



Media Release

Andermatt starts winter season on October 31 Lift tickets can be booked online in advance

Andermatt, 23 October 2020 – On Andermatt's flagship mountain, the Gemsstock, the winter season begins in one week on October 31. In the first phase, skiing will be possible on the sunny slope; the other lifts and slopes including the valley run will be successively opened. SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun and all the other companies of the Andermatt Swiss Alps Group are implementing a number of measures to ensure the safety of guests. Rides on the gondola cableway from the Gemsstock valley station can be booked online in advance.

The Gemsstock will be open on weekends through November 22, and daily from November 28. The lifts between Andermatt and Sedrun (Nätschen-Gütsch-Schneehüenerstock-Sedrun) as well as at Disentis will be open on the weekends of December 5/6 and 12/13. The ski areas will then be open daily from December 19 through April 11.

SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun has implemented numerous measures to ensure that guests can reach the ski area quickly and safely. These include the following changes (as at 23 October 2020):

- On weekends and during the high season, lifts will open already at 8 a.m.
- Departure times for rides on the Gemsstock gondola cableway can be reserved through the site www.anderlatt-sedrun-disentis.ch.
- The capacity of the Andermatt-Nätschen-Gütsch gondola cableway has been increased by 20 percent.
- The mountain restaurants in SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun now offer 50 percent more outdoor seating. The seats are furnished with warm blankets.
- Contact tracing is obligatory in all restaurants.

Other measures are being taken to help minimise crowding: Parking fees can be paid via SEPP app, and ski tickets can be purchased with contactless payment via the web shop. In the Prime Line, annual-pass holders and guests of the hotels of the Andermatt Swiss Alps Group get into the mountains via the Gütsch-Express even faster.

With the purchase of a half-price subscription for 41 francs, guests can continue to buy all day tickets at half price from 19 December. Holders of an annual pass will be reimbursed 100% of the purchase price should winter operations not be able to commence on 12 December due to measures imposed by the authorities to combat the coronavirus.

The entire Andermatt Swiss Alps Group – including SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun, The Chedi Andermatt and Radisson Blu Reussen hotels, Andermatt Alpine Apartments and numerous restaurants – is doing everything in its power to ensure the safety of its guests and staff. All employees have been sensitised and trained.



The Andermatt Swiss Alps is in regular contact with the cantonal authorities for this purpose and will adapt the protective measures flexibly if necessary and depending on the situation.

Stay safe and have fun – together for a safe and wonderful winter experience!

Safety has always been a prime concern of ski resorts. This winter, "Safety First" will apply more than ever. Wearing a mask will be obligatory in all valley and mountain stations, restaurants and gondola and aerial cableways. As of 23 October 2020, SkiArena Andermatt-Sedrun has implemented the following measures to protect guests in the ski area in addition to the measures put in place by the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, the cantons and the industry associations.:

For the protection of everyone:

- **Protective glass screens** have been installed at many locations
- **Floor markings and barriers** have been installed indoors
- **Hand sanitiser** is provided at central locations
- **Scheduled cleanings** have been increased
- **Wearing a mask (covering mouth and nose)** is **obligatory** in the **indicated indoor areas**
- **Employees** have been provided with **personal protective equipment**
- **Capacities** have been **expanded** in **outdoor areas** (e.g. at restaurants)
- A **digital checklist** is provided on the website

The SkiArena asks guests to:

- Always wear a **mask** in **indoor areas** and in the **lift facilities**
- Bring your own **face mask** (covering mouth and nose)
- Pay for your **tickets** and **activities online whenever possible**
- **Reserve seats** (in restaurants and at events) in advance
- **Respect the floor markings and barriers**
- Use **contactless** payment whenever possible
- **Regularly wash and sanitise your hands**
- Maintain a **minimum distance** of **1.5 metres**
- Support **contact tracing**



Andermatt Swiss Alps AG

From vision to destination: During the past several years, Andermatt has developed into a popular year-round holiday resort with numerous attractive features: apartment buildings, hotels and chalets, a Scottish-style 18-hole golf course that offers golfers a welcome challenge, and the SkiArena, not only one of the most modern ski regions in Switzerland but also the largest in Central Switzerland, with pistes from Andermatt to Sedrun and Disentis. With its perfect blend of alpine simplicity and urban sophistication, the five-star deluxe hotel The Chedi Andermatt exudes a special magic, as does the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen, with its public indoor pool and wellness-and-fitness area. More apartment buildings and hotels will be built in the forthcoming years.

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