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Snowmobiling Madesimo Unique in the Alps and exclusively at HB-Adventure Switzerland

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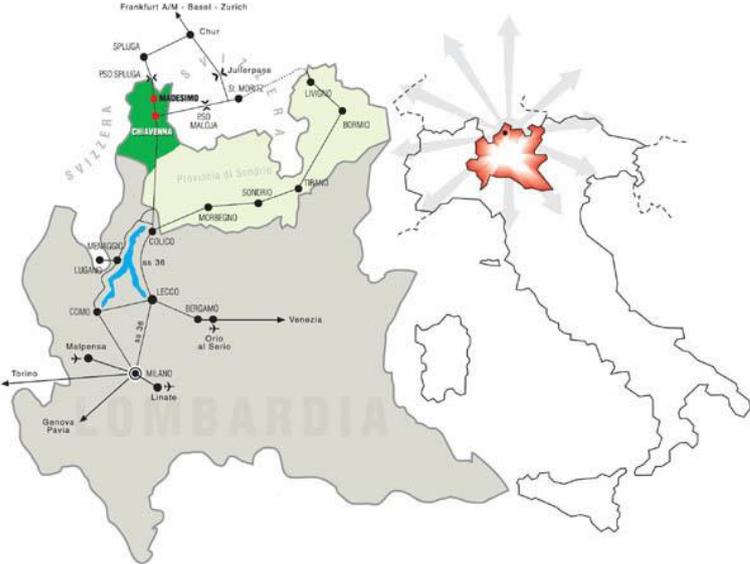


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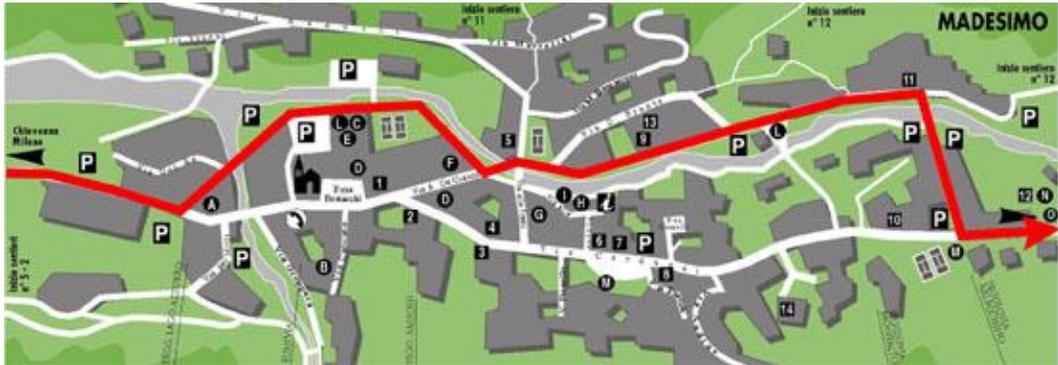
Driving Directions

Madesimo is accessible by car via the following route: Chur, Julier Pass, Maloja and Chiavenna (turn right at the first roundabout).

An alternative route takes you via Lucerne and Lugano to Chiavenna. Note: coming this way the road to Madesimo will be curvy and narrow on the last few kilometers (max. allowed vehicle height is 2.5 meters, max. allowed length is 5 meters). However, there is an alternate route for bigger vehicles (follow the respective signs).



After you have arrived in Madesimo, follow the path marked red in the map below until you reach our Snowmobile base (look for a building with flagpoles and the Team Adventure Madesimo flag).



Red path: Way to the Snowmobile base at Team Adventure Madesimo

IMPORTANT: When coming from the North Do NOT rely on the driving directions of your satellite/GPS navigation device, as it will likely try to guide you over the Splügenpass road. This road is usually CLOSED from December through May.

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Snowmobile Information The Region

Bergell

Known for its characteristic mountain peaks, rocky formations and its unspoiled, beautiful landscapes, the Bergell is also rich in history and culture and is ideal for hiking (for example on famous trails such as the „Panaoramic“ or the „Sentiero Storico“. Paying a visit to the Bergell brings you to where many artists live and have lived, most famous among them the „Giacometti“ family. Their great art can be admired at the Museum of Stampa.

Maloja is the first village of the Bergell. The valley itself extends over 40km until the border with Italy in Castasegna, and it is home to only 1200 people who live spread out in 7 small communities.

