



RIDE EUROPE

ROUTE 1. STAGE 2. DAY 4.

CHAMONIX TO DAVOS FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND

APPROXIMATELY 220 MILES (350KM)

Today's route covers spectacular mountain roads. Please note many high-altitude mountain passes may close between October and June due to snow and ice conditions. If this is the case, an alternative motorway route from Martigny to Davos is approximately 260 miles (418km), taking around five to six hours. This route requires a Swiss motorway vignette.

Leaving Chamonix, you'll cross the French-Swiss border and climb the historic mountain pass of Col de la Forclaz. As the dramatic French Alps give way to the equally stunning Swiss landscape, there are plenty of opportunities to stop and capture the views. Remember that Switzerland is not part of the EU, and the local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF).

Your first recommended stop is the historic capital city of Martigny, boasting a restored Roman amphitheatre. From here, the road climbs towards the Furka Pass (2,429m), one of Switzerland's most iconic driving roads. The pass is seasonal and typically only remains open from June to October.

After descending, you will arrive in Andermatt, before heading over the Oberalp Pass (2,044m). This high-altitude route is closed in the winter months, so checking seasonal opening times is essential before setting off. The pass connects Andermatt in Uri to the Surselva valley in Graubünden.

On the other side is Chur, Switzerland's oldest city with archaeological discoveries dating as far back as the Paleolithic era. From here, head through Klosters, a charming alpine village, before winding up in Davos.

WHERE TO STAY

There are only a few campsites in the vicinity of Davos, Campingplatz RinerLodge Davos is recommended.

Davos has around 280 types of accommodation to suit every budget.

SWISS VIGNETTES

The annual vignette costs CHF 40 and is valid for a 14-month period starting from 1 December of the previous year until 31 January of the following year. There are two format options:

1. Buy the official Swiss e-vignette online (recommended for motorbikes)

Purchase it from the Swiss government's official portal.

bazg.admin.ch/en/electronic-vignette-via-portal-purchase



It's linked to your licence plate, so there's no sticker to apply. Be cautious of third-party websites that charge extra fees or impersonate the official service.

2. Buy a physical sticker

You can purchase the traditional windshield sticker at:

- Swiss border crossings
- Petrol stations in and near Switzerland
- Swiss post offices

HIGHLIGHTS

- Col de la Forclaz
- Martigny – Roman Amphitheatre
- Legendary Furka Pass
- Chur – Switzerland's oldest city
- Davos



ROUTE MAP



Scan the QR code or click here to view the route

DEPART FROM CHAMONIX

OPTION 1: NON-MOTORWAY

	Road	Direction
Pick up and follow	D1506	Argentiere/Col de la Forclaz/ Switzerland
At the French/Swiss border follow	21	Trient/Martigny
In Martigny, pick up and follow	9	Sion/Brig/Simplon Pass
In Brig, pick up and follow	19	Fiesch/Gletsch
In Gletsch, pick up and follow	19	Furkapass/Andermatt
Furka Pass at 2,431m		
In Andermatt, pick up and follow	19	Oberalp Pass/Chur
Oberalp Pass at 2,046m		
In Chur, pick up and follow	3-13	Landquart
Then follow	28	Klosters/Davos

OPTION 2: MOTORWAY

The fastest all-weather motorway route from Chamonix to Davos covers roughly 260 to 275 miles (418 to 440 km) and takes approximately five hours in normal conditions.

	Road	Direction
Pick up and follow	A9	Martigny/Lausanne
Lausanne to Zurich	A1	Zurich
Zurich to Landquart	A3/A13	Chur/Landquart
Landquart to Davos – at Landquart exit motorway and follow	28	Davos
Then pick up and follow	28	Davos

Disclaimer: These are suggested routes only and we cannot be held responsible for the condition of the roads, the weight of traffic or any detours. Fuel stations can be few and far between in some rural areas of France and Switzerland. Make sure you start each day with a full tank and top up when you can.

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