



The Tool Tour 2010

Switzerland

With an Optional Extension to the David Stanley Tool Auction

September 13 - 23, 2010

Welcome to the Early American Industries Association's annual tour offering! This year we head to Switzerland for an array of adventures among the pristine beauty of the lakes and mountains that have isolated this country from the ebb and flow of much recent European history. Staunchly independent, the Swiss have steadfastly refused to join the European Union - or the last two world wars!

Our circular tour of the country will begin in the lakeside town of Lucerne dominated by the towering Mt. Pilatus. From here we'll take an excursion to the very east of the country for a private tour of the Toggenburg Forge and Tool Museum. For six generations the Meier family have run the forge and we will have a tour with one of the current family members.

Another highlight for many will be a ride on the famed Glacier Express - one of the "great railway journeys of the world." A miracle of modern engineering, the views from the train as it passes through the mountains are spectacular.

Along the way we'll seek out fellow enthusiasts, browse local antique stores, visit fascinating local museums and marvel at the natural beauty that surrounds. This fall, why not join Discover Europe's David Phillips and a group of like-minded friends on an adventure in Switzerland.

Day-by-day Itinerary

Monday, September 13th **Overnight: Plane**
Evening departure from your chosen gateway city.

Tuesday, September 14th **Overnight: Lucerne**
Arrivals at Zurich Airport will be met for the transfer to our hotel in the nearby lakeside town of Lucerne. The rest of the day will be free to unpack, relax and begin exploring the neighborhood. We gather this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Wednesday, September 15th **Overnight: Lucerne**
There will be a walking tour of the old town this morning. We'll stroll along the lake shore and across the Kapellbrücke, the ancient covered wooden bridge that protected the entrance to the river, to visit the Hofkirche. There has been a church on this site since 735 AD, although the present structure dates from 1633. The afternoon and evening are free. You may like to journey further along the lake to visit the Verkehrshaus Museum, with its award winning transport and communications exhibits, or take the cable car up nearby Mt. Pilatus (7,000 ft) for incredible views of the surrounding region, or visit the Stocker Alphorn factory in nearby Kriens. **(B)**



The Eiger

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land Only (no airfare included):	\$2990
Single supplement:	\$550

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

Hotels:	9 nights accommodation in first class hotels. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
Coaching:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
Meals:	Breakfast daily, 5 dinners (1 with entertainment).
Guides:	Discover Europe tour director throughout.
Expenses:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person.
Trains:	Tickets on the Glacier Express.
Entrances:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
Insurance:	Travel insurance including cancellation coverage.
Donation:	A \$250 per person tax-deductible donation to EAIA.





Thursday, September 16th

A full day excursion today takes us east towards the German border. Our first stop will be at the Abbey of St. Gallen, where we'll visit the famous library, supposedly the finest Rococo room ever built. We'll also visit the local History and Ethnology Museum, which has an interesting tool collection. From here we continue, after a break for lunch, to the Toggenburg Forge and Tool Museum for a guided tour. On our return to Lucerne we will attend an evening of traditional Swiss food and folklore at the renowned Stadtkeller. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Lucerne

Friday, September 17th

Heading south this morning, our first stop will be the Open Air Museum of Swiss Life at Ballenberg. We continue, along beautiful mountain roads to Andermatt, where we board the Glacier Express, one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world, to Brig. At Brig we change trains and continue on to Lausanne, where dinner awaits us at our hotel. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Lausanne

Saturday, September 18th

A full day excursion today to Geneva. After a short panoramic tour of the city,

Overnight: Lausanne

during which we will see the Reformation Monument celebrating the life and work of Calvin, the Palais des Nations (the European seat of the United Nations) and St. Peter's Cathedral, there will be free time for lunch and to explore the city. Be sure to stop by Antiquites Scientifiques, a wonderful antique tool store on the rue de Perron. On our way back to Lausanne we'll stop and visit the Musee des M^{et}iers du Bois in Aubonne. Free evening in Lausanne. **(B)**

Sunday, September 19th

This morning we travel around Lake Geneva, just south of Montreux, to the Chateau d'Aigle, a most impressive medieval castle that also houses the Museum of Wine and Wine-making. We'll spend a free afternoon in Montreux before returning to Lausanne for the evening. The intrepid may wish to take the rack railway from the town up to the Rochers-de-Naye, for an incredible view encompassing Lake Geneva, the Bernese and Valais Alps, the Savoy Alps and the Jura. **(B)**

Overnight: Lausanne



Monday, September 20th

Leaving Lausanne this morning we will wend our way through the mountains to the Swiss capital, Bern. We stop for lunch and a quick tour of the town center before making our way to Nidau on nearby Lake Biel. Here we'll visit the Centre Muller, a machinery museum that presents reconstructed workshops from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We arrive at our hotel in Basel with time to freshen up before dinner. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Basel



The Glacier Express

Tuesday, September 21st

Our morning sightseeing of Basel includes a visit to the Historical Museum. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B)**

Overnight: Basel

Wednesday, September 22nd

Leaving Basel, we drive this morning to Zurich, the financial capital of the country. We'll check in to our hotel, take a break for lunch, and then visit the Swiss National Museum. The rest of the afternoon is free until we gather at the hotel for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Zurich

Thursday, September 23rd

Morning transport to Zurich Airport for returning flights to the US - or to fly to England. **(B)**

Overnight: Home

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Thursday, September 23rd

Bidding farewell to your recent travelling companions, you take a flight from Zurich to Manchester Airport. Here you will be met for the transfer to the Bretby Conference Center, the new home of the David Stanley International Tool Auction. This evening we have dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Bretby

Friday, September 24th

A full day at the auction in Bretby. Free evening. **(B)**

Overnight: Bretby

Saturday, September 25th

This morning you can spend more time at the auction or, alternatively, join an excursion to a nearby, and as yet undetermined, local attraction. This afternoon we drive to London, for a farewell dinner and a final night before tomorrow's departure. **(B, D)**

Overnight: London

Sunday, September 26th

Morning transport to the airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**

Overnight: Home

The cost of this extension is **\$990** per person, double occupancy (single supplement \$250).

The following services are included:
 one way flight from Zurich to Manchester,
 3 nights' hotel accommodation,
 full breakfast daily, 2 dinners,
 all ground transportation as described,
 entrance fees to sites in the itinerary,
 extended insurance coverage,
 portorage of one large suitcase per person,
 services of a tour guide throughout.

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner