



In the Footsteps of our Swiss Ancestors:
SAHS Centennial Trip to Switzerland

September 19–29, 2027

Itinerary & Additional Information



We have enough people interested in this trip that we are working with European Educational Travel based in Basel, Switzerland and are able to provide further information, including an itinerary. This trip is open to SAHS members and non-members, and if we have to cap numbers it will be based on a first come, first served basis. **The first deposit of \$500 per person will be due on February 15, 2026,** and can be done through PayPal, or by mailing a check as you do for your annual membership dues. The estimated cost per person is \$5,640 (excludes airfare). Please read the following pages, which will also be sent out by email and posted on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Any questions? Send an email to: swissamericanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL SURVEY

Many of you completed an initial survey back in November 2024. We have an additional survey we need anyone interested in planning to go on this trip to complete. The survey is a Google Form and can be accessed at: tinyurl.com/centennialtrip.

ITINERARY

- 3 nights in Zurich, 2 nights in Locarno, 3 nights in Lausanne and 2 nights in Bern
- Day trips/stops: Appenzell, Glarus, Luzern/Lucerne, Zermatt, Geneva and Zweisimmen



Sunday, September 19

- All arrive in Zurich – pick up at airport
- Note that museums in Zurich are closed on Mondays, so you may want to visit some today if you are arriving in the morning
- Free time (for those arriving in the morning looking to relax and unwind, consider taking the train to nearby Baden from Zurich, and going to the FortySeven Wellness Spa & Thermal Baths, which is open from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily)



Monday, September 20

- Morning – Lecture on an overview of the history of Switzerland and the city of Zurich
- Walking tour of Zurich
- Afternoon – Boat Ride on Lake Zurich and/or visit to the Lindt Chocolate Factory in Kilchberg (note that museums are closed on Mondays in Zurich)



Tuesday, September 21

- Morning – Train from Zurich to Appenzell
- Walking tour of Appenzell
- Train from Appenzell to Glarus
- Walking tour of Glarus with discussion of connections to New Glarus, Wisconsin
- Visit to the Reisebüro Linth (Museum of Emigration and Immigration) in Kaltbrunn
- Train back to Zurich



Wednesday, September 22

- Morning – Depart Zurich
- Train from Zurich to Lucerne/Luzern
- Walking tour of Lucerne
- Boat ride
- Cog wheel train to Mount Rigi
- Train to Locarno
- Evening – Check into hotel in Locarno





Thursday, September 23

- Morning – Walking tour of Locarno
- Rest of the day is free time (options include a boat ride on Lake Maggiore, taking the train to Lugano or Bellinzona, visiting the Brissago Islands or Cimetta Mountain)



Friday, September 24

- Morning – Depart Locarno
- Train to Zermatt
- Cog wheel train to Gornergrat
- Train to Lausanne and hotel check-in



Saturday, September 25

- Walking tour of Geneva
- Visit the International Museum of the Reformation
- Free time in Geneva (options include visiting the Patek Philippe Museum, CERN Science Gateway, Maison Tavel Museum of Art & History, or International Red Cross & Crescent Museum)



Sunday, September 26

- Morning – Walking tour of Lausanne
- Rest of the day is free time (options include visiting the Olympic Museum, Montreux, Chillon Castle, Fortress Chillon, or Manoir de Ban – Charlie Chaplin’s house)



Monday, September 27

- Morning – Train from Lausanne to Zweisimmen (Golden Pass)
- Van to Alpine farm – tour and cheesemaking demonstration
- Afternoon – train to Bern



Tuesday, September 28

- Morning – walking tour of Bern
- Visit and tour of the Swiss Federal Palace
- Friends of the Swiss American Historical Society annual meeting and group lunch
- Rest of the day is free time (can explore the many museums in Bern or take the train to Interlaken)

Wednesday, September 29

- Morning – Train from Bern to Zurich Airport