Excursion tips:

Jet boat:

Based on our own experience, we can highly recommend a trip on a jet boat! You can whizz across the lake to the Giessbach Falls and back again at breakneck speed. 45 minutes for Fr. 99.– per person.

Paragliding, Skydiving und Riverrafting:

Book your paragliding, skydiving and river rafting directly at the reception! Most providers will pick you up directly at the hotel. (Except in high season, when the meeting point is at Interlaken Ost station).

Biking and hiking from Bönigen:

Here are a few suggestions for bike tours from Bönigen:

- Around Lake Brienz: A tour that almost has to be done...

Bönigen – Iseltwald – Giessbach – Brienz – Oberried – Niederried – Ringgenberg – Bönigen; total length approx. 36km, duration approx. 2h 40min. More info: https://www.interlaken.ch/erlebnisse/tour/brienzersee-loop

Along the Lütschine to Lauterbrunnen: Nice and shady on hot days...
 Bönigen - Wilderswil - Zweilütschinen - Lauterbrunnen - Bönigen
 Total length approx. 26km

For those who enjoy walking,

here are a few suggestions for easy hikes and walks:

- The 3 Waterfalls hike leads from Bönigen to Iseltwald to the Giessbach and all the way to Brienz. (Total length approx. 6h, but can also be done in sections approx. 1.5 2h).
- Walk along the lake and the Aare to Interlaken Ost approx. 45min or Interlaken West approx. 1h15min.
- Walk along the Lütschine to Wilderswil approx. 1h, return by bus no. 105 to Interlaken West where you change to bus no. 103 Bönigen.

If you want to go higher up, you can get a hiking map of hikes in the Jungfrau region at the Reception.

You can easily reach the starting points by bus no. 103 to Interlaken Ost and from there by train in the direction of Lauterbrunnen or Grindelwald.

For a longer stay, the Jungfrau Travel Pass is worthwhile; it allows you free travel on the entire Jungfrau Railway network for 3 - 8 days.

Harder Kulm - Interlaken's local mountain



Within 10 minutes you can take the funicular from Interlaken Ost up to the Harder Kulm.

From here you can go on smaller and larger circular hikes or simply enjoy the beautiful view of the Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau and the two lakes while having a coffee in the restaurant.

The funicular runs from 09.10am every half hour from the valley station to the summit. The last ascent is at 8.55pm

Brienz Rothorn Train



Climb the mountain with the 124 year old steam cogwheel railroad with huffing and puffing: past forests and flowering meadows until an increasingly breathtaking view opens up little by little. From the top, with good visibility, you can discover more than 100 mountain peaks.

Once at the top, you will be offered various hiking opportunities;

For those who prefer a short walk, the Edelweiss trail is a good choice, enjoy the wonderful view over the Swiss Alps while walking up to the summit. This easy hike takes about 15 minutes each way.

If you like it a bit more challenging and have packed good shoes, then we recommend the hike to the Planalp middle station. The path leads across alpine pastures past alpine huts, in about 1h 45min down to Planalp. Here you can board the train again and be transported comfortably down to the valley.

The valley station is located in Brienz just opposite the Zentralbahn train station.

Schynige Platte



From Wilderswil, the cogwheel railway takes you up to the Schynige Platte. During the 50-minute ride up the mountain, you can enjoy a wonderful view of Interlaken and the surrounding mountains.

Once at the top of the mountain, it is worth taking a detour to the Alpine Garden. Here, from the end of May to mid-September, alpine flowers bloom in brilliant colours. The plant species that thrive in their natural environment are marked with a plaque. This makes it easy for even a layman to distinguish the different species.

For experienced hikers with good shoes, the Schynige Platte is a nice start for various high-altitude hikes:

The Panorama Trail:

Schynige Platte-Lauchernhorn-Schynige Platte (2h30).

Or the day tour Schynige Platte - Faulhorn -First (6h10)

By boat on Lake Brienz



The Bönigen boat station is directly in front of the house.

Treat yourself to a relaxing day on and around Lake Brienz.

In summer, the boats leave every hour. The first one departs from Bönigen at 9.25 am and the last one at 4.25 pm.

Combine your boat trip with a walk along the lakeshore. e.g. from Iseltwald to Giessbach or vice versa, 1 ½ hours each way.

A beautiful hike is "The path of the three waterfalls" from Bönigen to Brienz. This trail can be hiked comfortably in three stages.

- From Bönigen a newly created hiking trail leads to the two waterfalls Erschwanden and Mülibach (approx. 2.5 hrs.), the Mühlibach is located above Iseltwald.
- If you continue your hike, the high-level trail continues after the Mülibach waterfall to the Giessbach Falls (approx.1.5 hrs).
- The last section then leads from the historic Hotel Giessbach along the lake to Brienz (approx. 1 hour).

The entire hike takes approx. 5 hours. Good shoes are required.