal room in the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof to the stage on Riffelberg was an important milestone. Director Livia Anne Richard meticulously refines the individual dialogues and scenes, the sequences, and the smallest details. The approximately 40-person ensemble is utterly focused and feels more at home on stage with each passing day. Since rehearsals were moved to Riffelberg at the beginning of June, the Matterhorn, the actual main character in "The Matterhorn Story," has also towered over the scenery as a backdrop. "For all of us, the first rehearsal on stage with the Matterhorn in the background and the unique natural scenery around us was an incredible experience," says Livia Anne Richard. Little by little, the original vision of creating a unique theatrical experience is becoming reality. "The Matterhorn Story" is rapidly approaching its premiere on July 9, 2015. Anyone who is in Riffelberg in the near future will, with a bit of luck, be able to attend the rehearsals for the open-air performance.

Open-air performance «The Matterhorn Story»

Discount for locals is extended –
Advance booking at the Zermatt Tourism counter

Due to strong local demand, we are pleased to announce that we are extending the 20% discount for Zermatt residents. The discount is valid for all performances in July (limited number of tickets). There is no additional discount for local residents on children's tickets. Residents are asked to present their resident ID card when purchasing tickets (one blue card per ticket).

Helpers wanted!

Would you like to immerse yourself in the world of theater this summer and participate in a play about a historic event? From ticket sales at the box office to managing the hospitality offerings to all-round support, we are looking for energetic support for the production of "The Matterhorn Story." Would you like to get involved in this great new project? Then we look forward to receiving your application as a volunteer.

When	Monday, July 7, to Saturday, August 29, 2015 (min. 10 days) Wednesday to Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Times may vary depending on the area of operation.
Where	Riffelberg, Zermatt
What	Ticket distribution, box office support, Group coordination, terrain control, all-rounder
Requirements	Accommodation in Zermatt, Age: min. 16 years, min. 10 missions throughout the summer
Salary	18.– CHF (gross) per hour
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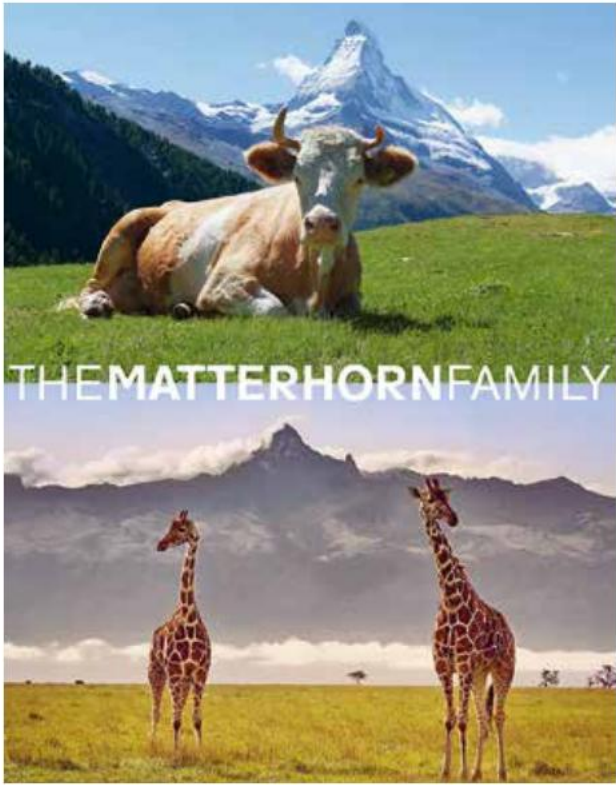
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Summer offers on the Gornergrat

PREVIEW SUMMER 2015



Source: Pascal Gertschen



The Matterhorn Family – the original and its doppelgangers around the world

A pop-up exhibition on the Gornergrat, Zermatt
June 5 to October 25, 2015
Opening hours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Entrance fee included in the Gornergrat Railway ticket

Did you know that there are 237 Matterhorns worldwide? Mountains that look so similar to the original in Zermatt that they are nicknamed the "Matterhorn"?

