

MATTERHORN ALPINE CROSSING

VISION BECOMES REALITY



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A one-in-a-generation project

A long-cherished vision becomes reality: a connection between Zermatt and the Italian winter sports resort of Cervinia, unbroken and operational throughout the year, thanks to the Matterhorn Alpine Crossing. From the 1 July 2023, the Matterhorn Glacier Ride II will be the final piece of the puzzle, as the highest continuous Alpine crossing by cable car is completed. The modern cableway will link the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise mountain station with the station on Testa Grigia in Italy. Following the opening of the Matterhorn Glacier Ride I in the autumn of 2018, the completion of the Matterhorn Glacier Ride II will see the two resorts joined by a continuous link, the realization of a dream born over 80 years ago.

Focus on individuals and exclusivity

Zermatt Bergbahnen consistently sets new standards within the sector and this project demonstrates the company's visionary and innovative prowess as industry leaders. According to CEO Markus Hasler, "The new connection between Italy and Switzerland further enhances the offering from Zermatt Bergbahnen. The pricing strategy will not serve to promote mass tourism or visitors in transit but the experience of the individual guest. From 2024, there will be a luggage service to make the trip across the Alps comfortable and convenient. A variety of attractions await on the peaks, including the SnowXperience Plateau Rosa around the Testa Grigia valley station and the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise around the mountain station.

Facts and figures

	<i>Matterhorn Glacier Ride I</i>	<i>Matterhorn Glacier Ride II</i>
<i>Valley station</i>	2'923 m above sea level	3'458 m above sea level
<i>Mountain station</i>	3'883 m above sea level	3'883 m above sea level
<i>Cable car manufacturer</i>	LEITNER	LEITNER
<i>Elevation gain</i>	900 m	363 m
<i>Carrying capacity</i>	2'000 passengers/hour	1'300 passengers/hour
<i>Speed</i>	7.5 m/s	7.5 m/s
<i>Journey time</i>	9 min	4 min
<i>Number of cabins</i>	25	10
<i>Cabins «Crystal Ride»</i>	4	2
<i>Passengers/cabins</i>	28	28
<i>Drive system</i>	LEITNER DirectDrive	LEITNER DirectDrive
<i>Cabin Design</i>	Pininfarina	Pininfarina
<i>Construction costs</i>	60 M.	60 M.

Modern 3S cableway

3S cableways combine the most advanced technology with the highest safety standards and greatest ride comfort. They offer numerous advantages over conventional circulating cableways, ensuring a more stable ride in high winds and providing increased carrying capacity and greater driving speed. With a maximum speed of 7.5 metres per second, the Matterhorn Glacier Ride I can carry up to 2000 passengers an hour to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise. It travels at a maximum height of 198 metres above the ground on a route that takes it over three support towers, two of which stand 2732 metres apart. The new Matterhorn Glacier Ride II will be constructed as an identical 3S cableway and will cover the distance between the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise and the Testa Grigia valley station in suspension without any masts within four minutes.

The route

The journey with the mountain railways across the national border takes about one and a half hours in total. On the way, various highlights await you on the different peaks. Take a souvenir photo directly under the Matterhorn on Schwarzsee, explore the Infocube on Trockener Steg, marvel at the breathtaking view from the viewing platform or visit the highest glacier palace in the world on the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, or discover the SnowXperience Plateau Rosa world of experience at the Testa Grigia station - the offer is varied and exciting.



The whole route of the Matterhorn Alpine Crossing - ©Zermatt Bergbahnen AG

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