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ZURICH AIRPORT GETS RAIL LINK

FROM June 1, Zurich Airport will be fully integrated in the Swiss Federal Railway network, with 100 daily train connections to all parts of Switzerland and neighbouring countries. The journey from the centre of Zurich to the airport via the new link will take a mere 10 minutes.

It is estimated that about one-fifth of the total eight million passengers a year will make use of this new facility.

A new dual-track line, four miles long and running for the most part underground, will connect up the airport with the railway network.

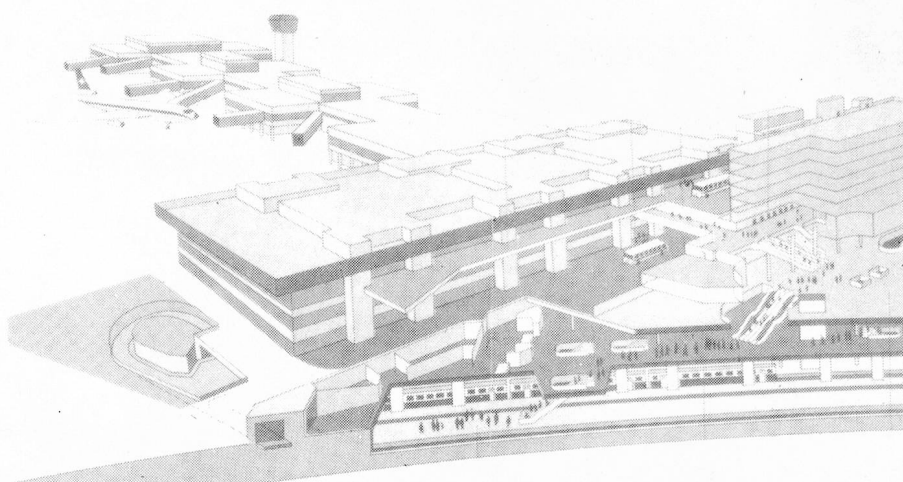
The new rail link – costing around Sfr. 300 million, will provide direct connections to and from Berne, Fribourg, Lausanne, St. Gallen and Winterthur, as well as in part to Lucerne, Chur, the Bernese Oberland and the Ticino. In 1982 the number of towns with direct connections to and from the airport will increase. As Switzerland has a very compact railway network, places not directly connected with the airport can be easily reached via Zurich.

Trains will run from and to the city every 20 minutes. The fare for this distance will be cheaper than it is at the moment by bus – Sfr. 3.20 second class, and Sfr. 4.80 first class.

The Swissair bus service between Zurich Main Station and the airport will be discontinued.

At the airport the new railway station situated under Terminal B offers a full range of services to the traveller. There are ticket, baggage registration and currency exchange facilities, as well as an information desk, a quality restaurant and numerous shops.

Escalators, lifts and walkways



From plane to train via the new link

provide easy access from the railway station to both Terminals A and B. Special luggage trolleys adapted for use on the escalators are available to passengers.

Air passengers coming from customs in either Terminal A or B will find a convenient baggage office facing the customs exit, from which they can send their baggage direct to any Swiss destination for a fee of Sfr 5 per piece when holding the appropriate rail ticket.

With its integration into the federal railway network, Zurich Airport becomes a lot closer to the country's main tourist and commercial centres.

● A provisional timetable called "Fly-Rail: the best trains from and to Zurich Airport" is available free of charge from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

A royal inauguration

THE first passengers to use the new rail link were Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip when they arrived at Zurich Airport for the start of the State visit to Switzerland on April 29 – a month before the line was being opened to the public. From Zurich the royal party travelled to Berne to meet the Swiss Federal Council.

Unique system speeds baggage

IF YOUR return flight is booked from Zurich Airport and you start out from a Swiss resort, you may now be able to register your baggage at the local railway station direct to your final destination.

Under the new system, which is unique to Switzerland, you hand your baggage in at the station and obtain a baggage check covering both your train and air journeys.

Swiss Federal Railways and Swissair will transfer your baggage at Zurich from the train to

the airport and on to your flight.