We present a selection of 22 Matterhorns from five continents. For example, Spitzkoppe in Namibia, Yurigatake in Japan, and Roseberry Topping in the almost flat landscape of England. A view of the original Matterhorn is always included.

The Matterhorn images shown are intended as takeaway photos. Because the Matterhorn is at home all over the world. The exhibition is a project of the Gornergrat Railway and the Swiss Alpine Museum for the anniversary of the "150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn."

Further offers

- As in previous years, the **sunrise trips** will take place every Thursday in July and August. At Lake Riffelsee, you can experience the dawning of the day with folklore entertainment, followed by an excellent brunch buffet at the 3100 Kulmhotel Gornergrat.
- The **Sunset Dinner** takes place every Wednesday evening in July and August. Enjoy the impressive sunset on the Gornergrat amidst 29 four-thousand-meter peaks – accompanied by a delicious fondue chinoise.
- The **gourmet ticket** can be booked individually from 20 June to 30 September 2015. The aperitif at the Gornergrat, a 3-course gourmet menu on Riffelberg and dessert with specialty coffee on Riffelalp. And in between, on foot or by train to the next gourmet highlight.

Matterhorn Whymper Pass

Never before has the Matterhorn been climbed so nimbly. And the photo proves: you and the Matterhorn are a team of mountain and climber. How does that work? Just like the mountaineers did 150 years ago, guests on the Gornergrat can experience the first ascent of the Matterhorn. The souvenir photo – to post or send – documents the ascent, which was made in true style in the outfit of yesteryear. This invites others to imitate it. After the ascent, a summit drink and a mountaineer's token await guests at the Matterhorn Whymper Bar.

Daily from 1 June to 25 October 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Included**
Return trip from Zermatt to Gornergrat, souvenir photo with the Matterhorn, and entry in the summit book. Summit drink and a mountaineer's plaque at the Whymper Bar, a souvenir from 1865.
- Price**
Adults CHF 98.–
with half-fare travelcard, GA travelcard, Swiss Travel Pass CHF 69.–
Children 6–16 years free with Junior Card.

Matterhorn by Night – on the Gornergrat

A cozy dinner at 2,500 meters above sea level at the Hotel Riffelhaus 1853, which shines in its new splendor. Enjoy a delicious three-course Valais menu. At 9:15 p.m., you can marvel at the Matterhorn's outdoor illumination . The route of the first climbers will be illuminated with 50 small lamps, where Edward Whymper once made his daring ascent of the Matterhorn.

- Data**
every Thursday, July 16 to August 27, 2015
- Included**
Return journey Zermatt–Riffelberg back
Valais 3-course menu
- Price**
Adult CHF 86.–
Children 6–16 years CHF 39.–

Gornergrat Guides

Starting in summer 2015, the Gornergrat Guides will be sharing exciting, thrilling, and surprising experiences with our guests on the Gornergrat. Charming and knowledgeable, the guides will provide information about flora and fauna, mountains, history, and glaciers. Of course , they can also answer questions about current offers and events on the mountain, as well as the timetable. The eight guides ensure that guests feel comfortable on the Gornergrat and can take the trip home as a lasting experience.

The guides are on the mountain from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Three guided tours in different languages are offered per day.

- Data**
daily July and August
- Guided tours**
11:00 a.m. German/English
12.30 p.m. German/English
2:00 PM German/French
Guided tours in Italian, Japanese or Spanish on request
- Price**
CHF 7.– for individuals (children up to 16 years free)
CHF 5.– for groups of 10 or more people
Tickets are available at the Täsch and Zermatt train stations and at all Gornergrat Railway stations.

Team from Brig, Stuttgart and Zermatt wins the competition for the new construction of the Getwing Bridge

DELICATE AND TRANSPARENT CONSTRUCTION

GE 29 proposals from across Europe were submitted to the qualifying competition for the design of the new Getwing Bridge over the Vispa River in Zermatt . It will be realized by a team from Upper Valais with participation from Germany.

