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This and That Corner

Canton Jura

In the eyes of the average Swiss citizen, the Jura represents nothing more than the Confederation's 26th and most recent member (born on 24 September 1978). Much has been written about the labour pains involved; the region in the northwest of Switzerland which possesses three lakes has always been - and most likely will continue to be - politically divided. It is not only the language that makes the difference between here and adjoining areas so noticeable; the whole atmosphere has a definite "French Swiss" flavour, which is shaped at least in part by the town of Delémont, the capital of the Republic and Canton of Jura.

The variations of the landscape are reflected in the diversity of the region's inhabitants. Jura's population is surprisingly varied today: mountain dwellers, with and without bushy beards, who alternate between speaking German and French; city-dwellers escaping from the stress of everyday life; dropouts; alternative farmers; and many others, all of them in search of a better quality of life.

Looking across this bucolic range of gentle peaks you can understand why the Jura are often called the "Blue Mountains".

Omelette Jurassienne

4 (big) cooked potatoes
4 tbsn bacon (cut in small squares)
100 gr tasty grated cheese
4 eggs
1 green pepper, 1 onion, 1 tomato all finely chopped
salt and pepper
1 tbsn oil

Fry bacon in oil. Add potatoes, onion, green pepper and tomato and cook for 5 minutes on low heat stirring constantly. Mix in bowl cheese, eggs, salt and pepper and pour over vegetables. Just turn over in pan and put on a dish to serve just like a french omelette.

Fish in Beer Batter

180 gr flour
salt
30 mls beer
1 tbsn oil
2 egg yolks
3 egg whites
700 gr fish fillets
salt and pepper
Juice of one lemon

Mix well flour, salt, beer, oil and egg yolks. Leave for 2-3 hours. Marinate fish with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Add well-beaten egg whites to flour mixture just before dipping fish fillets, and fry in deep fryer. Serve with lemon pieces and parsley.

Bon Appetit,
Lisette

Quotes

Without winter, there can be no spring.
Without mistakes there can be no learning.
Without doubts there can be no faith.
Without fears, there can be no courage.
My mistakes, my fears and my doubts are my path to wisdom, faith and courage.

Anonymous.

The young farmer's daughter answers the door to find a neighbour standing there. "My father isn't home," she says, "but I can help you. I suppose you want a bull to service your cow. Well, my father charges \$100 for his best bull."

"No, I don't want your best bull," the neighbour says. "We have a young bull that is just starting out," says the girl. "Dad charges \$50 for him."
"I don't want him either," replies the neighbour.
The girl tries again. "We have an old bull who can still do the job, and my father charges only \$10 for him."
"That's not what I want," the neighbour says. "I came here because your brother Elmer has got my daughter pregnant." "Oh," the girl replies. "I don't know what Dad charges for Elmer."

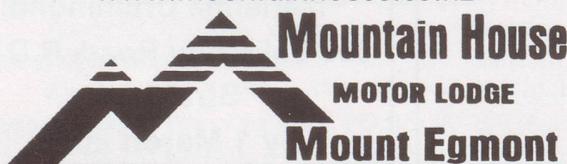
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Siesta time with Jura in the background