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Event Description: Multi-sport, multi-culture trip to **St. Moritz, Switzerland** that includes hiking, biking, rafting, spa and fantastic alpine scenery.

Timing: July 22, Wed , 2009 (group meets in Zurich airport) to July 31, Fri, 2009
10 days / 9 nights in St.Moritz www.engadin.stmoritz.ch/region

Event type: European Adventure trip

Trip Leader: René Welti, rwelti@bellsouth.net, Tel: 770/265-0044 (Swiss-American, has lead many travel groups to the area, speaks “Swiss-German” and will be hands-on to make this a most memorable trip for you all!)

Switzerland’s, St. Moritz branding “Top of the World”, is one of Europe’s most scenic alpine areas at 1,857m offers Atlanta Ski club participants superb multi-sport, haute-cuisine and multi-cultural experiences all at an affordable value packed rate. Our itinerary is designed so each day there is an organized “highlight” activity however you are free to do and choose as you please.

Our Hotel Hauser, three star accommodations, is centrally located in the heart of St. Moritz with the friendly Marinda & Markus Hauser, 3rd generation family owners extending a warm welcome to our group. The Hauser bar is one of St. Mortiz’s popular watering holes and for those who wish to rub elbows with the rich and the famous, the 5-star world famous Badrutt’s Palace, KINGS CLUB (no curfew) is an easy 5-minute walk away.

All the multi-sport hiking, biking in outstanding alpine scenery is easy to experience with well-marked and easily accessible paths and trails with alpine restaurants always nearby. Throughout you will see Swiss Brown cows and hear their clanging bells. Also there are nearby cog-wheel or trams offering scenic rides up or down the mountains with tickets included in our rate.

There’s something about Swiss food in the alps; it tastes doubly good! In the morning your nostrils will enjoy the great smelling bakeries, your tongues the delicious locally made chocolates, your palates the Swiss wines & beer and your eyes will “pop” seeing the diverse creative visual presentations of our daily buffet breakfasts, daily 3-course dinners and the appealing way Swiss food is presented.

Your multi-cultural experience includes meeting local Swiss who speak a number of languages and you will hear “Romansch” dialects that are very pleasing to the ear. The 37 mile rail Bernina pass train excursion into Tirano, Italy offers rail buffs breath-taking vistas as your ride over 52 graceful viaducts, through 13 tunnels and galleries hewn into the sheer rock, through switch-back tunnels, along rushing mountain streams and glaciers.

Rate:

\$1,395.- per person early bird sign up by Jan. 16, 2009.

\$1,445.-per person after Jan. 16, 2009 with March 1, 2009 as the cut off date for participation.

(No single supplement surcharge. Up to 5 single rooms available on first-come first-serve)

The rate includes:

- 9 nights in 3-star family run **Hotel Hauser** located in the heart of St. Moritz. All tips and gratuities at the hotel. www.hotelhauser.ch Free WiFi
- Breakfast buffet and 3-course dinners throughout.
- Zurich airport – St. Moritz – Zurich airport – 1st class rail
- All local St. Moritz excursions with the Engadine Swiss public transportation system.
- Bernina Express full day train ride –1st class rail.
- All St. Moritz mountain cogwheel & tram tickets to Corviglia and Piz Nair summits
- Escorted by Swiss speaking tour guide.
- Land rate is based on a minimum of 20 participants.

Items not included:

- Lunches
- Drinks at dinner
- Mountain biking excursion (estimate \$60. pp)
- All personal items purchased at the hotel
- Spa related services & fees
- All items and things not listed on the itinerary
- Transatlantic air transportation

Participation, Deposit, Payment, Details:

Deposit at signup: \$350.- per person

1st Installment due: \$700.- due by March 1, 2009

Final payment due: May 01, 2009

St. Moritz websites, visuals and Tourist Office Welcome!