The Getwing Bridge, built between 1897 and 1899, is showing its age. To ensure future requirements for smooth operation and sufficient clearance for road traffic , the Gornergrat Railway announced a project competition for the new structure in the fall of last year . "We were delighted that the competition attracted such strong interest," said Fernando Lehner, CEO of the BVZ Holding Group. Seven of the submitted project ideas were selected for the competition based on defined criteria such as experience in bridge construction or reference projects.

The jury has now chosen the winner : After three anonymous rounds of judging, the "Wings" team, consisting of the Brig-based engineering firm SRP Schneller Ritz and Partners, the Stuttgart-based firm Schlaich Bergermann and Partners, and the Mooser Lauber Stucky architects from Zermatt,

Matt, as the winner. The decisive factors for the seven members of the jury, chaired by Dr. Daniel Heinzmann, civil engineer ETH/FH/SIA, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, were, among others, the architectural expression of the bridge within a design-demanding environment .

Further criteria in the assessment included the quality of the structural concept in terms of structural design, functionality, durability, and feasibility, as well as aesthetics. Furthermore, attention was paid to the task analysis and the quality of the submitted documents . "The winning project stood out for its optimal implementation of the extensive specifications and its delicate and transparent construction," said jury chairman Dr. Daniel Heinzmann . Christoph Bürgin, jury member and mayor of Zermatt, added: "With the wing, all requirements were met to a particularly high degree. The new bridge fits perfectly into the surroundings and offers an open view of the Matterhorn."

The underside of the bridge was convincing

The bridge bodies, which are divided into two parts in the longitudinal direction, are connected to each other by a tension band in the form of a flat steel.

The rails are laid in a ballast bed and meet the requirements for maintenance and sound absorption. The jury is impressed by the choice of the support structure with the under-tensioning, which creates an interesting

This shows the underside of the bridge. This enhances the heavily frequented space beneath the bridge . This special longitudinal beam shape reflects the exposed location of the bridge.



Project model of the new Getwing Bridge, designed by the “Flügel” team.

Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon

WORLD CHAMPIONS ARE CROWNED

GE Starting in the deepest valley in Switzerland in St. Niklaus and finishing on the Riffelberg or Gornergrat, the Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon is the alpine running challenge par excellence and one of the most demanding marathon distances in Europe.

This major event is a challenge not only for the approximately 2,500 runners, but also for the partners involved and the 700 volunteers. Before the event

26 tons of material will be transported on the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway and the Gornergrat Railway, including cups, drinks, bananas, crates, sponges, tables , medical supplies, and much more. For the first time in the history of the Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon, the WMRA (World Mountain Running Association) Long-Distance World Championship in mountain running will take place simultaneously .

Andrea Schneider, Head of Office

Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon: "We are incredibly proud to be hosting the World Championships this year ." Over 2,500 runners from around 50 nations will be at the starting line alongside the world champions on the first weekend of July and will be able to experience this unique event up close.

"700 volunteers are helping to ensure the marathon runs smoothly," reveals Andrea Schneider.

Mobile grandstand

A special attraction of the Zermatt Marathon is the moving grandstand: a special train operated by the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, which runs parallel to the marathon from St. Niklaus to Zermatt! From the train, you can follow the runners and experience the race atmosphere up close.

Reservation required.

Departure of the mobile grandstand in St. Niklaus: 8:50 a.m.
Arrival of the mobile grandstand in Zermatt: approx. 9:50 a.m.

Spectators are welcome! Combine your trip to the Gornergrat with the Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon and cheer on the runners along the course and at the finish line!

www.zermattmarathon.ch



The field of participants is cheered on by spectators on the moving grandstand.

