

SWITZERLAND
CHATEAU D 'OEX INT'L BALLON FESTIVAL
Swiss Air Force Museum, Dubendorf &
Swiss Museum of Transportation Lucerne

Thursday, 29th January – Monday, 2nd February



The International Hot Air Balloon Festival in Château-d'Œx is an annual event held in Switzerland every January, renowned for attracting many hot air balloons and aeronauts from around the world. We are there for 2 full days.

The festival is a major tourist attraction, with activities including balloon rides, shows, mass 'glows' and ascents.

The region's microclimate makes it an ideal location for ballooning, and it has earned the title of the "capital of hot air ballooning".

Château-d'Œx was also the departure point for the Breitling Orbiter 3, the first balloon to complete a non-stop, round-the-world trip in 1999.

We also visit 2 of the best, and biggest, museums you will see anywhere: the big Swiss Air Force Museum at Dubendorf ; and the huge Museum of Transportation in Lucerne.

Tour price is based on a Land Only basis. You have the option of booking on the same flights as the Tour Manager (TM) – detailed below within the itinerary – or from your local airport to/from Zurich by contacting Alex at H-C Travel who will book them for you; or booking your own flights to/from the city. His phone number is: 01256 771755.

We stay at hotels in/near to Zurich Airport and Montreux, on a B&B basis.

Travel in-country is by 9-seater mini-van, 5 persons + TM in a van, each one driven by one of our well-travelled and experienced TMs; you will NOT be asked to share the driving.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY

Between 1315 and 1335, please check-in/bag drop with British Airways in Terminal 5 at Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, who will be gathering in the check-in area. Latest check-in/bag drop time is 90-minutes before departure.

✈ **Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5** **Flight: BA720**
✈ **Zurich**

Departs: 1535
Arrives: 1825

After Immigration, Baggage Reclaim and Customs, in the Arrivals Hall we meet those members of the group who have arrived from other UK airports.

We then pick up our hire van(s) and drive to our hotel at, or in the vicinity of Zurich Airport, staying overnight on a B&B basis.

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY

Today we visit the excellent collection of military aircraft in the Swiss Air Force Museum on the perimeter of Dubendorf airfield. We will request they open up earlier for us than the published 1330 opening time.

<https://airforcecenter.ch/startseite/>



We then drive on to the Montreux area – just over a 2-hour drive. And check in to our hotel – Tralala Hotel, Montreux – staying the first of three nights on a B&B basis.

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY

Departing at 07:00, we enjoy the whole day at balloon meet which is about an hour's drive from Montreux (50kms, 1hour + traffic). Website <https://www.festivaldeballons.ch/en>

DAY 4: SUNDAY, 1st FEBRUARY

A second full day up in the mountains getting some spectacular photos at the Chateau d OEx International Balloon Festival.



DAY 5: MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY

After breakfast we drive to Lucerne, a journey of around 2hrs 15mins, and spend the remainder of the day at the fantastic collection of trains, planes, boats, cars and coaches at the fabulous Swiss Museum of Transportation: <https://www.verkehrshaus.ch/en/> . You need at least several hours to see everything.

Mid-afternoon we continue on to Zurich Airport, just over an hour's drive away, drop off the van, and check in with the airline for our return flight to the UK. The Tour Managers flights are TBA.

✈ Zurich

Flight: BA723

Departs: 2110

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Arrives: 2155

Whilst waiting for our luggage to arrive Baggage Reclaim we take the opportunity to bid each other farewell – until our paths cross again!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 601
From: £1,240.00	based on sharing a twin-bedded room on a B&B basis; land only
From: £490.00	Single room supplement

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- All van transfers, as stated
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities
- Continental breakfast at the hotels
- Admission to both museums, as stated
- 2 days at the balloon festival including entry charge
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights on the scheduled services of British Airways from Heathrow Airport, as stated
- UK and Swiss Airport Taxes
- UK Passenger Duty Tax
- Visa – if required. UK & EU passport holders do not require a visa
- Personal expenditure, eg telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities

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[HTTPS://WWW.COAPWINGS.COM/TERMS-CONDITIONS](https://www.coapwings.com/terms-conditions)

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