

What to do on your holidays

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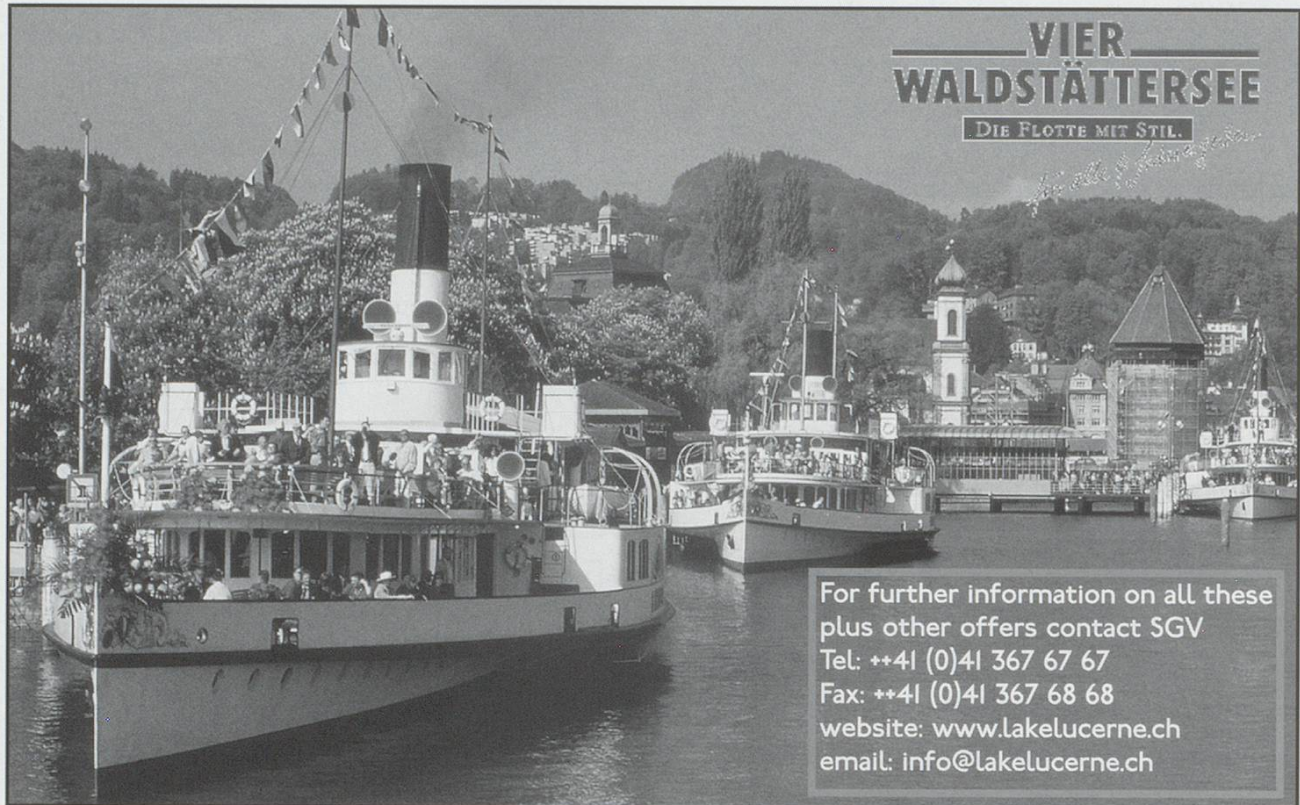
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WHAT TO DO ON YOUR HOLIDAYS

Forget the exchange rate for the next six pages. Summer's here and Switzerland has a lot on offer. Don't forget all the RHB events surrounding 100 years of the Albula. Details of these were in the March Swiss Express. If you do go on any of the following make sure you take some pictures and let us have them. Make sure you tell the operators where you found the details and most important of all...

have fun!



For further information on all these plus other offers contact SGV
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Departures are scheduled approximately every hour on the main routes:

- Lucerne - Weggis - Vitznau - Beckenried - Gersau - Brunnen - Rütli - Flüelen
- Lucerne - Kehrsiten (-Bürgenstock) - Stansstad - Alpnachstad

In summer 2003, the following main services are operated with paddle steamers:

09.15 to Flüelen	Daily
10.15 to Alpnachstad	On weekdays in July and August
11.15 to Flüelen	On Sundays and on public holidays
11.20 to Flüelen	Daily from May 1st to October 26th
13.15 to Flüelen	Daily
14.00 to Alpnachstad	On weekdays in July and August
15.20 to Vitznau	Daily

Our very good friends at SGV in Luzern have, as always, a full programme for the summer and the rest of the year. Remember as you glide smoothly across the lakes that SGV are the

second biggest transport provider in Central Switzerland behind the SBB. Two million passengers a year, and yet it all seems so relaxed. Well done SGV.

