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# SKY HIGH BREWING

Phil Edmond




The small brewery at Davos Monstein.  
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The Monsteiner Brewery, at 1625m, is the highest brewery in Europe and is situated in its namesake village of Monstein (GR). As railways, of all types, and beer always seem to go well together it is significant that this outpost can be easily reached by using the Rhätische Bahn from Davos or Filisur alighting at Davos Glaris, NOT Davos Monstien. Confusing - yes! An hourly PostAuto service will then take you some 200m up to the village where you have just a 5min walk to the brewery, sited in what was once the village dairy. Pre-booked guided tours are available (some include transport on a vintage PostAuto), but on



INSET: When the Postbus parks, its rear considerably overhangs the car park !!

Fridays from 16.00 to 19.00 the brewery is open to all visitors with Free Beer! The last bus down is about 18.30hrs. If you buy beer to take away be warned, it is sold dispensed in very large bottles. Sebastian Degan, the brewer, is a larger than life character. His English is good as he spent some time in Bristol to gain brewing experience before the brewery opened in 2001. The small-scale operation is marketed as 'The last beerstop before heaven!' but fortunately its products are available at more down-to-earth outlets in the Graubünden, and increasingly across Switzerland including at some 300 Co-op Supermarkets. 

BELOW: Large storage tanks.

RIGHT: Some of the equipment used in the bottling section of the plant.

