



Facilities include

- ◆ Indoor swimming pool
- ◆ Full size ice skating rink
- ◆ Tennis courts, carpet and clay
- ◆ Multi-sports hall
- ◆ Mini golf course
- ◆ Squash courts
- ◆ Football pitch
- ◆ Mountain hut
- ◆ Archery range
- ◆ Basketball courts
- ◆ Beach volleyball court
- ◆ Fitness gym
- ◆ Ropes course
- ◆ Climbing wall

Easy access to the exceptional amenities of Leysin

Situated in the majestic Alps, 90 minutes from Geneva with its international airport, the village of Leysin is the outstanding base of Village Camps in Switzerland. The Swiss Alpine Centre, where most of the programmes take place, is within easy walking distance from both the main train station and the centre of the village. The Central Residence Hotel which hosts the Leadership Training Camp is just a few meters away. Leysin has excellent sporting facilities in two well-equipped centres with the amenities which can be seen in the facilities table. In addition, the surrounding mountains offer hiking and adventure trails, a rock-climbing area, biking paths and campfire area as well as a welcoming mountain hut for overnight stays. In the village, one can have a pleasant time visiting traditional cafés and small shops. The daily schedule is structured so that weekday mornings (three hours) are devoted to the selected speciality programmes: English/French Language, Tennis, Film Academy, Adventure, Sports, or the Dance Camp. For the younger children, many of whom are away from home for the first time, the Junior Camp is the perfect introduction to camp life. As for the older teenagers (16-18 years old) the Leadership Training Camp is the ideal pre-university programme to help them gain confidence, improve their communications skills, appreciate teamwork and become responsible young adults.

In the afternoons and evenings campers, divided into their respective age groups, join in an exciting selection of sports, activities and special events, all carefully planned to give balance and complete an incredible experience.

For the travel arrangements campers are met at Geneva Airport and accompanied to camp by their counsellors. In each two-week session Leysin Camp welcomes about 180 campers from all over the world; each native language is restricted to a quota of 20% to assure the environment at camp is truly international and ideal for a summer full of learning, fun and new lasting friendships!



The vast array of activities for all campers in Leysin includes:

Afternoon Activities

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| ◆ Archery | ◆ Mini golf | ◆ Squash |
| ◆ Arts and crafts | ◆ Mountain biking | ◆ Swimming |
| ◆ Badminton | ◆ Mountain hut | ◆ Cook-out |
| ◆ Basketball | overnight | ◆ Disco and prom nights |
| ◆ Beach volleyball | ◆ Music | ◆ Dodge ball |
| ◆ Cooking | ◆ Orienteering | ◆ Ice skating |
| ◆ Dance | ◆ Parcours vita | ◆ Indoor olympics |
| ◆ Fitness | ◆ Rafting (15+ years) | ◆ International Night |
| ◆ Floor hockey | ◆ Rock climbing | ◆ Murder Mystery |
| ◆ Football | ◆ Ropes course | ◆ Quiz Night |
| ◆ Hiking | | ◆ Scavenger hunt |

Evening Activities

- ◆ Campfire
- ◆ Carnival Night
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Street Hockey
- ◆ Cook-out
- ◆ Disco and prom nights
- ◆ Table Tennis
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Wall climbing
- ◆ Yoga

Excursions

- ◆ Geneva - United Nations, Red Cross Museum
- ◆ Lausanne - Olympic Museum, Ouchy Pool
- ◆ Montreux - Château de Chillon, Jazz Festival (15+ years)
- ◆ Gruyères - Chocolate/Cheese Factory
- ◆ Vevey - Labyrinth Adventure Park
- ◆ Aigle - Outdoor Water Park



“ Dear VC Leysin Team,

I would like to thank you on my behalf and on behalf of our friends for the great time our daughters had at the summer camp. Please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your tremendous work, efforts, creativity that made the holidays of our children unforgettable. They have arrived full of emotions, great memories, funny and exciting experience. They have enjoyed every minute of their stay, which is very impressive and strange (knowing our children). They have already asked us to plan the same camp for the next year. Once again thank you very much! ”

Polina, Moscow



English or French Language Camps

Ages 10-17

School happens all year round but at Village Camps learning in the summer, although a serious business, is based on a unique FUN approach. That is what a good camp is all about – learning but enjoying the experience at the same time!

