

EVENTS – PREVIEW FOR 2010

A SELECTION OF ATTRACTIVE EVENTS HELD FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER

- 1 Jan.** **Touch the mountains.**
New Year's Day firework display with open-air rock concert. New Year's party with a spectacular fire work display and rock'n roll into the New Year with two Swiss rock bands. The concert starts at 16:30, the firework display at 18:00. Market stands & bars will cater for a lively atmosphere on Interlaken's promenade (16:00–22:00). The event is free of charge (will take place in any weather).
- 2 Jan.** **«Harder-Potschete», old popular custom and procession**
Of masked youngsters dressed as earthy, awesome figures from nearby forests, paragliding through the centre accompanied by cowbell ringing clubs and music bands. Beginning at 14:00, at the Market Square(Marktplatz). At 15:00, a presentation of the participants and masks will be made at the Market Square.
- 15 – 17 Jan.** **80th International Lauberhorn Ski World Cup** in Wengen. www.lauberhorn.ch
- 19 + 20 Jan.** **8. Int. Alpensymposium**
This year's theme «Break trough – Change, Challenge, Chances ». At VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU Grand Hotel & Spa. Information: Griwa Consulting GmbH, 3818 Grindelwald, phone 033 854 11 60. www.alpensymposium.ch
- 20 – 23 Jan.** **67th Int. Inferno Ski Race in Mürren.**
Largest Amateur Ski Race in the World. Descent from the Schilthorn (2970 m) to the Lauterbrunnen Valley (796 m). Homepage: www.inferno-muerren.ch
- 23 Jan.** **Childrens Carneval**
Carneval musical entertainment at the «Marktplatz» Interlaken, children's parade through the centre accompanied by various carnival music bands and children's party.
- 30 Jan.** **10. Jungfrau Cup, Ice Skating Competition**
With participants coming from all parts of Switzerland including some guests from Russia. Organization: Jungfrau Skating Club Interlaken. www.ec-jungfrau.ch and www.skating.ch. The event takes place at Ice Sport Centre Bödeli, Matten.
- 19 – 21 Feb.** **15th Interlaken Tourism Curling Tournament.**
With max. 24 teams. Sat, 09:00–17:00 / Sun, 08:00–15:00. At the Ice Sport Centre Bödeli, in Matten. Internet info: www.ccinterlaken.ch
- 13 March – 5 April** **50th Interlaken Classics.**
Motto «Meet today the classic stars of tomorrow». Featuring internationally acclaimed youth orchestras and leading names in dual roles as conductor and soloist. At the Casino Kursaal. Contact: Interlaken Classics, Geschäftsstelle, Höheweg 72, 3800 Interlaken, tel. 033 821 21 15, fax 033 821 21 16, email: info@interlaken-classics.ch, homepage: www.interlaken-classics.ch
- 10 April** **13th SnowpenAir Concert**
At the Kleine Scheidegg. Begin at 10:45, end of the concert at 17:00, afterwards top dj. www.snowpenair.ch (The programm is not available yet)

- May + June «Indian Dinner Cruise»**
Evening boat trip on Lake Brienz, including an exquisite small buffet with vegetarian and non vegetarian Indian specialities. On Tuesdays & Fridays, from 2 May until 27 June. Boat station Interlaken Ost, dep. 19:30 / arrive back 21:15. Advance reservation and ticket purchase until 17:00 on day of cruise required: Interlaken Tourism, Höheweg 37, tel. 033 826 53 00. www.interlaken.ch
- 15 + 16 May Steam festival Interlaken**
Exhibition of steam trains in all sizes, presented at train station Interlaken Ost, steam train parade on Saturday and Sunday, diverse train excursion into the region... and a lot more!
www.interlakenmachtdampf.ch
- July + August «Sunset Barbeque Cruise»**
Enjoy a wonderful evening ambiance at Interlaken's Sunset Barbeque Cruise on Lake Brienz. Chill out with good music, enjoy cool drinks, taste the delicious Barbeque and talk to other Travellers. Relax on top of our boat and feel the energy of the breathtaking Swiss Alps. On Thursdays, at boat station Interlaken Ost dep. 19:45 / arrive back 21:30. Advance reservation and ticket purchase until 17:00 on day of cruise required: Interlaken Tourism, Höheweg 37, tel. 033 826 53 00. www.interlaken.ch
- June, July, August Traditional Swiss folklore evening on Harder Kulm.**
Enjoy every Thursday Swiss folk music and à la carte dinner in the Harder Kulm panorama restaurant. Dep. with funicular from bottom station at 18:45 and 19:15 / return from the top at 21:00 and 22:30. Reservations: Restaurant Harder Kulm, tel. 033 828 73 11, www.harderkulm.ch
- 3 + 4 June 12. Swiss Economic Forum Interlaken**
With 1200 participants the Swiss Economic Forum is Switzerland's most famous economical event. The event takes place in the locations of the Casino Kursaal. www.swisseeconomicforum.ch
- 6 June 100 years Interlaken Tourism**
The Tourism Organisation Interlaken invites all locals and guests to the TOI Festival in the Kursaal garden. Entertainment with the Second Line Big Band and folklore performances. www.interlaken.ch
- 11 – 13 June Greenfield Open-air Music Festival.**
3 days, 2 stages, 40 acts. Newcomer bands as well as top stars will be present. At the Interlaken Military Airfield. Homepage: www.greenfieldfestival.ch
- 17 – 20 June 25th Swiss National Tambour Piper Festival**
About 3000 tambours and pipers from all over Switzerland get together for a competition in collegial atmosphere during 3 days. Listen to the best tambours and pipers which Switzerland can offer you. www.interlaken2010.ch
- 17 – 20 June «William Tell» Open-air Theatre.**
German spoken drama by Friedrich Schiller, performed in the Rugen Woods outside Interlaken. Covered stands with 2300 seats. Homepage: www.tellspiele.ch Performances in 2010: 17.6., 22.6., 24.6., 1.7., 8.7., 15.7., 17.7., 22.7., 24.7., 29.7., 31.7., 5.8., 7.8., 12.8., 14.8., 15.8., 19.8., 21.8., 26.8., 28.8., 2.9., 4.9 Time/location: 20:00–21:50, Tell open-air stage in Matten. Bookings: Tell Booking-Office, Höheweg 37, 3800 Interlaken, tel. 033 822 37 22, www.tellspiele.ch

