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President's Message

By Arnold Ambiel

Dear Members,



2020 marks the 95th Anniversary of the Aelpler Swiss Club and the 85th Anniversary of our Swiss Hall in Newark. We'll celebrate this throughout the year, including our Sept 5th Championship Schwingfest. Look for the Schwingfest program book ad that will be coming out shortly.

Our Metzgete was well attended in November. The new date increased attendance by 20%. I want to thank Ernst and Marie Hofmann for the wonderful meals they prepared for Metzgete and Christmas Party.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Members Christmas Party. It is always a fun time and the best way to connect with our members. The board is looking for ways to improve the party in 2020. If you have any ideas or would like to work on this year's Christmas Party please contact me at the number below.

Our annual Jass and Fondue event is on Sunday, February 9th. What better way to spend a cold Sunday afternoon than with Jass, Kaffee Fertig and Fondue. Want to learn how to make Fondue? Call me.

Our Board and Committees continue to work on future options for the Aelpler Gruppe. Everywhere I go up and down California the question comes up. Swiss care about the Aelpler Gruppe. More at our Semi-Annual Meeting in May.

This month we also launch our new website. Thanks to Pat Wipfli Schaffarczyk for all the work she put in creating this. And now is time to renew your social membership. Look for the renewal in your mailbox this month.

New Trivia Question: What Swiss fondue cheese is named after its own castle? Call/text me at 510-936-2523 with the answer. We'll draw the winner from the first four received. Walt Haslemann is the last winner by coin toss from three correct answers. He receives two tickets to our Jass/Fondue Night in February. Look for the answer to the last question inside.

Ich wünsche euch alles Gute,

Arnold

Fondue & Jass Party

February 9th 2020

Jass check-in 12:30

Fondue dinner 4 p.m.

Send in your reservations (flyer inside)



NEW for 2020 - Group Hikes

South Bay Hike	March 22
East Bay Hike	June 28
North Bay Hike	September 27

See Aelpler Gruppe website for further information as it gets closer to hiking date

Folklore Event

April 18th

with the Swiss Benevolent Society

12:00 noon - see flyer inside

Mark your calendars - Sunday, May 3rd

**Semi-Annual members meeting
2:00 p.m.**



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Facebook page
www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Aelpler Gruppe Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner, held on December 7th, was a nice event filled with family and friends enjoying Christmas cheer. We wish to thank outgoing Aelpler Gruppe Board members Agnes Reed and Christine Ciardella for their many years of service to the Board of Directors and to the club! We also welcome new Board member, Michelle Ott, as Assistant Treasurer.

Many members came forward to decorate the hall for the dinner and then helped to clean-up at the end of a wonderful evening of visiting with friends and family, sharing a great meal, enjoying the delight of the children as Santa took the stage, and ending with many home baked Swiss Christmas cookies. We thank the many members for their generous donations towards the purchase of children's gifts, supporting the club through their purchase of raffle tickets and bringing the many lovely prizes. Thank you to Ernst & Maria Hofmann, our wonderful chefs, for a delicious Christmas dinner. Our President, Arnold Ambiel, did an outstanding job as MC for the evening.

We thank the many volunteers who came forward to help with our Christmas dinner! Our club is stronger with lots of helping hands.

Thank you to Pat Schaffarczyk and Tom Coroneos for taking many wonderful photos during the evening. They are available to view here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kO_JLJLqCMzAnHDowUvJZvmVXrzl8r2



Membership – Please welcome our new Social Members:

*Christina Hofmann
Reed Kappen*

*Dixie Rohrman
Grant Kappen*

Paris Swegan (Imholz)



Aelpler Gruppe launched our new website! Take a look and view upcoming events along with information on becoming a club member, past newsletters, and plenty of event photos.

Thank you to Pat Wipfli Schaffarczyk for all the work she put in creating our new website. She spent months working with our web developer to produce a new look with new content. Thank you again Pat!



Metzgete – November 2019

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy Metzgete with the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club. We had a fun night of delicious food and music and dancing.

