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Readers' Trip with
"Swiss Review"

On the tracks of the Rhine

The Rhine Falls are one of the many highlights of this year's readers' trip.

For the third time tour operator Historia Swiss Tours, in conjunction with "Swiss Review", is organising a trip for our readers. This year the six-day tour visits historic and attractive sites along Switzerland's longest river.

Our journey begins in Lucerne. In the course of the first day a bus transfer takes us to Schwyz, where a visit to two museums of national importance is scheduled. An alternative programme is available for guests who have already visited these museums.

On our second day we visit the legendary Devil's Bridge at the Schöllenen Gorge. As the access route to the Gotthard in mediaeval times, this bridge was of major strategic importance. From here we drive over the Oberalp Pass to Disentis and visit the Benedictine monastery of St. Martin. The evening is spent in Chur, the capital of the canton of Grisons. A stroll through the Old Town will illuminate centuries of history dating right back to the early Middle Ages.

On the third day we visit the charmingly situated town of Sargans with its castle at the foot of the Gonzen. Our journey then continues up Schwägalp, where we can enjoy lunch with a view of the Säntis. From here we visit Wildhaus for a look at the birthplace of reformer Ulrich Zwingli. The final stage takes us to Appenzell. Here in the folklore museum, specialists will introduce us to the secrets of the traditional art of embroidery, and the unique sounds of the Appenzell zither. The fourth day is devoted to the monastery of St. Gallen, an institution of major European importance patronised by many famous scholars and thinkers. Thousand-year-old manuscripts

attest to its leading position in mediaeval times. Another highlight of our Rhine trip is a visit to Arenenberg Castle. It was here in this gem of French culture that Napoleon III spent his years of exile.

The fifth day takes us to the famous Rhine Falls, after which we have an opportunity to take in the attractive Old Town of Schaffhausen and visit the Allerheiligen Museum. In the afternoon we continue to Augusta Raurica for a look at one of the most important Roman settlements in Switzerland.

The sixth and final day is devoted to Basle. With the founding of its university, the city rapidly gained the reputation of a European centre of culture. Humanists such as Erasmus of Rotterdam lent brilliance and prestige to Basle. A boat-trip to the Rhine locks brings our variety-packed tour to a close.

All transfers are by luxury coach, and all accommodation in selected four-star hotels. Culinary attractions are also part of the experience, and we will be enjoying a series of local specialities as part of a cycle entitled "Swiss Historical Recipes".

Our guides are highly knowledgeable in Swiss national history and will provide information in German, French and English. To register for the Rhine Tour, complete the coupon.

Registration for Readers' Rhine Trip 2000

Complete and send the form to the following address by 30 June 2000:

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