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BEAUTIFUL SWITZERLAND

Quinten/SG

On the north side of the Walensee opposite Murg (motorboat service), beneath the Leistkamm (2,105m/ 6,907ft) south of the Churfirsten massif, is the very attractive little village of Quinten with beautiful southern vegetation.

Quinten harbour

Vineyard on Quinten's sunny slopes

Quinten is the small village on the "other" side of the Walensee. When you travel from Zürich to Graubünden, be it by road or by train, you see it across the lake, so close and yet so far. Quinten can only be reached on foot, from Weesen or Walenstadt, or by ship from Weesen, Murg or Walenstadt. Like Terzen and Quarten, the village takes its name from the Latin numbering of ecclesiastical properties in the Middle Ages.

It is a stony walk along the foot of the Churfirsten, which tower over the Walensee, but well worth the effort: You can feel the heat of the sun, and the vegetation in Quinten proves that the sun is not only so very hot when you are on the arduous way: There are fig trees, chestnuts – and lots of vineyards producing a sweet, full wine. And if you are lucky, the Seegasthaus Au has a bottle left for you.

In former times, Quinten had a one teacher school. When numbers dwindled even further, the school was closed, and the children had to go to school across the lake, by boat. Now the Walensee can be treacherous in a Föhnsturm – Föhn in that region is almost always a storm - , and then the boat does not go anymore. You can just imagine how the children all became weather experts forecasting frequent Föhnstorms... *tb*