



**Zermatt** is deeply enclosed between steep mountains, dominated overhead by the huge and striking Matterhorn. Zermatt is a typical Swiss town with a year-round population, which retains its character and history in farming and mountaineering, while still catering very much for the international clientele. The Zermatt ski area is linked to that of Cervinia, just across the border, and together they provide an impressive amount of piste mileage and some challenging off-piste. With some of the highest slopes in Europe, Zermatt offers snow-sure terrain, particularly well-suited for experts and more adventurous intermediate skiers.

## Top Runs

- For exceptional advanced / intermediate runs that are best in the morning, try both Kelle (from Gornergrat) and White Hare (from Hohtälli to Breitboden).
- From Breitboden go on down to Gant, or to the mid-station of the Findeln chairlift, or to Riffelalp on a run that includes a narrow wooded path with a sheer cliff and magnificent views to the right.
- Try the runs at the top of the Furgg quad chair, which have a glorious setting at the foot of the Matterhorn.
- Don't forget to ski over to Cervinia – even basic intermediates can make the trip crossing at Theodulpass, rather than taking the harder Ventina run from Testa Grigia / Plateau Rosa.



## Best for Après Ski

- **Papperla Pub**  
Key rendezvous point that fills up at the end of the skiing day, with live music, heat lamps and a great atmosphere, very popular amongst the young.
- **Sparky's**  
Probably the best value drinks in Zermatt, plus simple, good value food – thai curries, nachos and chicken wings.
- **Hotel Alex**  
Smarter option, cool lounge bar, relax on a comfy sofa by the fire, or in the Scottish corner with one of the whiskies they offer.
- **Brown Cow Pub**  
Brown Cow is one of the best Zermatt après ski pubs in the village. Delicious local beer on tap, great food, and friendly service.

## Recommended Restaurants

- **Le Gitan (Hotel Darioli)**  
This cosy and friendly restaurant specialises in various types of meat, cooked perfectly over charcoal.
- **Alpenhof Restaurant**  
High-quality, local food, complemented by a fantastic wine list.
- **Fluhalp (on the Sunegga side)**  
Has a very lively sun terrace (often with live music), great views, and fast service. Try the pot au feu, but make sure you leave room for the pancakes. It may well be the best mountain restaurant in the world.
- **Finderhof**  
Popular spot with amazing views and great wines.