THE SWISS PATH

12 years ago, the scenic Swiss Path was opened. It is a joint cantonal effort in commemoration of Switzerland's 700th anniversary (1291 to 1991). It starts at Rütli Meadow, birthplace of the Confederation, and ends at Brunnen. Each canton designed one segment of the trail (there are 5mm of trail for each citizen). The trail is accessible via 8 boat landings, 3 railway stations, a funicular railway and 4 bus services.

THE HIKE EXPRESS

From April 6th to October 26th 2003, SGV offers a very dense schedule. The Hike-Express "Swiss Path" leaves Lucerne at 8.34 in the morning in order to take hikers to the path in good time.

- Hiking and strolling: Detailed description of routes for the Swiss Path and 15 other lakeside paths are available, free.
- Guided hiking tours, baby-stroller and wheelchair friendly hiking paths: Suggested routes for all generations are available in two free brochures.
- Bikes & Lakes: Delightful panoramic routes for bikers and rollerskaters. Children's bikes are transported free of charge.
- Walking and Nordic Walking: Wide lakeside paths for athletic walking

THE NEW "TITLIS"

1951 the motorship *Titlis*, with a capacity of 400 passengers, was built in the Navigation Company's own shipyard. Since the launching of MS *Waldstätter* in 1998, the *Titlis* has been used primarily for special occasions. The last day of service was April 29, 2000, following which reconstruction at the SGV shipyard in Lucerne began. Passenger capacity was reduced from 400 to 250 passengers. On the main deck the 2nd class salon contains 62 restaurant seats and 70 outdoor seats. The 1st class salon holds 28 restaurant seats. An elegant glass staircase leads to the upper deck, seating 60 persons outdoors. Since August 2001 the revised ship has been employed for charter and special cruises departing from its home marina in Brunnen.

WINING & DINING

Breakfast cruise (Smorge-Schiff): Every Sunday morning, as well as on official holidays, passengers can enjoy a breakfast buffet. Spring, summer and autumn: Departures from Lucerne to Lake Küssnacht at 10.20. In winter: Departure at 9.15 to Vitznau and Beckenried. Breakfast is also available daily on all other ships leaving Lucerne or Flüelen before 10.20.

Year-round lunch cruise: Daily departures from Lucerne at 12.03, arrival at 13.44. The trip leads to Weggis and Vitznau. A large salad buffet and four other choices are available in various combinations.

The Sushi-Ship: The successful SUSHIP returns in 2003. Saturday evenings from August 16 to September 13. Roundtrips depart from Lucerne at 21.00 and feature a large buffet. Return at 22.40.

Sunset Dinner Cruise: Daily, from 25 May to 28 September. An elegant salon motor ship leaves Lucerne at 19.15 and returns at 21.44 (on Tuesdays in July and August also on Wednesdays, operated by paddle steamer). Varied menu as well as a large salad buffet.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SGV

The Junior Card issued by the public transport authorities (SFr. 20.00) with which accompanied children up to 16 years travel free is, of course, also valid on Lake Lucerne. In addition, SGV applies no steamer surcharge, which can be expensive for families.

EVENING-CRUISES

- Sunset dinner cruise: as above.
- Evening cruises with music and food Special tickets starting SFr. 24.00 to SFr. 30.00. Guests celebrating their birthday travel for free! Every Friday in July and August (except 1st of August) with paddle steamer. Departures from Lucerne (19.20), Kastanienbaum, Hergiswil and Stansstad. Dixieland jazz, middle of the road or folk-music, according to the special program. Further cruises Tuesdays or Wednesdays from Buochs, Beckenried, Vitznau, Weggis, Brunnen, Seelisberg, Gersau and Flüelen.

WINTER SERVICES

During the winter months, SGV daily also offers 7 lake cruises leaving Lucerne for Hertenstein, Weggis, Vitznau (Rigi), Beckenried (Klewenalp), Gersau, Treib (Seelisberg) or Brunnen. In addition, the piers at Rütli, Bauen, Isleten-Isenthal and Flüelen along Lake Uri are served twice a day in both directions on Sundays and holidays.

RIDING IN THE WILDERNESS

Cable cars and funiculars are a vital link in the mountains for tourists, climbers, skiers and walkers. The Kursbuch shows those with either a federal or Cantonal concession. There are others. Some of which, like the Gelmerbahn, offer quite an exciting experience.