Gornergrat Zermatt program Marathon 2015

Friday, July 3, 2015 – Opening ceremony

4.45 p.m. Meeting point Zermatt, church square
17.00–17.15 Procession (church square–Station Square)
17.30–17.45 Opening ceremony (Zermatt, Station square, tent)
18:00–18:30 Athlete presentation (Zermatt, Bahnhofplatz, tent)
Pasta party until 10 pm (Zermatt, Bahnhofplatz, tent)

Saturday, July 4, 2015

08.30 a.m. Start of the 12th WMRA
Long-distance World Championship Mountain Running
08.35 a.m. Starting signal for 14th Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon
13.45 Flower Ceremony (honoring the World Champion and of the world champion on the Riffelberg)
7.45 pm award ceremony in the marquee, Zermatt train station square. The three fastest women and men in the individual ranking and the three winning teams in the Nations
The results will be awarded with an official WMRA World championship medal honored.
8.15 pm Closing ceremony and World Cup
Party after the Award ceremony in Zermatt, Station Square

CARE-Net

CARE TEAM REGIO MATTERHORN LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

CARE-Net, the organization of the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn and Zermatt Bergbahnen AG, supports companies and institutions in drastic events of any magnitude, to fulfill their responsibility towards those affected. To care for those directly and indirectly affected, CARE-Net can rely on a team of more than 100 trained caregivers and several emergency psychologists.

With CARE-Net, companies and institutions expand their team and their expertise in the practical, emotional, and emergency psychological care of affected individuals. CARE-Net is integrated into its partners' emergency structures and is familiar with their processes. This allows the organization to always act as part of the affected company/institution, taking into account both human and business aspects.

To ensure that a company or institution can optimally prepare for an emergency, CARE-Net continuously offers training and exercises. Since its founding in 2003 as a care organization in the Upper Valais, Uri, and Graubünden region, CARE-Net has built up unique expertise. The organization is not-for-profit.

Continuing proven methods in a new organization and at a new level

Since 2013, not only has the number of partners changed, but the services have been expanded and introduced to several new team locations. A larger partner base and the successful recruitment of new volunteer Care members are reflected in the training: CARE-Net raises itself to a new level every year on its own initiative.

The increase in new partners is based on the responsibility that companies and institutions assume towards their employees, residents and customers, and on the other hand, it testifies to the high level of expertise of CARE-Net.

The Care Team Regio Matterhorn is looking to complement the team in Zermatt and for the new team in St. Niklaus voluntary members

We would like to encourage residents in the Zermatt/St. Niklaus Care Team catchment area to help with these important tasks.

- The tasks of a care team are diverse in the event of accidents**
- Practical and emotional direct support for those affected and their families
 - Support for those affected and their relatives with administrative tasks (logistics, Communication, support)
 - Care and reunification of those affected and their relatives
 - Agreements with affected persons on possible care measures
 - General mediation function between people being cared for and crisis management as well as between psychologists and pastors

- What do we expect?**
- Willingness to help others in a crisis situation To help people
 - Ability to handle difficult problem situations to be able to address on a factual level
 - Proven communication skills, especially listening skills



- Great independence and decisiveness
- If possible, knowledge of foreign languages
- Administrative skills

What do we offer?

A well-founded two-day basic training with qualified specialists with the following content:

- Introduction to the topic «Dealing with traumatized Persons"
- Dealing with death and loss in different Cultures and religions
- Organization and processes in the care teams
- Rights and obligations of volunteers

- Practical experience and insights
- Professional support
- Regular training events

information

Anyone interested in volunteering, who has a permanent residence in Zermatt or the Nikolai Valley and is available for professional and personal time off during the deployment, is welcome to contact the Matterhorn Region Care Team. You will then have the opportunity to discuss your motivation for participation and the next steps in a meeting.

Contact: Care Team Regio Matterhorn, Kurt Guntli Tel. 027 966 01 01, info@matterhornparadise.ch

The Swiss Food Festival presents:

«Fondue on a rope»

For on the two Friday evenings of August 21 and 28, 2015, guests will enjoy an exclusive gondola dinner as part of the “Fondue on the Rope.”

In collaboration with the Swiss Food Festival, Zermatt Bergbahnen is presenting "Fondue am Seil" (Fondue on the Rope) this summer, the equivalent of the popular gondola breakfast. In the Matterhorn Express cabins, guests can enjoy a variety of appetizers, a traditional cheese fondue with Valais wine, and, to finish, various desserts with a local digestif.

The gondolas depart at 6 p.m. The offer can be booked in the ZBAG webshop at matterhornparadise.ch/webshop.



