

Eagles Urner Haute Route 2026

A high-level ski tour Andermatt to Engelberg.

Grade: E3 S3 M2

Dates: Saturday 11th to Saturday 18th April 2026, 6 days. Sunday 12th to Friday 17th April inclusive on the mountain.

Meeting Place.

The details of the youth hostel are:

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She has offered half pension at CHF108 per person which is correct for this type of hotel on a room share basis.

If you need extra nights, please contact them (Maika) directly.

We aim to have an aperitif at 18.00hrs so that we can discuss the week.

Ski Tour Overview

This is a beautiful ski tour traversing from Andermatt to Engelberg. The ski tour benefits from climbing up the sunny south facing slopes and skiing the colder northerly slopes. The route starts in the spectacular jagged granite mountains west of Andermatt traversing north over the Lochberglücke to the remote Chelenalptal. We then traverse over the beautifully glaciated Sustenhorn to the Hotel Steingletscher. From here we climb under the dramatic spires of the Fünffingerstock to descend to the Sustlihutte. The last day gives a wonderfully wild descent from the top of Grassen to Engelberg on north facing slopes. The mountain huts on this route are traditional, small and very charming.

We shall have a warm up day doing one of the fabulous ski tours from Andermatt. Both Andermatt and Engelberg are famous ski resorts renowned for their off piste skiing and ski touring. If you wanted to arrive early to extend your holiday, then you are sure to find some excellent skiing here. Andermatt often holds the record for the most annual snowfall.

Itinerary (conditions dependant)

Day 1: Realp to Albert Heim Hut (2542m)

From Andermatt we take a short train ride up valley to the small village of Realp. A brief walk through this pretty town gets us to the trailhead. We head off towards the Furka pass and climb to the Galenstock Hotel (closed in winter), here we turn right and go more steeply to the Albert Heim Hut. The walk to the Albert Hiem hut is short enough that should have time to explore further up valley and ski the Chli Bielenhorn (2940m) or tour higher to the Obere Bielenlücke (3248m). The Albert Hiem hut has been recently renovated and is a very comfortable hut.

Day 1 stats: Gain = +1042m Loss = -38m Distance = 5.1km

Day 2: Albert Heim to Chelenalp Hut (2350m)

An early start with a short descent to reach the start of the skin up Lochberg (3074m). In good conditions we can ascend to the Winterlücke (2852m) and then put our skis on our backs and use crampons to ascend the final 200+ meters to the summit. Alternately we can access the summit via the Lochberglücke (2814m) and then skin up the small glacier on the north side. From the summit of the Lochberg we descend to the Goscheneralp dam. We then ski up valley 6 km to the lovely Chelenalp Hut.

Day 2 stats: Gain = +1300m Loss -1486m, Distance = 12km

Day 3: Chelenalp hut to Steingletscher Hotel (1865m)

This is a big day. We begin climbing directly from the hut and eventually gain the Sustenlimi at 3078m which gives access magnificent Steingletscher. It is possible to descent directly from the Sustenlimi or better to continue to climb to the summit of the Sustenhorn (3502m). The summit gives excellent views and a magnificent glacial descent to the Hotel Steingletscher (over 1600m). The Hotel Steingletscher is a very comfortable stay and has showers.

Day 3 stats: Gain +1152m, Loss -1637m Distance: 11.6 km

Day 4: Hotel Steingletscher to Sustli Hut (2257m)

We climb Ober Valley and eventually pass beneath the jagged towers of the Fünffingerstock (2994m). Passing through the Obertal Pass (2970m) we descend the Chli Sustli glacier to 2100m before climbing 100 meters to the Sustli Hut at 2257m. The Sustli hut is a traditional Swiss mountain hut.

Day 4 stats: Gain = 1432m Loss = 1040m Distance = 5.85km

Day 5: Sustli Hut to Engelberg-Furenalp (1083m)

On the final day we have a great north facing ski from the Grassen down to Engelberg. We leave the hut and traverse up to the Stössensattel (2760m) and then continue on the glacier under the ridge of the Grassen (2946m). The summit is narrow and exposed so care is needed. We then have the final wild descent into the final valley that leads to Engelberg (1837m descent). The tour ends at a small ski area called Furenalp where we catch a short lift into Engelberg.

Day 5 stats: Gain = 663m Loss = 1837m Distance = 9.3 km

Day 6: This is in effect a spare day so that we can manage the weather and conditions. We could take this day at the start of the trip and ski in Andermatt or at the end in Engelberg. Either way we are sure to find a good ski tour or just some fantastic off-piste skiing.

We take a taxi or the train back to Andermatt at the end of the trip which takes 3 ½ hours from Engelberg. Final night in the Hotel Badus where we can be reunited with our left luggage.

Travel

Plane to Zurich or Geneva train to Andermatt. Allow 3-4 hours from Geneva airport to Andermatt. You can also fly to Zurich and take the train to Andermatt (3 hours) Swiss travel information can be found here www.sbb.ch

Please ensure that you travel out in good time to make the introductory meeting on Saturday evening at 18.30hrs and it is best not to book onward travel at the end of the trip until the following Saturday morning.

Equipment

Usual touring gear including skins, harscheisen, transceiver, shovel, probe, harness & karabiner, tape-sling & karabiner, ice-axe, crampons.

Maps: Susten 255S

Insurance

Please make sure that you have adequate cover for rescue, medical expenses and cancellation. European Health Insurance Card is accepted in Swiss hospitals and worth having. (Membership of the Austrian Alpine Club includes rescue and some medical insurance as well as reduced rates in most huts.)

Costs:

Approximate costs for this trip are:

Hotel in Hospental 3 nights half pension CHF108 x 3 = CHF324,

Hut half pension for 4 nights at CHF80 per night CHF320,

Total accommodation CHF 530 (£480).

Trains for the internal trip transport CHF90.

Picnics 6 days CHF50

The guides accommodation will be split between the group normally CHF50 for a hut night so budget CHF70 per person in total.

Please bring cash (CHF) for the two of the huts (Chelentalp and Sustli).

Total estimated budget for the huts, hotels and transportation CHF880 (£800)

Guiding Costs to be paid before the start of the trip. Guiding costs per person are dependent on the number attending.

4 members attending: £875

5 members attending: £825

6 members attending: £800

To apply for this trip please submit an Eagles ski club application form.

A non-returnable deposit of £100 is required to secure your place after your application has been accepted.

The balance is due 8 weeks prior to the trip start date.

Cancellation by You

You must notify me immediately in writing if you cancel your booking. The following charges will apply:

- a. 56 (8 weeks) days or more before your course start date - loss of deposit;
- b. between 56 and 28 days before your course start date - loss of 50% of full course fee;
- c. less than 28 days (4 weeks) before course start date - loss of full guiding fee, unless we find a replacement member then the charge will be 50% of the full guiding fee.

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