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Lois Ulrich celebrating her birthday with family

Julia & Josie



Rosemary Ramsell
celebrating her birthday ->



Rosmarie & Bill enjoying dancing greatly!



Swiss Night at the San Jose Sharks Hockey game

A wonderful, large group of Swiss came together to watch a San Jose Sharks game and cheer on two Swiss players, Timo Meier and Joe Thornton! We thank the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce for setting this event up. So many Swiss and friends of Switzerland dressed in hats and brought flags and Swiss decorations to really show our might. Almost 400 hundred of us were on the ice after the game to take a group photo!



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Social Membership

Join the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club!
Your Annual \$40 social membership entitles you to:

- Special member invitations to yearly events (Schwingfest, Fondue Night, Metzgete, etc).
- Christmas Party – Free to Social Members
- Subscription to newsletter

To join; please send your name, email address, postal address, phone number and enclose a \$40 check (paid after March 31st dues are \$50.00) made payable to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club and mail to:

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Attn: Membership
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560
Questions; please contact us at: aelplergruppe@gmail.com
Phone: [510-936-2523](tel:510-936-2523)

Aelpler Gruppe 2020 Calendar of Events

www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Feb 9 Jass Party 12:30 & Fondue Dinner 4 p.m.
March 22 South Bay Club Hike
April 18 Folklore Event 12:00 noon
May 3 Semi-Annual members meeting 2:00 p.m.
June 14 United Swiss Societies Kid's Camp 9 a.m.
June 28 East Bay Club Hike
Aug 1 United Swiss Societies – Swiss National Day 11:00
Sep 4 Dinner prior to Schwingfest 6:00 p.m.
Sep 5 Fall Schwingfest in Newark 11:00 a.m.
Sep 27 North Bay Club Hike
Nov 1 Annual Member's Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Nov 7 Metzgete Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Dec 5 Member's Annual Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm



United Swiss Societies

Diane Wagner, President 510-582-0698

www.unitedswissnorcal.org

Peninsula Swiss Club

Contact: Sandra Scanferla-Eidam 408-348-6911

sandra.scanferla@gmail.com

www.peninsulaswissclub.com

Swiss Consulate General

Pier 17, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94111

Phone: 415-788-2272

www.eda.admin.ch/sanfrancisco

Contact information for Western US **Swiss Clubs**:

Visit the Swiss Consulate General's website:

https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/countries/countries-content/united-states-of-america/en/112.0_CHclubsSF.pdf

Swiss Rifle Club Events

Contact John Burky at 510-996-8789

More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com

And www.feldschiessen.us

<http://www.carmelgunclub.com/SWISS%20Matches.html>

Sierra Swiss Club Calendar

Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

<http://sierraswissclub.homestead.com>

Pro Ticino

<http://www.proticino.ch/>

October 2019 Trivia question: "Who wrote Steiner Chilbi? Where is it celebrated every year?"

Answer: Jost Ribary wrote Steiner Chilbi. It is celebrated in Steinen, Schwyz on the first weekend in October. A Chilbi is the Swiss equivalent of an annual fair mostly held in the fall season. During fall almost every city and larger town organizes its own Chilbi.

Swiss Park 2020 Events

5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272

There are many other on-going events at Swiss Park. Please check the website for the current event listings at:

www.swissparknewark.com

Jan. 25 Crab Feed 6:00 p.m.

March St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance (Sunday) 4 pm

SJVSC, Ripon 2020 Calendar of Events

www.sjvscripsonswiss.com

Tony Berchtold, President

Feb 8 Fasnacht, / Roaring 20's theme 6-11 p.m.
Feb 16 Spring Jass Party
March 14 Schwinger Dinner & Dance
April 18 Swiss Echoes Spring Concert
June 6 Spring Schwingfest
July 25 Swiss Kids Camp & Members BBQ
Aug 29 Fall Schwingfest
Oct 3 Oktoberfest
Oct 24 Fall Swiss Echoes Dinner & Concert
Nov 8 Fall Jass Party
Dec 6 Swiss Echoes Christmas Dinner
Dec 13 Children's Christmas Party

