

Schwarzwald winter



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Pre trip to do list

Transfers	Outward - invite taxis to bid for trip (Basel airport to Titisee) https://gettransfer.com/ Return - Freiberg - Basel Airport (20Epp) https://www.flixbus.co.uk/
Travel insurance	Check winter activities included
Hochschwarzwald card	Login to app and save all QR codes (link arrives 1 week before travel)
Book Badeparadies (once have H pass/ weather forecast)	Check pool calendar (open hours change in holidays/ slide days) https://www.badeparadies-schwarzwald.de/en/shop/mtp/funnel-entrance.php 24th Dec - pools close at 2pm 26th Dec - open until 10pm/ slides open in both pools Booking page with H card https://mein.hochschwarzwald.de/de/pages/badeparadies-schwarzwald
Flights	Consider fast pass - November Black Friday sales
Buses	Use this website for up to date bus times for scheduling https://int.bahn.de/en

Itinerary summary

22/12	Arrival Titisee	Grocery (train or car to Lidl at Feldberg-Barental) Bambi Bar at station for dinner
23/12	Titisee Lake Feldberg ski centre	Check frozen lake/ cuckoo shops Snow shoe trek
24/12	Feldberg ski centre	Toboggan
25/12	Brass band 11 am Lunch Lake walk	Titisee church Treschers Schwarzwald-Hotel am See KG Look out for deckchairs and pop
26/12	Bade aradis	Palm Oasis and Galaxy slides for us
27/12	Freiberg	Historic buildings Market Square - currywurst Funicular Wine tasting
28/12	Europa Park	Best rides in Iceland - Silver Star and Blue Fires

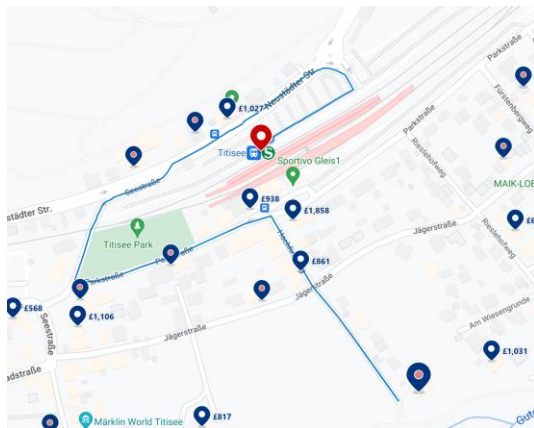
Itinerary detail

22/12 – Arrival and supplies

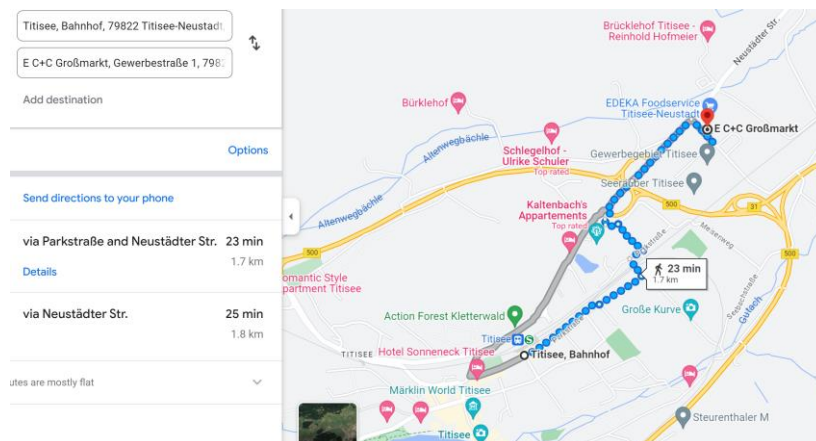
Accom Titisee

Address	Waldlicht Titisee (W17) + Hochschwarzwald Card, Titisee-Neustadt - Updated 2023 Prices (booking.com) Waldlicht Titisee (W17_15)/ Hochfirstweg, 79822 Titisee-Neustadt, Germany
Location	13 min walk from station
Tourist tax	3Epppn tourist tax payable in cash locally

Accom to Titisee train:



Supermarket – 23 min walk from station (E,C and C) – we never found this



23/12/23 – Feldburg snow shoe

Travel	Service: Bus 7300 runs hourly all year round between Titisee and Feldberg Outward: Leaves Titisee station on the hour from 8am Journey time: 35 mins to Feldberg Feldbergerhof (lots of Feldberg stations but is main one) Cost: Free with KONUS card (about E3 if have to pay) Which stop get off? – Hire shop is in Feldberger Hof hotel 1 min from this stop - Feldberg Feldbergerhof (1250m) Return: Last bus back is 18:30
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Activities	Show shoe Seebucktrail - 2 hour trail (6km/ elevation 169M - medium) Small circular signposted tour in Feldberg https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/touren/seebucktrail-schneeschuhtrail-49d26be803
Equip hire	House of Nature (opposite Hotel Feldberg hof) https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/attraktionen/schneeschuhverleih-feldberg-48ea2db54b Rents snow shoes and runs guided tours

Snowshoe trail from Feldberg



24/12 - Toboggan

Activity	Toboggan: Sporthaus & Ski School Feldberg (open from 2 Dec) https://www.sporthaus-feldberg.de
Hire location	In the shopping arcade at the Hotel Feldberger Hof . https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/attraktionen/sporthaus-skischule-feldberg-416c0a986d
Equip hire	Rental €5 or free with H card Passport deposit (or photo) required Subject to availability - can't reserve in advance https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/erleben/winter-aktivitaeten/rodeln/rodel-to-go
Ski hire and lessons?	Ski hire 99E pp for 3 days with H card https://www.sporthaus-feldberg.de/skischule 150E for 2 hours for family of 4 Book in advance for this (keep an eye on weather)

ALTERNATIVE (not tried) - Cross country ski:

Nordic centre (2 buses) - [Nordic-Center Notschrei to Todtnau Busbahnhof, Todtnau, Germany - Google Maps](#)

Travel	Bus 1: 7300 to Todtnau from Titisee station as above (hourly - on the hour takes 48 mins) Bus 2: 7215 Todtnau - Nordic centre (Runs hourly: 25 mins past hour; takes 24 mins) Outward: Bus 1: 10am from Titisee bahnhof (bus 7300) arrive Todtnau 10.48 Bus 2: 11.25 from Todtnau Busbahnhof (bus 7215) arrive Notschrei/halde i.e. Nordic 11.50am
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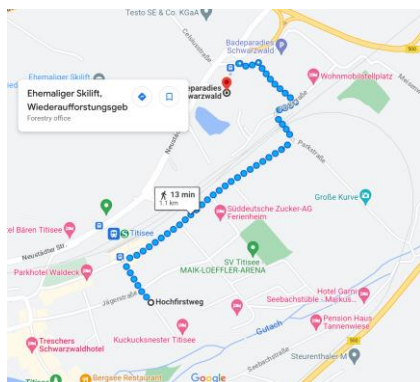
	Return: Bus 1: 16:29 or 18:29 - 7215 bus from Notschrei /Halde (same place) to Todtnau Busbahnhof/ Arrive Todtnau 16.51 or 18:51 Bus 2 :17:10 or 19:10 bus 7300 back to Titisee Last bus: 19:10 is last 7300 from Todtnau to Titisee (one before is 17.10) (Taxi is 78€ if miss it and if you can find one)
Cross country ski trails	Different variants for all skill levels. Snowmaking from the beginning of December (weather dependant) Lighting times Tuesday - Friday from 6:00 pm to 9:15 pm Nordic centre cross country trails 1.7-3.5 km https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/touren/biathlonanlage-nordic-arena-notschrei-17-35-km-6708521448
Hire - free	At Nordic Centre Notschrei https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/attraktionen/skiverleih-ski-hirt-im-nordic-center-notschrei-c57a908305
Location	From the Nordic Center starting point, follow the signs.
Website	https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/erleben/winter-aktivitaeten/langlauf#Ankerlink%20Nordic%20Center%20Notschrei
Also tobogan here	Toboggan is across road from Nordic centre: Conveyor belt takes you to top 12E for 10 runs. 85 m long conveyor belt to the toboggan run. https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/attraktionen/foerderband-notschrei-07047a7d2b

25/12 - Traditional Christmas concert and Lake walk

Location	Titisee
Time	11am
Website	https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/event/traditionelles-weihnachtskonzert-des-musikvereins-titisee-jostal-ce4be9df0c

