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Switzerland

EINSTEIN, ART & A VISIT TO CERN

Featuring a Special Visit to the Scientific Research Center at CERN
August 27–September 3, 2022

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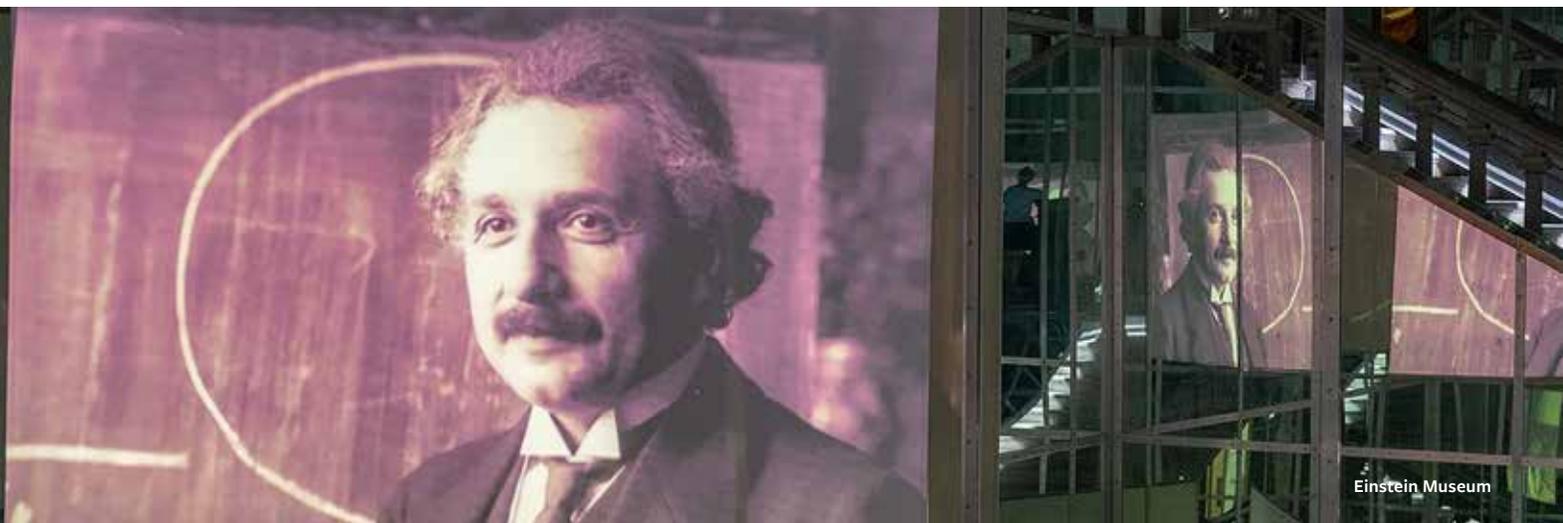
COMMONWEALTH CLUB MEMBERS,

Science and art enthusiasts will delight in this unique journey to Switzerland, which features the life and work of Albert Einstein, a visit to the Supercollider campus at CERN, and exceptional Swiss museums. Marvel at some of the world's most advanced scientific equipment at CERN, with a behind-the-scenes meeting with scientists who work on detectors on the Large Hadron Collider. Explore the Kunsthaus Art Museum showcasing an extensive modern art collection. Savor delicious Swiss wines and food, including dinner at a Michelin-starred restaurant and a traditional raclette fondue lunch in the medieval town of Gruyères. We are sharing in this adventure with members of Cornell Adult University, so I encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting us at travel@commonwealthclub.org or (415) 597-6720.

We look forward to traveling with you,



Kristina Nemeth
Travel Director



STUDY LEADER

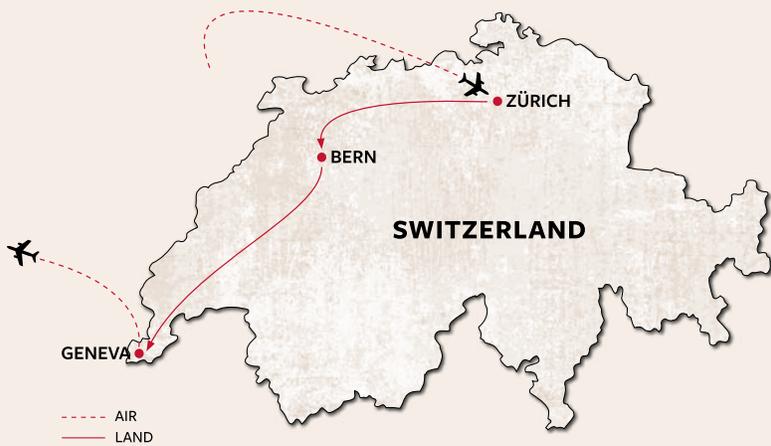
Jim Alexander is a professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Physics at Cornell University. He is part of a global collaboration conducting data analysis and detector commissioning at the CMS experiment at CERN, searching for signatures of new physics phenomena such as the existence of dark matter.