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

New Board: President – Arnold Ambiel, acting

Vice President – Urs Gwerder

Treasurer – Don Widmer, acting

Secretary – Chris Schallberger, acting

All West Coast Schwingfests are now online at

<http://schlussgang.ch/>

2020 Schwingfest Dates:

April 4 Imperial Valley – Holtville
June 6 San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club – Ripon
June 13 Swiss Sportsman Club – Tacoma
June 20 San Diego Swiss Club – San Diego
July 4-5 Lewis Pacific Swiss Society – Frances, WA
July 11 Portland Swiss Club – Portland
July 18 Sierra Swiss Club – Truckee
Aug 8-9 Swiss Sportsman Club – Tacoma
Aug 29 San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club – Ripon
Sept 5 **Championship** - Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club - Newark

Sängerfest

30th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing and Yodeling Festival

Los Angeles June 25 – 28, 2020 www.swissfest2020.com



Obituary:

Our beloved Life Member, **Ted Horat**, passed away August 14, 2019, after a 5 year battle with Parkinson's disease. Ted was 87 years old.

Ted met his wife of 61 years, Pat Horat, at Swiss Park in Newark. In 1963 they left the Bay Area and traveled throughout the United States in their motor home. Ted enjoyed working as a maintenance man while traveling. In 2013 Ted and Pat settled in Sparks, Nevada.

Ted is survived by his wife, Pat, his twin brother Fred Horat, his sister Anna Ross, 2 daughters, 1 son and 12 grandchildren (11 girls and 1 boy).

Donations in Ted's memory can be sent to: Aelpler Gruppe Memorial Fund, 5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560.



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club member, **Anne Marie Fuchslin** of South Lake Tahoe, passed away on December 22, 2019 at the age of 93. Anne is survived by her sons William Fuchslin and wife Karen of Fremont, California and Ralph Fuchslin and wife Barbara of Gold River, California. She is also survived by her brother Robert Fuchslin and wife Linda of Fremont, California. She is predeceased by her husband Placid Fuchslin, son John Fuchslin and daughter Annette Fuchslin. Anne is also survived by seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Anne was born on February 21, 1926 in San Francisco to parents Martin and Anna Fuchslin. On May 27th 1937, at the age of 11, Anne joined other pedestrians in being the first people to walk across the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge; the following day the bridge opened to vehicle traffic. In 1952 Anne married Placid Fuchslin, and in 1957 they moved to South Lake Tahoe to raise their family and begin work as motel, condominium and marina owner/operators.

Throughout her life Anne was an active member of the Swiss/American community. She enjoyed participating in Swiss dances and events. Anne also enjoyed collecting, particularly dolls. She also loved children, animals (especially cats), and the music of Andre Rieu.

Anne was laid to rest on Friday, January 2nd, 2020 at Happy Homestead Cemetery in South Lake Tahoe, California.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Brookdale North Fremont and Brookdale Hospice for their wonderful care. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe (hstt.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (act.alz.org/donate).



Whom to contact when a Swiss Club member is deceased: Please e-mail our Corresponding Secretary at jerikroske@gmail.com or call 408-842-4621
Thank you

Memorial Fund Donations

Grateful donations to the Memorial Fund have been received for the following members who have passed:

Received in Memory of **Walter Ulrich** from:

Bill and Marilyn Bauhofer
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Received in Memory of **Joe Schmidig** from:

Patricia Schaffarczyk

Received in Memory of **Susan Jardine-Baumer** from:

Milly Gaehwiler

A Memorial Fund donation has been made in honor of Susan Jardine-Baumer, the daughter of yodeler, Rose Baumer, of the Swiss Singing Society of San Francisco.



Death of Swiss in the greater Swiss Community

Louise (Küttel) Schuler of Escalon, CA passed away on October 13th 2019. She was a life member of SJVSC.