Mountain Wilderness is an alpine protection movement whose aim is to preserve the environment in alpine regions. There are several projects in Switzerland under this banner for example "Modellregion Göschenen". They have a brochure called "alpine taxi" which gives details of transport links in remote mountainous regions in Switzerland and from which this list is derived courtesy of LITRA, the Public Transport information service. LITRA have been very complimentary about *SWISSEXPRESS* so please return the compliment and have a look at the site which you should find very interesting.

Look for www.litra.ch.

If you fancy a ride on some of these services check beforehand that they are running. Some require pre-booking. Some run on demand only.

CABLE CARS AND FUNICULARS NOT IN THE KURSBUCH

Valais/Wallis

Oberwald-Hungerberg	027/973 18 53	www.hungerberg.ch
St. Niklaus-Jungen	027/956 22 80	www.st-niklaus.ch/info_s/seilbahn_jungen

Berner Oberland

Innertkirchen/Gelmerbahn	033/982 20 11	www.grimselstrom.ch/produkte/gelmerbahn
Innertkirchen/Handegg-Gerstenegg	033/982 20 11	www.grimselstrom.ch/produkte/seilbahn
Mitholz-Alp Giesenen	033/671 26 74	Reservation required
Giesenbähnli	033/671 51 28	Reservation required at least one day prior

Urner Alpen

Bristen-Breitlauri	041/883 01 28	
Bristen-Waldiberg	041/883 17 89	Token operated (available from restaurants by the Valley strn.)
Bürglen/Brügg-Eierschwand-Ruogig	041/870 58 08	
Bürglen/Witterschwanden-Acherberg/Bifäng	041/870 00 46	Token operated(available from Restnts. Brügg or Kinzigpass)
Bürglen/Witterschwanden-Acherberg-Kesselberg	041/870 27 69	Token operated
Erstfeld/Hofstetten-Wilerli	041/880 10 82	
Erstfeld-Oberschwandi	041/880 13 53	
Erstfeld/Ripshausen-Zierberg-Bocki	041/880 06 35	Operates on request
Flüelen/Gruonbach-Oberaxen	041/870 94 18	
Flüelen-Oberaxen	041/870 93 12	
Isenthal/Chlital-Musenalp (Uristock)	041/878 11 22	Telephone in winter: 041/870 73 51
Isenthal/Chli Bergli-Gietisfluh (Gitschen)	041/878 10 17	
Isenthal-Horlachen	041/878 11 63	Service on request if the family are at home
Isenthal/Wissig-Furggelen	041/878 10 16	Service on request, prior notice would be appreciated
Seedorf/Bolzbach-Bodmi	041/870 73 56, 079/434 38 20	Chair lift / cabin. Prior reservation preferred in summer.
Seedorf-Gitschenberg	041/871 10 62	
Seedorf/Oberdorf-Rüti (Gitschental)	041/870 73 79	Open cabins
Silenen-Chilcherberg	041/870 91 53	
Sisikon/Tellsplatte-Unteraxen	041/870 37 26	
Spiringen-Ratzi	041/879 12 32	Token operated on request
Spiringen/Stücki-Chipfen-Tristel	041/879 12 04	Token operated (Tokens available from surrounding houses)
Spiringen/Witterschwanden-Gisler,Ruolisberg,	041/879 16 10	Token operated (Tokens available from Anton
Eggenbergli	079/305 99 09	or from Restaurant Brügg and Restaurant Kinzigpass)
Unterschächen/Äsch-Oberalp	041/879 12 81	Operates from the middle of June to the end of September. Telephone number in Sept. 079/678 58 70
Unterschächen/Brunnital-Sittlisalp	041/879 16 57	Alpzeit service only from the middle of June to 25th September
Unterschächen/Ribi-Wannelen	041/879 14 43	Self-service July and August, other times on request
Urnerboden-Fisetengrat	055/643 15 05	www.urnerboden.ch
Zentralschweiz		
Bisisthal/Sahli-Glattalp	041/830 13 59	www.ebs-strom.ch Middle - June to the middle of October
Dallenwil-Wiesenberg	041/628 18 84	

