

# Walking in Davos

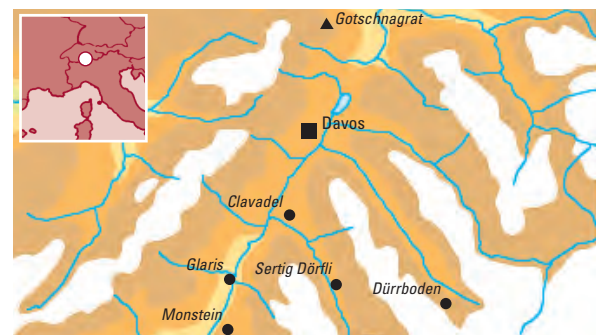
Single center  or  independent walking

- Elegant ★★★★★ hotel with indoor swimming, sauna and whirlpool; exquisite cuisine, extensive wines
- Paradise for walkers of all abilities: over 430km/266mi of trails and footpaths
- Snow-capped peaks, flower-filled meadows; swimming, sailing and surfing on Lake Davos
- Free local transport: cable cars, funiculars, buses and glacier railway
- No single supplement, any date



This  and  walking holiday is based at the delightful Hotel Meierhof. From its formal lobby dominated by a hand carved pine grandfather clock to its low-lit wooden panelled dining room, this 19C hotel recalls a grander age of travel. Breakaway guests normally stay in south facing rooms with balconies. There's also an indoor swimming pool and wellness area with saunas, steam bath, whirlpool, and mini gym. The hotel enjoys a long standing reputation for its gourmet cuisine and extensive wine selection, and a complimentary wine tasting is included at the start of your week. Expect to try exquisitely presented dishes such as cheese roulade with a courgette and wild mushroom ragout or red mullet served with olive ravioli. There's a popular bar where you can relax with a coffee and cognac after dinner.

All Headwater guests receive a Davos Card for unlimited travel on most cable cars, gondolas, funiculars, the local railway and bus routes. The Davos Card also gives discounts on other activities including the outdoor swimming pool. When you're not walking, your centrally located hotel is ideally situated to enjoy Davos' geranium-decked streets and tempting pavement cafés. There's sailing and windsurfing on Lake Davos (15 minutes walk from the hotel) and a varied programme of musical events throughout the summer.



## WALKING IN DAVOS | DAY BY DAY

### Sunday Arrive in Davos

We meet you at the station and take you to your hotel (5 mins).

### Monday Dischma Valley 7km/4mi/2hr or 13km/8mi/3.5hr

From the tranquil hamlet of Durriboden, framed by the mighty snow-capped Scalettahorn (3086m) and Schwartzhorn (3146m), a rocky trail winds through scarlet daphne to charming Teufi by the river, for lunch on the village restaurant terrace. Homewards through pine forest alive to the chatter of wood pigeon, with ever opening views over Davos nestling under the mighty Weissfluh.

### Tuesday Clavadeler Alp 8km/5mi/2hr or 15km/10mi/4.5hr

A wooded track, bright with angelica and mountain scabious leads to Mt. Jakobshorn - breathtaking views over Davos shadowed by the snowy Graubunden peaks. Then, with Lake Davos' shimmering blue waters below, you reach today's best lunch spot, Jakobshorn Gasthaus. Descending to Clavadel - perhaps stop off to taste the spicy mountain cheese before joining the riverside trail back to Davos.

### Wednesday The Serene Sertig Valley 7km/4mi/2.5hr or 17km/11mi/4.5hr

From Mt Rinerhorn cable car, you descend in and out of pine forest to pretty Sertig hamlet, lost in a sea of meadows dotted with perennial cornflower. It's then on to the dramatic waterfall under Gross Alp - a clash of jagged limestone peaks and white water cascades. Finally a wooded path follows the meandering River Sertig to Frauenkirch where it's a short bus ride to Davos.

