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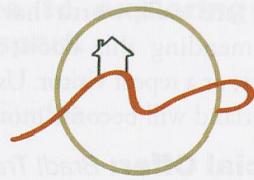
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Ivan Rodrigues from the STC writes:

We hope 2018 has already started well for you. If you are planning your next trip to Switzerland this year, be sure to sign up to our monthly newsletters via our website www.switzerlandtravelcentre.co.uk for the latest offers, or you can download our current brochures that are packed with lots of fresh ideas, as well as our traditional scenic rail holidays including free upgrade to 1st Class travel. In the last edition of *Swiss Express* we mentioned that the Wilderswil - Schynige Platte mountain excursion would continue to be included as free travel with the Swiss Travel System pass. Sadly the railway has decided to follow Mt Pilatus and will now only offer a 50% reduction with a valid Swiss Travel Pass/Flex. However don't forget there are other mountain railways that are still included as free travel including Mt Rigi, Stanserhorn and Schilthorn, all offering stunning panoramic views at the summit.

Planning to travel on the Golden Pass Line? From Sunday 18th March to Saturday 2nd June the line between Montbovon and Chateau-d'Oex will be closed for essential maintenance and redevelopment. A replacement bus service will be in operation.

During this period it will not be possible to make individual reservations either way between Montreux and Zweisimmen. Other changes that have already taken place involve the branding of the Golden Pass Panoramic/Classic trains. These are now referred to as GoldenPass MOB Panoramic and GoldenPass MOB Belle Epoque, although this may not appear on timetables yet. There will be periods when the VIP and Belle Epoque carriages will not be in operation. Do contact us if you have any further queries.

By popular demand, STC will be arranging a special winter package to include the Bernina Monster (snowplough steam train) for 2019. We are giving SRS members the opportunity to register their interest before we promote it to the general public. The travel dates have not yet been fixed but it is most likely to be in mid-February 2019. If you would like to experience this unique trip please register <https://switzerlandtravelcentre.co.uk/tours/berninamonster/>. Spaces are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. 

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