

Free travel by public transport to and from the Swiss parks

Frequently asked questions

This document (“Frequently asked questions”) is the basis for the terms and conditions in relation to the Free travel by public transport to and from the Swiss parks and is binding for all parties.

When does the offer start and for how long is it valid?

The offer is valid for travel from 1 August 2024 until 31 October 2024, subject to availability and valid for bookings made between 17 June and 27 October 2024. Please reserve your tickets directly after booking your accommodation in order to benefit from the limited tickets.

At which accommodations is the offer valid?

The offer of free travel by public transport to and from the Swiss parks is valid for an overnight stay of three or more nights in one of the approximately 90 accommodations in 11 Swiss parks and the Tectonic Arena Sardona. You can find all accommodations [here](#). Please book your overnight stay directly at the accommodation. Then you can order your return ticket [online](#).

What type of ticket is issued?

We will send you a ticket for your most direct train connection from your place of residence to your booked accommodation in the 2nd travel class. However, a change of itinerary can be requested at the SBB counter at an additional cost. Any change of class can be booked at your own expense via [sbb.ch](https://www.sbb.ch).

We are planning a three-day hike in a park and will be staying at three different accommodations. Will we still be eligible for the free return ticket?

No, you agree to spend the three or more nights in the same accommodation.

Does the offer also apply to children?

Yes, children travel free on public transport up to the age of six. Older children also benefit from the offer as long as they book an overnight stay of three nights or more.

How do I benefit from the offer as a GA travelcard holder?

As a GA travelcard holder, you do not benefit from the free public transport travel offer.

The Biosfera Val Müstair is offering a guest card. What do I have to do in this case?

After booking your overnight stay, you order your tickets for the journey to and from your accommodation in the Biosfera Val Müstair via the [online form](#). We will automatically issue your ticket to/from Zerneš. For the onward journey you can use your guest card, which you will receive in advance directly from your accommodation. If you have any questions about the guest card, please contact the accommodation directly.

Does the offer also apply if I do not return home after a stay in one of the eleven Swiss parks or the Tectonic Arena Sardona, but continue my journey within Switzerland?

Yes, we will gladly cover the costs of your onward journey within Switzerland. Please indicate the station in the field "Anything else we should know?" when ordering.

We are travelling to one of the parks from abroad. Is the offer also valid from abroad?

The offer of the free return ticket only applies to 2nd class travel on Swiss public transport within Switzerland. We will be happy to issue for you a ticket from/to the station at the border crossing. Please take note of this on the order form.

We are a hiking group staying in the same hotel for three nights. Can we benefit from the offer?

Yes, all group members staying three nights or more in an accommodation benefit from this offer. The ticket must be ordered for each individual person using the [online form](#). We ask group leaders to organise this for their group themselves. The form can be used to order tickets for up to 10 people at the same time. Please note that they will all be sent to one e-mail address.

How can I be sure to receive the tickets before my departure?

We will send you the documents (tickets) in good time prior to your departure and ask you to check that they are correct. However, if you have not received them by three days before departure, please contact the office of the Swiss Parks Network immediately by telephone +41 (0)31 381 10 71. Please note that it is possible that our confirmation email with the tickets ends up in your spam folder.

Please note the opening hours of the office:

Monday to Friday from 8.30-12.00 and 13.30-17.00.

What do I need to do if I postpone or extend my stay?

If you need to change your booking, an administration fee of CHF 20 per ticket will be applied. Please contact the office of the Swiss Parks Network no later than 24 hours before the journey to ensure that we will be able to re-book your train tickets and issue a new one. Late or omitted notifications can unfortunately no longer be considered, and you will have to pay for the new ticket yourself. Please note the opening hours of the office:

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What do I need to do if I need to leave earlier?

Please contact the office of the Swiss Parks Network no later than 24 hours before your intended departure. Please note the cancellation conditions of your accommodation and the processing fee of CHF 20.- per ticket.

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What do I have to pay if I cancel my stay at short notice?

You will not be charged for cancellations within 24 hours before departure. Should you fail to cancel, we will be obliged to charge you the entire travel costs. The terms and conditions of your accommodation will apply for the cost of your stay.

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What happens if I cancel the trip or cannot make it by public transport?

You need to let us know that you no longer intend to use your ticket no later than 24 hours before departure. Otherwise, we will have to charge you the costs.

Can my dog also benefit from the offer of free public transport travel?

No, please buy a normal ticket for your dog. You can find more information on [sbb.ch](https://www.sbb.ch).

I am travelling with my bicycle. Is this included in the offer of free return ticket?

No, a separate bicycle ticket must be purchased. Please find more information on www.sbb.ch.

What will happen with any personal data I provide?

For internal statistical purposes, we need your date of birth, public transport subscription and place of departure. For quality assurance purposes, you will receive a survey e-mail after your trip. All personal details will be deleted after the campaign and will not be used for marketing purposes.