St. Moritz is located in the heart of the Engadine Valley, one of the most scenic places in the world. The sun shines over 300 days per year and is more intense due to the areas southern exposure. The agreeably dry air inspired the designation for “**champagne climate**”.

See www.engadin.stmoritz.ch/region - for more pictures and description

On the following sites you can visualize yourself experiencing the various activities available in St. Moritz:

Hiking: www.stmoritz.ch/engadinst-moritz-hiking-paradise

Nordic walking: <http://www.stmoritz.ch/nordic-walking-002-010221-en.htm>

Mountain biking: <http://www.stmoritz.ch/mountain-biking-002-010202-en.htm>

St. Moritz welcomes all members of the Atlanta Ski Club Summer 2009 tour group!

Dear Réne

Thanks for your mail of July 30 and the interesting attachment. I'll pass our correspondence to Ariane Ehrat, CEO of our new destination management company, who will certainly make sure that you will get all her support for the preparation and the execution of your July 09 St. Moritz itinerary.

With my best personal thanks and wishes to your family and your crew.

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PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

Wednesday, July 22 Zurich – St. Moritz

11.00 am Meet at the Zurich airport in the # 2 Terminal, arrival level, in the Helvetia Bar & Café area as our meeting point and re-group. (tables and WC's available) Collectively we walk to the train platforms, located in the airport and board the 4-hour scenic train ride to St. Moritz.

3.00 pm Arrive in St. Moritz and transfer to the centrally located **Hotel Hauser** www.hotelhauser.ch
Evening Welcome Reception, organized by the local tourist office. We will also meet our local guides to review the week in advance, fine tune our daily organized trips based on weather forecasts, events going on and suggestions from the participants and locals.

Thursday, July 23 St. Moritz

Morning St. Moritz orientation. After our buffet breakfast we will do a St. Moritz village walking tour that includes pointing out the historic highlights, explaining how the local transportation systems work and introducing everyone to the main shops, restaurants and hotels in the area.

Afternoon Walking options:

-Walk along the picturesque Lake Silvaplana.

-Walk up to Piz Nair, a 9,700 ft. Roof of Europe summit for a spectacular view of the surrounding Alps. There are several restaurants along the way for rest and reinforcement.

Cog wheel train from the Piz Nair summit back to St. Moritz.

Friday, July 24 Muottas Muralg Hike

This classic mountain trail of the Upper Engadine is an excursion to the neighboring village of Pontresina that connects us with the "Höhenweg"

This is an easy walk on a fairly level path at the altitude of 6,000 ft. and offers great vistas into the Engadine Valley and its Alpine lakes.

<http://www.stmoritz.ch/engadinst-moritz-hiking-paradise-002-010200-en.htm>

Saturday, July 25 St. Moritz – Tirano, Italy

Today we take the panoramic *Bernina Express* train over graceful viaducts, through switch-back tunnels, along glaciers and mountain streams to Tirano, Italy. (remember to bring your passport!)

There is time to visit the busy marketplace, have an Italian lunch (on your own) before heading back to St. Moritz.

(This railway system is on the UNESCO list – see for more info on <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1276>)

Sunday, July 26

St. Moritz–Furtschellas-Fextal- Sils Maria- St. Moritz

Here we take public transportation and experience an easy hike in the lower part of the Engadine Valley.

The hike begins in Furtschellas with a cable car ride up the mountain for a new perspective of the Alps.

We wind through tiny mountain hamlets and visit an alpine chapel with its unique frescos - an unexpected cultural monument. On return we pass through Sils Maria (1809 metres) over Fex-Platta and through the gorge of the Fex brook.

Monday, July 27

Morning:

St. Moritz – Spa & Clean Energy Tour

The springs at St. Moritz are the highest-altitude mineral springs in Switzerland. Along with the Alpine moor mud and strongly invigorating Alpine climate of the upper Engadine, the naturally curative carbonated mineral springs have made St. Moritz a place of healing for thousands of years. It was the springs that first made St. Moritz famous. Water from the iron-rich springs was already being collected and used for healing more than 3000 years ago.

