



2008 Lucerne International Choral Festival

Itinerary #1 - Festival Only (4 nights / 6 days)

Monday June 30, 2008

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 1 Zürich/Lucerne

Zürich airport arrival assistance. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, then board the awaiting motorcoaches for a transfer to Lucerne, stopping in Zürich to visit its Old Town. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights of Lucerne en route to a 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 2 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 3 Lucerne

Today enjoy the scenery of a morning cruise on Lake Lucerne that will end at Alpnachstad. From there travel on the cog-railroad, which runs up through Alpine meadows (orchards) and forests to the passing station at Ämsigen and then continues 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 to meet your motorcoach for return to Lucerne. *Afternoon rehearsal.* Dinner. *Evening rehearsal.*



Friday July 4 Lucerne

Mid-morning dress rehearsal with orchestra and soloists in the 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.*

Saturday July 5 Lucerne/USA

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



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