



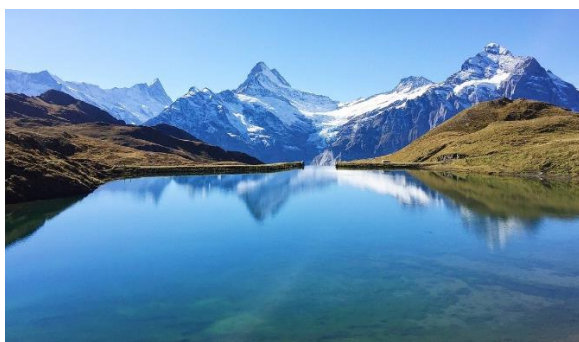
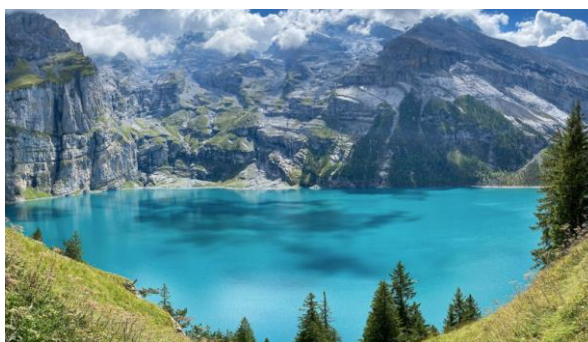
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In various advertisements for Switzerland, we often see a beautiful lake, reflecting on its waters the mountains surrounding it, and wonder where this place is. Indeed, the land of towering Alps hides countless of these shimmering treasures. These glacial bodies of water, with their mirror-like surfaces and mesmerizing shades of blue and green, offer not only spectacular views but also unforgettable hiking experiences. As autumn blankets the country in hues of amber, russet, and gold, there is no better time to explore these natural wonders.

One of the most famous and accessible mountain lakes is Lake Oeschinen, perched near Kandersteg in the Bernese Oberland. Lying at an elevation of about 1'578 meters above sea level, Lake Oeschinen is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Hiking there in the autumn offers an especially charming experience. A popular way to reach the lake is by taking the gondola from Kandersteg to Oeschinen, and then hiking a relatively easy trail that winds for about 30 minutes. Another favourite is Bachalpsee lake, above Grindelwald also in the Bernese Alps. The journey to Bachalpsee begins with a scenic cable car ride from Grindelwald to First, followed by a relatively easy and well-marked 1.5-hour hike. The lake is nestled at an altitude of about 2,265 meters, and once you arrive, you are greeted by views that could come straight from a postcard. The lake's glassy surface perfectly mirrors the snow-capped peaks of the Schreckhorn and Wetterhorn, creating a picture-perfect backdrop that becomes even more magical with the colors of autumn.



A bit further from Geneva and Lausanne, in the canton of Graubünden, there are the mountain lakes of Sils and Cauma. Sils in the Engadine Valley, is located at an elevation of 1'797 meters. It is accessible from the charming village of Sils Maria, not too far from St Moritz. Lake Sils also has cultural allure; the philosopher Nietzsche spent several summers in Sils Maria. Lake Cauma, known as the "Lake of Rest," lies in the forested area near Flims in Graubünden. A pleasant 20-minute walk through a forested path from Flims will bring you to this gem. The hike around the lake is relatively easy and offers various viewpoints where you can sit and admire the tranquil scene.

We wish you all a very nice autumn, a great "vacances de patate" to the children and Happy October 29 Republic Day.

Please keep us posted on events and news that you would like to share at assosuisseturquie@gmail.com

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

Association Events

Republic Ball – November 16

Geneva

We have great prizes for this year's tombola which will benefit students in need both in Switzerland and in Türkiye.