### Thursday Classic Alps Walk 11km/7mi/3hr or 18km/11mi/5.5hr

Today's route begins at the Alpinium, home to hundreds of rare Alpine blooms. Winding past larch roofed mountain chalets and high meadows dotted with Alpine cows grazing, you reach Stafelalp. Commanding views over the Mittagshorn and Jacobshorn, it's a great picnic spot. Homewards: you descend through a narrow valley, alive to the crashing River Chummer to Glaris, returning to Davos by bus.

### Friday Walser Villages Walk 10km/6mi/3hr or 18km/11mi/5hr

A mountain path lined with irises and yellow vetchling leads over sparkling mountain streams to HauderAlp where the cheery farmer sells you fresh milk by the glass! Onwards with panoramas over snow capped Bodmen Alp, you descend to delightful Monstein with its two gasthaus and medieval brewery. After lunch, you dip into oak forest, with lapwings flitting through the dappled shade, to descend to Jenisberg for an exciting mountain railway ride (30 mins) back to Davos.

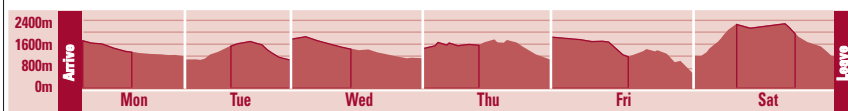
### Saturday Grand Panoramic Trail 8km/5mi/2hr or 19km/12mi/6hr

What better way to end the week than with the aptly named Panoramaweg? With Lake Davos shimmering below, you ascend to the tinkle of cowbells to tiny Lake Schoansee. Soon, Klosters frames the horizon as you climb to Gotschnagrat for the most panoramic lunch yet! Returning, you pick your way through edelweiss and gentian and may spot marmots playing on limestone boulders as you descend to Davos for a final 5-course gala dinner.

### Sunday Return home



## WALKING IN DAVOS | WALKING DETAILS



This and holiday follows stony mountain paths and forest trails. Hiking boots are essential. The walks, using bus and cable car, are outlined on the walking graph above. Note: Some ski lifts/cable cars do not operate in early/late season when alternative walks will be proposed.



Average daytime temperature (°C):

16 24 26 25 21  
MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP



Average monthly rainfall (mm):

74 75 67 99 84  
MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP



*"Fabulous location, wonderful hotel, food and excellent travelling arrangements - the best holiday we've ever had!"*

Mrs Douglas

## Dates and Prices

### Departs Sundays

### Tour Only

#### 2012 departures

Jun 10, 17	\$2,613
Jun 3, 24	\$2,669
Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$2,669
Aug 12, 19, 26	\$2,699
Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5	\$2,777
Child (any dates, see notes)	\$1,685

**Singles:** No single supplement on any date.

**Child:** Over 2 and under 12, sharing with 2 adults.

**Room upgrade:** Superior room (larger room with own lounge area) \$21 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

**Holiday type:** Independent walking, single center, no minimum group size.

**Departs:** Sundays from Jun 3 to Sep 30.

**Duration:** 8 days (7 nights).

**Meals:** Buffet breakfast and evening meals.

**Other details:** For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

## Tailor-made travel choices

### Nearest Arrival Airport: Zurich Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

**The above prices include our standard transfers:** Davos Dorf train station at 16:50 (transfer to hotel, 5 mins, provided). **Return:** Davos Dorf train station by 10:05 (transfer provided).

**Rail options:** Zurich airport to Davos Dorf via Zurich HB and Landquart 14:13/16:50. Return: Rail Davos Dorf to Zurich airport via Landquart and Zurich HB 10:05/12:46.

**Second Class Swiss Rail:** Add \$358 per person, round trip.

**First Class Swiss Rail:** Add \$547 per person, round trip.

**Tour only:** Transfers included from Davos Dorf train station at 16:50, and back to Davos Dorf train station departing hotel at 09:45.

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