Dallenwil/Wirzweli-Egg	041/628 13 44
Dallenwil/Wirzweli-Gummen	041/628 14 25
Emmetten/Waldi-Kalthütte	041/620 08 40
Grafenort-Alp Brunniswald	041/637 32 58
Grafenort/Geissmattli-Büelen	041/628 22 87
Grafenort/Mettlen-Rugisbalm-Eggen	041/637 24 33
Hergiswil/Schwandi-Alpgschwänd	041/320 14 14
Illgau-Vorderoberberg	041/830 18 18
Niederrickenbach-Musenalp	041/628 12 45
Oberrickenbach-Schmidsboden	041/628 11 38
Oberrickenbach-Spis-Sinsgau	041/628 12 47
Riemenstalden/Käppelberg-Spilau	041/820 44 48
Romoos/Schwändi-Oberlänggrat	041/480 24 77
Seelisberg/Gossalp-Oberalp	041/878 13 58
Seelisberg/Wald (Seeli)-Weid	041/820 15 17
Vitznau-Hinterberge	041/397 24 71
Vitznau-Wissflue	041/397 13 27
Wolfenschiessen-Brändlen	041/628 16 43
Wolfenschiessen/Dörfli-Diegisbalm-Oberalp	041/628 12 22
Wolfenschiessen-Grunggis	041/628 12 65

Ticino

Camorino-Alpe Croveggia	091/857 61 48
Intragna-Monte Comino	091/798 13 93
Lumino-Pizzo di Claro	079/240 09 87
Malvaglia-Monte Dagro	091/870 20 30
Monte Carasso-Mornera	091/825 81 88
Vergeletto-Alpe Salei	091/797 17 07

Glarus

Elm/Zünli-Niederer	079/714 13 81
	079/468 23 67
Ennenda-Aengsten	055/640 81 53
Linthal/Tierfehd-Kalktrittli	055/643 31 67
Luchsingen-Brunnenberg	055/646 25 25

Telephone in winter: 041/628 15 25

Does not run on Tuesdays in Winter and Spring
www.illgau.ch/tourismus

Middle of June till middle of October
Summer and Autumn book one day in advance
Two sections

Reservation required from July to the start of September

Fully automatic operation on the hour
Does not operate Monday and Tuesday, pre-booking required

www.comino.ch

Token operated on the valley journey

www.elm.ch/tourismus/bergbahnen/niederer/index

Telephone Saturday/Sunday:

Reservation compulsory

www.nok.ch/kraftwerke/index

www.wbg-glarus.ch/START/Bereiche/Strom/Seilbahn

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For the very energetic the Kandersteg Tourist Office, in conjunction with the BLS and other local Tourist Offices have introduced a Lötschberg Walking Tour. It

lasts five days with four nights half-board accommodation in different hotels. Luggage is transported for you between hotels and a detailed itinerary is sent to you before departure.

The walks include the BLS Nord-Ramp Höhenweg, the Gasterntal, the Lötschen-Glacier and Pass and finally the Lötschentaler Höhenweg.

The basic cost is SFr499pp and further details are available from:

Kandersteg Tourismus:

Tel: ++41 33 675 80 33

Website: www.kandersteg.ch

Email: wandertouren@kandersteg.ch

You will need to add on getting there and back, transfers within the area and any cable-car fares.

The BLS are reintroducing the car ferry service between Kandersteg and Iselle in Italy for the summer. It runs at weekends and on public holidays. Reservations and timetables can be found on their website:

www.bls.ch/autoverlad and pre-payment can now be made by credit card.

The regular Kandersteg-Goppenstein ferry, which operates up to every 15 minutes at peak times, is still turn up and go as before.



