JB's TREK MATTERHORN ULTRAKS

RUNNERS' GUIDE 2026



ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND

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FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 14th edition of TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks in Zermatt. What began years ago as an ambitious trail running event has grown into one of the Alps' premier mountain running races, bringing together the local community and trail runners from around the world.
TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks stands for athletic excellence, breathtaking alpine landscapes and the unique spirit of Zermatt. We are proud to welcome around 4,000 runners and countless supporters from across the globe to our destination for this special race weekend.

Set against the iconic backdrop of the Matterhorn, challenging courses, unforgettable moments and spectacular mountain scenery await you. We would like to thank all athletes, volunteers, partners and spectators who make this event possible year after year.

We wish you a successful, safe and unforgettable race. Enjoy every climb, every descent and every moment on the trails. Embrace the unique atmosphere of TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks and become one with the spectacular mountains and nature surrounding Zermatt.

Good luck, and welcome to Zermatt!



Fabrizio Gull
Head of Destination Services |
Member of the Executive
Management, Zermatt Tourism

START TIMES

FRIDAY
21 AUGUST 2026

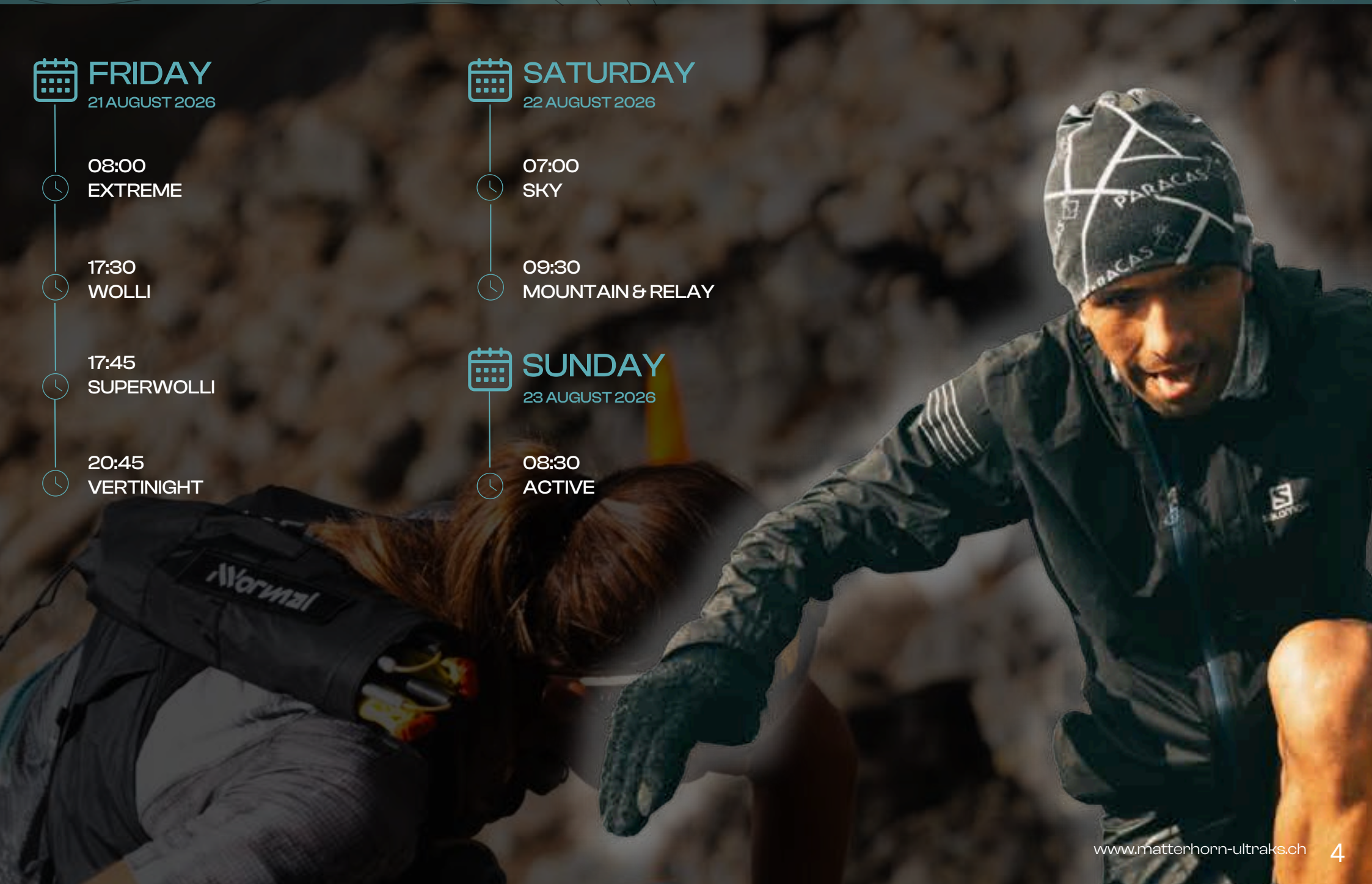
- 08:00 EXTREME
- 17:30 WOLLI
- 17:45 SUPERWOLLI
- 20:45 VERTINIGHT

