

Alpine Golf



The Annual International **Eagle Cup** Matterhorn Alpine Golf Competition

One might say that playing golf on a mountain is like playing cricket in a greenhouse. But on July 27th 2013 there is a Golf tournament in the midst of thirty eight four-thousander peaks and directly in front of the Matterhorn.

The Eagle Cup is a chance to play ten holes on alpine meadows where, in the winter, you would ski.

Players tee off at Rotenboden station where climbers would normally alight to climb the Monte Rosa or the Riffelhorn. It's a stunning spot. The Riffelhorn's tributary lake, the Riffelsee, displays the Matterhorn in its still waters, like a work of art.

At a height of 2815 metres the course spreads out in front of you, down 233 vertical metres over the 'fairway' to Riffelberg.

The natural flora adds a challenge for the players. Instead of the 'putting green' they call it 'the browns', a natural surface that lends itself more to a pitching wedge than a putter. With no manicured putting green, it might sound like a challenge to get the ball in the hole. However, the holes are 70 centimetres in diameter, more like the size of a marmot hole, so this makes it perfectly feasible with a good chip. In fact if you are an accomplished chipper, you have an advantage here.

You'll find a few other differences. Participants are only allowed three clubs and three balls. If three balls are lost you are disqualified. But there is no out of bounds at all. Wouldn't that be great at your home club! The three clubs that you choose are up to you but guidance is offered by the Eagle Cup club.

If you would like to participate in this extraordinary golf tournament, there are packages for two or three nights to choose from.

- **The Eagle package** offers you two nights, including 'green fees', apero drinks party, four course dinner, parking and transfers. Staying in a four star superior hotel based on two people sharing for 610,-chf per person.
- **The Matterhorn package** offers three nights in a four star superior, including all the above for 825,-chf per person, based on two people sharing.

For all the package options see their web site: <http://www.matterhorn-eaglecup.ch>

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