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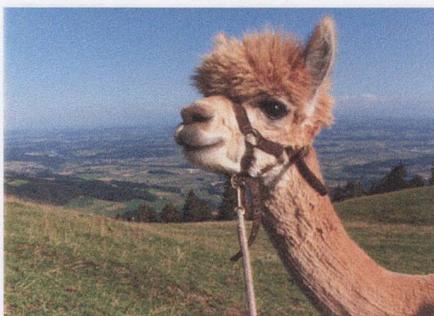
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Fun Tips Solothurn



Lama Trekking / Alpaca Trekking

Have you done horse riding before and are you looking for something different? How about some Lama trekking with an overnight stay in a haystack or tipi? Check in with Lama Trekking in Bucheggberg south-east of Solothurn, with treks starting from CHF 25.00. Or are you more a foodie person? Alpaca Trekking Balmberg north of Solothurn in the Weissenstein area offers a variety of Alpaca tours from one to multiple day tours, as well as fondue and barbecue Alpaca tours. Even in the middle of winter! Fondue tours start from CHF 85.00 per person and include a Glühwein, drinks, dessert and an outdoor fondue.

www.lamatrakk.ch www.alpaka-balmberg.ch

Solothurner Beer Days

Every year in late April there is a beer festival taking place in the Rythalle Solothurn. Over three days, you get the chance to test beers from 30 different Swiss beer breweries! Entry fee CHF 10.-.

www.biertage.ch



Die Gruene Fee: La fee verte – absINthe

Die "Gruene Fee" (The Green Fairy) is Switzerland's first absinthe bar. The drink was banned in 1910 because of its suspected psychoactive properties, and was only allowed to be sold again in 2005. Despite being illegal, it was produced in the Vallée de Joux for all the intervening years and so expertise has not been lost. The "Gruene Fee" is the place where you can witness the art of making the infamous absinthe. The bar is cutely designed with green walls, paintings of fairies, cosy little corners for intimate drinks, seats at the window to watch people walk by. And even a nicely decorated toilet – with a sex toy vending machine in it. You can choose from a wide selection of absinthes

and drinks with absinthe. The bar offers a selection of small snacks too. If you want to enjoy some absinthe at home, you can purchase a bottle here as well as the typical absinthe accessories like spoons, glasses, tankards with plugs, etc.

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Switzerland/Kanton_Solothurn/Solothurn-690240/Nightlife-Solothurn-TG-C-1.html

<http://www.diegruenefee.ch/web/>



Solothurn City Guided Tours

The City of Solothurn offers a vast array of guided tours that illuminate the city's history. Rarely does a city have such a variety of interesting tours on offer! Here is just a small selection:

- Old town: hear exciting stories and anecdotes about Solothurn
- The Magical Number 11 (refer to page 10)
- Saints, ladies, whores and witches: stories about the women of Solothurn
- Baroque: discover the most beautiful Baroque town in Switzerland
- Saints, sorcerers, executioners and crooks: travel through the dark ages
- Verena gorge: discover this mysterious gorge (refer to page 11)
- Glanz and Gloria: cuisine in the days of the (French) Ambassadors
- Guilds and fraternities: learn about the old guilds and fraternities of Solothurn
- Roman times: explore the Roman history of Salodurum
- Casanova and his time in Solothurn around 1760.

The list of tours goes on. Prices vary and tours take place dependent on numbers and time of year.

Find more detail on: <http://www.solothurn-city.ch/en/discoveries.html>



Altreu Stork Colony

Some 5km east of Solothurn lies the beautiful village of Altreu on the shore of the Aare River. It has an internationally

renowned breeding station and natural environment for white storks. The storks live in complete freedom and are able to feed themselves within the protected "Aare plain" between Solothurn and Grenchen. The village of Altreu has diligently looked after its storks since 1948 – and there are plenty of nests to be found on the high roofs of the farm houses of Altreu, with sometimes as many as 100 storks in residence.

Visitors will see many breeding pairs of white storks in free flight and, with a bit of luck, a few young storks as well. The "Witi Information Centre" in Altreu provides an overview of the nature and landscape of the Aare plain between Grenchen/Büren and Solothurn, as well as information about the stork and its reintroduction in Altreu and Switzerland. There are guided tours and a film to familiarise visitors with the topic. The area along the Aare is suitable for walks or cycle tours. Passenger boats on the Aare also stop at Altreu from May.

<http://www.solothurn-city.ch/en/discoveries/unique-attractions/witi-information-centre-altreu.5157.html>



Aare River Cruises

The "Bieler Schifffahrtsgesellschaft" offers river cruises between Solothurn and Biel. This voyage along the Aare River between Solothurn and Biel ranks as one of the loveliest river trips in Switzerland, and to boot, takes you past the storks of Altreu! You will see and be able to visit many of the historic little towns along the river, with splendid views of the Jura Mountains. Food and drink is available on board. Of course, if you are in the "lake-faring" mood, you can extend your boat tour across the Lake of Biel, or undertake an adventurous "Three-Lakes" tour, all the way down to Murten across the lakes of Biel, Neuchâtel and Murten. This will need to be planned quite carefully as the boat trips take time, and you may need to make arrangements for accommodation and trains/buses to get you to where you want to end up.

Find all the information at: <http://www.bielersee.ch/de/home.html>

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