SATURDAY
22 AUGUST 2026

- 07:00 SKY
- 09:30 MOUNTAIN & RELAY

SUNDAY
23 AUGUST 2026

- 08:30 ACTIVE




JB's TREK
PROTEIN OAT BAR
COCOA / CACAO
9G
PLANT PROTEIN(ES)
VÉGÉTALES
NATURAL
INGREDIENTS
NATURELS
SOURCE OF/DE
FIBRE(S)
JB's TREK
PROTEIN OAT BAR
Lotus
Biscoff
9G
PLANT PROTEIN(ES)
VÉGÉTALES
NATURAL
INGREDIENTS
NATURELS
SOURCE OF/DE
FIBRE(S)
Biscoff
NATURAL
ENERGY

DISTANCES: EXTREME

BIB PICKUP

Thursday, 20 August 2026 | 16:00–20:00
Friday, 21 August 2026 | 06:30–07:45
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

RACE BRIEFING & ATHLETE PRESENTATION

Thursday, 20 August 2026 | 18:30
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt
Highly recommended for all EXTREME runners.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- Windproof jacket with long sleeves (waterproof in case of rain)
- Emergency blanket
- Micro Crampons



The micro-crampons section is clearly marked and monitored by guides. Micro crampons are available at Bayard Sport in Zermatt.

START

21 August 2026 | 08:00
Obere Matten, Zermatt

FINISH

Obere Matten, Zermatt

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

MARKINGS

ORANGE General Course
BLACK EXTREME

DISTANCES: EXTREME

TIME LIMITS

HOHBALM
09:30 | 4.5 km | elev.+ 1,060 m

ROTHORN-HÜTTE
12:00 | 12.75 km | elev.+ 2,220 m

FINISH
16:00 | 26 km | elev.+ 3,066 m

These times are estimates and are not exact.



AWARD CEREMONY

From 14:15 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.
As EXTREME is part of the Merrell Skyrunner® World Series, results are shared with the International Skyrunning Federation (ISF) for their rankings.

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings

DISTANCES: KIDS RACE

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 14:30–16:30
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

START / FINISH

Mass start WOLLI (born 2018–2021) at 17:30 at Obere Matten.
Mass start SUPERWOLLI (born 2012–2017) at 17:45.
Children may be accompanied by an adult on the WOLLI course.
More information under START BEHAVIOR.

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course

AWARD CEREMONY

From 18:15 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.








