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Lakes and Passes Tour 2010

Friday 4th June to Tuesday 15th June

The tour starts and ends in France at a location South of Nancy and is planned to include the Jura Lakes and mountains, Lake Neuchatel, Lake Maggiore, Lakes Thun and Brienz (near Interlaken) and Lake Lucerne. Weather permitting we will travel the Great Saint Bernard (option), Simplon and Furka passes, enjoy lake boat trips and visit the Schlumpf Museum.



"Furkapass"

Jura Mountains: Birthplace of clock- and watch-making (Watch Valley), people here take the time to fully savour each moment and season. In both winter and summer, the unspoilt natural beauty of the region makes this a delightful area to explore.

Along the Arc of the Jura Mountains from Geneva to Basel, lakes, mountains and valleys lead one into another in a preserved natural environment where Swiss watchmakers create the precision movements that tell the time the world over.

Lake Geneva: This crescent-shaped lake, formed by a withdrawing glacier, narrows around Yvoire on the southern shore, the lake can thus be divided into the "Grand Lac" to the east and the "Petit Lac" to the west. Lake Geneva is really just a part of the River Rhône, which rises at the Furkapass and flows westwards between the mountains of Canton Valais to enter the lake near Villeneuve. Its water takes an estimated seventeen years to cover the 73km to Geneva before flowing on through France into the Mediterranean near Marseille.



"Lake Geneva from Caux",

Lake Maggiore: visitors here soon become familiar with the name of the Borromeo family, who still own the unmissable islands named after them. There are three open to the public, containing magnificent gardens, small settlements and interesting specialist restaurants.

From Stresa a cable car ascends Monte Mottarone, where from a height of over 4,000 ft views of the Alps and the other lakes can be enjoyed.



The gardens of Villa Taranto in Verbania, on Lake Maggiore are honoured throughout the world. These gardens are the result of the botanic passion of Captain McEacharn in 1931.

Covering 16 hectares the park houses 20,000 plants of particular botanic value together with 80,000 blooming bulbous specimens and 15,000 border plants.

Interlaken: the holiday resort rich in tradition, in the heart of the Swiss Alps, situated between the Lakes of Thun and Brienz and at the foot the famous trio of peaks, the Eiger, the Mönch and the Jungfrau.

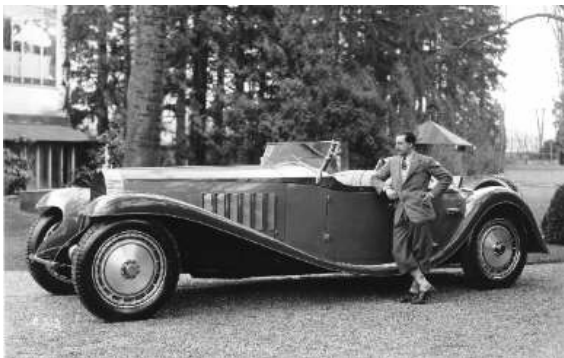


Lake Lucerne: Much of the shoreline rises steeply into mountains up to 1,500m above the lake, resulting in many picturesque views including those of Mount Rigi and Mount Pilatus.



It is possible to circumnavigate the lake by road, though the route is slow, twisted, and goes through tunnels part of the way. Dozens of steamers ply between the different towns on the lake. A 35km commemorative walkway, the Swiss Path, was built "Lake Lucerne from Pilatus" around the lake to celebrate the country's 700th anniversary. The level of the lake is maintained by a pioneering needle dam in the Reuss River in Lucerne.

The Schlumpf Collection is certainly the most prestigious car collection in the world. This is demonstrated by the two Bugatti Royales, including the famous Coupé Napoléon, together with the one hundred and fifty Bugatti, Hispano-Suiza, Ferrari, Rolls-Royce, Maserati, Maybach, Mercedes models, etc. It was in a former Mulhouse woollen mill, with its typically 19th century architecture, that Fritz Schlumpf established his fabulous collection of four hundred and thirty-seven cars belonging to ninety-seven different brands. With this unique



collection, the Cité de l'Automobile sees itself as being to cars what the Louvre is to art.

This is the first Royale sold. The clothing manufacturer Armand Esders ordered a Royale Roadster in 1932. He specified no lamps as he never drove at night. Jean Bugatti designed this beautiful body, giving grace and lightness to a huge car. The photograph shows Jean Bugatti standing by the car.

Tour Information: The tour consists of twelve days and eleven nights, mileage approximately eleven hundred (depending on options chosen).

Included: All hotels, three or four star with half board. Comprehensive route book. Tour leaders available on the tour. Boat trip. Visit to Schlumpf Museum. Many options en route. Not included: Ferry across the channel. Visits, unless shown above. Personal and breakdown insurance. Price is £1200 per person in twin/double rooms. NB Average cost per day is £100 per person half board. The deposit is £500 per car.

Twenty cars would be ideal and we would ask that those interested contact Continental Car Tours to register their interest in the tour. (Continental Car Tours 01304 380244). Due to the volatility of the financial markets a small contingency has been added to avoid the need to increase the price at a later date. If the financial markets turn in favour of the GBP it is planned to donate any excess money to two cancer charities, male and female.

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