- 25 – 27 June** **17th Internat. Trucker- & Country Festival.**
Performances by famous country stars & bands. More than 30 bands and show acts. Large domed-tent with 4 stages, Western Village, big truck & motor-bike exhibition, attractive side programmes. At the Military Airfield. Homepage: www.trucker-festival.ch
- July + Aug.** **«Swiss Dinner Cruise»**
Evening boat trip on Lake Brienz, including a traditional Swiss buffet dinner with specialities and Swiss folklore music. On Tuesday & Friday, dep. at 19:30 from the boat station in Interlaken Ost / arrive back at 21:15. Reservations and ticket purchase until 17:00 on day of cruise required: Interlaken Tourism, Höhweg 37, tel. 033 826 53 00. www.interlaken.ch
- 3 July** **Grand Summer Ball Dance**
At Casino Kursaal Interlaken. With live music and exquisite buffet. Information: phone 033 827 61 00. www.casino-kursaal.ch
- 4 – 10 July** **8th Jungfrau Music Festival.**
A yearly platform for creative and innovative music projects. . Concert series with professional wind and brass orchestras held at the Casino Kursaal. Advance bookings: www.beo-tickets.ch, tel. +41 (0)33 821 21 15. Homepage: www.jungfrau-music-festival.ch
- 23 – 25 July** **11. «Interlatina» – Festival Latina.**
Summer festival with live bands, DJs, mercado latino, traditional dance shows, dance lessons and more. At the Interlaken Market Square (Marktplatz). Friday, 20.00–24.00 / Saturday, 14.00–03.00 / Sunday, 11.00–24.00. Homepage: www.interlatina.ch
- 23 – 25 July** **7th Int. Jugglerfestival Interlaken**
Street artists show with acrobatics, juggling, magic and comedy. Daily, from 17:00. Free entrance. Information: www.gauklerfest-interlaken.ch
- July + Aug.** **Interlaken in Concert – Timeless Swissness**
Experience pure Swissness at the timeless Swissness concerts and be there to see alphorn blowers, flag throwers and a lot more folkloristic music groups from the region. You will see what Swiss tradition is all about. Every Wednesday, on one of the following squares, Interlaken (Kunsthau-Platz), Matten (William Tell Area), Unterseen (Stadthausplatz). Time: 20:30–21:30. www.interlaken.ch
- July, Aug., Sept.** **Interlaken in Concert – Timeless Jazz**
Jazz-concerts in Interlaken. This summer modern jazz music concerts will be held at the Hofer-Amman-Place in the center of Interlaken. Time: 19:30. www.interlaken.ch
- 1 Aug.** **Swiss National Day celebration.**
With a huge FOLKLORE PROCESSION through the centre, at 15:00 and a gigantic FIREWORK DISPLAY, at 22:00.
- 6 – 8 Aug.** **Lake Brienz Rock Festival** in Brienz. www.brienzerseerockfestival.ch
- 13 – 15 Aug** **Int. Saab Meeting** at the former Interlaken Military Airfield. www.intsaab2010.ch
- Sep.** **Alpine Cheese Festival at Justistal.**
The farmers whose cows have spent the summer in the Justis Valley get together to share out the cheese in proportion to the milk yield of their cows. Around midday the cheese is brought out of the stores and stacked in line, with the older and younger cheeses evenly mixed. The farmers then draw lots for the stacks of cheese and they must decide amongst themselves how much each farmer is due.