Each language camp offers 15 hours of language immersion per week in small groups of 8-12 students, allowing time for personalised, individual attention. The teachers are native speakers who are qualified and certified professionals with previous teaching experience. On arrival, each camper is assessed and then placed into a group with other campers of a similar level. The first couple of days show if students are in the correct group or if they need to be moved to a higher or lower level. The language programme coordinator receives daily feedback from the teachers and the progress of each individual student is closely monitored.

The programme is suitable for all abilities and the emphasis is firmly on encouraging the campers both to speak and understand the language using discussion, role playing, group projects and local visits. The teaching staff is patient and resourceful in reinforcing the learning process each day and maintaining student interest through a pleasant teaching approach. Above all the final outcome is usually an impressive improvement!

The two official camp languages are English and French with instructions given in both at every major meeting. Being that the campers come from every part of the world, the setting is very international and English is the main spoken language outside the classroom.

In afternoons, the language students, together with their friends from the other programmes, participate in exciting activities which take place at the well-equipped sports centres of Leysin and in the gorgeous surrounding mountains.



Team-building challenges are part of every VC programme

COMBO CAMPS

Combine your Leysin experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps England, Austria or France and benefit from **free transfers** between the camps! Village Camps covers all the expenses including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight.



Adventure Camp

Ages 10-17

Having been developed following popular camper demand in recent summers, the Adventure Camp is surely going to impress every participant! From the first day and throughout the session, campers are challenged to work together in teams while developing their individual skills. The focus is on the achievement of goals, teambuilding, leadership and most of all, having fun while enjoying fantastic activities.

For the most part, the activities are in the outdoors, in a superb Alpine setting which is second to none! Campers are guaranteed to try some activities that are completely new to them and to develop new interests. The schedule includes: rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting (15+ years), high ropes course, outdoor survival skills, nature trails and the highlight of the session which is a trek high above the village of Leysin, for an overnight stay either in a welcoming mountain hut or camping in comfortable tents, with campfire, cook-out and team games (no ghost stories!!!). What a thrill!



Sports Camp

Ages 10-17

This is the perfect programme for campers who love sports! At our disposal are two top-class sports centres with great indoor and open-air facilities while the impressive mountains around Leysin provide additional opportunities for exciting outdoor activities. Time is spent developing skills in popular sports including football, basketball, beach volleyball, swimming, tennis, climbing, archery, hockey, badminton, fitness trails, as well as other sports and games that are often new to many campers. The whole action-packed experience is challenging, fun and enhanced by competitions and team games. After lunch, these campers join the afternoon activities in their appropriate age groups.



Dance Camp

Ages 10-17

A programme designed for campers who want to create, rehearse and ultimately perform during the special evening events at camp. The head instructor is very experienced and highly-popular amongst the campers. She provides a top quality programme covering many different styles of dance and performance. The campers spend mornings developing their routines, choosing music, working on choreography, designing costumes and rehearsing. They are often encouraged to take initiative through their own ideas in the preparation process and suggest moves which they would like to include in the shows. The Dance Group always puts on an impressive last night performance leading to loud applauses by the entire camp.



Junior Camp

Ages 7-9

This is the perfect introduction to summer camp! The Junior Camp provides a truly special 'first-time-away' experience for young children. Juniors always feel comfortable and confident at camp, enjoying the exceptional care of a dedicated, experienced team of counsellors (ratio is one to five). The group follows its own daily schedule which includes a selection of specially adapted activities, such as football, trekking, arts & crafts, music, dance, ice skating and other choices. Meals are taken together with the other campers providing an opportunity to reassure any older brothers or sisters that they are having a great time.

