A winter scene in the Alps. In the foreground, a large, dark wooden cabin with a snow-covered roof sits on a snowy slope. The cabin has several windows and a small chimney. To the left, another wooden building is partially visible. The background features snow-covered evergreen trees and a range of rugged, snow-capped mountains under a bright sky. The scene is framed by snow-laden tree branches in the foreground.

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Come to Our Chalet and enjoy a fully catered Christmas week with exciting activities and a special Christmas celebration.

The Christmas in the Alps event is open to anyone; come as an individual, with your group, your friends, or your family. Discover why so many have loved Our Chalet in the Swiss mountains for over 80 years, and what makes Christmas at Our Chalet so magical.

Cost

CHF 490 per person

This event is open to individuals, families, and groups of all ages.

Note: Accommodation is in shared rooms. A limited number of single and twin rooms are available on request, there is a surcharge of CHF10 per person per night for these rooms.

Package includes

- Our Chalet in-house accommodation
- All meals from dinner on arrival day to packed lunch on departure day
- 3 day programmes and 4 evening programmes as listed in the Information Pack
- A special festive dinner on 24 December and a brunch on 25 December
- Luggage transfer on arrival and departure day (available 9am-6pm, must be pre-booked)

Package price does NOT include

- Personal souvenirs and snacks
- Additional taxis or buses
- Travel or health insurance
- Travel to and from your home to Our Chalet
- Use of internet and personal laundry

Booking

To reserve your place, e-mail info@ourchalet.waggggs.org or make an on-line booking enquiry at <https://www.waggggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/our-chalet/>.

Please take the time to read through the **Our Chalet Christmas in the Alps Information Pack**. When you are ready to book your Christmas in the Alps Package please contact Our Chalet. We will then provide you with a booking contract and request a 10% non-refundable deposit, payable within one month, which will secure your reservation.

You are also very welcome to stay beyond the dates of the Christmas in the Alps event. Please email info@ourchalet.waggggs.org for further information including prices.

Yours in Guiding and Scouting,

Your Our Chalet Team



Our Chalet
SWITZERLAND
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Day Programmes

The Our Chalet Team is pleased to bring you the following activities, all of which are led by our volunteer staff. Please note that activities are subject to weather conditions and the wishes and abilities of participants. Thus the following draft event itinerary is subject to changes. Please see the next page for descriptions of the programme.

	Time	Activity	Meeting Place
Day 1 23 rd Dec	PM 19.30 – 21.00	Arrival Our Chalet Tour	Reception Reception
Day 2 24 th Dec	09.00 – 09.20 09.30 – 17.00 18.00 -	Opening Ceremony On-Site Day Festive Dinner & Christmas Celebration	Flagpole Flagpole Dining Hall
Day 3 25 th Dec	09.30 – 10.30 19.30 – 21.00	Christmas Brunch NO DAY PROGRAMME Magic Tree Hike	Dining Hall Flagpole
Day 4 26 th Dec	09.00 – 17.30 19.30 - 21.00	Engstligen Hike with BBQ & Engstligenalp Swiss Night	Flagpole Dining Hall
Day 5 27 th Dec		No Day Programme No Evening Programme	
Day 6 28 th Dec	09.00 – 17.30 19.30 – 21.00	Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town Campfire & Closing Ceremony	Flagpole Flagpole
Day 7 29 th Dec	AM	Depart (check out before 10.00)	Reception

On-Site Day

This day is based at Our Chalet and we start with an official Opening Ceremony. The rest of the day consists of a rotation of a variety of winter on-site activities. Depending on the weather, these may include igloo building, snowshoe games, on-site sledging, orienteering / geocaching, campfire building & cooking, or craft. **Please note that we are only able to run 3 of these activities during the day.**

Igloo Building

This is a great team-building activity and is always fun! We provide igloo-building equipment, which guests are free to use on Our Chalet grounds whenever the snow conditions permit. Afterwards you can enjoy your igloo, leave it for other groups, or even destroy it during a snow ball fight! We instruct groups on the techniques required for building a good igloo, and then join in the fun, too!



