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# Engelberg

Engelberg is a charming village located in Central Switzerland, at the foot of Mount Titlis. It draws tourists for its perfect mix of culture and sports. Winter enthusiasts as well as friends of summer sports get their share in Engelberg.



Revolving cable-car from Engelberg to Mt. Titlis

The first revolving aerial cable-car in the world takes travelers from Engelberg to Mt. Titlis for many different leisure activities. Known among Swiss as a great ski area, it also offers many walking tracks in summer.

Engelberg is also visited for its famous Benedictine Monastery.

## Benedictine Monastery

The Benedictine Monastery was founded in 1120. During the Middle Ages it owned vast lands, embracing one hundred and fifteen towns and villages, but lost most of them in the turbulent times of the Reformation and the French Revolution.

The library, which is said to have contained over twenty thousand volumes and two hundred choice manuscripts, was unfortunately pillaged by the



Benedictine Monastery in Engelberg

French in 1798. Ironically, in the spirit of learning and preservation of knowledge, the library contains to this day a complete set of the writings of Martin Luther.

The abbey buildings were almost entirely destroyed by fire in 1729 but were rebuilt in a substantial, if not very beautiful style and so remain to the present day.

Impressive and awe-inspiring in its beauty and size, the church is at present undergoing large-scale renovation work, which will be completed over the next ten years.

The largest organ in Switzerland is to be found in Engelberg. With 137 stops, it is even one of the largest world-wide.

The Monastery continues to be run by Benedictine monks.

The legend says that the voices of Angels (Angels = Engel in German) gave Engelberg its name. Listen well; you might hear them sing during your stay.

Engelberg has also a **Schaukäserei**, a cheese factory where you can watch cheese being made. The spicy Engelberg cheese was exported abroad as early as the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Many aspects of the history and life of the high valley from the 11<sup>th</sup> century to the present day are explained in the **Museum Engelberg**. The Talmuseum is housed in the heraldry building, built in 1786/7.

The **Herrenhaus**, Manor House is a lovely building that catches your eye as you approach Engelberg. It was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and has been completely renovated over the past years. The rooms and halls are of considerable historical interest.

*from the internet*



Herrenhaus in Engelberg