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Dear Reader,

1991 is well and truly with us and so we are able to celebrate the festivities of the 700th Anniversary of Switzerland. There will be a multitude of celebrations, festive occasions and other attractions.

Briefly, here are the most important;

The "Festival of Swiss Heritage" will be celebrated in the original cantons where Switzerland was founded. The highlight of the many events relating to national history is National Day on August 1 in Schwyz.

The "Four Cultures Festival" will take place in French-speaking Switzerland. It will reflect the country's four linguistic regions and feature their contemporary art. Various functions, exhibitions and performances are planned for May. The finale will be the "Spectacle des arts" in Lausanne in June and July.

The "Festival of Solidarity" will be held in the Romansch speaking regions, the Canton of Grisons where travellers and tradespeople have been crossing the Alps for thousands of years. Meetings at the cultural and political levels with European and International accents are also planned in Eastern Switzerland, Bern and Geneva.

Here in New Zealand we begin this exciting year with this special anniversary edition of Helvetia now in its 57th year. From us at Swissair we wish you a successful and enjoyable 1991. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling to Switzerland this year we wish you a pleasant and safe journey.

Happy 1991,
SWISSAIR

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