EVERY LINE
TELLS A STORY.
WRITE YOURS.
There are lines to cross, adventures to explore and paths which challenge us to grow. Some lines inspire us, others test us, but all lead to stories waiting to be told.
SCOTT

DISTANCES: VERTINIGHT

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 14:30–20:15
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

START

21 August 2026 | 20:45
Obere Matten, Zermatt

FINISH

Sunnegga



EQUIPMENT

A headlamp with sufficient battery capacity is mandatory.

LUGGAGE

Luggage drop-off until 20:30 in the start area.
Only one piece of luggage can be dropped off. Pickup at Sunnegga.

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course
VIOLET VERTINIGHT

COURSE MAP

The majority of the course is on a single trail. Make sure faster runners can overtake.

AWARD CEREMONY

From 22:00 on the terrace of Restaurant Buffet Bar Sunnegga. The top three men and women overall and the first in each category will be awarded.

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

TIME LIMIT

FINISH
22:00 | 4.9 km | elev+ 691

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings

DISTANCES: VERTINIGHT

CABLE CARS

All runners can enjoy a free descent after the race.
All accompanying persons also ride the cable car to Sunnegga and back for free.
The turnstiles are open during the corresponding times; no ticket is needed.

ATMOSPHERE

Restaurant Buffet Bar Sunnegga remains open and offers drinks and snacks.
To give as many fans as possible the opportunity to celebrate our finishers in the finish area, we have organized extra rides:

- 9:00–9:15 PM: Ascent rides to Sunnegga
- 10:00–11:00 PM: Descent rides back to Zermatt

We look forward to a great atmosphere and many spectators celebrating the runners' achievements together with us!





DISTANCES: SKY

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 10:30 -12:30 & 17:45-20:45
Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 6:00-6:45
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

START

22 August 2026 | 07:00
Obere Matten, Zermatt

FINISH

Obere Matten, Zermatt

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course
BLUE SKY

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

AWARD CEREMONY

From 15:30 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.

TIME LIMITS

SCHWARZSEE
15:00 | 30 km | elev+ 2550 m

FINISH
19:30 | 49 km | elev+ 3,600 m

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings

SAFETY INFO

Suspension Bridge: KM 25.4

Multiple people on the bridge can cause strong vibrations.

WALKING PACE
Cross the bridge at walking pace.

NO RUNNING
Do not run or overtake on the bridge.

COURSE MARSHALS
Follow the instructions of the course marshals.







Together, we make it happen!

Whether at aid stations, out on the course or in the event village, our volunteers are at the heart of Matterhorn Ultraks. With their dedication, energy and smiles, they make this unique event possible.
Become part of this incredible community and experience the excitement of trail running up close.

SWISS VOLUNTEERS

gaz energie

DISTANCES: MOUNTAIN

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 10:30–13:30 & 17:45–20:45
Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 07:00–09:15
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

START

22 August 2026 | 09:30
Obere Matten, Zermatt

FINISH

Obere Matten, Zermatt

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course
RED MOUNTAIN

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

AWARD CEREMONY

From 15:30 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.

TIME LIMITS

RIFFELALP
13:00 | 13 km | elev.+ 900 m

FINISH
19:30 | 32 km | elev.+ 2,000 m

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings

SAFETY INFO

Railway Crossing: KM 12

CROSSING
Only cross the tracks at the designated crossing point.

STOP FOR TRAINS
Stop before the tracks when a train is approaching.

COURSE MARSHALS
Follow the instructions of the course marshals.





Suspension Bridge: KM 25.4

WALKING PACE
Cross the bridge at walking pace.

NO RUNNING
Do not run or overtake on the bridge.

COURSE MARSHALS
Follow the instructions of the course marshals.

Multiple people on the bridge can cause strong vibrations.

DISTANCES: RELAY BY LOYCO

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 17:45–20:45
Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 07:00–09:15
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

For the RELAY by Loyco, your team receives ONE bib number with the timing transponder. Additionally, each runner receives an individual bib number without a timing transponder, showing personal information such as name, T-shirt size, or luggage tag.



