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## Swiss Mountain Classic 2012: Stunning curves

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Swiss Mountain Classic – words that conjure up images of superb mountain roads through the Swiss Alps, which is exactly what this event is all about.

The organisers of the classic car run have arranged a stunning route and you will need to register early if you don't want to miss out on this sumptuous and curvaceous weekend (20 to 23 September 2012).

The most compelling connection between two dots is a curve. This was the guiding principle behind the road book created for the Swiss Mountain Classic, offering steep ascents combined with dramatic switchbacks. Starting from Interlaken, the next two days will be spent driving over nearby passes and through high alpine valleys. Part of the first day's itinerary will be the Susten Pass, leading into the heart of the Swiss Alps toward Andermatt – a remote mountain location that created a perfect backdrop for James Bond and his legendary Aston Martin DB5 in *Goldfinger*. From there, the classic cars will climb the famous Gotthard Pass (elevation: 2,100 metres). This father of all alpine crossings will be a major attraction on both days. From the majestic Gotthard, the Mountain Classic will pass into the Italian part of Switzerland, the Ticino, south towards Airolo and on to Biasca. The high-point (in more ways than one) of the second day will be the breathtaking serpentines of the Nufenen Pass (2,500 metres). No need to worry about snow at this altitude, however, because the experienced organisers chose late summer for this heady destination.



Aside from the spectacular drives, participants will be able to enjoy Switzerland's hospitality and cuisine plus an enticing cultural programme that includes rustic and luxurious pit stops, along with alternative activities around Interlaken. And of course, the accommodation is as top-class as the views. Participants in the event will be staying at the [five-star Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa](#) in Interlaken.

The Swiss Mountain Classic is a relaxing rally without special stages and tests. To ensure a smooth outing and exhilarating drive, the number of participants has been limited to 80 classic cars. The registration deadline is 15 June 2012.

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### Gallery

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