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TOURIST NEWS

WHAT'S NEW IN SWITZERLAND'S SUMMER RESORTS

Swiss resorts have again introduced a number of new features for their summertime guests. Visitors will find new hotels in Arosa, Brig, Caslano, Erlenbach i. Simmental, Fribourg, Geneva, Gordola, Interlaken, Lugano, Mendrisio (motel), Riederalp, Saas Fee, Susten, Villars and Vira-Gambarogno, while Hoch-Ybrig has a youth hostel and Lenk new camping facilities near the Simmen Falls.

Gommiswald and Saanen have opened heated, open-air pools, Bad Ragaz and Lugano offer swimming pools, and indoor swimming facilities are available at Crans-Montana, Finhaut, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Wilderswil and Vaduz. Leysin, Mezzovico and Frutigen are the latest resorts to have new sports centres.

Footpaths for ramblers seem to be very much on the increase. One example is Chur, which is publicising a new path for ramblers through the Rabiusa Gorge to Churwalden and Lenzerheide. There are also some additions to the popular high-altitude and panoramic footpaths in the resorts. Such additions can be found at Amden, Elm (circular footpath on Alp Empächli), Davos (improvements to Rinerhorn-Sertig high-altitude footpath), Erlenbach (Stockhorn high-altitude

route), Hasliberg, Laax (to Murschetg and Falera), Maloja (via Sils-Silvapiana-St. Moritz), Pontresina (from Rosstation at foot of the Piz Languard to Chamanna Segantini), and Saas Fee, where the Gemsweg from Hannig to Plattjen now goes round the glacier lake. For tennis players there are new facilities on the Bettmeralp and at Bivio, Disentis, Diablerets, Flumserberge, Gommiswald, Gstaad, Hergiswil, Malbun, Merligen, Savognin and Wildhaus.

Windsurfing is a novelty that has been introduced in Lugano and Morcote, while for cyclists special weeks have been organised on the Lenzerheide. There is also a new cyclists' path in Upper Thurgau, with four routes to choose from, varying from 17 to 30 miles in length. Of interest as well is the fact that this summer about 100 Swiss holiday resorts are offering special arrangements for board and accommodation, in many cases also combined with sports or hobby facilities.

ZURICH — DIET RESTAURANT

The well-known Moevenpick chain in Zürich has opened a Diet Restaurant called "Timber Lunch", situated on the Dreikoenigstrasse. It is open from Monday to Friday from 11.30 until 14.30. The menu is based on high quality (not purely vegetarian) food and alcoholic drinks are also available. Smoking in the "Timber Lunch" is not allowed.

LUCERNE — NIGHT BOAT

Until mid-September, the "Night Boat" will again be starting its daily romantic cruise from Lucerne. The extended evening cruise on Lake Lucerne features music and dancing and a special Swiss folklore programme. As well as songs and folklore dances, ten different Swiss costumes will be displayed, and patrons are not even going to miss the echo of the traditional alp-horn. Restaurant facilities will be available.

SWISS NATIONAL PARK — CONDUCTED WALKS

Through the co-operation of several tourist offices in the Lower Engadine, conducted walks are organised through the Swiss National Park between June and October. The price for a half-day guided walk is SwFr. 5, for a full-day walk SwFr. 10. Juveniles up to 12 years obtain a 50% reduction. From Scuol-Tarasp-Vulpera, a two-day walking tour is also available.

SUMMER CAMPS IN SWITZERLAND

SWISSAIR has selected two of the top Summer Camps in Switzerland — Camp Lake Geneva in Leysin and International Summer Camp in Montana — and has arranged the following inclusive holidays which feature: economy class return air travel UK to Switzerland (child or youth fare reduction as applicable), escort services at London Heathrow and Geneva airports and camp facilities and transfers as outlined.

Summer Camps for young people provide a holiday break in beautiful surroundings which will also be an enriching experience. They promote the development of the individual's body, mind, self reliance and broaden his understanding of other people and cultures.

Information on each camp is given on the following pages and the completed enrolment form should be returned to your local travel agent or Swissair office.

