

Invitation to ETCR Former Trainees Day 2017

The ETCR Former Trainees Weekend 2017 will take place in Lugano, Switzerland, October 20th – 22nd, 2017. Please find enclosed the registration form.

Registration

Please complete the enclosed registration form as quickly as possible and send it by e-mail to Hans Meiner, no later than June 30th, 2017. **The hotel rooms will be only held until mid of May, 2017.**

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Participation fee and payment

The fee to participate is CHF 245,- and includes lunches, dinners, train travel, funicular railway to San Salvatore, funicular railway to Seelisberg, Bus Transfers, boat on Lake Lucerne and Lake Lugano and Guided Tours.

If you bring your own free FIP coupons, the participation fee will be reduced to CHF 200,-

Payment should be made no later than June 30th, 2017 to the following bank account:

Bank: Postfinance
Account Name: Hans Meiner, Bern
SWIFT/BIC: POFICHBEXXX
IBAN: CH18 0900 0000 6106 8223 7

Note for account payee: ETCR + your name

Important: The fee will not be returned in the case of no show!!!

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been preliminary booked at following hotels:

Novotel Lugano-Paradiso

Superior double room per night, Bed and Breakfast: CHF 225,-
Superior double room for single use per night, Bed and Breakfast: CHF 170,-

IBIS Lugano-Paradiso

Double room per night, Bed and Breakfast: CHF 171,-
Single room per night, Bed and Breakfast: CHF 155,-

Payment for the accommodation shall be made by participants directly with the hotel. Rooms can be booked and reservations secured with a valid credit card, when booking please quote **reference code ETCR 2017** to obtain this special rate.

Reservations for both hotels by phone +41 91 985 09 09 or by email on h6775-re@accor.com.

To benefit from these hotel prices, you MUST make your booking directly with the hotel before mid of May, 2017.

There are further hotels like the IBIS Budget nearby –we don't have any special arrangements with these hotels. They can be reserved directly via

- <http://www.ibis.com/de/hotel-6781-ibis-budget-lugano-paradiso/index.shtml>
- www.booking.com

or other websites.

Disclaimer

Although we will do our best to organise the programme as outlined below, we would like to make the following disclaimer:

Each participant must acknowledge and accept the following in relation to his/her participation:

- This is a non-profitable organisation made up of private individuals acting on behalf of private individuals and as such they are doing so in a voluntary capacity for friends
- Any programme entry may be subject to alteration by ourselves
- Your participation is at your own risk. None of the organisers will be held liable for any damage to persons or property.

Programme

Friday October 20th, 2017

13.30h – 14.00h	Registration at Novotel Lugano-Paradiso <i>(Bus Nr. 2 from the train station to the final destination Geretta)</i>
14.00h – 15.00h	Presentation of – Swiss Federal Railways, <i>Mr. Reto Liechti, Head of Long Distance Traffic SBB</i> – Alp Transit Gotthard (Information about Gotthard and Ceneri Base tunnels), <i>Mr. Ambros Zraggen, Head of Communication AlpTransit</i>
15.00h – 18.00h	Visit to the construction site of the Ceneri Base Tunnel Transfer to Morcote
18.30h – 21.20h	Dinner at Ristorante della Posta, Morcote
21.34h or 22.34h	Departure by bus from Morcote
21.58h or 22.58h	Arrival at Lugano-Paradiso

Saturday October 21st, 2017

08.30h	Meet at Hotel Lobby for transfer to Lugano Railway station
09.19h	Departure from Lugano to Bellinzona
09.48h	Arrival in Bellinzona
10.00h – 11.30h	Sightseeing walking tour through Bellinzona, the capital of Ticino region
11.37h	Departure from Bellinzona on board the Gotthard Panoramic Express via the old mountain route. Small snack on board.
13.44h	Arrival in Flüelen Transfer to the Paddle steamer on Lake Lucerne
14.00h	Paddle steamer departure
14.57h	Arrival in Treib Excursion by Funicular railway to Seelisberg Funicular railway back to Treib. Alternatively, you can walk from Seelisberg to Rütli, the place where Switzerland was born.
16.02h	Departure from Treib
16.21h	Departure from Rütli
16.55h	Arrival in Flüelen
17.09h	Departure from Flüelen on a modern Eurocity train through the new Gotthard Base tunnel
18.17h	Arrival in Lugano, Transfer to the hotels
19.00h – 22.30h	Funicular railway to San Salvatore (mountain overlooking Lugano). Official ETCR Dinner at Restaurant San Salvatore

Sunday October 22nd, 2017

09.25h	Meet at Hotel Lobby Novotel
09.47h	Departure by boat from Lugano Paradiso to Gandria
10.10h	Arrival at Gandria Museo Doganale. Guided visit of the Smugglers museum
11.44h	Departure from Gandria Museo Doganale Sandwich and drink onboard
12.13h	Arrival at Lugano-Paradiso
12.20h	Arrival at Lugano Giardino (City centre). For those having to leave immediately, you can take your luggage on the boat and transfer from Lugano Giardino directly to Lugano train station (appr. 15mins).
12.30h	End of Programme