- 10 + 11 Sep. 18th International Jungfrau Marathon.**
With 4000 competitors from 50 countries and from all 5 continents. Route: Interlaken (565m)–Lauterbrunnen–Wengen–Kleine Scheidegg (2070m). Distance: 42,195 km.
Contact: Jungfrau Marathon, P.O. Box, 3800 Interlaken, tel. 033 827 62 00. Homepage: www.jungfrau-marathon.ch
- 10 – 12 Sep 5th Brienzer Lumberjack Days** in Brienzen. www.brienzerholzfaellertage.ch
- 10 Oct 54th Brienzerseelauf**
Switzerland's oldest long distance running race around Lake Brienz.
www.brienzerseelauf.ch
- 7.-10. Oct. INTERfolk Jungfrau – Folklore Festival.**
INTERfolk Jungfrau offers a great variety of folklore from Switzerland and foreign countries.
www.interfolk.ch (Kickoff: 2.10.)
- 21 Nov Starnacht (Star Night) in the Jungfrau Region**
The live audience and TV viewers can look forward to a superlative music show incorporating a stunning stage design and framed by the breathtaking scenery of the Jungfrau Region. www.starnacht.at
- 4 + 5 Dec. Christmas Market**
With numerous decorated stands and festive musical entertainment. In the centre of Interlaken. Sat, 10:00–21:00 / Sun, 10:00–18:00. www.christchindlimaerit.ch
- 31 Dec. New Year's Eve Parties**
In several hotels and restaurants. Enjoy Switzerland's longest New Years Eve!
www.laengster-silvester-der-schweiz.ch

SPECIAL PROGRAMME:

- May to Oct. Interlaken Sightseeing Tours in the tiny nostalgic train.**
Discover local historic & modern sightseeing attractions at close quarters and in comfort with a 30-minute ride around Interlaken. Daily, departure from the bus stop opposite the VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU Grand Hotel & Spa (see timetable). Info: tel. 079 764 62 60, Email: boedelibahn@quicknet.ch
- May to Oct. Sightseeing tour with Bödéli-Horse-Tram.**
Daily sightseeing carriage ride tour with horses, from trainstop Höheweg, opposite to the VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU Grand Hotel & Spa. For more information please contact following number: 033 822 74 16.
- May to Oct. Museum of Tourism of the Jungfrau-Region, Unterseen.**
Development of travel in the region in the past 200 years. Special exhibition 2010 «100 year review of tourism in Interlaken». Open: 01.05.08 – 30.10.08, Tues to Sun, 14:00–17:00. With advance notice and accompanied by a guide, groups of 10 pax or more may also visit the museum outside the official opening hours. Info: tel. 033 826 64 64.
www.unterseen.ch/museum

- April to Oct. Tin Figure Exhibition in the Interlaken Castle (Propstei).**
With commentaries, showing scenes from the world and cultural history.
www.zinnworld.ch Open: Middle April to middle October, Tuesday to Friday, 14:00–17:00.
With advance notice, groups of 6 or more persons may also visit the exhibition outside the official opening hours, tel. 033 823 13 32.
- entire year Chocolate Show – the art of chocolate making.**
Daily shows at 17:00 and 18:00. Duration: 20 minutes. Other shows possible by appointment. Location: Grand Restaurant Schuh, Höheweg 56, Interlaken, tel. 033 822 94 41. Entrance fee: CHF 14.80 (incl. a CHF 10.– chocolate voucher). www.schuh-interlaken.ch
- entire year Folklore Evening with the Duo Stägreif.**
Yodelling & alphorn blowing. Every Tuesday, 19:30–22:00, Restaurant Chalet/Hotel Oberland.
- for groups on request Swiss Folklore Show.**
Demonstration of traditional Swiss customs, entertainment & dancing, Swiss meals. At the Restaurant Spycher/Casino. Bookings: tel. 033 827 61 00. Homepage: www.casino-kursaal.ch
- entire year Casino Interlaken, Strandbadstrasse 44, Interlaken.**
American Roulette, Black Jack, Poker, 128 new generation slot machines. The gaming tables are in operation from 18:00 (Sundays from 16:00). Entry fee CHF 5.–. Admission age 18 years. Open: Daily, 12:00–02:00. Homepage: www.casino-interlaken.ch
- winter season Starlight sledging by moonlight at the Niederhorn/Beatenberg.**
From 18.12.07 – 20.03.08, every Friday. The offer includes the bus ride from Interlaken to Beatenberg, the cable car Beatenberg-Niederhorn and the sledge rental. Offer A «Starlight Sledging Plus», with fondue dinner and mulled wine. Offer B «Starlight Sledging» (without fondue dinner and mulled wine). Interlaken West bus station dep. 18:45, arrive back at 23:30. Advance reservation until 15:00 of the excursion day at the Interlaken Tourism office, Höheweg 37, tel. 033 826 53 00.

Programme is subject to change

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