Frank Lienert Jr. of Sacramento, CA passed away on November 10, 2019. He was a life member of SJVSC.

Victoria (Vogel) Biddulph of Manteca, CA passed away on November 5, 2019. She was a life member of SJVSC.

Louie Beeler of Escalon, CA passed away on January 16, 2020. He was a life member of SJVSC.

Annual Dues for Social Members

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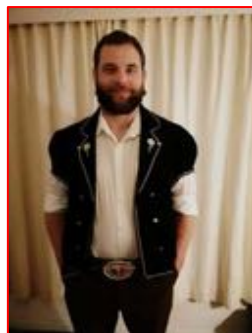
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Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors Meeting
Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified.

We received a Thank You from Urs Schutz winner of the Joe Schmidig Belt Buckle at the Fall Schwingfest.



SWITZERLAND WITH HEIDI
September 18-26 2020
+ 3 Day Extension Sept 26 - 29

Stunning mountains and lakes - overnights in Zurich, Geneva, the Gruyere area, Grindelwald, and Lucerne. The highlight of this visit is the time in the mountain resort of Grindelwald, in the vicinity of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau; a railway trip to the "Top of Europe. Trip will include: Bus / Hotel and some meals. Airfare not included. Open to all ages. Those interested contact Heidi Ambiel at 831-662-8709.

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Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

at Newark Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560



Bring your Friends to the

Swiss Fondue Dinner and Jass Party

with The Aelpler Gruppe Fondue Crew

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Jass Party check-in 12:30; play starts at 1:00 PM

Jass Player Donation \$10.00 - Prizes to be awarded

Fondue Dinner served at approximately 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Children 14 and under - \$5.00; Hot Dogs available for children

Bring your Fondue pot and forks if you have them; lighter fluid will be provided

There will be a raffle - please bring your raffle donations to the event.

Please make your reservations by February 1, 2020 by:

mail, using the form below; by email to: aelplergruppe@gmail.com or by calling the Club at:
510-936-2523.

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I/we will bring a fondue pot(s): Yes _____ No _____ ** We have a limited number of fondue pots

Reservation(s) for Jass @ \$10.00 ea _____ Reservation(s) for Fondue Dinner @ \$25.00 ea _____

Reservation(s) for Child's hot dog @ \$5.00 ea _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Mail to: Attn: Fondue Dinner - 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560



*Aelppler Gruppe Swiss Club, Inc. and
Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco*

Invites you to:

Swiss Folklore Luncheon & Dance

Honoring Ron Scheiber

Saturday, April 18, 2020

**Newark Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave . Newark, CA**

12:00 Noon: No-Host Bar

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Luncheon & Dessert

Bratwurst or Vegetarian Lasagna Meal

Cost: \$20.00

****FREE Meal for Seniors over 70 and Children under 15****

... Gift Baskets for all Seniors over 90 ...

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Program

*Awards * Gift Baskets * Raffle*

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm:

Dancing to The Mitchell Gander & Ron Scheiber Orchestra

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PLEASE ENTER DATE-OF-BIRTH (DOB) FOR FREE MEALS AND GIFT BASKETS

CHECK MEAL PREFERENCE OF BRATWURST (BW) OR VEGETARIAN LASAGNA (VL) BELOW

Adult(s)	_____	DOB: _____	BW: _____	VL: _____
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PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2020!

Make checks payable to: Aelppler Gruppe Swiss Club

Mail reservation form above and check to: Aelppler Gruppe Swiss Club
5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560

