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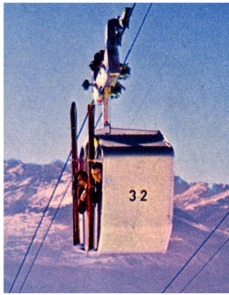
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A new type of cable car was born in May 1950: Switzerland's first gondola cable car opened in Crans-sur-Sierre. Photo: Gentil private archive



The bright red Giovanola gondolas from the 1970s were in operation until April 2017. The Federal Office of Transport did not renew the licence, but there are plans for a replacement system. Photo: Martin Arnold



These two "harbingers of good fortune" opened the world's first detachable chairlift on 16 December 1945 in Films. Photo: Danuser private archive



A world first built in 2012: a convertible-style cable car at Stanserhorn in Nidwalden. Photo: Prologika



This system represents a remarkable piece of innovation. The world's first aerial cable car on three cables has been travelling up the mountain in Saas Fee since 1991. Photo: Martin Arnold



Small cable cars are a vital lifeline for many families and alpine farms in central Switzerland – one of these is the Bärchbahn near Isenthal which has been in operation since 1979. Photo: Heidi Eberli



The "Urdenbahn" in Arosa and Lenzerheide is Switzerland's fastest cable car. The stanchion-free aerial tramway has connected two ski resorts since 2014 without having to open up new slopes. Photo: The Lenzerheide resort

The land of a thousand cable cars

Cable cars are an intrinsic part of Swiss cultural heritage. They hold a fascinating appeal, inspire dreams and rekindle memories. They combine incredible feats of engineering and entrepreneurial pursuit of innovation. Three museums are currently holding a joint interactive exhibition dedicated to cable cars. Under the slogan 'Cable Car – Happiness', various aspects of this remarkable mode of transport are explored.

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