

Interlaken, Switzerland, February Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Monday 24, 2014

Conference venue:

The conference will be held at the *Linder Grand Hotel Beau Rivage* *****

With approximately 86 rooms to choose from, including 74 standard rooms, nine junior suites and three suites, you really are spoilt for choice. Each morning you can look forward to either opening the curtains of your room to a spectacular Alpine view or being woken by the soft sound of the deep-green icy-cold waters of the River Aare.

Room rates for the conference participants

Single room 169 CHF – 137€ (per person/per night, breakfast included)

Double room single use 189 CHF – 153€ (per person/per night, breakfast included)

Double room 229 CHF - 153€ (per room/per night, breakfast included)

<u>City tax</u> 3.20 CHF – 2.60€ per person/per night-not included in the room price

*free WI-FI in the Hotel Lobby

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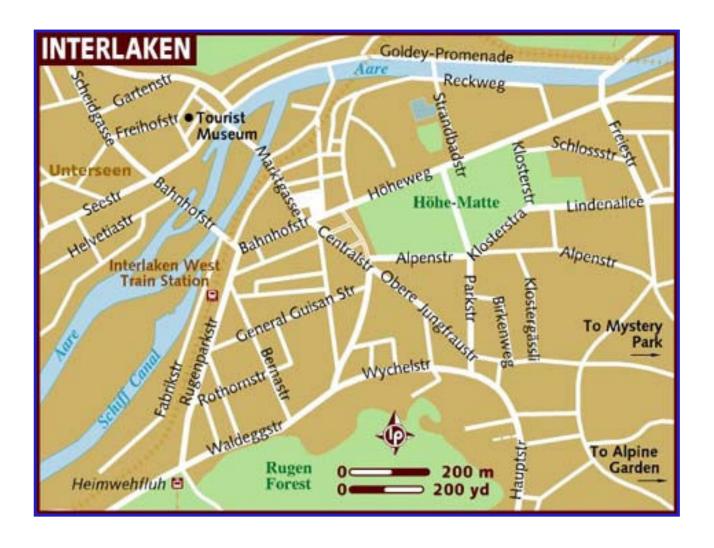
Interlaken is a town and municipality in the Interlaken-Oberhasli administrative district in the Swiss canton of Bern. It is an important and well-known tourist destination in the Bernese Oberland region of the Swiss Alps, and the main transport gateway to the mountains and lakes of that region. The town is located on the Bödeli, between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz, and alongside the Aar River that flows between the two lakes. Transport routes to the east and west alongside the lakes are complemented by a



route south into the mountains following the Lütschine River. Interlaken has had various names throughout history -Unterseen in Latin, Inderlappon in Celtic - suggesting that in ancient times the area was inhabited by Celts, Romans and the Alemanni. The town itself was first recorded in history in 1130 when a Baron Seliger founded the monastery in the town. Througout the centuries the monastery played a prominent role in Interlaken but following its closure in the late 1500s, Interlaken slowly and surely became a health and holiday resort and it is for this reason that thousands flock to the town every year. The steep cliffs, icy lakes and raging rivers make it the ideal location for the adrenaline junkies among you. If this is not the type of holiday you have in mind, don't worry. There are activities to suit everyone's tastes, from hill walkers to bungee jumpers, all tastes are catered for.



Interlaken City Map



How to get to Interlaken

By train:

Integrated part of the Swiss Travel System network with more than 20000 km of rail, boat and postal routes. There are direct train connections from and to all major Swiss cities

Types of tickets:

Individual tickets

- 1st or 2nd class
- Single journey, return trip or round trip (Tickets for round trips are not available as Online Tickets).
- Full fare or half fare (Half fare: for holders of Half-Fare travel cards, children from their 6th to their 16th birthday and children under 6 years travelling alone).

Accompanied children under 6 travel for free. (The accompanying person must have a valid ticket, be at least 12 years old and may then take up to four children with them free of charge. From 16 years of age, up to 8 children may travel with them.)