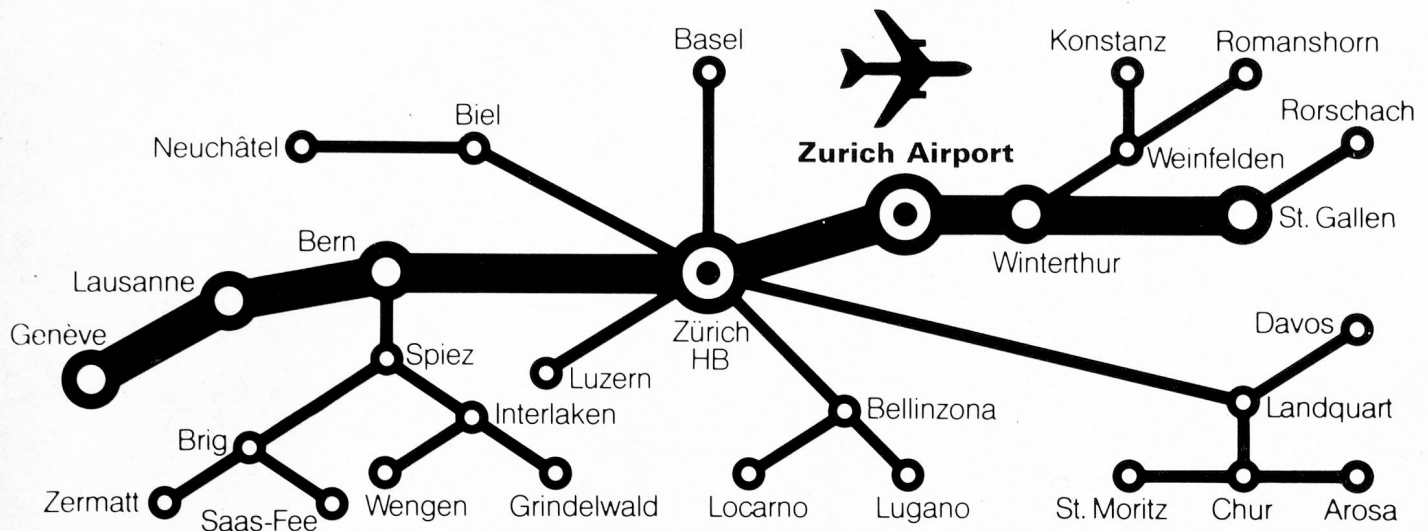
No need to worry about porters, trolleys, etc. At the airport you can check in at any counter, including the special Express counter for passengers with hand luggage only.

The charge for "Fly-Luggage" is Sfr. 5 per piece of luggage for passengers holding rail tickets, and Sfr. 10 for those without a rail ticket.

The new facility is only available to passengers departing by air from Zurich Airport by Swissair and airlines for which Swissair is the handling agent.

Stations at present accepting "Fly-Luggage" are Aarau, Arosa, Basle SBB, Berne, Chur, Davos-Dorf, Davos-Platz, Engelberg, Fribourg, Grindelwald, Interlaken-Ost, Interlaken-West, Locarno, Lucerne, Lugano, Muerren, St. Gallen, St. Mortiz, Thun, Wengen.

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Right on the main line



ABOVE
links to rest
of the world

BELOW
rail links to
whole country



A UNIQUE feature of Zurich airport's new railway station is that it is fully integrated into the national and international express train network of the Swiss Federal Railways. In other words, the section Zurich Airport to Zurich Main Station is not a branch line but forms part of the east-west main line axis.

When the airport line is opened to traffic the number of air passengers will have reached the eight million mark. Most of them will be seen off or met by relatives or friends. And there are thousands of visitors, too, who just want to watch the activities and catch the atmosphere of one of the world's busiest airports.

The Zurich region is the starting point, or destination, for about half the air passengers. The rest travel to or from other regions of Switzerland or adjacent areas abroad.

These figures underline the importance of the airport not only for Zurich but for the whole of Switzerland. The need to provide a link with the efficient railway network is obvious.

Direct express trains linking Geneva, Berne, Zurich, Winterthur, St. Gallen/Romanshorn will all be stopping at the airport. And there will be an additional shuttle service between the airport and Zurich's main station.

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A NEW museum for contemporary art has been opened in Basle thanks to private benefactors. A former paper mill in St. Alban-Tal has been reconstructed with a view to accommodating the valuable collection of temporary art of the Emanuel-Hoffman Foundation for which there was no more space available at Basle Art Museum.

The foundation today possesses 223 works from 97 artists.

Ticino Haute Route

EXPERIENCED hikers will find the Haute Route from Hinterrhein in the Grisons to Cardada above Locarno an interesting challenge.

The crossing of the Ticino Alps in eight days calls for persistence, but offers a wonderful experience. The cost is Sfr. 665 and includes transportation, accommodation in hotels, mountain huts and guesthouses with full board, entrance fees and a guide.

Four tours are planned between the end of June and the end of September.

Further details: ITTI, Via Ferrera 5, Casella postale 537, 6612 Ascona, Switzerland. Tel: (093) 35 35 46.

Tuition in rustic painting

FROM July 13 to 26 two courses in rustic painting are being organised at Wildhaus (Upper Toggenburg), lasting from Mondays to Fridays, four hours daily. Cost: Sfr. 90.

