



# Barrington Community School

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## Alpine Panorama

The 10th Annual Superbowl Getaway

January 30 - February 3, 2008

If your idea of a great long weekend does not include Super Bowl Sunday, pack a bag and escape the madness with BCS, as we continue our “escape” tradition with a great getaway to the cosmopolitan city of Zurich, Switzerland. Discover Europe’s knowledgeable courier, David Phillips will join us for this year’s escape in one of Europe’s most elegant cities. A direct flight from Boston to Zurich, where we’ll spend the long weekend, will also feature trips out to Lucerne, Basel, and Berne, Switzerland’s capital city.

Switzerland is much more than watches, chocolate and mountain scenery! Due to its position in the center of Europe, Switzerland’s heritage presents a fascinating blend of different European cultures, histories and cuisines. Zurich, with strong Germanic traditions, offers a beautiful setting on a vast lake, the famous Bahnhofstrasse and its elegant shops, world-class museums, and important artworks in its churches. Among its many treasures are the 9th-century Fraumunster Cathedral, noted for its exquisite stained-glass windows created by Marc Chagall; the Swiss National Museum, a fascinating repository of Swiss cultural history; the charms of its Old Town, site of the university, with fabulous restaurants and cafes.



Lucerne

We’ll visit Bern, the seat of Swiss government, and its old town, a UNESCO listed world heritage site, as well as Basel, a center of the arts and intellectual life, with its famous fountains and arcades. On another day, it’s off to Lucerne, with its beautiful lake, the Lion Monument, wooden foot bridges and charming, painted buildings in the shadow of Mount Pilatus. And, there’s still all that delicious chocolate! This year, leave the nacho-making to others, and join Sandi Tinyk, David Phillips and all the Super Bowl Escapees who have come to look forward to this annual trip, at a time when we need it most.



Zurich

The cost of this program, double occupancy is **\$1590** per person (single supplement \$220). This includes the following:

- i) Roundtrip airfare on Swiss International Airlines, Boston-Zurich
- ii) 3 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotel, all rooms with private facilities.
- iii) 3 buffet breakfasts, and 2 dinners.
- iv) Hosted by Discover Europe’s David Phillips and BCS Director Sandi Tinyk.
- v) All ground transportation by private motorcoach as detailed in the itinerary.
- vi) Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary.
- vii) Portage of one suitcase per person.
- viii) All customs fees, airport & hotel taxes & service charges.
- ix) Round trip transfers Barrington-Logan airport.

**For further information & registration please contact:**

**Sandi Tinyk at the Barrington Community School**

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**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.** This afternoon a private coach will take us to Boston Logan Airport for the evening departure of Swiss International Airlines' direct flight to Zurich.

**Overnight: Plane**

**Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Your tour guide, David Phillips, will meet your arriving flight and take you to your city-center hotel. There will be free time to unpack, relax and have lunch before a short walking tour of the Old Town around our hotel. Evening welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D)**

**Overnight: Zurich**

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Leaving Zurich we head southwest through the Swiss Jura Plateau. We'll stop in the Swiss capital of Berne for a brief walking tour of the city center. We continue on to nearby Basel, the second-largest city in Switzerland. We will venture into the center of the city and have free time for lunch. Our afternoon visit will be to the Fine Art Museum (the Kunstmuseum), one of the great European museums, famous for its collection of Old Masters. We return to Zurich for a free evening. **(B)** **Overnight: Zurich**

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Today there will be a full day excursion to the charming lakeside town of Lucerne, barely an hour away. A walking tour introduces the Old Town and the wonderful wooden bridges that connect the different parts of the city. There will be an opportunity to ascend the nearby, 6,985 foot Mt. Pilatus, either by cable car or cog railway (the steepest in the world). We return to Zurich for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Zurich**

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Morning transport to the airport for the returning Swiss flight to Boston. On arrival at Logan Airport our private coach will be waiting to take us back to Barrington. **(B)**

**Overnight: Home**

**Optional Geneva Extension:**

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** This morning we bid farewell to our recent traveling companions and board our coach for the drive to Chur, where we board the Glacier Express (known as the slowest fast train in the world). We meet our coach again at Brig and continue on to our hotel in Geneva. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Geneva**



**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.** A day in Geneva. A morning panoramic tour by bus will show us the Reformation Monument, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century town hall and take us down to the lake shore to see the famous fountain, the Jet d'Eau. We'll drive along the Quai du Mont Blanc and see the Palace of Nations, the European headquarters of the United Nations before returning to the town center to end our tour with a visit to St. Peter's Cathedral. The afternoon is free for individual exploration: Geneva boasts more museums per square mile than any other European city, so there will no shortage of things to do. The evening is free to sample a local restaurant. **(B)**

**Overnight: Geneva**

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.** Our excursion today takes us first along the south side of Lake Geneva to the Castle of Chillon. Here the imprisonment of Francois Bonivard inspired the poem by Byron, the "Prisoner of Chillon." We'll continue around the lake to nearby Montreux, home of the annual jazz festival, where we'll stop for lunch. This afternoon we head back to Geneva around the north side of the lake, stopping in Lausanne for a short visit. This evening we'll have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant close by our hotel. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Geneva**

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.** Morning transfer to Geneva airport for returning Swiss flights to Boston, via Zurich. On arrival at Logan Airport our private coach will be waiting. **(B)**

**Overnight: Home**

The cost of this extension, double occupancy is **\$890** per person (single supplement \$240). This includes the following:

- i) Return airfare on Swiss International Airlines from Geneva.
- ii) 3 nights' accommodation in first-class hotel, all rooms with private facilities.
- iii) 3 buffet breakfasts, and 2 dinners.
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Key to included meals: **B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

