

2007 Lucerne International Choral Festival

Extension #1 – Festival and more Switzerland (8 nights / 10 days)

Monday July 2

Departure from the USA via scheduled airline service to Zürich, Switzerland. Enjoy full meal/beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Atlantic flight.

Tuesday July 3 Zürich/Lucerne

Zürich airport arrival assistance. Meet MCI Tour Manager and then board the awaiting motorcoaches for a transfer to Luzern, stopping in Zürich to visit the Old Town. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights of Luzern en route to the conveniently located hotel. Evening Registration and Welcome Dinner with entertainment.



Lucerne (Lucerne) is the capital of its canton and considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. The lake resort city sprawls at the foot of Lake Lucerne in the cradle of historic Switzerland. The city's medieval heritage is evident in the fortifying walls and towers, the old churches and houses and the unusual covered bridges that span the Reuss.

Wednesday July 4 Lucerne

A walking tour of this picturebook-like town includes the Covered Wooden Bridge, Mussegge Towers, the Lion Monument and the old town. There is also time available for shopping for bargains including Swiss watches, lace, wood carvings and chocolate. *Afternoon rehearsal.* Dinner at the hotel. *Evening rehearsal.*

Thursday July 5 Lucerne

This morning, motorcoach to Alpnachstad. Travel on the cog-railroad through Alpine meadows (orchards) and forests to the passing station at Ämsigen and then over the rock-strewn Mattalp and up the steep rock face, through four tunnels, to the upper station on Pilatus-Kulm. From here it is a 6-10 minute climb to the summit of the Esel, the central peak of Pilatus, from which there are magnificent views of the Alps, from Säntis to the Blümlisalp, Lakes Lucerne and Zug, and the Swiss uplands. From the summit, take a cable car down to the Kriens station, where you will meet your motorcoach for return to Lucerne. *Afternoon rehearsal.* Dinner. *Evening rehearsal.*



Friday July 6 Lucerne

Mid-morning dress rehearsal with orchestra in KKL. Afternoon at leisure. Motorcoach and Tour Manager are at the group's disposal. There is time available for additional sightseeing, shopping, or museum visits. Dinner on own. *Evening Finale Festival Concert in the Concert Hall of the Lucerne Cultural and Convention Center.*



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Saturday July 7 Interlaken

Transfer to Interlaken via Bern. On the far side of the Nydegg bridge we'll visit one of Bern's great popular attractions, the Bear-Pit (Bärengraben), a deep circular den in which bears, the heraldic animal of Berne, have been kept since 1480. From the road running up to the right (Muristalden) there is a fine view of the Minster and the old town. Above the bridge to the left is the beautiful Rose-Garden (Rosengarten), with views of the Aare and the old town. Continue to Interlaken for dinner and overnight accommodations.



Interlaken, lies between Lakes Thun and Brienz below the north side of the Jungfrau massif and offers an endless variety of walks, climbs and other excursions, particularly in the mountains of the Bernese Oberland, brought within reach by numerous mountain railroads, cableways, etc. It is one of the oldest, best known and most popular summer holiday resorts in Switzerland, outstandingly well equipped to cater for the needs of visitors. Among the great attractions of the area are its local folk traditions and art.

Sunday July 8 Interlaken

Time at leisure in Interlaken. Options include Jungfrau or Schilthorn.

Optional evening concert in Interlaken.



Monday July 9 Geneva

Transfer to Geneva via Lausanne. Lausanne, the lively capital of the canton of Vaud, is picturesquely situated on the north shore of Lake Geneva, on terraces rising above the lake which are broken by gorges. It ranks with Geneva as a focus of intellectual life in French-speaking Switzerland, and is also a popular convention and conference center and the venue of important trade fairs. Continue to Geneva for dinner and overnight accommodations.



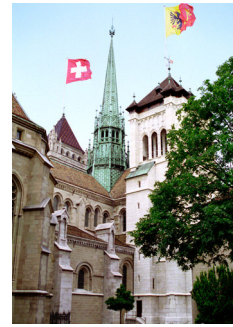
Geneva, the city of Calvin and the center of the Reformation, lies at the southwest end of Lake Geneva (in French Lac Léman). The town is built on moraine hills of varying height on either side of the swiftly flowing Rhône, which here flows out of the lake and is joined on the southwest side of the town by its tributary the Arve, coming down from the Savoy Alps. Geneva enjoys a magnificent situation on the largest of the Alpine lakes, within sight of the majestic peak of Mont-Blanc. As a hub of European cultural life in which

French savoir-vivre and Swiss solidity are happily combined, and the venue of international meetings on the highest level, Geneva has a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere which makes it perhaps the most attractive town in Switzerland and the one that attracts the greatest number of visitors.



Tuesday July 10 Geneva

Half-day sight seeing in Geneva includes the Old Town, Cathédrale St-Pierre, Quai de Mont-Blanc, Parc Villa Barton, Monument de la Réformation (Geneva is the City of Calvin), and entrance to the Palais des Nations, the second centre of the United Nations. *Optional evening concert in Geneva.*



Wednesday July 11 Depart for home

Transfer to Geneva's International airport for return flights to the USA. Arrive home in the same day.