Experience the beautiful Zermatt mountains with the “Fondue on the Rope” offer.

Romantic dinner at 3883 m above sea level

Sunset Dinner in 1865

For example, on five Saturday evenings from June to August, the Sunset Dinner at Matterhorn glacier paradise will take place in the spirit of the anniversary celebrations.

Why not spend a beautiful summer evening at almost 4,000 meters above sea level? At the Sunset Dinner, the high-alpine hosts treat their guests to a refreshing aperitif in the Glacier Palace, followed by a three-course meal in the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise restaurant. And as the final touch: a breathtaking sunset on the highest viewing platform in the Alps. The evening events are accompanied by a special anniversary program. This offer can be booked in the ZBAG webshop at matterhornparadise.ch/webshop.



At the sunset dinner, the Zermatt mountains are all yours.

Cozy Valais evening at Sunnegga

Tradition & Enjoyment

For every Monday in July and August, guests at Sunnegga can look forward to an enjoyable and traditional evening with a fantastic view of the Matterhorn.

Ideal for connoisseurs of local culture: At Sunnegga, guests experience local hospitality and conviviality. An aperitif accompanied by the sound of alphorns on the terrace of the Sunnegga Buffet & Bar sets the mood. Afterwards, in the rustic restaurant, the hosts serve traditional Valais raclette and a lavish buffet with local specialties, accompanied by musical entertainment. This offer can be booked in the ZBAG online shop at matterhornparadise.ch/webshop.



Treat yourself to an aperitif at the Sunnegga buffet bar, accompanied by alphorn music.



24 Good and targeted online activities are vital in tourism.

important. Zermatt Tourism is launching an initiative to implement online measures and provide continuing education for service providers.

Zermatt Tourism and various service providers in the destination repeatedly receive online awards. Individual service providers are even considered exemplary in the industry in the online sector. But will the Zermatt-Matterhorn destination still be at the forefront in four years?

In mid-May, an email was sent to service providers at the destination, drawing attention to the needs questionnaire.

"The response rate was good with 112 participants, and we saw where the shoe pinches for individual companies," says e-Fitness manager Pascal Gebert.

94 percent of service providers recognize the need for an e-fitness program. Topics mentioned in the questionnaire included website optimization , booking offers, and social media presence.

At the end of August, Zermatt Tourism will provide information about the options available for optimizing online activities. Interested parties can then register for the e-Fitness Check. A coach will work with the service provider to analyze the current situation, from which three to five implementation measures will be determined. This will build online muscle for the near and long-term future. This will be accompanied by further training in the form of implementation workshops.

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The e-Fitness Check answers questions like: What's possible? What are we missing? What individually tailored strategy can be adopted? This helps top performers learn to recognize important details, sustainably embrace popular trends, and implement them.

Information: ztnet.ch/e-fitness

Functional memories

74 The big celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn are still around the corner. However, interested parties can already secure a souvenir – by purchasing a shelter and/ or a chalet.

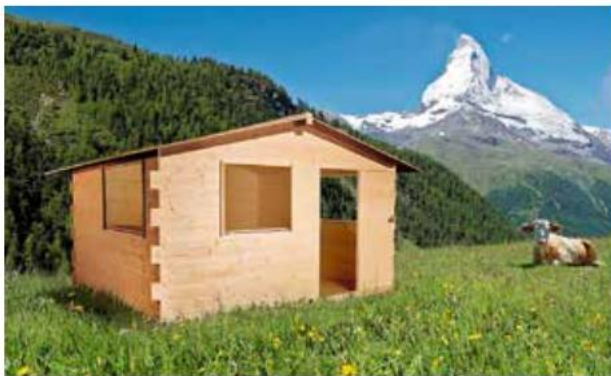
A shelter as a weatherproof playground for children? A mini-chalet as a garden or party house? There are many possible uses for the memorabilia from the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. The weatherproof shelters and cozy wooden chalets are available to residents and service providers at a special price starting in fall 2015. Shelters Base Camp Matterhorn: CHF 8,400. Wooden chalets Switzerland Travel Mart: CHF 2,065. Transportation is at the request of the interested party.

