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NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

from the Swiss National Tourist Office, Swiss Centre, 1 New Coventry Street, London W1V 3HG. Tel: 01-734 1921:

— Car Conveyance through the Alpine Tunnels

listing prices and summer timetable 27th May to 29th September, 1979.

— Events in Switzerland – Summer 1979 and later

including music festivals, concerts, exhibitions, trade fairs, hobby and language courses, local folklore events and sports fixtures.

— Switzerland – International Railway Connections

valid from 27th May to 29th September, 1979, including railway services between London and Switzerland as well as TEE services, a selection of car-ferry trains and information on couchette services from and to Switzerland.

— UK – Switzerland Air timetable

for summer period 27th May to 31st October, 1979, giving rail connections to Swiss holiday resorts.

— Swiss Restaurant Guide

The Official Guide of the Swiss Association of Restaurateurs and Hoteliers 1978/79 lists and describes some 2,600 restaurants from all over Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein.

— Living in Switzerland

This new booklet published by the Swiss National Tourist Office contains useful information for people who want to live or spend their holidays in Switzerland on:

- Geography, Climate, History, Politics, Languages, Economy, Currency, etc.
- Provisions on entry and residence, custom's regulations and transfer of currency.
- Job availability
- Living conditions, cost of living, taxes.
- Wages and social insurance schemes.

SEDRUN – FREE HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN

During the "Year of the Child", Sedrun (Grisons) is offering, from 1st July to 31st October, free board in all hotels to the youngest child of the family, provided the child is under 12 years old. For each other child a 50 per cent reduction will be granted.

Special attractions for the youngsters include a botanic and wildlife excursion, visit to a cheese dairy, trips on the Furka-Oberalp railway, etc.

Further details: Verkehrsverein Sedrun, 7188 Sedrun/Switzerland.

GENEVA PACKAGES "GENEVA AT YOUR PLEASURE"

The Geneva Tourist Office is again offering special packages valid until 29th February, 1980.

A weekend visit (two nights) costs from Sw.Fr. 49 per person, and packages during the week with three nights from Sw.Fr. 72 and six nights from Sw.Fr. 138 per person. Included in these prices are accommodation with continental breakfast, a booklet of vouchers offering various reductions and free-passes, a one-day ticket for free use of public transport, and a documentation on Geneva. The packages can be shortened or extended at will, according to one's desires.

Information and bookings: Office du Tourisme de Genève, 1 Rue de la Tour-de-l'Île, 1211 Genève/Switzerland.

MONTREUX-BERNESE OBERLAND RAILWAY

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the Montreux-Bernese Oberland Railway (MOB) has put into operation a new "Panoramic Express" with 72 seats in first class and 104 seats in second class. The new coaches are fitted with air-conditioning and will allow passengers to travel and enjoy the fascinating countryside in comfort. No supplement is payable.

Timings (daily): Montreux departs 09.48, Zweisimmen arrives 11.27. Zweisimmen departs 15.25, Montreux arrives 17.14.

Route: Montreux – Château-d'Oex – Rougemont – Gstaad – Zweisimmen and v.v.

ENGADINE – BAD TARASP-VULPERA

The summer and winter holiday resort of Bad Tarasp-Vulpera is organising weekly packages including fitness, horse riding, tennis, golf, spa cures (it will be the only Glauber salt bath in Switzerland), and the Engadine Hiking Weeks.

The pass for the Hiking Weeks costs Sw.Fr. 90 and includes five guided tours, all transport (aerial cableway, postal motor coach, etc) and use of an indoor swimming pool.

One week's half-board at an hotel is available from Sw.Fr. 273 per person, and comfortable holiday apartments from Sw.Fr. 220 per apartment for one week.

Further information: Kur- und Verkehrsverein Bad Tarasp-Vulpera, 7552 Vulpera/Switzerland.

RIGGISBERG – ABEGG FOUNDATION

After a short break during winter, the Abegg Foundation in Riggisberg has been reopened to the public. This year's special exhibition "Lace Designs in the eighteenth century" not only shows precious textiles, but also furniture, porcelain, glass, paintings, book covers, etc which have all been inspired by the art of lace. The Foundation is open daily until mid-October from 14.00 to 17.00 hours. Riggisberg can be reached from Berne by postal coach.

SAFARI IN THE OBERTOGENBURG

The three resorts of Wildhaus, Unterwasser and Alt St. Johann in the Obertoggenburg are offering a new summer attraction, the "Alpstein Safari".

Prices start at Sw.Fr. 240 including half-board, guided walking tour, guided wild life excursion, the Obertoggenburg Visitor's Card and the Alpstein Safari with an overnight in a mountain hut.

Further information: Geschaeftsstelle WOT, % Verkehrsvero, 9658 Wildhaus/Switzerland.

SCUOL – FREE OVERNIGHTS ON RAINY DAYS

With its good weather statistics, Scuol, which is located in the Engadine close to the Swiss National Park, shows enough confidence to offer free overnights on rainy days until 21st October in specified hotels. The only condition: six hours' rain between 6.45 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. and a minimum stay of seven days. No charge at all will be made for children up to 12 years sharing a room with their parents, even the children's meals will be free.

Further information: Kur- und Verkehrsverein Bad Scuol, 7550 Scuol/Switzerland. Tel: (084) 9 13 81. Telex: 74460

ST. MORITZ – "ALLEGRO" SPORTS PROGRAMME

From 1st June to 30th September, 1979, St. Moritz is again offering the "Allegro" Sports Programme including tennis, summer ski-ing, hand-gliding, riding, ice skating, windsurfing, sailing, golf and canoeing. Each participant will receive the Allegro Club Card which gives reduced rates in hotels and on mountain railways as well as many more reductions.

Details are available from: Kur- und Verkehrsverein, 7500 St. Moritz/Switzerland.