

Alps 2003

Itinerary details and route descriptions

Here's the plan as it currently stands. I'll send it out in 2-day instalments as time allows, until you have the complete tour by about mid-July .. and if you spot any mistakes or possible impossibilities, please don't hesitate to let me know! The main thing is that we're going to enjoy being in the mountains of the Berner Oberland, and that we'll be comfortable doing it! This trip may turn out to be slightly more expensive than previous ones, but I'll give you that detail at the end of the itinerary. Yodel-eh-de-hoo!

Day 1 Tuesday 26 August **Travel from Glasgow to Meiringen**

We'll meet at **Glasgow Airport at 0815** at the Easyjet check-in desks for flight 68 to Luton leaving at 0920. I have the confirmation documents, and we'll have to check in as two groups since they only allow a maximum of eight per group ...

Group 1 Confirmation no E28SLJZ:
Allan Boyd, Diane Burton, Richard Charnock-Smith, Bob MacDonald,
Andy McGowan, Kenny MacKenzie, Ian Moffatt, Iris Moffatt.

Group 2 Confirmation no E28SLPV:
Miriam Murphy, Willie Robison, Mark Setford

The flight is supposed to arrive at 1040 at Luton, where we'll recover the baggage and hang about until check-in time for flight 2033 to Zurich leaving at 1335. Arlene and Brandon .. please arrive at Luton around 12 noon and catch up with the rest of the group! We'll check in again as two groups, this time with 5 in the second group.

Group 1 Confirmation no E28SLZR:
Allan Boyd, Diane Burton, Arlene Carruthers, Richard Charnock-Smith, Bob MacDonald, Andy McGowan, Kenny MacKenzie, Ian Moffatt.

Group 2 Confirmation no E28SM5Q:
Iris Moffatt, Miriam Murphy, Brandon Rennet, Willie Robison, Mark Setford.

The flight is supposed to arrive at Zurich at 1625 their time, when we'll recover the baggage yet again and head for the train. If all goes according to plan, we should catch the following trains

Zurich Flughafen	IC734	dep 1713 platform 3 arr Zurich HB 1723 platform 15
Zurich HB	IR1971	dep 1735 platform 54 arr Luzern 1828 platform 8
Luzern	D2488	dep 1834 platform 12 arr Meiringen 1953



.... and if we don't make it there's the same journey leaving at 1817 and arriving at 2053. I've already purchased 13 Swiss Cards, which give us our train journey to first destination, train back to Zurich airport, and discounts on PostBuses, cable cars and mountain railways in between. At £85 each, they're not cheap, but will probably represent good value for money.

So, hopefully the 12 minutes at Zurich main station (HB) will be enough for us to leave some luggage for recovery on our return on Wednesday 3 September. What I'd suggest is that you have a rucksack packed only for the 7 days walking, and a sports bag or small case with fresh clothes etc for deposit in left luggage and collection on our return to Zurich. Any walking poles and iceaxes will be checked in together and separately in Mark's trusty kitbag. (OK Mark?) As long as the total weight per person doesn't exceed 20kg, we'll be OK.

On arrival at Meiringen, we'll walk the 5 minutes to the Hotel Rebstock for dinner and overnight. At 70SFr each, it's a bit more upmarket than the mountain hotels, but after a long day travelling and a late arrival it'll probably be worth it. The phone number is 0041 33 971 0755 .. and you can look at their website on www.hotel-rebstock.ch. John and Liz Logie will probably have arrived from their retreat in France well before us.

The rooms I've been able to secure make sharing something like

2 x twin room	John and Liz Ian and Iris
1 x 3-bed room	Arlene, Diane and Miriam
2 x 4-bed room	Allan, Richard, Bob and Andy Kenny, Brandon, Willie and Mark

There shouldn't be any need for an early breakfast .. except for the peak baggers! See Day 2 > > >