26/12 - Badeparadies

Travel	Walk - 13 mins
Cost	2 hours 20 per cent off with H card (book through H link) Can upgrade to all day for €5 pp
Pools	Galaxy (slide) and Oasis (palm) Vital (nude) Oasis ticket includes access to slides when open
Towels	Bring or rent for €4 (can rent robe too €7)
Website	https://www.badeparadies-schwarzwald.de/en/informations/openinghours-rates.php?date=24.12.2023#opening-times-table Info here https://www.hochschwarzwald.de/attraktionen/badeparadies-schwarzwald-385d715295#0 Book here https://mein.hochschwarzwald.de/de/pages/badeparadies-schwarzwald
Open	9am - 2 pm on Christmas Eve 9am-10pm boxing day (slides open both days so Oasis ticket fine)



27/12 - Freiburg

Travel	S1 from Freiburg im Breisgau takes 38 mins Can use KONUS card on the day of arrival. It is issued by the accommodation (not the train station), and finishes on the day of departure. It cannot be used for arrival journeys but can be used as part of a departure journey (not long distance)
Accom	Hotel & Restaurant Sichelschmiede (Booking.com) 16 min walk from station
Things to see	Historic centre Munsterplatz, Rathausplatz (Town Hall Square) , market hall, city gates (8 min walk to Muster) Schlossberg - (Castle Hill) -funicular railway to top Wine tasting bar - Munsterplatz

28/12 Europa Park

Travel	Buy a ticket on the train platform in Freiberg and this covers the connecting bus form Herbolzheim or Ringsheim (approx. 20E pp). The journey takes about an hour.
Open	The park is open 11am to 7pm in winter (closed 12 Jan-March) and 9am-6pm in summer
Cost	from 61E/day for ages 12+
Website	https://www.europapark.de/en
Location	Europa-Park-Str. 2 · 77977 Rust

PACKING

Christmas pressies (small) and cards

Euros

Document pack (insurance/boarding passes/ accom print outs/passports/fee-free foreign transaction credit and cash cards/EHIC health cards/ driving licence)

Swimmers

Hiking boots

Winter coats

Thermal layers

Christmas outfits

Waterproof socks, trousers and gloves

Hat/scarf

Sunglasses

TOP TIPS

Pre travel planning		
1.	Security	Grab a security fast pass on Black Friday for 50% off
2.	Luggage	In hindsight one hold bag is not enough for a winter holiday for 4. We've booked 2 for our next trip.
3.	Transfers	Avoid timed public transport bookings for connecting with arriving flights. The vicissitudes of fate may be against you.
4.	How to find snow	Go late and go high. Go for the February half term if you want more of a snow guarantee. Our Christmas day weather channel showed all of Europe at elevations over 1,200m to be pretty much blanketed with the stuff. We were not high enough.
5.	Carry cash	Always carry emergency cash, even when just "popping out". Also essential for being able to tip in restaurants so you don't look like a Christmas meanie.
6.	Discount clarity	Do not confuse the powers of the Konus and the H cards! Konus is for travel.
7.	Self cater	Restaurants are only really open in the day. Plan to self cater. There is a half hourly train to Lidl at Feldberg-Barental, one stop from Titisee. Maybe try walking to the local shop in daylight?
Show-shoeing		
8.	What is a snow shoe?	A snow shoe is not a shoe but a small ski. When hiring show shoes, wear a walking boot
9.	Show shoe attire	When snow shoeing - wear proper clothes and go for a sunny day if you are time-rich for a fighting chance of finding the markers.
Travel		
10.	Check bus displays	Do not neglect to Googlemaps the destination listed on the front of any bus you may be thinking of getting on or you may end up on the road to Zell/hell.
11	Electric car hire	Plan ahead for electric car hire. Head to the tourist info when you arrive in town to sort this out.
Using the Hochschwartzwald card		
12	Identity checks	Take photos of your passports as you never know when you may need them.
13	Look out for venue variation	Venues change. Don't rely on early H card research. Worth checking back if the event is not where you expect it to be.
Badeparadies		
14	Make sure it is slide day in the pool	Check the pool timetable for Galaxy opening days if have sliders in the family. Beware textile free zones.
15	Dead Sea look-o-like	Don't miss the wellness pool with the super concentrate minerals - very much like the Dead Sea, with comedic buoyancy effects.
16	After dark in the pool	Do not miss the night time transformation of fire and light



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