Further details can be obtained by contacting: Sharon Fullerton, Swissair, Swiss Centre, 10 Wardour Street London W1V 4BJ

GENEVA — MAJOR INTERPRETATION COURSES AT THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

From 12th August to 3rd September, the Geneva Conservatory of Music is once again organising interpretation courses in piano, violin, violoncello and singing, to be given by internationally famous artists such as Nikita Magaloff, Henryk Szeryng, Pierre Fournier, Gérard Souzay, Dalton Baldwin.

The courses are open to instrumentalists (under 30 years of age) and singers who hold a diploma of a conservatory or higher institute of musical teaching. Others who wish to listen only will be admitted to the majority of the sessions.

At a concert to be given by the Swiss Romande Orchestra on Wednesday 25 August in the Victoria Hall, Gérard Souzay, Nikita Magaloff, Henryk Szeryng and Pierre Fournier will perform the cantata "Ich habe genug" of J. S. Bach. Beethoven's second piano concerto and the double concerto of Brahms (conductor: Arped Gerecz).

MOTELS IN SWITZERLAND

The 1976 edition of "Motels in Switzerland", published by the Swiss National Tourist Office, is now available. The folder lists 101 motels in all parts of Switzerland and includes details of addresses, opening times, prices etc.

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INTERNATIONAL RANGER CAMP, LAKE GENEVA (Leysin) – for boys and girls 8–15 years

The Camp Lake Geneva, one of the International Ranger Camps, in Leysin, provides a meeting place for youngsters of different nations to work together. The camp is co-educational and the counsellors, who are selected for their experience of camp life, give particular consideration to sound principles of conduct.

Although the Ranger Camps are co-educational, boys and girls have the opportunity to follow their own pursuits in their own age groups. Experience has shown that certain supervised activities are desirable for all when done together: excursions, stunt nights and social events. In each group every effort is made to help the campers feel confident of being equal to the demands of the group and secure in the fellowship of "belonging".

Leysin in the Lake of Geneva region is situated at 4,500 feet, faces due South and is exceptionally sunny. With its many schools, it is frequented by students coming from all over the world as well as by people interested in sports or just looking for peace and rest. During the summer a great many excursions are to be found in Leysin – forest hikes,

mountain expeditions, climbing, swimming, tennis etc. Leysin is easily accessible and is about a two-hour drive from Geneva.

Fees and Dates 1976

The camp fee covers all living expenses, supervision, general activities, linens, laundry, accident and liability insurance, excursions and trips, and ordinary infirmary services. No refunds are made for late arrivals or early unscheduled departures except for cause of serious illness in which case one-fourth of the remaining fee will be refunded.

A. 27th June–3rd August (38 days)
SwFr2,680 (£505.70).

B. 27th June–24th July (28 days)
SwFr1,960 (£369.80).

C. 27th June–15th July (19 days)
SwFr1,350 (£254.70).

D. 16th July–3rd August (19 days)
SwFr1,350 (£254.70).

E. 24th July–3rd August (11 days)
SwFr770 (£145.30).

Optional Activities: (language and one sport per period).

Riding at Leysin Riding School, 5 lessons SwFr100 (£19.00).
Water ski-ing at Montreux Club, 5 lessons SwFr100 (£19.00).
French or German, 10 lessons SwFr100 (£19.00).

MONTREUX/VEVEY – INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 1976

The 31st "Festival de Musique Montreux-Vevey" will be held from 29 August to 5 October 1976. This year's festival features 26 concerts and a Joseph Haydn cyclus. A detailed programme is available from the Swiss National Tourist Office. Ticket agents in the UK: International Services Ltd., 7 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4BU. Telephone 01-930 5551. Telex 23693.

BASLE – HOTEL THREE KINGS IS 950 YEARS OLD

This year the Hotel "Three Kings" in Basle, the oldest hostelry in Switzerland will celebrate its 950th anniversary. It was first opened in 1026 and for centuries was one of the most famous inns in Europe. Napoléon Bonaparte, Voltaire and Charles Dickens are just a few of the famous names recorded in the Golden Visitors' Book.

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