START

22 August 2026 | 09:30
Obere Matten, Zermatt
Participants are assigned to block 'C' in the MOUNTAIN category.

FINISH

Obere Matten, Zermatt

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course
RED RELAY BY LOYCO / MOUNTAIN

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Luggage storage is available at the start area. Pickup is upon presentation of your bib number.
Runners are responsible for personal belongings at the transition zones.

DISTANCES: RELAY BY LOYCO

TRANSITION ZONES

The transition zones are marked with Loyco flags.
The handover is done by passing the team bib number with the timing transponder.
Each team receives a belt for easy bib handover. Please return the belt at the finish after the race. Belts not returned will be charged.

TRANSPORT TO TRANSITION ZONES

Runner 2 and 3 travel independently to the transition zones.
With the yellow wristband given at bib pickup, the Sunnegga and Furi cable cars can be used free of charge.
Return transport for runner 1 and 2 follows the same principle.



TIME LIMITS

RIFFELALP
13:30 | 13 km | elev.+ 900 m

FINISH
19:30 | 32 km | elev.+ 2000 m

AWARD CEREMONY

From 15:30 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.
Only the team time counts.

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings

SAFETY INFO

Railway Crossing: KM 12

CROSSING
Only cross the tracks at the designated crossing point.

STOP FOR TRAINS
Stop before the tracks when a train is approaching.

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LIMITED EDITION 2026

TRUCKER
CAP



5 PANEL
CAP



TRAINING
TSHIRT WOMEN



TRAINING
TSHIRT MEN







R2 **3.0**

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**For any COMPRESSPORT® product's purchase at the booth*

DISTANCES: ACTIVE

BIB PICKUP

Friday, 21 August 2026 | 10:30– 13:30
Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 7:00–10:30 & 14:30–19:30
Sunday, 23 August 2026 | 7:00–8:15
Location: Ultraks Plaza, Obere Matten, Zermatt

START

23 August 2026 | 08:30 AM
Obere Matten, Zermatt

FINISH

Obere Matten, Zermatt

MARKINGS

ORANGE General course
GREEN ACTIVE

COURSE MAP

You can find the course map HERE.

AWARD CEREMONY

From 12:30 at Obere Matten, Zermatt.

TIME LIMITS

FINISH
14:30 | 19 km | elev. gain 1,150 m

LIVETRAIL

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

MORE INFORMATION

- Aid Stations
- Bib Pickup
- Equipment
- Start Procedure
- Course Markings



SAFETY INFO

Railway Crossing: KM 12

CROSSING
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GETTING THERE

Zermatt is car-free and easily accessible by train. If arriving by car, drive to Täsch. From there, you can reach Zermatt by train in about 12 minutes or by taxi. Various parking options are available in Täsch. More information on our website.

SITE MAP ULTRAKS PLAZA

The Ultraks Plaza is located at Obere Matten. All activities related to the TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks take place there (except for finish VERTINIGHT).



BEFORE THE RACE

BIB PICKUP

Please stick to the recommended pickup times for your distance to avoid waiting and ensure a smooth process.
Bib numbers must be picked up at least 15 minutes before your race start.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

To pick up your bib number, you need an ID or the Race Mail, which you will receive by email in the week before the event.
Pickup by a third party is possible with the Race Mail and a copy of your ID.
Bib numbers are personalized and non-transferable. Participants with someone else's bib will be disqualified.

LUGGAGE

A luggage storage area is available near the start zone.
Please attach the luggage tag visibly to your bag. Return is upon showing your bib number. Only one piece of luggage can be stored.

Luggage storage closing times:

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
17:00	20:00	15:00

WC

Mobile toilets are located near the start area.
Additional toilets are available at the Triftbachhalle (550 m away). On the course, there are portable toilets at Furi. The cable car station restrooms at Sunnegga and Schwarzsee are also open.
Please do not use the toilets of nearby hotels or restaurants!