An all-inclusive arrangement at Sfr. 438 for six days half board and tuition in rustic painting is offered by the Hotel Acker.

Wildhaus is also well



This is how the London office of the SNTO marked the royal tour

THE hills and dark forests of the Jura tempt the holidaymaker to take a break from the daily round. One way to see the romantic Ajoie region, the Alsace and the Laufen Valley or the Franches Montagnes at a comfortably slow pace is to explore it by gipsy caravan. The tours last seven or eight days and are available until October.

Further details can be obtained from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

prepared for families with children offering baby-sitting, nursery, menus for children in hotels, ice skating and many other attractions for adults and children.

Details: Kur- und Verkehrsverein Wildhaus, 9658 Wildhaus, Switzerland. Tel: (074) 5 27 27, Telex: 719239.

Zurich on a budget

EVEN with a slender purse you can find tasty and satisfying meals. The Zurich Tourist Office has published a brochure listing more than 150 restaurants in and around Zurich where meals cost between Sfr. 4.50 and 8.50.

The publication is available from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

Plastic sculpture

THREE major open-air exhibitions of plastic sculpture will be

taking place in Switzerland this summer.

From now until August 24 the 7th Swiss Exhibition of Plastic Sculpture will be held at Biel/Bienne, including some 160 works of the most famous Swiss sculptors.

The "Green 80" exhibition in Basle, which lasts until October 12, includes a special display, "80 years of Swiss Plastic Sculptures", with 35 works outlining the development of Swiss sculpture.

An international exhibition of plastic sculptures of the 20th century will take place at the Wenkenhof at Riehen near Basle until September 15.

Summer skiing on Corvatsch

IN summer the famous ski-ing area of Mount Corvatsch offers not only excellent walking possibilities, but also ski-ing with a total of four skilifts. Mount Corvatsch can be reached from

Surlej (near St. Moritz) by aerial cableway.

From June 29 to September 21 a special summer ski-ing all-inclusive arrangement is available, with prices starting from Sfr. 352, including seven days half board, six days use of the Corvatsch aerial cableway and skilifts, and ski lessons during five days (two hours a day).

Further information: Luftseilbahn, Surlej-Silvaplana-Corvatsch AG, 7513 Silvaplana, Switzerland. Tel: (082) 4 82 42.

Free holidays in Beatenberg

TEN hotels and pensions in the mountain resort of Beatenberg, overlooking Lake Thun (Bernese Oberland), offer two or three additional free days to guests who stay at least two or three weeks during June and October.

Between September 20 and October 18 a special autumn rambling package is on offer in Beatenberg. Prices start from Sfr. 180 for bed and breakfast, and Sfr. 208 for half board including seven days' accommodation, welcome drink, four guided rambles, walking map and stick as well as use of indoor swimming pool. Self-catering accommodation is also available.

Further information: Kur- und Verkehrsverein, 3803 Beatenberg, Switzerland. Tel: (036) 41 12 86.

Holiday courses

THE Swiss National Tourist Office has again published a series of booklets listing all-inclusive arrangements and hobby activities that can be

MADE-TO-MEASURE IN LUGANO

AN individual one-week arrangement is on offer in Lugano until October 26, with prices starting from Sfr. 245 for bed and breakfast, Sfr. 350 for half board, and Sfr. 420 for full board.

The cost of the package

includes seven nights at the hotel, city sightseeing tour by coach, funicular to Mount San Salvatore or Monte Brè, bus excursion to Tesserete or Sonvico, train trip to Ponte Tresa, entrance and one drink at a night club, participation in a

contest for one free week for two persons, etc.

Further information: Ente turistico Lugano e dintorni, Riva Albertolli 5, Casella postale, 6901 Lugano, Switzerland. Tel: (091) 21 46 64, Telex: 73170.

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enjoyed in Switzerland until autumn this year. The following are available:

- All-inclusive arrangements (offered by individual resorts).

- Holiday and language courses.

These hobby booklets are available:

No. 1 - Handicrafts, drawing and painting, photography, filming.

No. 2 - Music and movement, games, art and culture.

No. 3 - Horseback riding, bicycling.

No. 4 - Tennis, golf, summer ski-ing.

No. 5 - Walking, mountaineering, keep fit.

No. 6 - Water sports, angling.

Tibor Varga Festival

IN Sion, the capital of the Valais, a music festival takes place every year which was founded by the Hungarian violinist Tibor Varga in 1964.

From July 18 until September 26, 15 symphony and chamber concerts are planned. The 14th International Tibor Varga Violin Competition will be held from August 2 to 8, and from mid-July until the end of August 20 master courses for up to 300 young musicians will be organised.