The most famous Bergell village: Soglio, 1100m (3700ft) above sea level

This old, picturesque village is located on a sunny terrace-like slope above the valley and offers great views on the Bondasca. Towering high above the humble farm houses are the luxurious villas and palazzi of the well-known Salis-Soglio family. Cà Aelta, Casa Battista (nowadays Hotel Palazzo Salis), Casa Antonio, Casa Gubert and the Palazzo Max all give an idea how the noble people used to reside. Soglio is the perfect vacation spot for the seeker of tranquility and silence as well as untouched natural beauty. A number of spectacular hiking paths lead through extensive



Chestnut forests where locals bring in their harvest in autumn. It's the time when the so-called "cascine" (the traditional chestnut smoking chimneys) release their bluish fumes which then somewhat mystically well up between the tall and strong trees in the peak of their foliage colors. That is why Segantini used to say: "Soglio, la soglia del Paradiso." (Soglio, the only one Paradise).

Albigna

Very impressive indeed, the Albigna dam, which was built by the Electric Power Company of Zürich in 1955 - 1959, is situated at 2100m (6900ft) above sea level and stands 115m (380ft) tall. A small cable car brings visitors from Pranzaira crossing a deep canyon right to the base of the dam. In summer, guided tours take you inside the structure of the barrage. The dam does not only serve for the production of electricity but it also protects the valley from flood disasters as it regulates the water flow. The water is channeled down through a series of 5 more dams and barrages and produces the power needed by the city of Zürich.



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Chiavenna

The Italian town of Chiavenna is located about 25km north of Lake Como, on the right bank of the river Mera. Historically, it was here that two main paths for the crossing of the Alps already known to, and used by, the Romans originated. One of the two paths leads north through the San Giacomo valley, over the Splügen pass to Chur; the road was opened in 1822. The other heads east first throughout the Bergell valley (Val Bregaglia) and then splits again, climbing high over Septimer pass (a mere mule track even in our days) onto the Julier pass route. Nowadays, about 7'500 people live in Chiavenna. Chiavenna belongs to the province of Sondrio in the region known as the Lombardy. In summer, state street #36 which connects Madesimo and the village of Splügen, is a renowned, spectacular alpine road loved by car drivers just as much as by motorcyclists.

This route, by the way, is also one of George Clooney's favorites; he has a summer house not far from Chiavenna on Lake Como.

Madesimo

Madesimo is a prime location when it comes to risky winter sports. On the steep slopes of the Pizzo Groppera or the narrow terrace of the Alpe Motta, daring downhill skiers put their skills to the test. On the other hand, those who prefer deep, untouched powdery snow will be pleased to delve into the slopes of the Val di Lei. A rather sophisticated network of ski lifts and rides directly connects all slopes and runs to the village of Madesimo, and, by an additional cable car, also to the village of Campodolcino. A total of 70km (44mls) of tracks slopes and ski runs up to altitudes of 3000m (9800ft) above sea level are available to the visitors.

Snowmobiling in Madesimo is unique in the Alps: over 70km (44mls) of tracks and routes outside the skiing areas are available. Starting in Madesimo, they extend high up into alpine zones.



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Snowmobiling About Our Tours

Most preferred tour 6: (Splügenpass and Lago Nero)

After a thorough briefing and instruction about the Snowmobiles, the driving techniques, and safety in general, we start the tour at about 1600m above sea level. Soon after, a steep climb leads us to Alp Andossi which is inhabited only in summer. From there on, following a mountain crest, we ascend to Cava where you'll enjoy fantastic panoramic views. Climbing even further on an old mining road we reach Lago Nero at 2300m above sea level. After a steep drop of roughly 400m our curvy road winds down to Lake Monte Spluga. Following the lake shoreline we leave behind the deserted village of Monte Spluga and go up all the way to the top of Splügen pass, partly using the official (but for regular traffic closed) mountain pass road with its innumerable curves. Here, at the Italian-Swiss border, we take a well-deserved break and drive back to our base in Madesimo. Depending on group size and driving experience/style, the tour lasts about 2 hours.

Snowmobiling: What to expect/to bring

Good winter clothing (Ski dress, Snow shoes, gloves, Ski cap and Ski glasses) or similar protection against the cold are indispensable, as even in springtime temperatures in the area can be extremely low and wind chills are harsh.

Wearing a helmet is mandatory, rental helmets are available (complimentary)

IMPORTANT: We do NOT offer winter clothing for rent.

Our Snowmobile Park consists of up to 40 new or almost new machines (Type Yamaha). They are either equipped with 500cc or 1000cc engines. A valid driver's license for passenger cars and/or motorcycles is required. Operating the Snowmobile is easy, and instructions are given before the tour begins.



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