Ditaji Kambundji
World Champion
100m Hurdles

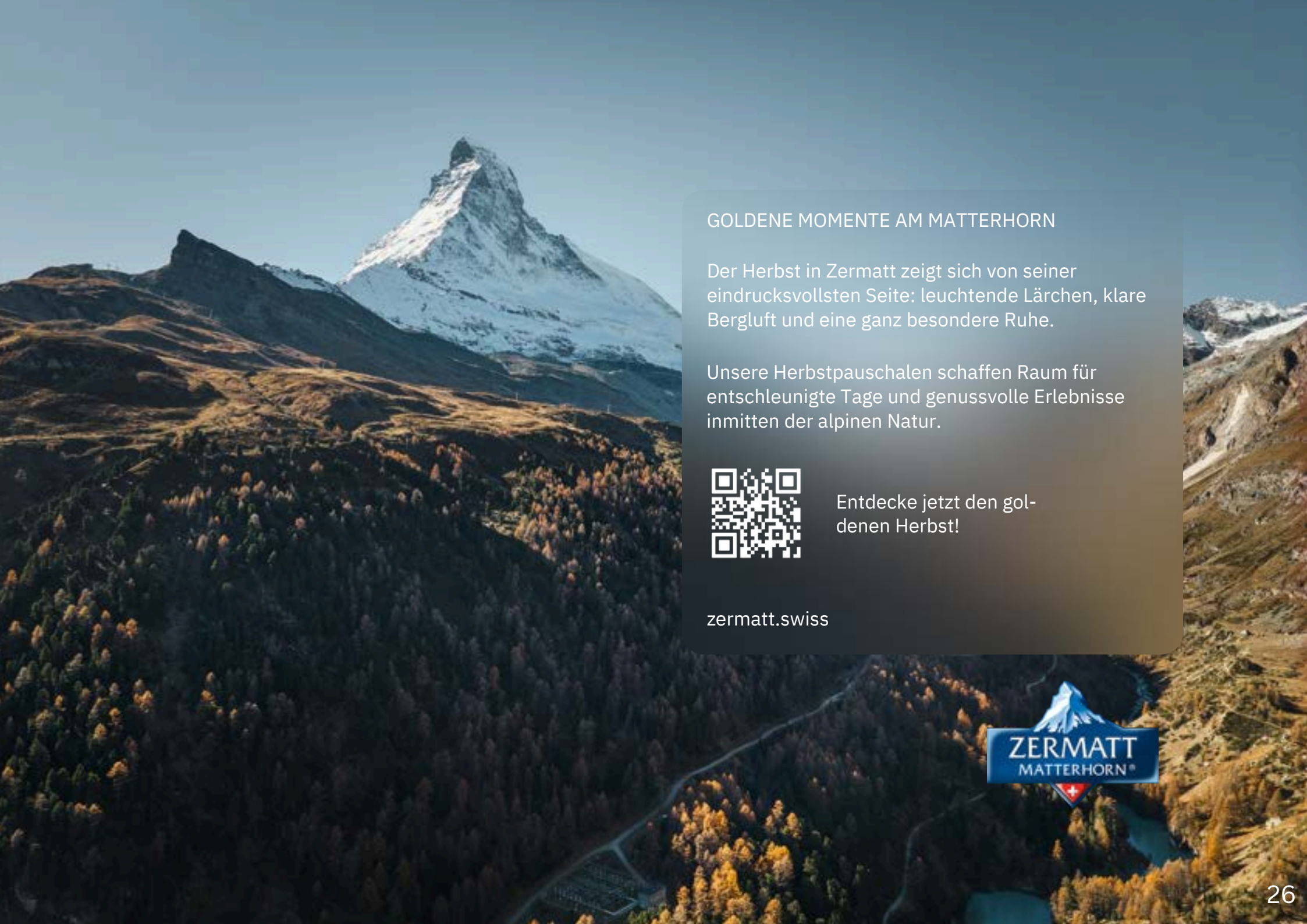


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GOLDENE MOMENTE AM MATTERHORN
Der Herbst in Zermatt zeigt sich von seiner eindrucksvollsten Seite: leuchtende Lärchen, klare Bergluft und eine ganz besondere Ruhe.
Unsere Herbstpauschalen schaffen Raum für entschleunigte Tage und genussvolle Erlebnisse inmitten der alpinen Natur.
Entdecke jetzt den gol-
denen Herbst!
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MATTERHORN

