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The Swiss Holiday Card can be ordered from travel agents and from agencies of the Swiss National Tourist Office. A passport or official identity card must be presented when ordering; a photograph of the bearer is not required. Exact details of the area of validity of the Swiss Holiday Card are given in a prospectus which includes a transport network map.

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ars pay half price.

THE Swiss National Tourist Office has again published the useful booklet "Events in Switzerland Winter 1980/81 and later" which is available free of charge.

It not only lists winter sports events such as ski-ing, curling, or ice-hockey, but also contains details of cultural events, exhibitions, congresses, etc., and a preview for summer 1981.

Lucerne on special offer

LUCERNE is offering a three day package during 1981 with prices starting from Sfr. 64.-- including two nights' accommodation with breakfast, service and taxes, unlimited use of Lucerne's buses, guided walk through the old town on Saturdays, admission to the Swiss Transport Museum, the Picasso collection and the Casino and Flora establishments, as well as many reductions.

Further information: Official Tourist Office, Pilatusstrasse 14 6002, Lucerne, Switzerland.

Geneva hosts boat show

THE 5th International Boat Exhibition will be held at the Palais des Expositions in Geneva from February 6 to 15.

In 1979 more than 800 different makes from 25 countries were shown, and more than 74,000 people visited the show - the only international nautical exhibition in Switzerland.

Opening hours are 10am to 7pm (on February 11 and 13 until 10pm). Admission is Sfr. 6.-- for adults, and Sfr. 3.-- for children between 7 and 12 years and pensioners. A free catalogue is available.

A week of winter sports

THE resort of Poschiavo in the south of Canton Grisons is offering weekly winter packages from Sfr. 390.-- including demi-pension, transport to Bernina-Lagalb / Bernina-Diavolezza/ Bernina-Hospiz and tickets for the skilifts Motta Bianca, Bügliet and Muottas Muragl.

A special Easter arrangement for four days is available from Sfr. 245.--.

Information and bookings:

Sculptures in the snow

THE SWISS Snow-Sculpture Competition will again be held at Hoch-Ybrig, Central Switzerland, from February 12 to 15.

Individual participants and groups of up to five people are invited to take part.

The maximum time allowed is four days, and snow and water only is to be used.

A jury will judge according to the quality of the sculpture, originality and use of materials. Holidays in Switzerland and flights to Canada can be won.

Poschiavo Tourist Office, 7742 Poschiavo, Switzerland.

Motoring rules in force

SPIKED tyres may again be used in Switzerland this winter until March 31. The maximum speed limit is 50 mph, and cars must show a circular plate marked "80" at the rear.

Driving on motorways (Nationalstrassen) and carriageways (Autostrassen) is prohibited with the exception of the N13 motorway between Thusis and Mesocco (San Bernardino road tunnel) and the St. Gotthard road tunnel between Goeschenen and Airolo, which is part of the N2 motorway.

Mountain bus on the road again

THE Upper Engadine Sport Bus is again operating until April 20 between Bernina-Lagalb and Sils-Furtschellas. It is running at regular intervals of 30 minutes connecting all the starting points

of the various mountain transports. This bus is also included in the general winter season ticket of the Upper Engadine.

The itinerary is: Bernina Lagalb - Bernina Diavolezza - Pontresina - Punt Muragl - Celerina - St. Moritz - St. Moritz Bad - Champfèr - Silvaplana - Surlej - Sils Baselgia - Sils Maria - Sils Furtschellas.

Grindel skilift extended

THIS winter the Grindel skilift at Grindelwald has been extended by 1,312 feet. At the same time the transport capacity is increased from 750 to 900 skiers an hour.

Latest from the resorts

EVERY Monday and Thursday (from early afternoon) up-to-date information on the snow and weather conditions of 50 ski resorts is available from the Swiss National Tourist Office in London. (Tel: 01-734 1921).

Events of the month

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| Feb 1 | Bad Scuol | «Hom strom», old popular custom |
| Feb 5-9 | Biel | Biel Carnival |
| Feb 14 | Kaltacker i. E., Lauperswil i. E. | «Spinnet», old popular custom |
| Feb 14-20 | Zürzach | Carnival |
| Feb 26 | Appenzell | «Dirty Thursday»: Carnival |
| Feb 26 | Baden | «Burning of the Fudlibürger», opening of Carnival |
| Feb 26 | Brunnen | «Dirty Thursday»: Carnival music, parade, masked festivities |
| Feb 26 | Einsiedeln | «Dirty Thursday»: Children's procession and masked balls |
| Feb 26 | Lucerne | «Dirty Thursday»: Lucerne carnival procession |
| Feb 26 | Rapperswil | «Dirty Thursday»: Carnival events and children's procession |
| Feb 26-March 1 | Lausanne | Palais de Beaulieu: Spring second-hand market |
| Feb 26-March 4 | Solothurn | Carnival |
| Feb 28 | Appenzell | Carnival procession |
| Feb 28 | Engelberg | Brunni carnival |
| Feb 28 | Locarno | Old Town: Risotto feast, masked festivities, entertainment |