Contact: Marilyn Ramsell Manchester (510) 366-5070

E-mail: marilynramsellmanchester@gmail.com

**** Send in your reservations on-time to allow us to make Gift Baskets for those Seniors over 90!**

General Information

Aelpler Gruppe Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors

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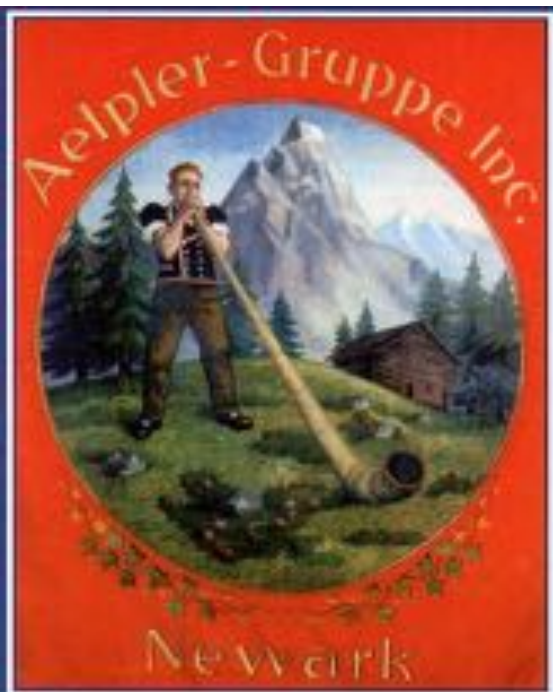
Have you moved?

Please forward your new address to Jerilyn Kroske, Corresponding Secretary, via e-mail to:
aelplergruppe@gmail.com Thank you.

Officers

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Board of Directors for 2020

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Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Attn: Membership

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Social Membership Registration for 2020

Membership due yearly in January

Fill out the form below. Make check of \$40 payable to:
Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club and mail to above address

☐ New Member \$40.00 ☐ Renewal \$40.00 ☐ Change of Address: Yes or No (please circle)

Member Name(s) _____ Birth Date _____

Children's Names and ages if applicable _____

Address: _____

City, Zip code, State _____

Email(s) _____ Phone # _____

All the Swiss Club Board Members are volunteers and they need your assistance at events. Please mark the events at which you wish to assist. **Circle the activity where you can assist.**
Questions? Call Arnold Ambiel at 510-936-2523

2020 Swiss Club Events

- ☐ **Fondue Dinner and Jass Party, Sunday – February 9, 2020** - 12:30 pm Jass Party
4:00pm FondueDinner
- ☐ **Folklore Luncheon – April 18, 2020** – 12:00 p.m. - Assist with food serving.
- ☐ **United Swiss Societies Kids Camp – June 14th** - 9:00 am
- ☐ **USS Swiss National Day, August 1st.** Assist with set-up Saturday morning.
- ☐ **Fall Schwingfest, Sept. 5th** - Assist with Set up – or Food Serving. – or Clean- up
or Ticket Sales – or Souvenir Booth. Lunch served at approx. 1:00 p.m. Dinner at
approx. 6:00 p.m. (circle your preference in assisting)
- ☐ **Metzgete Dinner, November 7th** - 6:00p.m. – Assist with
set-up. - Assist with food serving, clean-up
- ☐ **Member's Christmas Dinner, December 5th** - 10:00 a.m. set-up.
Assist serving dinner at 6:00p.m.

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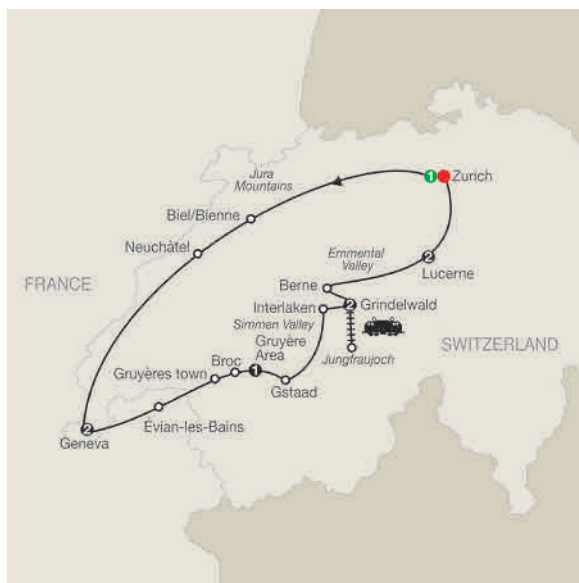
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A WALK IN THE CLOUDS