DURING THE RACE

EQUIPMENT

At TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks, we rely on personal responsibility. Equipment depends on weather and conditions – please check the weather forecast before the race.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT



Windproof Jacket / Rain Jacket



Emergency Blanket



Phone with Emergency Number



Tape



Cup



Drinks

Poles are allowed on all courses and must be carried from start to finish.
Please refrain from using poles in the first 500 meters through the village.

For EXTREME and VERTINIGHT, additional special equipment is required.

START PROCEDURE

Without Start Blocks:

EXTREME, VERTINIGHT and the kids' races start together. Timing begins with the starting signal.

With Start Blocks:

All other races start in waves with a maximum of 200 runners per block. Assignment is based on the stated target time. For Block A, timing begins with the starting signal; for all other blocks, timing starts when crossing the start line. Only runners from Block A can win the race.
The start blocks line up along the tennis courts next to Ultraks Plaza. Please look for the block flags on site and follow the instructions of the volunteers.

DURING THE RACE



COURSE MARKINGS

The general color for course signage is Orange.

For the first event, we have put together these short explanatory videos for better orientation:

- Explainer Video German
- Explainer Video English
- Explainer Video French

FLAGS



FLAGS WITH DISTANCE TO FINISH



GATES



SIGNS FOR DIRECTION CHANGES



KILOMETER MARKER FLAGS



DANGER OR SPECIAL NOTICE



DURING THE RACE

	VERTINIGHT FINISH	SUNNEGGA	GORNERGRAT	RIFFELALP	FURI	SCHWARZSEE	TRIFT	FINISH ZERMATT	ROTHORNHÜTTE EXTREME
WATER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
TEA	X	X	X	X			X		X
VEGETABLE BROTH				X		X	X		X
COCA-COLA	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
SQUEEZY ENERGY DRINK		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
SQUEEZY ENERGY DRINK WITH ELECTROLYTES	X							X	
SQUEEZY ENERGY GELS		X		X		X	X		X
TREK PROTEIN BARS		X		X		X	X		X
ORANGES	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
CHOCOLATE		X		X		X	X		X
GLUEN FREE BREAD		X		X		X	X		X
TUC BISCUITS		X		X		X	X	X	X
PRETZEL		X		X		X	X	X	X
CAKE	X								X
CHEESE	X						X	X	
DRIED MEAT							X		



Please note that there are no cups at the aid stations
(except at the VERTINIGHT finish and the kids' races).
At bib pickup you will receive a cup as a gift.

DURING THE RACE

Nutrition stations offer a selection of solid and liquid energy products depending on their location. The available products may vary from one nutrition station to another. A detailed overview can be found on the previous page.

JB's TREK PROTEIN BARS
https://www.trekbars.com/en



TREK PROTEIN OAT BAR

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SQUEEZY ENERGY GEL
Lemon / Caffeine



SQUEEZY Liquid Energy Gel
Watermelon



SQUEEZY Energy Drink Orange



SQUEEZY Energy Drink + Electrolytes



SQUEEZY Energy Drink Basic Formula

RACE WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE INCL. EMERGENCY NUMBER

If you withdraw from the race, please immediately send the following information to race management (+41 75 402 70 00) via SMS or WhatsApp:

733 Your Bib Number

Your Name

Your Location

Alternatively, you can also inform one of the course marshals (recognizable by their orange vests).

After withdrawing, please remove your bib number and put it in your pocket, so as not to confuse the organizers.

