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Weekend offer

THE Atlantis Sheraton Hotel in Zurich has two special weekend offers available until April 15.

The first offer includes breakfast, a bottle of wine in your room, free public transportation in Zurich for one day and use of the hotel's swimming pool and keep-fit facilities at a cost of Sfr 55 per person per night, twin occupancy.

Another offer is priced at Sfr 27.55 for one night's accommodation in the hotel's guesthouse annexe.

Twice daily air link

THE Swiss regional airline Crossair started a twice-daily service between Berne and Lugano at the end of March.

Despite objections by Swiss Federal Railways, the government felt that a real need existed for a regular air link between the cities.

Crossair already serves Lugano from Zurich and Geneva, giving passengers from the resort international connections.

The 35-minute Berne-Lugano flights will use 19-seater Swearingin Metroliner aircraft.

Crossair managing director Moritz Suter says he does not expect it to compete with the railways but rather to attract passengers who now make the journey by road.

Property quota cut

THE Swiss government has ordered a 20 per cent cut in the 1983 permit quota for non-resident foreigners buying property in tourist resorts. The only exception will be Cantons Schwyz, Fribourg and Thurgau.

THE ideal holiday should leave you feeling refreshed and relaxed. Yet, all too often, we return home exhausted by the energetic and complex business of having fun.

If your last holiday left you in need of a holiday, then this year you may wish to consider one of the health-and-fitness vacations being organised by Swissair.

The holidays are based on the resort of Baden, one of Switzerland's leading spas for almost 2,000 years. The thermal springs there have the highest mineral content in the country and are said to be of particular benefit to people suffering from rheumatic disorders.

All the accommodation is in first-class hotels which are either close to thermal pools and baths or have their own facilities. But perhaps the best thing about

The holiday that gets you fit - to take a holiday!

these particular holidays is that so much of the planning has been done for you.

The price you pay includes full board and accommodation and transfers. There are medical examinations at the beginning and end of the week, eight thermal baths and two full massages included in the price.

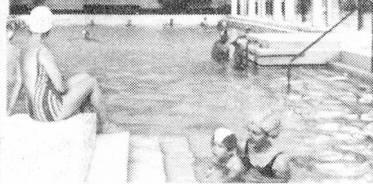
For recreation, the holiday includes a guided walk through the old town, a half-day bus excursion and daily concerts. All are in the high season from the end of

March to the end of October.

With such a healthy, well-planned programme it's surprising that anyone manages to fit in extra treatments but a number are available.

You can enjoy a thermal bubbling bath, a full body mud pack, underwater jet-massage and water gymnastics.

A week in Baden should certainly provide a very different holiday. And you can be sure that, when you return, friends will say, "You do look well!"





The treatment (above) and the facilities (facing page) available from Swissair in Baden

New look Jumbo takes to the skies

THE latest derivative of the world's largest commercial air transport is about to take to the skies.

Swissair took delivery of its first Boeing 747-300 in Seattle, USA, on March 5, and will soon be putting the new Jumbo with the stretched upper deck into commercial service.

The Swiss flag carrier holds firm orders for five of these jetliners – scheduled for delivery at intervals up to the end of 1985 – and options on four more. The deal represents a total investment of \$550 million.

The chief distinguishing feature of the Boeing 747-300 is the profile of the upper part of the fuselage; the characteristic "bubble" now extends virtually halfway along its entire length.



Previously reserved to accommodate eight first-class sleeper seats, the new upper deck will seat 69 economy class passengers.

A difference from the older model is that the spiral staircase has disappeared. In its place is a straight stairway that leads from the plane's main deck economy class compartment to the rear of the upper deck.

WOULD you have known that ...
 ● ... the new Jumbo consists of no fewer than 4.5 million single parts?

● ... the wing area extends over 511 square meters, a surface equal in size to build a one-family house on?

● ... its tanks have a total capacity for 204,357 litres of fuel? Compared with an average of roughly 7,000 litres needed to fill

a one-family house heating oil tank, a settlement of 30 such houses could be fully supplied?

● ... each engine has a total of 2,322 fan blades of which one of the largest costs Sfr. 8,000?

● ... the fuselage has 2,358,500 rivets?

● ... its empty weight of 184,400 kilograms would be equal to the weight of a 2x2x2 metre cube of gold?