



2021 will be steeped in history.

The coming year will carry travellers back to the early days of public transport. For 150 years, the Rigi Railways have delighted guests from all over the world. An anniversary that must be celebrated! Another exciting highlight awaits on the adjacent lake: the elaborately restored steam boat “Stadt Luzern” (1928) will see its comeback as a scheduled cruise boat.

Europe’s oldest cog railway turns 150.



The Rigi Railways will turn 150 in 2021! This important moment in the history of Swiss railways and tourism will be celebrated with an appropriately attractive program throughout the year. The Rigi is indeed a majestic mountain, and the festivities are yet another good reason to visit the “Queen of the mountains”. All information about highlights and activities around the anniversary can be found at rigi.ch/en/150th-anniversary-of-mount-rigi-railways. Joining the celebrations is well worth it!



The first historic event of a number yet to come was the transportation of the “Locomotive #7” from Lucerne to Vitznau in September 2020. The locomotive, built in 1873 and retired from duty after more than half a century of operation, had been lodging in the Swiss Museum of Transport from 1959. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Rigi Railways, the world’s only steam cog railway with a vertical boiler has now returned to its origins: by boat, it was transported from the museum to Vitznau. There, the locomotive is currently being restored to its former glory so that it can go uphill again in 2021, hissing and steaming.

rigi.ch/en/150th-anniversary-of-mount-rigi-railways

Touch the snow.



Snow all year round? Why, yes of course! The delightful white beauty is now there to savour 365 days a year on the Schilthorn – Piz Gloria. With the access to the permanent snowfield, the precious white element becomes touchable and tangible even in the summer months. Moreover, information boards convey interesting facts about the cool miracle that is snow. schilthorn.ch/en/Info/Piz_Gloria_2970_m_.9744_ft

The queen of Lake Lucerne is soon making her comeback.



The steam boat “Stadt Luzern” has always been the pride and joy of Lake Lucerne Cruises (SGV). In its 90-year history, the steamer has already attained great honours: high dignitaries such as Elizabeth II and General Guisan travelled aboard the vessel. In roughly 80,000 working hours, the magnificent boat has now been painstakingly renovated to meet all modern technical requirements. Right on time for the big welcome parade on 1 May

2021, it will be ready to be launched once again. From then on, it will be integrated in the scheduled Lake Lucerne cruise service and delight guests from all over the world in all its new glory.

Zoom the Matterhorn.



A new multimedia adventure world is being created at an altitude of over 3,000 metres! As if the panoramic view from the Gornergrat onto the Gorner Glacier and the surrounding mountain world weren't enough already, guests can now immerse themselves up close in nature-oriented displays and stagings. In three zoom stages, visitors draw nearer to the Matterhorn – on virtual paragliding flights with 3D glasses in floating armchairs, for instance. The adventure world opens its doors to the public in summer 2021. Thrills guaranteed!

gornergratbahn.ch/zoom

Ticket range, prices and area of validity in 2021.



Due to the ongoing corona crisis and the resulting tense situation in the tourism industry, the responsible public transport boards have decided to postpone the introduction of seasonal prices for a year until 2022. The prices for the Swiss Travel Pass and the Swiss Travel Pass Flex will remain unchanged and hence at this year's level throughout 2021. This applies to the Swiss Half Fare Card and the Swiss Family Card as well.

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In harmony with nature.

Sustainability in public transport.



By public transport, guests enjoy carefree travel across Switzerland - and it is even climate-friendly. Relying mostly on hydro-electric power, SBB takes travellers to their desired destination: fast, in comfort and practically CO2-free to boot. Whether gliding over a lake by solar-powered boat or floating upwards on a cableway: renewable energy characterises public transport and thus helps to turn travelling in Switzerland into a special experience.

Funi – a marvel of the art of engineering.



The "Funi" (short for "funicular") is Switzerland's last existing hydro-powered funicular and only a few minutes' walk from the railway station Fribourg. This nostalgic railway has been operating since 1899 – completely without electricity or exhaust fumes. The funicular is not powered by a motor but by residual water from the upper town. It uses filtered waste water from a 3,000-litre tank and thus overcomes 56.4 metres in altitude. MySwitzerland.com/de-ch/erlebnisse/le-funiculaire-ein-bijou/

SBB – Switzerland biggest provider of sustainable mobility.



SBB (Swiss Federal Railways), the country's biggest transport company, generates the electricity for its trains from hydropower – and this at the rate of 90 percent. Energy procurement for stations, offices as well as company and production buildings is already 100 percent CO₂-neutral. By 2025, all electricity is planned to come from renewable sources.

By means of innovative projects and numerous energy-saving measures, SBB contributes substantially to sustainable mobility in Switzerland – with the “adaptive control”, for instance, also dubbed “green wave”. The system provides recommendations to the train drivers so that they can avoid unplanned stops at halt signals and drive in a more environmentally friendly way. Travellers thereby also enjoy a more comfortable ride.

company.sbb.ch/en/the-company/responsibility-society-environment/sustainability/sustainability-strategy.html

Gornergrat Bahn: passengers produce energy on the way down.



The trains of the Gornergrat Railway are equipped with recuperation brakes. Thanks to this special braking system, the motional energy of the train is converted into electrical energy. During the ride back down into the valley, this energy is fed back into the overhead line and can be used for the mountain ride of other trains. With the energy recovery of three descents, up to two ascents can be supplied with energy.

Did you know... ?



- ... that only pedestrians and bicycles are more ecological than trains?
- ... that SBB plans to be completely climate-neutral by 2030?
- ... that an electric car produces 13 times more CO₂ than the train?

Pictures are ready for download [here](#).

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