The promotion runs until the end of June. Residents and service providers receive a discount of CHF 3,600 for shelters and CHF 885 for chalets.

The outer shell of the two-seater shelters is made of aluminum

It's a minium, with a Spatz inner tent mounted inside. Mammut sleeping bags and mats are also included. The floor construction is made of steel tubes and spruce planks . Shelter dimensions: 3.375 x 2.250 x 1.950 m, weight 700 kg . Chalet dimensions: 4.180 x 4 x 2.58 m, weight 1000 kg.

Contact for interested parties: marketing@zermatt.ch



The wooden chalets will be at the Switzerland Travel Mart (21.–23.09.2015) in Zermatt.

Information event about summer news

74 The presentation of Zermatt Tourism's summer news is, among other things, under the banner of the 150th anniversary celebrations.

- As before every new season, Zermatt Tourism presents the summer news.
- What is happening within the framework of 150 years of the first ascent Matterhorn?
- What else has happened?

- Where can you go water skiing in the destination?
- What does "virtual hiking" mean? And much more.

There's an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about Zermatt-Matterhorn as a destination. Information is also available at ztnet.ch.

June 24, 2015, 9 to 10 and 2 to 3 p.m.
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Here we go

Dear insiders
Dear Insiders

The 150th anniversary celebrations have been launched. For our destination the festivities were like hosting an Olympic Games: numerous people coordinated and organized them, investing many hours of work. Now it's up to all of us to make the celebration an unforgettable event. Let's go and enjoy our anniversary together.

Sincerely
Yours, Daniel Luggen



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New supporting program for the big celebration

THE NEW PROGRAM BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FROM 12 JUNE

The new event brochure is not coming No longer in A5 format, but in A4. All events that can be experienced throughout the summer are listed .

Experiences in the village, during the day, in the evening and in the mountains.



By June 12th at the latest, it will be clear – Zermatt will be marked by many anniversary events this summer. The thick A4 event brochure will be published on that day and lists all the official events. "Even if the people of Zermatt are planning more

Even if they have to work because there's a lot going on, they should n't miss one or two events , " says Daniel Luggen, Zermatt's tourist director and project manager for the 150th anniversary of the Matterhorn's first ascent. In addition to the open-air performances, the reopening of the Hörnli Hut, and the anniversary week (July 10 to 18, 2015) , the program also includes many other experiences on the program.

Brochure in three languages
To ensure that guests from French-speaking Switzerland and around the world can see what's happening in the Zermatt-Matterhorn destination , the new edition of the event brochure is available in French, English, and German. It can be picked up free of charge at the Zermatt Tourism counter in Zermatt. It is also available online at zermatt.ch/150



The new event brochure will be published on 12 June and can be booked at Zermatt Tourism be picked up.

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Festive events in all festival halls

MANY COMPANIES ARE PREPARING FOR THE ANNIVERSARY DAY

celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. Hosts offer their guests special experiences in a sophisticated setting. Numerous service providers are preparing specifically for July 14, 2015. There are many offers.



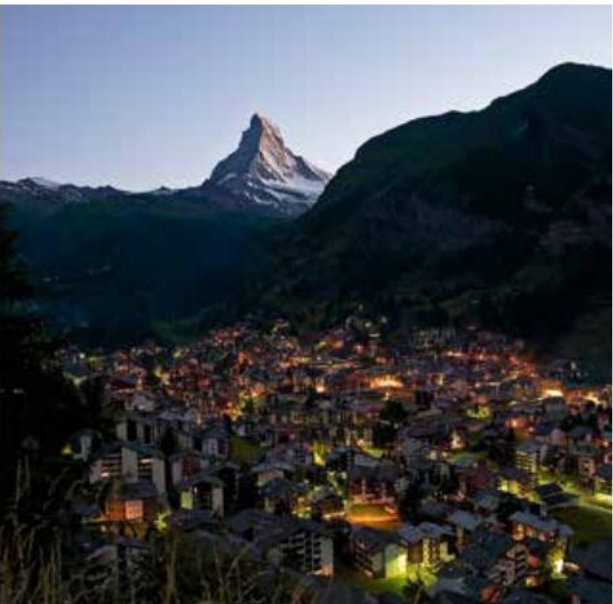
The ideas hoteliers, vacation rental owners, and restaurant owners have come up with for the anniversary summer are currently making the rounds in Zermatt. An old saying goes: "Do good and talk about it." Some of the offers are available, but they haven't yet reached the public everywhere.