<http://www.stmoritz.ch/engadinst-moritz-hiking-paradise-002-010200-en.htm>

At the welcome reception we will ask a representative attend who will explain all the options and rates.

Afternoon:

Clean Energy Tour www.bergbahnenengadin.ch/021stm_030101_en.htm
The Clean Energy Tour is a unique energy, climate and nature experience. The route stretches from the St. Moritz station up to the Piz Nair (3,057 meters above sea level) and presents various renewable energy installations.

Tuesday, July 28

St. Moritz – Mountain Biking

Pumping adrenaline on a downhill ride or leisurely pedaling along the Inn river: The Engadine is ideally suited for mountain bike excursions with an almost infinite web of routes for riders of all levels.

We will sort out a program to meet everyone's ability. The escorted trip including bike rental is expected to be about \$60.

<http://www.stmoritz.ch/mountain-biking-002-010202-en.htm>

Wednesday, July 29 Lake Silvaplana

Surfing, Rafting or In-line skating. Please see below descriptions for each. Based on the weather and everyone's interest we will determine the best options.

Thursday, July 30

St. Moritz

Last day in St. Moritz for walking on your own, shopping or resting. Optional programs available.

Friday, July 31

Depart St. Moritz for Zurich airport or on own program

Transfer by train to Zurich or Zurich airport.

The first train departs St. Moritz at 5:40 a.m. arriving at 10:08 a.m. at the Zurich Airport allowing you to board flights departing after 12:00 p.m. on the same day.

Please let the trip leader René Welti know if you need an overnight in Zurich and he will be happy to assist with accommodations.

July 29 & July 30 Options

Windsurfing

The Lake Silvaplana is Switzerland's Mecca for wind- and kitesurfers. Thanks to the Maloja wind and the excellent access to the lake, numerous surfers converge here every year. The Engadine Windsurfing Marathon and Engadine Wind with the Kitesurfing World Cup have spread the fame of Silvaplana lake worldwide.

Rafting

The Inn river is one the best known rivers of Europe. It is popular especially for its varied white water passages for every level of difficulty.

Inline skating

The Engadine offers ideal conditions for inline skaters with special circuits on the Samedan airport (1.6 miles / 2.5 km), from La Punt to S-chanf (5.4 miles / 8.6 km), in St. Moritz Bad and in other plane areas. The two main circuits on the airport of Samedan and from La Punt to S-chanf are topographically easy routes and well suited for speed skaters, fun skaters and families.

Transatlantic Air

At this time DL is unable to provide an air transportation rate. Since everyone may have their own transatlantic air transportation preferences, it is recommended each participant work on getting their individual air. In early 2009 we can review how many people still need air tickets and possibly pursue a group air. Currently plan on a range from \$1,500 to \$1,800.- for round trip transatlantic air during the July 2009 periods.

Do not purchase your air tickets until you have been notified that we have reached the minimum 20 people required.

Note the arrival and departure dates and times when you make your air reservations:

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On Friday, July 31, first train departs St Moritz at 5:40 a.m and arrives 10:08 a.m. at the Zurich Airport. Therefore if you have flights that depart after **12.00 pm** you can depart directly from St. Moritz the same day.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that you purchase cancellation insurance coverage to protect against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. In the event of a traveler becoming ill during a tour, all hospital and medical expenses are the traveler's responsibility and they shall not be entitled to any refund, either total or partial.

December 02, 2008 Tuesday at 3.00 PM (EST) – FREE Trip Preview Call where you can speak with René Welti, trip leader who will be presenting the trip and available to answer all your questions. The call will be recorded with a copy made available to you via a post-call download system. This way you have all the information, questions and answers available to you and your trip members.

To participate in the FREE Trip Preview Call here's all you have to do:

You dial this number 712-432-3900 and enter the access code 5602919 followed by the # key