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HIKING WEEKS IN THE AUTUMN

Autumn is the ideal time to hike in the Swiss mountains. During October numerous resorts offer their guests hiking arrangements including half board and guided day excursions. Amongst others these resorts and areas are Arosa, Ausserberg on the southern slope of the Lötschberg, Bergün, Beatenberg, Bettmeralp, Breiten combined with a fitness programme, Brienz, Brig offering hiking and other excursions in the surrounding area, Brunnen, Celerina, Crans-Montana, Davos, Les Diablerets, Disentis, Engelberg, Fiesch, Flims/Laax, Gstaad, Kippel in the Lötschental, Klosters, Lenzerheide-Valbella, the Maggia Valley, as well as Mendrisiotto, Oberiberg, Pontresina, Saas-Alagell, Saas-Fee, Savognin, Zuoz and S-chanf with outings into the National Park, Trubschachen in the Emmental for a long weekend, Unterwasser, Vevey, Weggis, Wengen, Wildhaus, and Zermatt. Information can be obtained from the respective local tourist offices.

Mountain climbing weeks in the autumn are still possible at Brienz,

Fiesch (also excursions on mineralogy), La Fouly, Davos, Geneva, and Grindelwald. Branches of the Swiss Ramblers Association (Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer Wanderwege, SAW, Im Hirshalm 49, 4125 Riehen) offer guided hiking weeks into the Alps, National Park, Gotthard, and Albula regions, as well as a ten-day tour "from the federal City to the Goms" in the Upper Valais.

He who decides to take off on his own does well to get a 2-, 4-, or 7-day REKA hiking pass with which he can discover the Emmental/Upper Aargau, the Toggenburg, Appenzell, and Jura. This pass includes overnight stay with breakfast and use of all public transport in the area. The pass costs Sw.Fr. 40 for two days (one night's accommodation), Sw.Fr. 95 for 4 days (3 nights), or Sw.Fr. 170 for 7 days (6 nights). It can be purchased in Switzerland from Swiss Federal Railways travel offices at major stations, and from the Swiss Travel Saving Fund, which has published a brochure (German and French editions only).

BASLE'S RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The exhibition "Railways — Originals and Models", arranged by the Swiss Federal Railways and the Swiss Industries Fair, will be held in Basle from 28th October until 12th November. With the participation of the German Federal Railway, the French National Railways, many regional transport companies, the Swiss Transport Museum and the Association of Railway Amateurs, there will be on display rolling stock from the early days of the railways to the latest designs, models and layouts built by amateurs and those in various gauges from toy manufacturers.

A programme of accompanying events offers special attractions, such as visits to railway installations in Switzerland and across the border, steam engine trips, tours into Germany and France with a visit to the French Railway Museum in Mulhouse.

The Basle Tourist Office offers a special weekend arrangement with hotel accommodation.



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