For future Association events: www.assoctr.ch

Member Events

İzim Çetindağ Exhibition - November 18 to 24

Our member İzim Çetindağ will exhibit at Artium Gallery in Old Town (11, rue de l'Hôtel de Ville, 1204 Genève). About painting, the artist says: *"I visualize each painting as a mysterious journey, full of surprises and unexpected findings. I get excited by the discovery of the outcomes of my strokes when pastel and vibrant colors meet my harmony. I am always impatient to see the end of my journey."*

Vernissage November 18 at 6pm at Artium

Other Events

Interactive Visit: How Does Swiss Democracy Work? – October 8

11:30 – 14:30, Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville 2

<https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/communications/events/how-does-swiss-democracy-work>

Concours de Genève 78th edition – October 15-22

The prestigious competition which helped the debut of many famous artists, will, this year, select winners in chant and competition. For more information and the laureates' concert

https://www.concoursgeneve.ch/section/concours/chant_2024-1/

Conference: Trade and the End of Antiquity – October 22 at 14:15

Graduate Institute

This very interesting topic researched and presented by Johannes Boehm and Thomas Chaney reveals that technical progress, increased minting, and to a lesser degree the fall in trade flows over the newly formed border between Islam and Christianity contributed to the relative growth of Muslim Spain and the Frankish lands of northern Europe and the decline of the Roman-Byzantine world. Our estimates are consistent with the increased urbanization of western and northern Europe relative to the eastern Mediterranean from the 8th to the 10th century.

<https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/communications/events/trade-and-end-antiquity>

Halloween in Geneva – from October 26 to November 2

An all night danse or a promenade through the torture chambers of Geneva, there are several events this year that await Halloween enthusiasts. For details :

<https://www.tempslibre.ch/actualites/halloween-id-es-de-sorties-horifiques-609#gen%C3%A8ve>

Silk Roads Exhibition – Until February 23, 2025

British Museum, London

The exhibition promises to be very interesting for those who are interested in cultural exchanges along this trade route which passed through by many Turkic states and covered nearly the entire EurAsia. Working with 29 national and international partners to present objects from many regions and cultures alongside those from the British Museum collection, the exhibition offers a unique chance to see objects from the length and breadth of the Silk Roads. From Tang Chinese ceramics destined for ports in the Middle East to Indian garnets found in Suffolk, they reveal the astonishing reach of these networks. Highlight objects from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan that have never been seen in the UK before also underpin the importance of Central Asia to this continent-spanning story:

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/exhibitions/silk-roads>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations

Our association makes regular donations to various foundations and schools both in Switzerland and Türkiye. Our website has a specific page on these:

<https://www.assoctr.ch/fr/yardimlarimiz>

“Lausanne Bizim Lozan”

100th year edition. The much-praised book published by our Association is available for purchase at: Letubooks Librairie d’Art in Geneva

Online [on our website www.assoctr.ch](http://www.assoctr.ch)

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Swiss Turkish Economic Forum and the Swiss Days Took Place on 20-21 September

This year’s events were held with Mr Guillaume Scheurer, the new Ambassador of Switzerland to Türkiye. Particularly Swiss Days held in Bomontiada was all about education and career planning for young people in Türkiye with main target group: motivated young people and students aged 18 to 25 who want to actively shape their future.

Lecture: Empire of Refugees on October 7

Online – organized by Anglo-Turkish Society

This often-neglected part of history is about all the Muslim-Ottomans who, during the wars between 1850 and WWI, had to leave behind their ancestral homes to take refuge on Anatolian soil.

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/empire-of-refugees-north-caucasian-muslims-and-the-late-ottoman-state/>

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Exhibitions and Events

Ozan Sağdıç: The Photographer’s Testimony

İstanbul Modern

Until October 20

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/ozan-sadc-the-photographers-testimony/>

Hubris by Serkan Sarier

Pilevneli Dolapdere

Until November 9

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/hubris-by-serkan-sarier/>

Şakir Gökçebağ: As It Seems

Arter

Until November 10

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/akir-goekceba-as-it-seems/>

Prinkipo Mon Amour: Büyükkada’s 19th-century photographs

Splendid Palas Hotel

Until January 5, 2025

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/principe-mon-amour/>

Lectures

Layered Levantine Identities : The Galvany Family's Networks and Built Legacy in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond

Online lecture

October 29 at 6pm UK time

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/35th-levantine-heritage-foundation1/>

City and Architecture: the Contribution of the Greeks

Online lecture

November 12 at 6pm UK time

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/city-and-architecture-the-contribution-of-the-greeks/>

Trieste and the Levant

Institute of Languages Cultures and Societies, London

November 27 at 4:30pm

<https://www.cornucopia.net/events/trieste-and-the-levant1/>

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