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TOURIST NEWS

NEW STUDENT HOTEL AT LUCERNE (SWITZERLAND)

The Swiss Student Travel Office (SSR) maintains its own hotels in Andermatt, Davos, Klosters, Leysin, St. Moritz and Scuol, where young people on a small budget spend their holidays in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, enjoy the exquisite cuisine and discover the splendid countryside on long walks. All hotels offer a large variety of sport activities.

For the first time, the SSR can also offer hotel accommodation in a city as they have recently taken over the "Touristenhotel Luzern" in Lucerne, managed by Suzanne and Rolf Hilber.

The one- to four-bedded rooms offer the usual facilities. Full board costs from Sw.Fr. 30 to Sw.Fr. 35 per person. The "Touristenhotel Luzern" has rooms of different sizes and is therefore ideal for meetings and small seminars offering a meeting place for culturally and creatively interested young people. A variety of services guarantee an enjoyable stay at the SSR house for visitors from far and near.

Lucerne is situated in the heart of Switzerland and is an excellent base for excursions.

Bookings can be made through the SSR Head Office in Zürich:
Schweizerischer Studenten-reisedienst
Baeckerstrasse 40
Postfach 3244
8023 Zürich/Switzerland

NEW SWISS YOUTH HOSTEL GUIDE

The Swiss National Tourist Office has published a new edition of the Swiss Youth Hostel Guide. A map of Switzerland shows the location of the 199 resorts where youngsters can find accommodation, detailed information on youth hostels and useful travel hints. This publication is available free of charge from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

MOTELS IN SWITZERLAND

The Swiss National Tourist Office has recently published the 1979 edition of "Motels in Switzerland". Listed in regional order, the brochure includes information on 106 motels in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, such as addresses and telephone numbers, opening months, prices, number of beds and other facilities.

CRANS-MONTANA — SUMMER SKI-ING

Special summer ski-ing weeks are on offer from 16th June until 14th October at Crans-Montana. The cost is Sw.Fr. 140 including season ticket for seven days for the aerial cableway Montana-Violettes-Plaine Morte, use on seven mornings of the glacier ski-lift, as well as a botanical stroll and the use of a Vita-Parcours (Fitness Track).

Further information and bookings:

Office du Tourisme
3963 Crans-sur-Sierre/Switzerland
Tel: (027) 41 21 32
Telex: 38173

Office du Tourisme
3962 Montana/Switzerland
Tel: (027) 41 30 41
Telex: 38203

BIEL/BIENNE — INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

From 21st July to 11th August, 1979, an International Chess Festival will be held at Biel, including several tournaments and the Swiss championship.

Further information:

Offizielles Verkehrsbuero
Bahnhofplatz
2500 Biel/Switzerland

GSTAAD SUMMER EVENTS

Gstaad (Bernese Oberland) is again offering an attractive programme of summer events including the 23rd Yehudi Menuhin Festival with famous soloists and orchestra (4th-31st August) and a National Horse-Jumping Competition (18th-19th August). A leaflet listing all the events and hotel information is available from the Swiss National Tourist Office.

JUNGFRAU REGION — MADE TO MEASURE HOLIDAYS

The Jungfrau Region with the holiday resorts of Grindelwald, Wengen, Muerren, Lauterbrunnen, Interlaken, Wilderswil, Boenigen and Beatenberg, is offering weekly all-inclusive holidays from Sw.Fr. 280 for bed and breakfast, or from Sw.Fr. 370 for half board, including a Regional Holiday Season Ticket, admission to indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and to many places of interest in the Jungfrau Region such as the Truemmelbach Water Falls at Lauterbrunnen and the Model Railway Exhibition at Heimwehfluh above Interlaken. For guests who would prefer a self-catering holiday, there are many chalets and holiday apartments available.

Further information and bookings can be made direct with the local tourist offices in question.

SWITZERLAND — HOBBY HOLIDAYS 1979/80

The Swiss National Tourist Office has again published a series of six different booklets listing the many hobby activities that can be enjoyed in Switzerland from spring to autumn 1979 and in 1980, with detailed information on dates of hobby courses, venues and prices.

Already a great number of Swiss holiday resorts specialise in hobby activities for visitors. In Eastern Switzerland, for instance, courses for alphorn blowing are held at Appenzell and for hand-weaving at Wildhaus.

Brienz offers possibilities for wood-carving, whereas painting and drawing, as well as photography, can be enjoyed at Lugano and Muerren.

For the more adventurous, there is an eight-day tour in horsedrawn carriages through the Jura, and a Mule Safari through the valleys of the Valais.

Numerous resorts organise "Hobby Weeks" in tennis, golf, summer ski-ing, riding, sailing and touring.

Throughout Switzerland, many Language Courses are organised for visitors from abroad; and holiday camps, with instruction in sports and languages, are arranged. Detailed information is listed in the booklet "Holidays and Language Courses".

Series of booklets "Holiday Courses Switzerland"

- No. 1 — Handicrafts/Drawing and Painting/Photography/Filming
- No. 2 — Music and Movement/Games/Art and Culture
- No. 3 — Horseback Riding/Bicycling
- No. 4 — Tennis/Golf/Summer Ski-ing
- No. 5 — Walking/Mountaineering/Keep fit
- No. 6 — Water Sports/Angling

LENK — SUMMER COURSES

From 26th August to 8th September Lenk is holding the Summer Music Academy, including Master Courses, Orchestral Works and Lectures.

Further information:

Kur-u. Verkehrsverein Lenk,
3775 Lenk/Switzerland

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, 24th to Sunday, 26th August: Assembly of the Swiss Abroad at Porrentruy.

FETES DE GENEVE

The Geneva Festival of 1979 will take place for the benefit of "Enfants du Monde", from 10th to 12th August, on the theme "Let's Go, Youth".