Further information: Festival Tibor Varga, Case postale 3374, 1950 Sion, Switzerland.

Engadine concert weeks

FROM July 13 until August 14 the 40th International Chamber Music Festival will be held in the Engadine resorts of Sils, Silva-

SWITZERLAND now possesses its own camera museum. A new Swiss museum has just been opened at Vevey, on the shores of the lake of Geneva, famed for its Wine-growers' Festival, which is held every 25 years, and its world-famous school of photography.

Swiss cameras are very prominent in the display and are in fact by far the most numerous. Many of them were made by watchmakers.

More than 800 items have been collected, making it possible to keep changing the exhibits. Among the most original of these is the biggest, which measures 13 feet long, and the smallest, just over one and a half inches.

Another, the Photosphere, patented in

plana, St. Moritz, Pontresina, Celerina, Samedan, Zuoz and Bad Scuol.

Further details: Buero der Engadiner Konzertwochen, Verkehrsverein Oberengadin, Im Gemeindehaus, 7504 Pontresina, Switzerland. Tel: (082) 6 65 73.

Craftsmen at work

THE summer and winter resort of Château-d'Oex (Lake of Geneva region) is situated in the heart of a big valley known in particular for its many craftsmen. And for the first time this summer the Tourist Office is offering a package arrangement which will include different guided tours to see the craftsmen of the region at work. This will be an opportunity to get to know a number of very typical crafts.

Summer visitors will be able to visit a restorer of antique local furniture, generally made of painted pinewood, as well as other craftsmen or artists who

weave, spin wool or make much prized pictures with paper cut-outs, in this way keeping alive another typical tradition.

This "Edelweiss" package also includes a visit to the Vieux Pays d'En-haut Museum which shows how life was in old times, and an excursion to a chalet in an alpine pasture where cheese is still made according to ancestral processes.

The price of the Edelweiss package, available from June 1 to October 4, ranges from Sfr. 252 to Sfr. 429 (seven nights), varying according to the category of hotel and the period chosen.

Further information: Office du tourisme, La Place, 1837 Château-d'Oex / Switzerland. Tel: (029) 4 77 88. Telex: 36418.

Sports packages

THIS summer St. Moritz is again offering the Allegra Sports Programme including tennis, sailing, summer ski-ing, golf, hang-gliding, canoeing, riding and ice skating. The courses

Swiss camera museum opens

1888, was made of metal for use in the tropics by the explorers of the time. As for the best known of Switzerland's cameras, the Compass, dating back to 1937, it was a real masterpiece of the watchmaker's art, built by a watch factory at Le Sentier (Swiss Jura).

These examples give some idea of the variety of the exhibits on display which make a visit to this new museum, the only one of its kind in Switzerland, particularly worthwhile. Admission is free.

cost between Sfr. 85 and Sfr. 200 including lessons, entertainment and the Allegra Sports card (which normally costs Sfr. 40) offering various concessions.

A novelty are the combined summer ski-ing and tennis weeks (Sfr. 265) and windsurfing (Sfr. 220).

Geneva computer exhibition

THE exhibition will take place in Geneva from June 17 to 19.

An inclusive tour is offered with prices starting from £193 for scheduled return flights London - Geneva, two nights accommodation at the Hotel Méditerranée in Geneva, continental breakfast, service and taxes, entrance ticket to the exhibition, and return transfers between the airport and the hotel.

Information and bookings: Lunn Poly Ltd., Special Business Tours Dept., 232/242 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1DS. Tel: 01-828 0505.

FARM HOLIDAYS WITH A DIFFERENCE

RURAL districts have always attracted craftsmen, and more and more city dwellers seem to want to visit them. Now the Payerne Tourist Office, in the north of the Lake Geneva Region, has decided to set up for the first time a special holiday package. It includes accommodation in farms or cottages, and courses in

weaving, pottery, ceramics, etc., given by the local inhabitants.

At the disposal of tourists this year are about 50 farms and cottages at prices starting from Sfr. 130 a week.

Those who like to get to know the district where they are staying should take the opportunity of sightseeing around the lakes of Neuchâtel and

Morat. The large Roman remains, Romanesque and Gothic churches, as well as medieval castles, are well worth a visit. Sports practised in and around Payerne include swimming, sailing, water ski-ing, fishing, riding and tennis. Further information: Tourist Office, 1530 Payerne, Switzerland. Tel: (037) 61 15 15.

FURTHER DETAILS

about any of the items reported here can be obtained from Swiss National Tourist Office, Swiss Centre, London W1V 3HG. (Tel: 01-734 1921).