HIGHLIGHTS

Technology Marvel at some of the world's most sophisticated technology. Located just outside Geneva, CERN is home to a vast international community of scientists who seek answers to the most fundamental questions of physics. Meet with a scientist for a private talk regarding their ongoing research, including that of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

Science Follow Albert Einstein's career as a student and professor in Zurich. In Bern, visit the Einstein Museum, which is part of the Bern Historical Museum, and features fascinating exhibitions on the famous physicist. You'll also follow in his footsteps in his flat on Kramgasse No. 49, where he lived during the important years of 1903 to 1905 when he developed his Theory of Relativity.

Art Visit the Kunsthaus Zurich Museum showcasing an extensive modern art collection, including works by Paul Klee and Alberto Giacometti, as well as the world's largest Dada collection.



Zürich

Itinerary

Saturday, August 27

Depart the U.S. for Zürich

Sunday, August 28

Zürich, Switzerland

Arrive at Zürich International Airport and transfer to the Glockenhof hotel. For travelers arriving early, there are optional afternoon excursions by train to the summit of Uetliberg for panoramic views of Zürich and the lake 1500 feet below, and by foot through Old Town's network of cobbled streets, along the banks of the River Limmat, including a stop at the Fraumünster Church to admire the vibrant artistry of Chagall's stained glass windows that illuminate the choir in primary colors. Or you may choose to spend the afternoon at leisure to relax and recover from jet lag. This evening, meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception at the hotel. *HOTEL GLOCKENHOF (R)*

Monday, August 29

Zürich

Following breakfast, gather in a private room at the hotel for a welcome orientation and first lecture, followed by a specially arranged visit to the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), the largest Swiss national multi-disciplinary research center. After lunch at the PSI, visit the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) campus for panoramic views of Zürich and to learn about Albert Einstein at the university where he studied and taught—and whose faculty include 20 more Nobel laureates. The evening is at leisure to delight independently in one of Zürich's many fine restaurants.

HOTEL GLOCKENHOF (BL)

Tuesday, August 30

Zürich 🌿 Bern

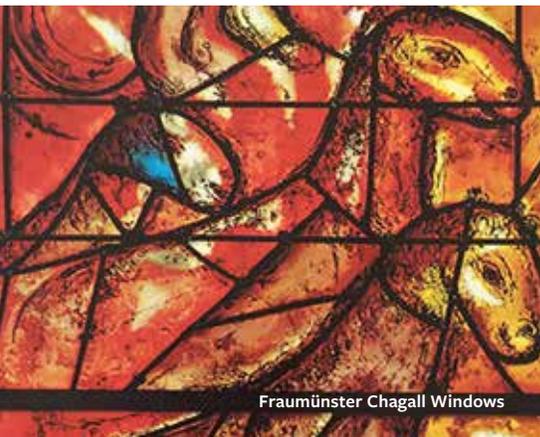
This morning tour the Kunsthaus art museum to see its comprehensive collection of Swiss art and other European masterpieces by the likes of Manet, Magritte, Matisse, Mondrian, Monet, and Munch—merely confining ourselves to the letter M! From there we depart Zürich for Bern, where we'll enjoy traditional Swiss fare at a

favorite restaurant, followed by a refreshing walking tour of the best-preserved historic town center in Switzerland—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Einstein House, where Albert Einstein lived while working as a patent examiner and had his miracle year of 1905 when he published four groundbreaking papers on the photoelectric effect, Brownian motion, the special theory of relativity, and the equivalence of mass and energy. And tour the Einstein Museum, which features fascinating insights and artifacts pertaining to both his work and personal life. Check in at our luxury hotel, where we'll continue our lecture series, followed by dinner together at another restaurant gem. *BELLEVUE PALACE (BLD)*

Wednesday, August 31

Bern 🌿 Geneva

In the morning—following the third installment in our fascinating lecture series—depart for Geneva through the craggy mountain and verdant lowland scenery of the Gruyère district, famous for its cheese. Stroll the charming village of Gruyères along the cobblestone street