Examples ahead
The Hotel Silvana on Furi wrote in its newsletter in mid-May: "First ascent of the Matterhorn, July 14, 1865. Celebrate with us! Spend the most extraordinary eight days of the year at the Silvana, at the closest hotel to the Matterhorn!" The newsletter included

The highlights of the anniversary week are also presented. The hotels Albana Real, Alpen Resort Hotel, Bella Vista, Berghof, Hemizeus, Matterhornblick, Monte Rosa, and Simi also publish corresponding information on their websites. The Hotel Mirabeau offers a package for the open-air plays.

The Whymper Stube restaurant in the Hotel Monte Rosa reopened on June 4 under new management. A special menu is offered here for CHF 44.78. In Zermatt, this number will surely be familiar to everyone—the height of the Matterhorn. However, since two-rappen coins are no longer in circulation, the change won't be money, but rather a small surprise. Some hotels host gala dinners on July 14, the day of the first ascent in 1865. These examples have many more siblings in Zermatt.

Solid setting
"The celebrations on July 14, 2015, in memory of 1865, will be held in Zermatt in a dignified manner," says Daniel Luggen, project manager for the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. He is already brimming with anticipation, as numerous distinguished guests, including many regulars, will be gathering in Zermatt for gala dinners. These will take place in various hotels and restaurants.



The village is preparing for the celebrations surrounding 150 years of the first climbing the Matterhorn.

In some venues, musicians also provide a sophisticated backdrop to exquisite food and wine. The ambiance is also taken into account, for example, with special clothing for the waiters.

Make it visible
In most cases, the offers aren't yet visible online. Who knows, there will certainly be more to find on the websites of hotels and restaurants. The mountain railways have also already taken the lead and posted their offers prominently online.

Hörnlihütte with lots of news

THERAPY OFFER WITH ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

The Matterhorn mountain lodge will begin its anniversary summer in July 2015, following several months of renovations, in a new splendor. The lodge has not only changed on the outside, but its interior has also undergone significant changes. In addition to increased comfort, there are a whole host of other changes for future guests of the Hörnli Hut.



The Hörnli Hut has essentially become smaller in terms of capacity . The number of beds has been reduced from 170 to 130. Furthermore, the number of beds in the rooms has been reduced from around 20 to two to eight beds per room . The days of itchy military blankets are also a thing of the past. Hörnli Hut guests now sleep in Nordic duvets. Another major change is the strict camping ban around the Matterhorn and the Hörnli Hut. This increases safety on the mountain, as fewer climbers are climbing the Matterhorn at the same time, and also ensures the water quality for the Hörnli Hut's drinking water. The new water intake is located directly next to the former unofficial campsite.

Only as much high-tech on the mountain as necessary

Experience in other mountain huts has shown that technology and electronics are important in the mountains, but can also lead to new challenges. Therefore, the Hörnli Hut has only as much electronics as necessary, also to keep power consumption as low as possible. In addition to the Hörnli Hut's website, the internet is becoming increasingly important not only for information, but also for the hut guests themselves. The Hörnli Hut already had a wireless network, but due to a lack of bandwidth, it was only accessible to staff, mountain guides, and for scientific measurements on the Matterhorn . Thanks to the support of Swisscom, public Wi-Fi can now be offered to all guests. Furthermore, the hut will have a small information touchscreen at the mountain guides' table, on which the latest weather forecasts can be accessed at any time, allowing all mountaineers to freely access the information.

Special attention has been paid to the sanitary facilities, which are quite high-tech at this altitude. There are now showers (available for a fee) and washing facilities.

