

Staying in a hut is a special way of living together. Visiting a hut differs in some respect from staying in a hotel. With understanding and consideration, it becomes an unforgettable experience for everyone! Our hut etiquette informs visitors and alpine newcomers about the special features of hut life. The hut wardens and their teams look forward to nice encounters with grown-ups and kids.

Hut Etiquette

Welcome to our mountain hut!



1 Before your visit

Open and guarded Thanks to internet and cell phone, you can get information about the hut, weather and access. In the guarded hut, your meals are taken care of all around.

Reservation and special requests Reservation of sleeping places and meals is required in all mountain huts. Inform the hut team if you are accompanied by kids and inquire whether the dog can be brought along. The dining wishes of the guests can be varied, but the possibilities of the hut kitchen are limited. Before visiting the hut, find out what special food, such as vegetarian dishes or without gluten. This allows the team to plan and cook creative meals.

Changes Inform the team of any changes to the reservation. At short term do it only by phone.

Cancellation Cancellation if you are prevented is mandatory. Note the terms and conditions of the mountain hut.



2 Upon arrival

Registration Register with the hut team as soon as you arrive. Here you can get more information about your stay in the hut. The entry in the hut book gives rescue teams important information in case you are missing.

Payment of the stay Often you can only pay in cash, so pack enough money in cash. If the hut warden wishes, accommodation and half board are paid on arrival. Other consumption is usually billed in the evening before going to bed.

Equipment Store shoes, hiking sticks, ice ax, crampons, skis, wet clothes, etc. in the signposted areas. And leave the stinky socks there too.

Slippers Slippers are available in most huts.

Sleeping bag / sleeping place The hut team will assign you the sleeping place. Blankets and pillows are provided. For hygienic reasons, a hut sleeping bag is recommended – compulsory in many huts and can usually be borrowed from the hut.



3 Hut routine

Quiet time Cozy hut evenings end with the hut rest – usually at 10 p.m. For early risers, the following applies: pack your backpack in the evening – bag rustles and carabiners sorted in the morning at 4.30 a.m. are unpopular. Speaking of undisturbed night's sleep: earplugs are miraculous!

Light into darkness A headlamp or flashlight should be in your luggage and is always at hand out of respect for the roommates sleeping and for security reasons.

Waste Whatever you bring with you, take it back down to the valley. Fortunately, empty packaging is lightweighted.

Mobilephone and internet Internet access is via satellite or GSM. Data capacity and electricity are mostly in short supply and are often only sufficient to supply the hut. The hut team will inform you about meteo and tour conditions. Enjoy your analogue time.

Water and resources Water, energy and internet are scarce or nonexistent. Understanding and doing without make hut life a special experience.

Help: Small gestures – great joys! Helping with the hut work, such as clearing and cleaning tables, or drying dishes, is gladly accepted. Does anything fit in your backpack that is urgently needed in the hut? The hut team looks forward to your inquiry.

Sleeping place On departure: have you forgotten anything? Please leave your sleeping place as you found it.



4 In case of an unmanned hut (winter room)

Hut book Write down your stay and your tour plans in the hut book.

Payment Pay cash in the hut cash register or use common online payment methods and note it in the hut book.

Clearing up and waste Take your own waste down to the valley and leave the hut tidy according to the instructions.



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