Fraumünster Chagall Windows



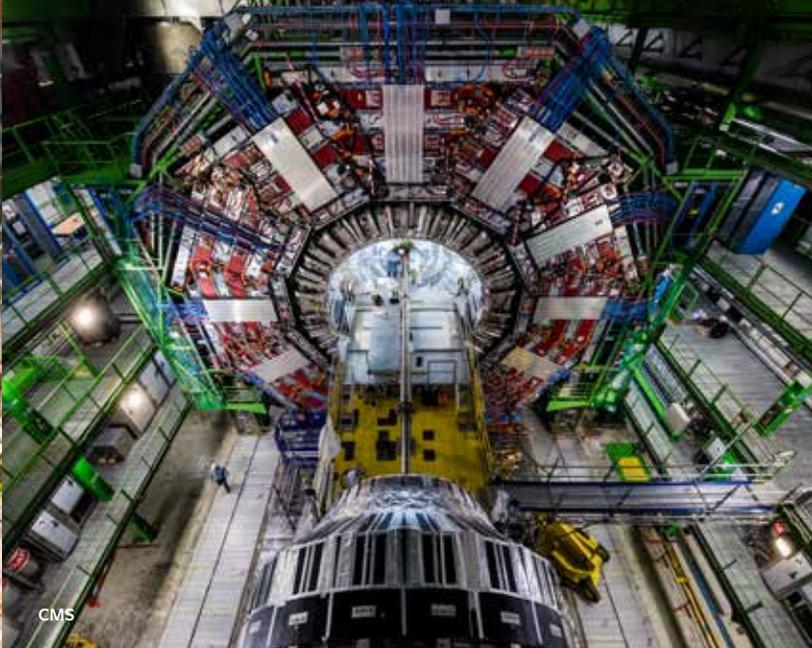
Bern Clock Tower



Castle and Village, Gruyeres



Bern



CMS

that slopes down from the impressive hilltop castle, past whitewashed shops decorated with flower boxes, flags and hanging wrought iron signs, and savor a traditional raclette luncheon. Arriving in Geneva, tour the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum to learn how local businessman Henri Dunant, shocked to see wounded soldiers left to fend for themselves, inspired a local charity to begin providing relief—identifying themselves with inverted Swiss flags—and then the Swiss parliament to convene international conferences culminating in the Geneva Conventions. Dunant shared the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. Check in to our hotel just steps from the historic Quai du Mont-Blanc lakeside promenade, and from this central location enjoy an evening at leisure to explore on your own.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL (BL)

Thursday, September 1

Geneva

View rare and antiquated scientific instruments together with methods and discoveries from the 17th to the 19th centuries at the Musée d'Histoire des Sciences housed in Villa Bartholoni, one

of Geneva's most beautiful neoclassical buildings. After lunch at one of Geneva's fine restaurants, choose between an afternoon at leisure or optional excursions, including a boat tour and walking tour of Old Town, and a visit to the Bodmer Library and Museum in the company of Cornell's European Studies librarian, Sarah How. Martin Bodmer inherited a large fortune and was a scholar, bibliophile, and collector. During World War II, he worked with the Red Cross to get books into the hands of prisoners of war, and served as the vice president of the Red Cross after the war. His collection in the refined suburb of Cologny includes some of the oldest copies of the New Testament, a Gutenberg Bible, a First Folio of Shakespeare, and a copy of Newton's Principia owned by Leibniz. The final lecture of our series sets up tomorrow's visit to CERN, then the remainder of the evening is again free to explore Geneva on your own.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL (BL)

Friday, September 2

Geneva

This morning, head to CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research), the world's largest particle physics laboratory

and one of the most sophisticated centers of scientific research. Special arrangements have been made for private, guided tours and exclusive behind-the-scenes presentations of CERN. Meet with scientists at one of the detectors for a behind-the-scenes look at the site, above ground facilities, and a private talk regarding the ongoing research. After a vigorous discussion of the Standard Model over lunch at the CERN cafeteria, continue on to the main center of CERN to explore the Microcosms Exhibit and the Universe of Particles Sphere. In the evening, savor reminiscences of all our adventures in Switzerland over our farewell dinner.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL (BLD)

Saturday, September 3

Departures

Check out of the hotel and transfer to Geneva International Airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)



Geneva



Bodmer Library



Raclette Fondue

PROGRAM RATES

Double Occupancy Per Person	\$7,995
Single Occupancy Supplement	\$1,500

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including six hotel nights • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for all group activities • Entrance fees • Welcome wine reception • Baggage handling • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expense, immunizations, and Covid-19 testing if required at the time of travel • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Personal excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 30 participants, including travelers from Commonwealth Club of California and Cornell's Adult University.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately active program. Participants are expected to be in good health and capable of walking unassisted over uneven terrain. All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due **May 30, 2022** and needs to be by check or bank transfer. For those who register after May 30, 2022, full payment is due upon registration.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Commonwealth Club of California. Deposits are refundable until final payment deadline (May 30, 2022). Cancellations after May 30, 2022: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **NOTE:** Neither Commonwealth Club of California nor the tour operator accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are a requirement for participation on this program. Up-to-date COVID-specific protocols and requirements for this destination will be sent to confirmed participants and are available upon request. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, the tour operator reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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Switzerland

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MEMBERSHIP

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club
 Please renew my membership with the credit card information provided here
 I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership

PAYMENT

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MasterCard AmEx Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

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- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on **Switzerland: Einstein, Art & a Visit to CERN.**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

- I prefer to have single accommodations
or I plan to share accommodations with _____

or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 30, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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