Enjoy the time spent in Geneva, Switzerland's most international and second-largest city, which has a fantastic lakeside setting and breathtaking panoramas of the Alps. Guided sightseeing of the city features a visit to the Reformation Park. Enjoy a chocolate tasting at the famous Maison Cailler in Broc, and stop for an orientation in Gstaad, one of Switzerland's most famous skiing resorts and a popular destination for international celebrities. A walking tour in Lucerne includes Chapel Bridge, a picturesque covered wooden bridge and the impressive Lion Monument.

SEPT. 18 ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Welcome to Zurich! This evening, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

SEPT. 19 ZURICH-BIEL/BIENNE-NEUCHÂTEL-GENEVA

Discover Zurich's well-preserved OLD TOWN with its medieval guild houses; Then, leave Zurich and start your Swiss adventure. You'll quickly discover that Switzerland isn't just home to the Alps, but also to some of the most beautiful lakes. First, stop at the foot of the Jura Mountains in the picturesque town of Biel, known as Bienne by French-speaking Swiss and famous for watch making. Explore the HISTORICAL CENTER and take a scenic drive to lakeside Neuchâtel, dominated by the medieval cathedral and castle. Time to stroll along the beautiful lake promenade before continuing to stunning Geneva with its fantastic lakeside location and breathtaking panoramas of the Alps.

SEPT. 20 GENEVA - Switzerland's Second Largest City

Your guided sightseeing includes the elegant buildings that house international organizations, including the headquarters of the International Red Cross & many United Nations agencies. You will also hear about John Calvin, the French theologian who helped reform the church in Geneva in the mid-16th century. Visit REFORMATION PARK, with its International Monument to the Reformation, and walk through the OLD TOWN to see St. Pierre's Cathedral. Balance of the day is at leisure to further explore this fascinating city. An OPTIONAL lake cruise is also available.

SEPT. 21 GENEVA-ÉVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE-GRUYERE, SWITZERLAND-BROC-GRUYÈRE AREA

It's France then follow Lake Geneva along the southern shore to the famous spa town of Évian-les-Bains, a popular holiday resort renowned for its mineral water. Return to Switzerland, cross the Rhône River, France's largest river—originating in the Swiss Alps and, eventually flowing into the Mediterranean Sea. See the vineyards, where some of the best Swiss wines are produced; leave this "Swiss Riviera" and continue to Gruyère for a visit to the magnificent CASTLE. Walk thru eight centuries of architecture, history, & culture, Enjoy lunch with local specialties and a traditional dessert including meringue and double crème. An extra treat is a stop in Broc for a visit to MAISON CAILLER chocolate factory to taste this delicious Swiss specialty. Continue to your hotel in nearby Charmey

SEPT. 22 GRUYERE AREA-GSTAAD-INTERLAKEN-GRINDELWALD

Leave the Gruyère area and enjoy a scenic drive to Gstaad, one of Switzerland's most famous ski resorts. After an orientation of this international holiday destination for royalty and celebrities, continue to Interlaken. The town's unique location, nestled between Lake Thun & Lake Brienz are surrounded by the world-famous Eiger, Mönch, & Jungfrau mountains, You are guaranteed spectacular views; arrive at your charming hotel in the mountain resort of Grindelwald.

SEPT. 23 GRINDELWALD. EXCURSION TO THE JUNGFRAU

An unforgettable experience to the Alpine wonderland of ice & snow - THE true highlight of a visit to Switzerland. At an amazing 11,332 feet: the JUNGFRAUJOCH is Europe's highest railway station. Jungfrau's 13,642-foot summit was first ascended in 1811; then, in 1912, the rack railway opened. Enjoy the Alpine Sensation, the Panorama 360° Experience, the ICE PALACE, and take the elevator to the Sphinx Observatory; Receive your Jungfrau Passport as a souvenir to take home.

The round trip to the "Top of Europe" by MOUNTAIN TRAIN will occupy most of the day.