Juniors also participate in several suitable 'All-Camp' activities, the daily midday meeting and the excursions. Therefore, they are very much a part of the overall camp but at the same time are also able to enjoy their precious privacy in a separate building, next to the main residence. Parent-camper contact is facilitated in case of homesickness during the first few days. The fantastic schedule, the privacy and the caring personal supervision throughout, add up to a guaranteed super-duper first experience away from home!



Tennis Camp

Ages 10-17

In collaboration with the renowned California Tennis Academy, head coach Steve Loft provides first class lessons and an exceptional improvement programme for tennis players, based on 15 hours instruction per week, using both covered and outdoor clay courts. All together there are 12 courts of three different surfaces available to the Tennis group. The programme caters for all ability levels starting with complete beginners. The quality coaching makes it suitable even for the tournament-level junior players who can have more intensive training. Everyone participates in the 'In-Camp' tournament while higher ranked players have the opportunity to play matches with local opponents. After the enjoyment of the morning tennis instruction there is a great choice of other fun activities for the rest of the day and evening which campers enjoy in their respective age groups.



Film Academy

Ages 10-17

Our acclaimed programme now in Leysin

This popular programme has been a successful feature of the Austrian camp for many years and it was offered for the first time in Leysin this past summer. The feedback from the participants was very positive and the work which the students produced was phenomenal! Under the direction of an experienced producer, campers learn all the basics of film making from an original script right through to shooting, editing and directing. The lessons cover all the essential technical processes including sound, lighting, special effects and production. The young campers are assigned the task to develop a script, produce a storyboard, select locations before shooting, editing, selecting a soundtrack and dubbing.

After returning home, every camper involved in the Film Academy receives a DVD of their very own short movie. The usual format involves working on the film project during the morning and occasionally in the afternoons and evenings. This camp is for dedicated, enthusiastic campers who will be inspired to use their energy, creativity and emerging technical skills to produce a completed film from start to finish, the cast being the entire camp!

Tennis and Language Camps (English or French)

Ages 10-17

This camp combines a practical language experience in English or French with the Tennis Camp. Campers receive three hours of language tutoring in the mornings and then three hours of tennis instruction during the afternoons. A combination of two full programmes makes for a busy day and although these campers miss out on the daily afternoon activities, they participate in the exciting evening programme.





Teamwork based on trust



David Allen, Director of the Leadership Camp

Leadership Training Camp (LTC)

Ages 16-18

This is one of Village Camps' highlight programmes, an award-winning, must-attend camp for older teenagers! Leadership Training Camp provides participants with the opportunity to build leadership skills, learn problem-solving techniques, develop communication skills and work more effectively in teams. The programme combines inspiring presentations on a variety of topics with unique speakers from every part of the world, team challenges, competitions and exciting outdoor activities. Campers are challenged to set goals and objectives for themselves and work hard towards achieving them while at camp but also in their everyday lives. At this very crucial age, such a dynamic programme with its substantial take-home value has a positive effect in the teenagers' character-building process and inspires them towards higher goals. Just before they complete their high school years and get ready for university, LTC is exactly what they need to increase their self-confidence, think with a positive mindset and be well on their way to becoming effective leaders.

Campers are required to have an intermediate level of English to fully participate in the workshops and obtain the desired results. The leadership group is housed independently from the main camp, at the comfortable Central Residence Hotel in Leysin and has its own Director, team of counsellors and schedule to follow. At the end of the session, everyone receives a certificate of completion to take with them but, more importantly, they take home an abundance of positive elements together with a new perspective to life and valuable lasting friendships.



The Central Residence Hotel



“ My Leadership Camp experience was the best experience of my entire life. It was truly life changing for me. I want to thank you so much for all of the knowledge that this camp has given me. I feel as though I have learned and experienced things many people never obtain. The VC program challenged both my mental and physical abilities. The sessions helped me realize the kind of person I want to grow to be. They helped me to recognize the most important things in my life and how to make them better. The activities taught me how to keep going and not give up, how to work as a team, and that sometimes you have to tie to win! **”**

Meredith