STEAM IN SWIT

WHERE

WHEN

Geneva - Yvoire - Evian - Lausanne - Montreux - St-Gingolph	Daily 18.05. - 22.09.
Le Pont - Le Brassus	29.06/13 + 27.07/10 + 24.08/07 + 21.09/05.10.
Cheseaux - Bercher	Sundays 17.08. - 14.09.
Blonay - Chamby	Saturdays and Sundays 03.05. - 26.10.
Caux - Rochers-de-Naye	Sats/Suns 14.06-28.09. Daily (Exc. Mons)July/Aug.
St-Sulpice - Neuchâtel	1st Weekend July
Travers - Pontarlier	2nd Weekend August-October
La Chaux-de-Fonds - Le Noirmont - Saignelégier - Glovelier / Le Noirmont - Tavannes	11.07. / 23.07. / 24.07. / 31.07. / 01.08. / 30.08. / 31.08. /20.09 / 21.09.
Basel - Chur - Konstanz - Waldshut - Basel	28.06
Liestal - Waldenburg	01.06. / 24.08. / 21.09.
Lyss - Schaffhausen - Lyss	12.07.
Laupen - Thörishaus - Gümmenen - Laupen	24.08. / 21.09. / 06.12. / 26.12.
Thun - Interlaken West	Daily 25.05.-21.09. And 28.09./04+05+12+18+19.10.
Interlaken Ost - Brienz	Daily 22.06.-07.09.And 15.06. / 14.09. / 21.09.
Brig - Zermatt	14.06. / 10.07. / 27.07. / 16.08. / 23.08. / 13.09.
Brienz - Planalp - Rothorn Kulm	Daily 24.05. - 26.10.
Interlaken Ost - Meiringen - Brünig - Giswil	20.07. / 10.08. / 24.08. / 14.09. / 28.09.
Huttwil - Ramsei	26.10.
Sursee - Triengen	28.09.
Schinznach (Rundfahrt)	Sats. and Suns. 26.04. - 12.10.(Except 08.06/21/09)
Zürich Wiedikon - Sihlwald - Sihlbrugg	29.06. / 27.07. / 31.08. / 28.09. / 26.10.
Zürich - Halbinsel Au - Rapperswil	Daily 13.07. - 17.08. Also Suns May - September
Maur - Greifensee	13.07. / 01.08. / 03.08. / 31.08. / 07.09. / 14.09.
Bauma - Bäretswil - Hinwil	1st and 3rd Sunday May - October
Luzern - Flüelen, Luzern - Alpnachstad, Luzern - Küssnacht am Rigi	Daily 01.05. - 26.10.
Vitznau - Rigi Kulm	Sundays July - September
Arth-Goldau - Rigi Kulm	Saturdays July - September
Realp - Furka - Gletsch	Fris/Sats/Suns 21.06.-05.10. Daily 14.07. - 24.08.
Capolago - Bellavista - Monte Generoso Vetta	20.07. / 01.08. / 15.08.
Mendrisio - San Margherita - Valmorea	1st and 3rd Sundays June - September also 05.10.
Herisau - Wattwil	22.06. / 01.08.
Rorschach Hafen - Heiden	06.07. / 03.08. / 07.09. / 05.10.
Landquart - Chur - Davos - Filisur - Landquart	19.10. / 06.12.

For up to date information nearer the day of travel, or proposed travel on a specific Steam trip it would be prudent to ring beforehand or check the website. All the undertakings have leaflets giving times and fares and these should also be on the website as well as special offers or special service days.

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WHO

INTERNET

TELEPHONE

Compagnie Générale de Navigation sur le Lac Léman	www.cgn.ch	0848 811 848
Com. du Train à Vapeur de la Vallée de Joux		021 845 55 15
CF Lausanne-Echallens-Bercher	www.leb.ch	021 886 20 15
Chemin de fer-musée Blonay-Chamby	www.blonay-chamby.ch	021 943 21 21
Golden Pass Services	www.mob.ch	021 963 65 35
Vapeur Val-de-Travers	www.vvt.ch	032 751 38 07
Chemins de fer du Jura / Train à Vapeur des Franches-Montagnes	www.cj-transports.ch	032 952 42 90
Nostalgie Rhein Express	www.nostalgie-rhein-express.ch	061 363 35 32
Waldenburgerbahn AG		061 965 94 94
Verein Pacific 01 202	www.dampflok.ch	031 751 25 72
Dampfbahn Bern	www.dbb.ch	033 336 35 11
BLS Schifffahrt Thuner- und Brienersee	www.bls.ch/schiff	033 334 52 11
Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn	www.mgbahn.ch	027 921 45 10
Brienz Rothorn Bahn AG	www.brienz-rothorn-bahn.ch	033 952 22 20
Ballenberg Dampfbahn AG	www.dampfbahnen.ch	033 828 73 40
Regionalverkehr Mittelland AG	www.verrein-vdb.ch	034 423 69 03
Sursee-Triengen-Bahn	www.dampfzug.ch	041 921 40 30
Schinzacher Baumschulbahn	www.schbb.ch	056 463 62 82
Zürcher Museums-Bahn	www.museumsbahn.ch	0848 962 962
Zürichsee Schifffahrt	www.zsg.ch	01 487 13 21
Schifffahrts-Genossenschaft Greifensee	www.sgg-greifensee.ch	01 980 01 69
Dampfbahn-Verein Zürcher Oberland	www.dvzo.ch	051 223 16 10
Schifffahrt Vierwaldstättersee	www.lakelucerne.ch	041 367 66 10
Rigi-Bahnen AG	www.rigi.ch	041 399 87 87
Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke AG	www.dfb.ch	0848 000 144
Ferrovio Monte Generoso SA	www.montegeneroso.ch	091 648 11 05
Club del San Gottardo		091 646 57 61
Schweizerische Südostbahn	www.suedostbahn.ch	071 228 23 91
Rorschach-Heiden-Bergbahn	www.ar-bergbahnen.ch	071 891 18 52
Rhätische Bahn	www.rhb.ch	081 288 64 99

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