2026 Davos World Economic Forum: Airport Restrictions

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The World Economic Forum will take place in Davos from 19-23 Jan 2026. Parking at airports in the region will be limited – make sure you reserve your spot asap!

Here’s what to expect at the airports:

LSGG/Geneva

- BizAv flights will need **parking permission** from Jan 16-26 due to congestion.
- Airport operates roughly 0600-2200 local time for BizAv. Arrivals outside these hours need prior approval and are not guaranteed, especially during WEF. **If you arrive late without approval, expect a diversion.**
- Repositioning from **LSGG to LSMD will not be allowed** – aircraft would have to land and depart directly from LSMD.

LSZH/Zurich

- **Maximum 2 hour ground time** for BizAv without parking permission (so drop-and-go's are fine, as long as you stay within that 2 hour window).
- You will **not be able to use LSZH as an alternate** from Jan 16-24.
- Airport operates from 0600-2200 local time daily, and overtime is not available – **make sure you land before closing time** or you'll get diverted to another airport.
- Customs clearance is available at the FBO for **up to 24 pax.** Any more than that and they will need to clear through the main pax terminal instead.
- Repositioning from **LSZH to LSMD will not be allowed** – aircraft would have to land and depart directly from LSMD.
- For handling, email Jet Aviation FBO at vip.zrh@jetaviation.ch, or CAT Air Service at info@cat-airservice.com

LSMD/Dubendorf

- Located in downtown Zurich. Normally a military airfield, but opens to civilian traffic each year for the Forum. **BizAv flights can only operate here during this period if pax are heading to the WEF.**
- During the event, they are open from 0700-2100 local time weekdays, and 0900-2000 on weekends. No overtime available.
- Slots not required, but **PPR is required.**
- Customs clearance is provided in the military terminal building.
- For handling, email the airport on: aircraft.handling@topmotion.ch
- Here is the 2026 pilot guide for operating at LSMD, it has all the information from the Swiss airforce which is applicable for this years event.
- ***Operator report:*** *A few years ago, several operators were issued SAFA findings at LSMD, due to the fact that the ILS GS is 4.5°, which qualified for a steep approach in their AFMs, which they did not have approval for. My info shows the ILS is still 4.5° and the RNP is 4.4°. Operators planning on using Dubendorf may want to check this out.*

LSZR/St Gallen-Altenrhein

- Could be a good option – if you're small enough to cope with their **4774ft runway!**
- Opening hours: 0630-1200 and 1330-2100 local time Mon-Fri, 0730-1200 and 1330-2000 Sat, 1000-1200 and 1330-2000 Sun.
- **The standard fire cover is Cat 2**, but they can provide up to Cat 6 for an extra fee.
- No slots or PPR are required.
- Parking is available, hangar might be available on request (up to G650/GLEX etc).
- For handling, contact the FBO at groundservices@peoples.ch
- For more ops info check out this page.

LSZS/Samedan

- First things first, this is a **VFR airport** with some IFR traffic. Pilots heading here need to take this test first. If you haven't flown in here before, now might not be the best time to give it a try, because…
- For the WEF, the **airspace around Davos (which includes LSZS airport) will be restricted:** there are special procedures for arrivals and departures, and all flights need **PPR.** The airport has published this briefing which includes everything you need to know.
- Open from 0800 local time until "the end of evening civil twilight" – as they beautifully put it. Customs clearance is available during these times.
- For handling, contact the airport at handling@engadin-airport.ch

EDNY/Friedrichshafen

- Open 0600-2200 local time.
- **No slots or PPR required** (although in previous years they introduced PPR for stays of more than 90 minutes, so that might happen again).
- Parking available, but expect to be repositioned for longer parking and servicing.
- For handling, email the local agent at fdhops@aviation-services.net

Permits

Landing permits are not required for private BizAv flights to Switzerland or Germany. You'll only need a landing permit if you're operating a charter flight on an aircraft not registered in the EU.

For Switzerland charter flight permits, read this guidance and email the authorities direct at trafficrights@bazl.admin.ch. And for Germany, read this guidance and email einflug@lba.de.