Before the renovation, water was always very scarce and one of the biggest problems for the hut's operation. To solve this problem, a 160,000-liter water tank was installed 400 meters below the mountain hut. This tank, via a complex system of pipes, pumps, and storage, can supply the hut with water until the end of the summer season.

New reservation system

The biggest change for future guests is certainly the introduction of a reservation fee for all guests. Guests wishing to reserve a spot at the Hörnlihütte more than 72 hours before arrival can only do so online via a reservation request at www.hornlihutte.ch. The request will be reviewed by the Hörnlihütte team, and if available, the guest will receive a confirmation email with a payment link for the reservation fee. The fee can now be conveniently paid by credit card. The reservation fee is 50 francs per person per night and will be deducted from the final bill. In case of no-show, the reservation fee is non-refundable.



The Hörnlihütte in spring 2015.

Alternative medicine on the Matterhorn

Not only can you look forward to the reopening of the Hörnli Hut, but also to a new, interesting offering practiced by Norbert Perren: "Therapy with Alternative Medicine."

Alternative medicine is a very broad term. Norbert Perren uses Bemer therapy. This is a physical vascular therapy that improves microcirculation and promotes blood flow in the smallest blood vessels. This improves the performance of the body's cells, which contributes to pain relief and promotes the body's own self-healing powers. This technique is based on the latest findings and scientifically proven procedures and is used by doctors, therapists, and athletes (including the Swiss Ski Team) in over 50 countries.

Norbert Perren also uses a healing water that was used by monks in Sainte-Antoine, France,

500 years ago. This healing water contains a blend of high-quality medicinal plants, all of which originate from the Alps. Treatment with the "Alpdreams " healing water enhances the health-promoting effects and provides an immediate, wonderful feeling of well-being. It soothes, supports recovery, and stimulates skin regeneration.

Mr. Perren also uses a gel made from green-lipped mussel extract and other essential oils. The Pernaton gel provides an immediate cooling sensation upon application and then warms by intensifying skin activity. It's one of the best tonics for feet, knees, legs, and the backs of the knees. This exceptional alternative medicine service is possible thanks to the generous support of Viktor Bolliger. Regular guests, mountaineers, hikers, and employees of the Hörnlihütte can look forward to an exceptional therapeutic and wellness experience.

We were interested in this type of alternative medicine and asked Norbert Perren a few more questions about it

Mr. Perren, could you briefly describe what you will be offering at the Hörnlihütte starting this summer?

"It is a physical vascular therapy that improves microcirculation and promotes blood flow in the smallest blood vessels. This improves the performance of the body's cells, which contributes to pain relief and promotes the body's own self-healing powers. This is a technique based on the latest findings and scientifically proven procedures. A significant improvement in blood flow is noticeable after just two minutes of Bemer treatment.

This type of therapy reduces stress, provides the body with more oxygen and facilitates the removal of CO2, strengthens the immune system, and reduces susceptibility to infections.

How did you come across this type of therapy?

"I worked in the hospitality industry for a long time, but then, due to a poor diet, I became ill and had to be hospitalized. After my hospital stay, I decided to pursue a therapeutic path. I went to Germany and learned very interesting things.

14 years ago I became aware of the Bemer.

I really like this method because it's natural and has no side effects. Now I want to share my experiences with others."

What can the guest expect from you?

«I already did a small test in 2013 on the Hörnlihütte. One day, a hiker came along who was interested in my technique because he was suffering from severe cramps. I introduced him to my Bemer. I measured his oxygen level in his finger, which was 86. Normally, unless you're in the mountains, it's around 95. After a short eight-minute treatment, I was able to improve his oxygen level, which was now around 90. As a result, the hiker no longer had any cramps and felt a general sense of well-being.

Why the Hörnlihütte?

«For the time being, I think I am the first to say this of such a height. In that sense, it is a world-novelty. I also enjoy helping and to share my experiences. Zermatt regulars with the regular guest badge can try the Bemer treatment with me for free."

How long can we find you up there?

"I plan to spend this summer season at the Hörnli Hut."