

Swiss Classic Train: Arbon Classics 4 - 6 May 2012



Experience a special historic train to the Arbon Classics, a huge, festive gathering of vintage vehicles on the shores of Lake Constance.

Swiss Classic Train

You will travel on the historic Swiss Classic Train, experiencing the charms of a 50 year old train in either the First Class (open saloons or compartments), or the luxurious Pullman coaches in blocks of 2 (subject to a supplement). Meals are served at your seat. For relaxation, conviviality and refreshment, the bar car with resident pianist is available. The train will be hauled by vintage locomotives the Ae 6/8 No. 205 owned by BLS and the legendary Crocodile Be 6/8 111 owned by CFF.

Day 1: 4 May 2012 Lausanne to Romanshorn

Make your own way to one of the starting stations (Lausanne, Yverdon, Neuchâtel or Bern) for a welcome by your guide and departure on the special Swiss Classic Train en route for Zürich by the old direct line. Lunch will be served at your seat during the journey, which then goes along the shores of Lake Zürich as far as Rapperswil, where the famous locomotive "Crocodile" takes the stage to Romanshorn, on the shore of Lake Constance. At the end of the afternoon, admire a fascinating exhibition consecrated to the jewels of the automobile at the Autobau



Museum, situated in a former petrol depot at Romanshorn. Light evening meal, then travel to Walzenhausen in a vintage bus. Overhanging the lake and the Rhine valley, the village is also known as the "balcony of Lake Constance". Stay overnight in a 4 star hotel.

Day 2: 5 May 2012 Arbon Classics

Transfer to a rack train or a historic bus from Walzenhausen to Rheineck, where a steam-hauled train will take you to Arbon, arriving about 10:00, when you will be free to visit the grand exhibition of the Arbon Classics. Discover the richness of heritage vehicles, visit the Saurer museum or the aviation museum at Altenrhein. Return individually to Walzenhausen by public transport or return in a group at the end of the afternoon by vintage bus. Evening meal and stay in same hotel as previous night.

Day 3: 6 May 2012 St Gallen to Lausanne

After breakfast your luggage will be taken to St Gallen and loaded on to the Swiss Classic Train. You will be taken to St Gallen with free time to visit this beautiful town, which this year is commemorating its foundation by the monk Saint Gallus in 612AD. You have the opportunity to take a tour in a vintage bus of Appenzell with lunch included. Or how about the excitement of a flight on the famous, vintage plane JU-52? About 15:00 our special train will return towards French-speaking Switzerland, with stops at Bern, Neuchâtel, Yverdon and Lausanne. A light cold meal will be served at your seat. Following arrival at your station, you will make your way home individually.

Arrival and departure times

(Indicative times: precise times will be specified in the detailed programme)

| Day 1 | | | | Day 3 |
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| 09:00 | depart | Lausanne | arrive | 20:10 |
| 09:30 | depart | Yverdon | arrive | 19:40 |
| 10:00 | depart | Neuchâtel | arrive | 19:10 |
| 11:00 | depart | Bern | arrive | 18:10 |

Price

- Per person sharing a double or twin room (no half price concession): 850 CHF

Included in the price

- All travel on the Swiss Classic Train
- Travel to and from your nearest station to Romanshorn and returning to St Gallen
- Day 1: lunch served at your seat on board the special train
- Visit to the museum "Autobau" at Romanshorn and snack
- 2 nights with breakfast buffet at the 4 star Hotel Walzenhausen at Walzenhausen
- Day 2: travel with steam train from Rheineck to Arbon
- Dinner at hotel
- All transfers in a vintage car
- Transport of luggage on 1st and 3rd days
- On return journey, a light cold meal served at your seat
- ZRT guide during the whole journey
- Complete documentation for the whole journey

Optional excursions Sunday 6 May 2012

From Hotel Walzenhausen to St Gallen

- **Flight on JU-52:** exceptional flight on the vintage plane JU-52, lasting 45 minutes with take-off from the airport of Altenrhein. Price per person: 240 CHF
- **Tour of Appenzell:** ride in a vintage bus for your tour of Appenzell and including lunch. Depart at 09:00. Price per person: 65 CHF

Supplements (per person)

- Single room for 2 nights: 60 CHF
- Travel in Pullman carriage: 60 CHF
- Cancellation insurance and emergency cover: 21 CHF (Please note that insurance for cancellation and emergency cover is compulsory)

Further information

- Swiss Classic Train: www.swissclassictrain.ch
- Arbon Classics: www.arbon-classics.ch
- Autobau Museum: www.autobau.ch

Booking

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