EMERGENCY NUMBER:

+41 75 402 70 00

IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:
ALWAYS CALL 144!

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AFTER THE RACE



FINISHER SHIRT

Upon arrival at the finish line, you will immediately receive our beautiful finisher t-shirt. The size handed out corresponds to the size printed on your bib number. Trying on or exchanging is not possible.



MEDALS

At the finish line, all runners will receive their well-deserved finisher medal.



REFRESHMENTS

At the finish line, you will be offered a small snack and water.



POST-RACE MEAL

In the large tent at Ultraks Plaza, a warm meal awaits you after crossing the finish line. Show your meal voucher, which you receive at bib number pickup, and enjoy your meal for free.
(Valid for all participants except VERTINIGHT and kids race).



SHOWERS

In the Triftbachhalle there are permanently installed toilets and showers that can be used after the race.



MASSAGE

In the Triftbachhalle you have the opportunity to get a free massage
(on the condition that you shower first).
First come, first served.
The massage service is available at the following times:

- Friday, 21 August from 12:00 – approx. 14:00
- Saturday, 22 August from 13:00 until the last participant
- Sunday, 23 August from 11:00 until the last participant

AFTER PARTY

UNIQUE HOTEL POST
zermatt mountain lifestyle

SATURDAY
22
AUGUST
2026
FROM 21:00

2-FOR-1 DRINKS
for all runners in the areas
LOFT & PINK at Unique Hotel Post
(Beer, Wine, Prosecco & Soft Drinks)

Bring your voucher for access & Special Offer

Important: Capacity is limited! Once the location is full, there will be no further entry – not even for TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks runners. Arriving early is worth it!

Open for everyone:
Broken Club
Brown Cow Pub
Papa Caesar Cocktail Bar

SPECTATORS

MOUNTAIN RAILWAY DISCOUNT

To make the most of your TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks weekend, runners and accompanying persons can once again benefit from an attractive offer from Zermatt Bergbahnen this year

IMPORTANT:
Early bird discount: only bookable online until 20 August
Valid during the event weekend (21-23 August 2026)
Regular ticket prices apply on site
No additional discount for GA or Half Fare card holders

