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10 Things

...You Probably Didn't Know About Switzerland

1. Research into the origin of William Tell, Switzerland's best known folk hero, have revealed that very similar legends - of an archer, an object on his son's head, a second arrow held in reserve - crop up in mythology elsewhere in Europe and as far afield as Asia Minor.

2. Voltaire spent the last 20 years of his life in Geneva, only returning to Paris just before he died in 1778.

3. Bern's namesake bears - named Erlach, Steiger and Weiss - were abducted by French army, when they sacked the city in 1798.

4. The alphorn was devised by Swiss herdsman to allow them to communicate across mountain valleys. The instrument was made of a hollowed pine trunk up to 4 metres (13ft) in length, and was first described in 1555.

5. Switzerland's most instantly recognizable peak, the Matterhorn, is credited for inspiring the pyramidal Toblerone chocolate bar.

6. The roaring Reichenbach Falls, near Meiringen, were the dramatic scene described by Conan Doyle in The Final

Problem, where his hero Sherlock Holmes apparently met his end in a fight with Professor Moriarty.

7. St Moritz, today's millionaires playground, claims to be the oldest winter resort in the world. The origins can be traced back to 1864, when Johannes Badrutt invited some English guests to stay there, promising they would be able to sit outside in their shirtsleeves in December.

8. The Palais des Nations, the UN headquarters at Geneva, has an independent diplomatic status, with its own stamps and postal service.

9. More than a quarter of the area of Switzerland's permanent ice, covering about 100 sq km (38 sq miles), had disappeared by the end of the 20th century, as a result of climatic change and pollution.

10. Swiss wine is one of the country's unsung pleasures, with bunches of medals awarded at recent international competitions. The drawback is that the Swiss like it so much themselves that only 1 percent of the production is exported, so you may have to visit the country if you want to taste it.

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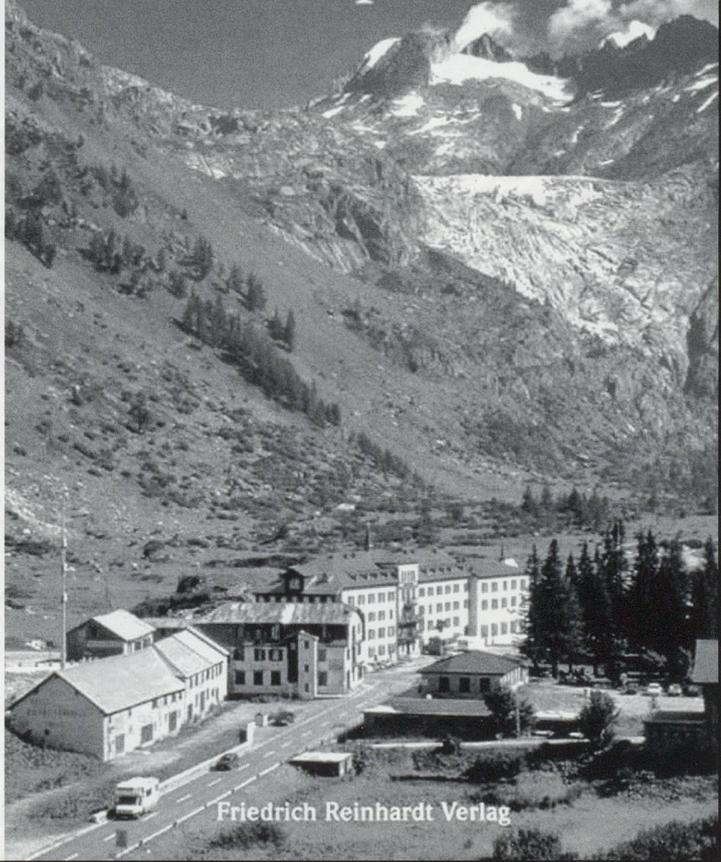
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