

YOUR EVENT ON RIFFELBERG IN SUMMER 2025

THE MATTERHORN STORY



Are you looking for a brilliant idea for an exclusive company event, an emotional anniversary celebration or an exciting team event? On Europe's highest open-air stage Freilichtspiele Zermatt offers the perfect setting for an unforgettable theatre experience in the summer of 2025 with the new production of "The Matterhorn Story". The premiere of the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn Story fascinated about 25'000 people in summer 2015.

The combination of a highly emotional story in front of the breathtaking scenery of the Matterhorn and the exclusive gastronomy of the restaurants on Riffelberg guarantee a unique culinary and cultural experience.

Your contact to us

We very much look forward to being able to welcome you and your group in summer 2025 and will be happy to offer you a tailor-made offer according to your wishes and ideas.

I look forward to your enquiries
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The play “The Matterhorn Story” of the Bernese author and director Livia Anne Richard is thrilling, moving and at the same time profound. She uncovers, analyses and interprets within the framework and in the sense of artistic freedom.



THE MATTERHORN : THE MOUNTAIN OF MOUNTAINS

The Matterhorn – mystical, majestic, the mountain of mountains. No one can escape its fascination, neither locals or guests. This is why the makers of Zermatt Open-Air Theatre chose it as the backdrop for the open-air stage. Every evening new facets of the mountain can be discovered, every minute the spectacle of light and shadow changes, but it always captivates the audience with its splendour.

THE STORY

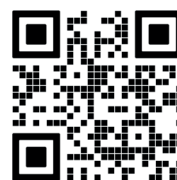
The year is 1865: that year in the history of Zermatt when the farming world ended and tourism started to boom.

Edward Whymper is horrified: his Italian mountain guide, Jean-Antoine Carrel, has just betrayed him and begun the ascent from the Italian side without him. Whymper feels deceived and at once puts together a group for an immediate attempt to climb the mountain from Zermatt via the Hörnli ridge.

Seven men - consisting of two Zermatt and one French mountain guide, as well as four noble mountaineers from England, - set off from Zermatt to the summit on Friday morning July, 13 1865.

There is unrest in the village: for many, wanting to climb a mountain which is considered to be invincible on a Friday, 13th, amounts to an invitation to the devil. But contrary to all superstitions and fears, it is observed down in the village that all seven men have arrived at the summit unharmed.

The joy in the village is great until...



*The Trailer
from 2015*

THE HIGHEST OPEN-AIR PLAY IN EUROPE

To mark the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn, Freilichtspiele Zermatt took place for the first time in 2015. After the great success the second production followed on the Riffelberg in 2017 with “Romeo und Julia am Gornergrat” and the third in 2019 with “Matterhorn: No ladies please!”

2015 The Matterhorn Story
2017 Romeo und Julia am Gornergrat
2019 Matterhorn: No ladies please!
2025 The Matterhorn Story (a new production)

Written and directed by Livia Anne Richard. The successful author from Berne has written or adapted all the plays for Zermatt and directed them as well.



CATERING

Pure enjoyment!

Let yourself be pampered by a varied culinary offer in the Riffelberg restaurants before enjoying the dramatic events on stage.

You can choose between a delicious three-course menu or an attractive aperitif in rooms exclusively reserved for you.

On request we will gladly provide you with a corresponding offer.



THE
MATTERHORN
STORY

PERFORMANCE DATES

Performance dates: Saturday, June 28
to Saturday, August 23 2025

Playing times: Tuesdays and Thursdays to
Saturdays 7.30 pm
Sundays and August 1, at 2 pm

Duration: The play lasts about 90 minutes.
There is no intermission.

Ticket price: CHF 85.00

Group discount: From 10 persons on we grant a
10 percent discount in the form
of free tickets.

Wheel chair seats: Persons in wheelchairs get a
free ticket. Booking by telephone
only +41 (0) 27 527 01 50

Gornergratbahn: CHF 45.00
Zermatt – Riffelberg – Zermatt

Spoken languages: Valais German, German, English.

Cancellation: For group visits, we recommend
setting up a replacement date.
Tickets will not be refunded, but
can be rebooked. In case of a post-
ponement due to weather condi-
tions, there is the possibility to attend
a performance on a date of your
choice (subject to availability). In
this case tickets can also be rebooked
individually.

Day	Date	Time	Show
JUNE			
Friday	June 27	7.30 pm	Premiere
Saturday	June 28	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	June 29	2 pm	Performance
JULY			
Thursday	July 10	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	July 11	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	July 12	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	July 13	2 pm	Performance
Tuesday	July 15	7.30 pm	Performance
Thursday	July 17	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	July 18	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	July 19	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	July 20	2 pm	Performance
Tuesday	July 22	7.30 pm	Performance
Thursday	July 24	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	July 25	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	July 26	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	July 27	2 pm	Performance
Thursday	July 31	7.30 pm	Performance
AUGUST			
Friday	August 1	2 pm	Performance
Saturday	August 2	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	August 3	7.30 pm	Performance
Thursday	August 7	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	August 8	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	August 9	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	August 10	2 pm	Performance
Thursday	August 14	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	August 15	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	August 16	7.30 pm	Performance
Sunday	August 17	2 pm	Performance
Thursday	August 21	7.30 pm	Performance
Friday	August 22	7.30 pm	Performance
Saturday	August 23	7.30 pm	Derniere
Sunday	August 24	2 pm	Reserve date
Thursday	August 28	7.30 pm	Reserve date
Friday	August 29	7.30 pm	Reserve date
Saturday	August 30	7.30 pm	Reserve date
Sunday	August 31	2 pm	Reserve date

Premiere and reserve performances can't be booked.