SEPT. 24 GRINDELWALD-BERNE-LUCERNE

Arrive in the stately capital of Berne. See the BEAR PARK, and enjoy the panoramic view of the city from the Rose Garden and the OLD TOWN with the Clock Tower and the ornate, flower-adorned fountains. Leave the Berner Oberland and drive via Langnau in the Emmental Valley to picturesque Lucerne. Tonight is an OPTIONAL dinner excursion to a folklore party with yodeling & alphorn blowing.

SEPT. 25 LUCERNE

Follow your Tour Director for a pleasant walk and admire Thorwaldsen's impressive LION MONUMENT, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French Revolution. Walk along ornate patrician houses of the walled Old Town, then cross the famous covered CHAPEL BRIDGE to the Jesuit Church, the first large baroque church built in Switzerland on the north side of the Alps. An OPTIONAL excursion to Mount Pilatus is available; This evening's farewell dinner awaits at a local restaurant for a proper *auf Wiedersehen*.

SEPT. 26 LUCERNE-ZURICH AIRPORT

Morning transfer to Zurich Airport in time for homebound flights leaving no earlier than 10 am.

-Maximum elevation on tour—11,332 ft., Adequate footwear is required for the trip to the Jungfrau.

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS RECAP:

ZÜRICH: Welcome dinner; in the Old Town

BIEL/BIENNE: Visit the historical center

NEUCHÂTEL: Visit the town

GENEVA: Guided sightseeing, Reformation Park

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: Visit France side of Lake Geneva

GRUYÈRE: The castle in Gruyères town, followed by a lunch with local specialties

BROC: Chocolate tasting at Maison Cailler

GSTAAD: Orientation

INTERLAKEN: The Jungfrau mountains

GRINDELWALD: Excursion to the Jungfrau

BERNE: See the Bear Park, enjoy the Vista from the Rose Garden, Old Town

LUCERNE: Walking tour Lion Monument & Chapel Bridge; farewell dinner at a local restaurant



DETAILS

1. For questions to your Swiss Tour Escort, Heidi Ambiel:
Call her at: 831.662.8709
2. To sign up: Send deposit of \$500.00 by check made out to:
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3. Final payment by check is due July 3, 2020.

COST FOR TOUR:

September 18-26, 2020

\$ 2,989.00 per person/ share twin

CURRENT airfares Los Angeles/San Francisco to Zurich roundtrip:

Economy class: \$1,211.00

Business Class: \$3,950.00 Do Note: Airfares constantly change.

We recommend to book your airline tickets as soon as you sign up for tour.

You may extend, or leave for Europe earlier at the same cost.

Option is also to return from another European city at similar prices.

September 26-29, 2020: 3 additional nights with Saturday witnessing the ALPABFAHRT (Cows coming back from a summer on the Alp, richly decorated with flowers) in KERN. Then on to GISWIL for a Wild Game Dinner with entertainment hosted by Edith at the "Alpenroesli". Sunday at your leisure. Monday enjoy a Cruise on Lake Lucerne, stopping for a visit to the RUETLI (where 3 men, representing their Ancient States, swore Allegiance to assist each other against the rules of the Habsburgs, considered the founding of Switzerland in 1299), then proceed across the lake to Brunnen, to visit the world-famous Manufacture of VICTORINOX where you can make your very own Pocket Knife!).

ESTIMATED COST with accommodation in share/twin: \$610.00. Higher for single occupancy.

NOTE: On day of Jungfrau Excursion, you will visit Murren with a special meal prepared by Chef Steve Ambiel.

-MEALS: Full buffet breakfast daily; 1 lunch in Gruyère, 4/ 3-course dinners, + dinner at a local Lucerne cafe

RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is a deposit of: _____ To reserve _____ place(s). Check one: ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Triple

Cabin Category Preference: _____

Legal name as appears on passport (for travel within the United States legal name as appears on your government issued ID).

Additional names should be included on a separate sheet of paper.

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2. _____
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