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Merry Christmas to all SRS members from STC Switzerland Travel Centre! As 2015 is fast approaching, we have been busy creating our new Scenic Rail brochure and finalising the details of the exciting new STS products. Following my article in the September edition, we mentioned that STS/SBB were going to change the conditions of the Swiss Family Card (point 2), namely charging for each family card sold with an STS ticket. After several discussions with our Swiss partners, we are pleased to announce that this has been overturned; the 2015 Swiss Family Card will not change. Children aged 6 – 15 years inclusive and travelling with a parent holding a valid STS pass will continue to travel free of charge, giving families an added benefit unique to the Swiss railways. New options have been unveiled for rail travel to Switzerland this winter. The new Eurostar and TGV-Lyria connection to Geneva will operate from 14 December; days of operation will be Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. On the outbound the Eurostar departs at 12:58, arriving at Lille Europe 15:30 –

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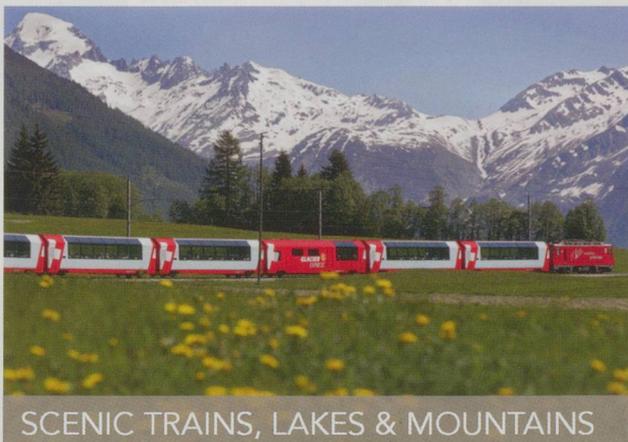
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