

# MINI BREAKS 2021

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Please read through this information pack for full details of the Mini Breaks prior to making a booking. These events are short visits for groups of any age accompanied by adult leaders. If you would prefer a longer event for those aged 11+ you may be interested in our Leadership Youth Events. You can find details of these events on our [2021](#) event calendar.

Mini Breaks are available on weekends from mid March to end of May 2021, excluding weekends between 2-18 April. It may also be possible to book a mid-week Mini Break (excluding 29 March-18 April), please e-mail us to check availability.

| Dates (Fri PM-Sun AM)                | Price adults and children aged 6+ | Price children aged 3-5 | Price infants aged 0-2 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| March                                | CHF 213                           | CHF 142                 | Free                   |
| April (excluding dates listed above) | CHF 213                           | CHF 142                 | Free                   |
| May                                  | CHF 253                           | CHF 162                 | Free                   |

Please note a minimum of 10 participants (excluding infants) are required to run a Mini Break. This can be made up of several smaller groups. Mini Breaks are open to groups of any age. **Groups with participants under age 18 must include adults responsible for the group, including a first aider.** Participants are NOT required to be members of Guiding/Scouting.

The above prices are for shared dorm rooms. A limited number of single and twin rooms are available for a supplement of CHF 20 per person per night.

When you are ready to book you can send a booking enquiry [here](#).

If after reading the information pack you have questions about Mini Breaks, please e-mail [info@ourchalet.waggs.org](mailto:info@ourchalet.waggs.org).



## Young children at Our Chalet

Our Chalet welcomes children of all ages. Young children are welcome to attend all the programme activities accompanied by a responsible adult. Note: infants (those age 0-2) cannot be supervised by an adult who is also acting as a leader for a group of children. A second adult is needed to supervise the infant(s).

We offer the following family-friendly facilities:

- Family rooms with and without bunk beds – if you are booking as part of a group, your group will be assigned rooms and it is up to your group leader to allocate your family a suitable room.
- Lounge room with games/puzzles/colouring pens/etc.
- Outdoor play equipment (plastic sleds, balls, parachute, etc.) for use on site
- One high chair and one booster seat available for use in the dining hall
- A shared fridge to store food/drinks (access to a freezer can be arranged)
- Facilities to warm baby food/milk
- Friendly and welcoming Scout centre with an international staff team

We are NOT able to offer:

- Travel cots or cribs
- Baby food – we have facilities to store food you bring with you
- En-suite bathrooms – all of our rooms have access to shared bathrooms, some of these are individual bathrooms with one shower and some are larger with several shower stalls. We have one bathroom with a bath.
- Changing table – we do not currently have a changing table but are looking in to installing one in 2020.
- Child car seats – please bring your own if you wish to use our luggage transfer

Parents/guardians are responsible for their children at all times.

## Participants with disabilities

Most of our activities can be adapted to be suitable for participants with physical, learning, or sensory disabilities/impairments. Transport, including wheelchair accessible taxis, can be arranged where necessary. Our accommodation is partially accessible for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. Please be aware that our activities go ahead in all weather conditions. **Please contact us prior to booking to discuss your needs.**

Please note transport in lieu of walking on programme activities can only be provided for guests with permanent disabilities to help us make our programming inclusive. **For those with temporary injuries, those with lower fitness, or those who simply prefer not to walk, transport can be arranged at extra cost.**





Our Mini Break programme can be tailored to meet your groups' age range and abilities. Broadly, each Mini Break includes:

| Day/Time          | Activity  |
|-------------------|---|
| Friday afternoon  | Orienteering and campfire lighting                            |
| Friday evening    | Swiss Night   |
| Saturday morning  | Pinning ceremony  |
| Saturday day time | Hike to Engstligen Falls and cook trapper lunch (and eat it!) |
| Saturday evening  | Evening programme   |
| Sunday morning    | Shelter building and first aid skills                         |

The evening programme on Saturday can be games night, a WAGGGS skills session, Magic Tree hike, or a badge-themed programme of your suggestion.

All programme activities are led by Our Chalet staff and volunteers, however, leaders are required to supervise their group at all times.



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Our indoor accommodation is offered across two buildings:

Main Chalet opened in 1932 and offers dorm rooms, triple rooms, twin rooms, and a single room. The largest dorm room can sleep up to 14 guests. None of the rooms in Main Chalet have bunk beds.

Spycher House opened in 1999 and offers one dorm room (sleeps up to eight guests), quad rooms, twin rooms, and two single rooms. Some rooms in Spycher House have bunk beds.

For groups, rooms will be assigned by our office staff based on your needs. To maximise availability, groups may be split across both buildings. Our staff always ensure at least one leader is in the same building as participants from their group.

Participants from different groups do not share rooms (unless by request), however, different groups will share the same common facilities such as bathrooms and hallways. Our Chalet is open to guests of all genders.

For details of wheelchair accessibility in our indoor accommodation please e-mail [info@ourchalet.waggs.org](mailto:info@ourchalet.waggs.org). As a broad overview, accommodation suitable for manual wheelchair users is available in Spycher House. Users of powered wheelchairs or mobility scooters who can transfer to a manual chair without the use of a hoist can also access this accommodation.



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All meals from dinner on arrival day to packed lunch on departure day are included in the package cost.

The kitchen at Our Chalet is operated by the Kitchen Manager and a team of volunteer staff. We do our best to accommodate dietary requirements, however, if you have a severe allergy or complex dietary requirement, we recommend you discuss your needs prior to booking.

### **Breakfast**

A cold breakfast of cereals, yoghurt, bread, cheese, and fruit is available every morning in a self-service buffet style. Hot and cold drinks are also included.

### **Packed lunch**

Guests make a packed lunch (sandwiches, fruit, snacks, etc.) each morning. We recommend guests bring a lunch box or bag to carry their lunch as we do not offer single-use sandwich bags.

### **Dinner**

Dinner is served at one sitting and offers one option for everyone. Typical dinners include Swiss dishes such as rösti and camp favourites like chilli or pasta. Dinners always include salad or vegetables and include two courses with a main meal and dessert.

### **Special diets**

Special diet meals, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free are available only to participants who have notified us in advance of their need for a special meal. Your pre-arrival paperwork will ask you to specify dietary requirements for each person in your group.



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We look forward to welcoming you to Our Chalet in 2021!



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