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ALPINE SCHOOL

Via ferrata climbs - Give it a go

GET A TASTE OF CLIMBING ALONG ROCK FACES SECURELY ATTACHED TO STEEL CABLES (CH) | 1 DAY

Enjoy one full day of climbing on the steep granite faces around Andermatt. Our guides will accompany you on your first foray into the fun and exciting world of via ferrata climbing. This trial course is perfect for everyone, who just wants to give it a try.

Content	- Proper handling of safety equipment- Efficient via ferrata climbing techniques- Equipment and material knowledge
Destination	After completing this course, you will have had your first taste of via ferrata excursions and can participate in a more advanced course or accompany more experienced climbers on simple via ferrata routes.
Technique	beginner No prior knowledge necessary, head for heights required; Protection: high, continuous with guide cable, metal rails and rungs; Terrain: short exposed, vertical sections (K1-2)
Condition	beginner Duration from 2 to 5 hours, up to approx. 700 vertical meters, approx. 250 vertical meters per hour.
Meeting place	9.15 a.m. Mammut Store Andermatt / Imholz Sport - Piazza Gottardo (train arrival 9.06 a.m. Andermatt)
Departure	Approx. 3.30 p.m. from point of departure

Services

Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guiding and supervision by a mountain guide• 15% discount on mammut.com
Not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to the course• Transport (possible travel by mountain rail)• Climbing equipment CHF 15.- (climbing harness, via ferrata climbing set, climbing helmet)• Snacks and drinks• Contribution to the Travel Guarantee Fund (0.25% on total amount)

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Program

Day 1

After the participants have met up and collected their rental gear, it's off to the Diavolo via ferrata above the Schöllenen Gorge. Here, the guide will teach the basic skills and cover the main aspects of via ferrata climbing. The Diavolo via ferrata has a K2-3 rating and is fitted with 700 meters of steel cables, 265 iron pitons and rungs and two ladders, making it the ideal climb for beginners. The route starts out steep and a bit dizzying, passing over an impressive ridge in step-like terrain. The next section alternates between plate-like cliff bands and grassy patches. Enjoy enthralling views into the depths of the Schöllen Gorge and down at the Teufelsbrücke ("Devil's Bridge"). A longer traverse to the left takes climbers to the final section of the route: a chute, an exposed cliff section and finally a vertical ladder that leads to the edge of the Tüfelstallboden (approx. 1860 m above sea level), a lovely resting spot marked by the Uri flag with a view of the saw-toothed granite of the Salbitschijen. To return to Andermatt, follow the Chilchenberg or Nätschen hiking trails or ride the train on the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn.

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Rental equipment

Our mountain guide will bring the ordered rental equipment to the meeting place. The following equipment can be rented. **Please note that the backpack with the equipment does not weigh more than 8 to 10 kg (crampons, ice axe, harness weigh about 1.5 kg).**

- Climbing harness
- Via ferrata climbing set
- Climbing helmet

Technical equipment

- Backpack approx. 30l
- Climbing harness
- Climbing helmet
- Via ferrata climbing set

Clothing

- 1x Hardshell jacket (wind- and waterproof)
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- 1x Soft shell and/or fleece jacket
- 1x Climbing pants
- 1x functional socks
- 1x isolation jacket
- 1x short/long functional underwear
- 1x Cap/hat
- Via ferrata gloves (if available)
- Hiking shoes or mountaineering shoes (at least ankle-high, hard sole)

Food

- Tea and lunch must be brought
- Snacks (e.g. energy bars, dried fruit, dried meat)

Various

- Sun cream and lip cream (SPF 30 or higher)
- Sunglasses
- Thermos flask made from break-proof material
- Small medicinal supplies for personal requirements
- Camera (optional)