https://www.matterhornparadise.ch/en/ultraks

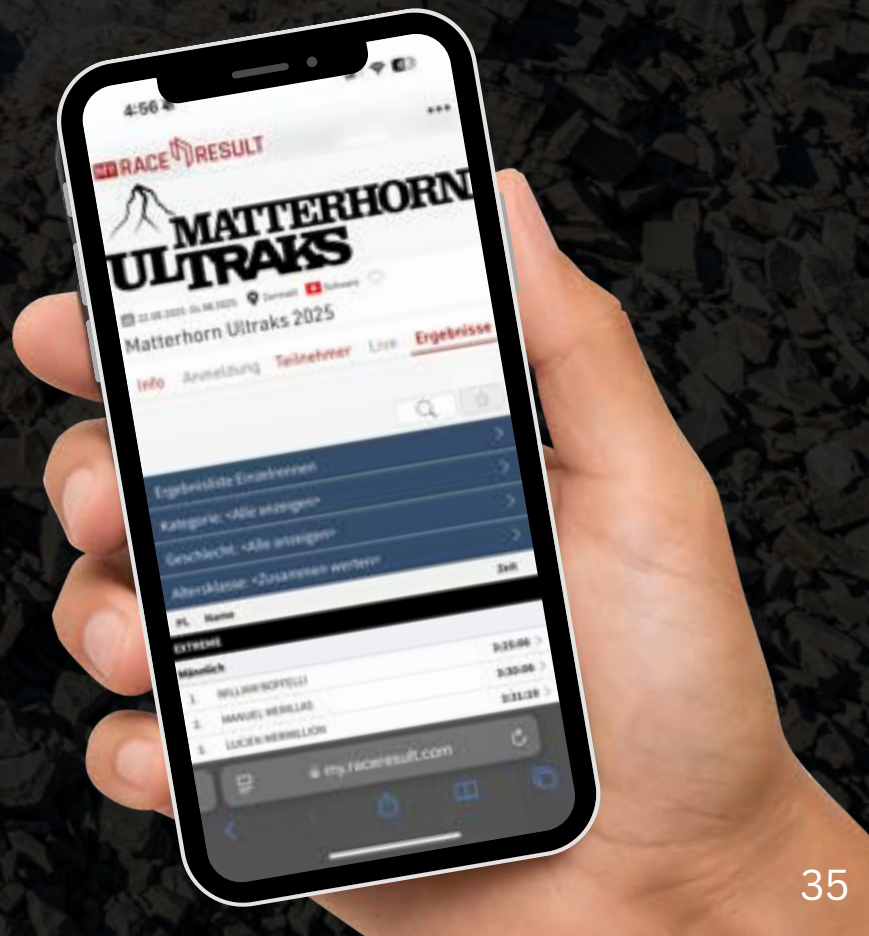
FOLLOW THE RACE LIVE

Friends and family can follow the race live via the following link:

https://my.raceresult.com/407733/live

THANK YOU

Your support, your applause, and your energy make TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks an unforgettable experience.



CATERING

This year, Restaurant Pavillon once again supports us as the official catering partner.
Early in the morning – before the start of each race – the restaurant is open, offering all runners and spectators the chance to fuel up with a fresh coffee to go. With a hot coffee in hand, getting up early is much easier.

RESTAURANT OFFERS

For dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, TREK® Matterhorn Ultraks runners have the opportunity to enjoy a meal at special prices at the following restaurants.
Please note that reservations are required. When making your reservation, mention that you would like to take advantage of the special offer.

RESTAURANT OFFERS

Hotel Excelsior
info@excelsior-zermatt.ch
www.excelsior-zermatt.com

Walliserkanne
info@walliserkanne.ch
www.walliserkanne.ch

La Mazot
info@mazot-zermatt.ch
www.mazot-zermatt.ch/de

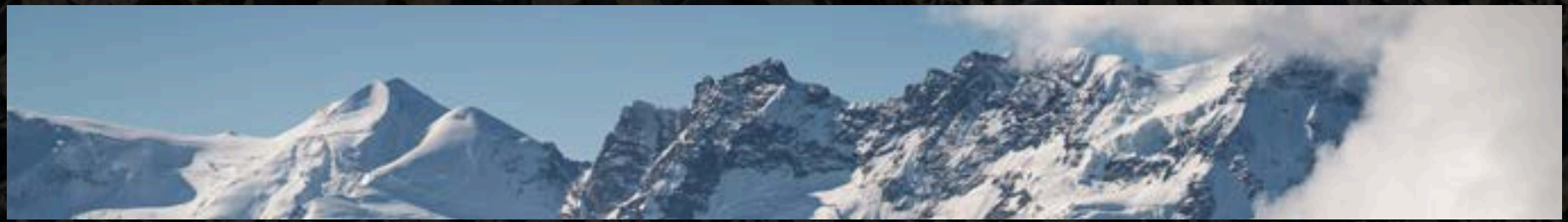
Hotel Silvana
info@hotelsilvana.ch
www.hotelsilvana.ch

Ribis & Stibis (Täsch)
info@matterhorn-inn.com
www.ribis-stibis.ch

Da Vinci (Täsch)
info@davinci-eat.ch
www.davinci-eat.ch

The Dude
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www.dude.ch

Peakfine
info@alpenresort.com
www.alpenresort.com



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PHOTO SERVICE

Sportograf is on site with numerous photographers capturing you on the course. The photos will be available on the Sportograf website shortly after the event: sportograf.com/event/20077

UP TO YOU

SOCIAL MEDIA TAKE-OVER

Our partner agency UP TO YOU will do a Social Media Take-Over during the event weekend.