You can choose your ticker by visiting http://www.sbb.ch/en/travelcards-and-tickets/tickets-for-switzerland.html

Buy your ticker online at http://www.sbb.ch/en/ticketshop/b2c/start.do or by calling Rail Service 0900 300 300 (CHF 1.19/min. from the Swiss fixed-line network).

Multiple-journey tickets: Buy once, travel six times

The multiple-journey ticket entitles you to six single journeys on the route selected. It is non-personal and therefore transferable. It can also be used for several passengers travelling together. It may be used in combination with the Junior travelcard. Holders of the Half-Fare travelcard, or children under 16 years of age, receive a discount of 50% on the multiple-journey ticket.

More details: http://www.sbb.ch/en/travelcards-and-tickets/tickets-for-switzerland/individual-tickets/multiple-journey-tickets.html

By plane

Airport Bern Belp

Journey time:

• Train: 1:20 h

• Road / car: 0:45 h (50 km)

• Direct bus connections: Transfer Bern Airport

Airport Basel Mulhouse

Journey time:

• Train: 2:20 h

• Road / car: 1:55 h (155 km)

Airport Zurich Kloten

Journey time:

• Train: 2:10 h

• Road / car: 1:45 h (140 km)

Airport Genf Cointrin

Journey time:

• Train: 2:50 h

• Road / car: 2:40 h (215 km)

More information:

 $\underline{http://www.flughafenbern.ch/en/home}$

http://www.euroairport.com/en/

http://www.zurich-airport.com/

http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx

Activities - Winter excursions

Axalp above Brienz - Axalp lies at around 1535 metres altitude high above Brienz on the southern shore of the lake. It can be reached by post bus or car in 35 minutes from Brienz. Axalp has spectacular views of the surrounding mountain chains and Lake Brienz far below. From spring to autumn, Axalp is an ideal location for hiking and climbing activities. A woodcarving trail leads to the tiny deep green Hinterburgseeli lake; it is flanked by sculptures carved out of tree trunks by local woodcarvers. The idea for trail project was born after a terrible storm in 1999 wreaked havoc on the mountainside and felled many trees. Carvers and sculptors continue to add to the art along the trail.

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More details: http://www.interlaken.ch/en/activities-excursions-adventure-festivals/a-world-of-fun-winter-activities/axalp-above-brienz.html



Cruises on Lake Thun & Lake Brienz

Turquoise blue waters, mountain peaks capped with eternal snows, and a cool breeze in your face - high time for a cruise on Lake Thun or Lake Brienz! So switch off and come to life! Leave your everyday worries behind, let your thoughts soar, and relax and unwind. A cruise on Lake Thun or Lake Brienz takes you past picturesque fishing villages and castles steeped in history.

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Sights

Alpine Garden

The Alpine Garden on Schynige Platte (The Plateau) boasts over 500 types of flora. Take a cog-wheel train trip from Wilderswil to the 1967m (6450ft)-high plateau and be rewarded by magnificent views and an abundance of alpine flora, including Edelweiss. There's also a collection of thousands of toy bears at Teddyland.

Read more: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/switzerland/central-switzerland-and-berner-oberland/interlaken/sights/parks-gardens/alpine-garden#ixzz2mxeAdVtq



Mystery Park

This other-worldly theme park looms large on the outskirts of Interlaken, with expensive re-creations of a Mayan temple, Egyptian pyramid, Indian Vimana (mythical flying machine), Stonehenge and a highly visible 'Sphere'. It's the brainchild of Erich von Däniken, the Swiss author of the 1970s bestseller Chariots of the Gods, and its displays (including crop circles in summer) are meant to get you thinking about aliens. Sceptics need not apply. There's a free shuttle bus from Interlaken Ost once or twice an hour.

Read more: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/switzerland/central-switzerland-and-berner-oberland/interlaken/sights/other/mystery-park#ixzz2mxeHXtXn

Tourist Museum

This low-key museum sits on a cobbled, fountain-dotted square in Unterseen. The permanent exhibition presents a romp through tourism in the region with costumes, carriages and other curios.

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• Blueberrys Juice Bar

Address: Centralstrasse 7, CH 3800 Interlaken

URL: http://www.blueberrys-interlaken.com/#!kontakt/c13vo

• La tarantella

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