Snowshoe Games

Challenge yourself with snowshoeing and learn about the history of this centuries-old alpine skill. We will teach you the basics of how to walk around like you have tennis racquets on your feet and then play some fun games!



On-Site Sledging

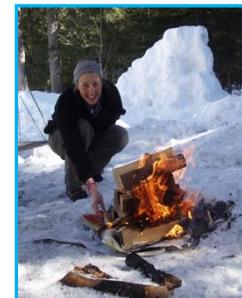
Experience the 80-year long tradition of sledging at Our Chalet! Our grounds provide the perfect opportunity for some tobogganing fun for guests of all ages and abilities. Our very own slopes offer the chance to learn the fine art of tobogganing / sledging, and our staff are more than happy to equip you with the necessary skills!

Orienteering / Geocaching

Learn some basics of using a map and compass and then have a go at finding different markers located around Our Chalet's property. OR, have fun with a world-wide, high-tech, outdoor scavenger hunt – geocaching! Learn how to use a GPS unit to locate hidden caches of goodies!

Campfire Building & Cooking

Practice your campfire building skills! Using a traditional Swiss method, you can try starting a fire from just a few large pieces of wood. After you have successfully started your fire, make yourself a delicious campfire snack.



Craft

Defrost and dry out inside, while making some beautiful crafts. Decorate your room with snowflakes, burn a design into a wooden peg, and learn the Swiss craft of Scherenschnitte.



Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town

The most famous and traditional hike from Our Chalet takes you along quiet lanes for 2 hours, with breathtaking views of the Adelboden valley. At the Woodcarver's workshop you can purchase and admire a range of beautiful hand-carved objects, including many items unique to Our Chalet, like wooden name badges, Guide and Scout woggles, and music boxes that play the Our Chalet song. From the Woodcarver you can walk a further 1.5 hours into Adelboden Town to explore and shop.



Engstligen Falls Hike, BBQ, & Snow Tubing

On this day we will hike for 2 hours to the second largest waterfall in Switzerland, and then enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch around a campfire. Enjoy the lovely smell of the BBQ while you admire the mountain views. In the afternoon we will take a gondola up to Engstligenalp to go Snow Tubing! At the end of the day you may walk back or take the public bus partway back (at an additional cost).

Evening Programmes

Our Chalet Tour and Welcome Meeting

Come and learn about the history of Our Chalet with a presentation. We will then take you on a tour of the main buildings. During the tour, you will also get more information about the programme of the event.

Swiss Night

It's time to experience Swiss culture! Listen to traditional Swiss music, learn interesting facts, test your knowledge about Switzerland and celebrate with chocolate fondue!



Christmas Celebration

Join us in celebrating Christmas at Our Chalet! A special dinner followed by an evening of enjoying the magic of Our Chalet Christmas. Further details will follow.

Magic Tree Snowshoe Hike

Our staff will lead you on an evening adventure for wonderful views across the valley and towards the impressive Lohner mountain range with its frozen waterfalls. Dependent on snowfall, this will be a beautiful snowshoe hike through the forest to the 600-year-old Magic Tree. Remember your warm clothes, a flashlight and sturdy shoes!



Closing and Campfire

During our very special international campfire you will have a chance to learn new songs, games, dances and teach everybody some of your own favourites. This evening programme will also be the official closing of the Christmas in the Alps event.

Our Chalet Challenge

If you feel like giving yourself the ultimate physical challenge, and would like to discover more about Our Chalet, Switzerland and WAGGGS, then the Our Chalet Challenge is for you! The Our Chalet Challenge consists of six components: Physical Challenge, WAGGGS Knowledge, Our Chalet History, Swiss Culture, Personal Challenge and Service. If you manage to complete all six sections, you will be presented with a special Our Chalet Challenge badge. The cost of the badge is included in the programme package.

Preparation and suggested packing list

Our Chalet is located in the Swiss Alps, 1353 metres above sea level, and the weather can vary greatly on a daily basis. In order to fully enjoy this programme and feel comfortable with changing weather conditions in the Alps, we advise you to be aware of this while packing, as well as build up your level of fitness prior to your arrival. You can find our suggested packing list on our website, under the Book Now, Prior to Arrival section.