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Frommer's Switzerland (Frommer's Complete Guides)



Synopsis

The best of the great outdoors, from hiking the Swiss mountains to exploring the sparkling lakes of central Switzerland--and even strolling along the palm-lined waterfront promenades in the Ticino. Insider advice on planning your ideal ski vacation, whether you prefer schussing down a Swiss mountainside in isolation and retiring to a peaceful mountain hut or hitting the slopes with a crowd and spending the evening mingling with Europe's glitterati. Our authors guide you to the most unforgettable "only in Switzerland experiences," such as the ZibelemÃfÃrit onion festival in Bern and the marvel of Swiss engineering that is the Glacier Express. The best of Swiss art and architecture, from the historic cathedrals of Bern and Basel to the Museum Rietberg in Zurich. Opinionated write-ups. No bland descriptions and lukewarm recommendations. Our expert writers are passionate about their destinations--they tell it like it is in an engaging and helpful way. Exact prices listed for every establishment and activity--no other guides offer such detailed, candid reviews of hotels and restaurants. We include the very best, but also emphasize moderately priced choices for real people. All Complete guides offer user-friendly features including star ratings and special icons to point readers to great finds, excellent values, insider tips, best bets for kids, special moments, and overrated experiences.

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Relive Lucerne's early history at the Chapel Bridge (KapellbrÃfÃcke), where 122 paintings depict events from the city's past. See chapter 12. Easy-to-read maps throughout Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information Candid reviews of hotels and

restaurants, plus sights, shopping, and nightlife Itineraries, walking tours, and trip-planning ideas
Insider tips from local expert authors

A team of veteran travel writers, Darwin Porter and Danforth Prince, have written Frommer's Switzerland since the inception of the guide. Porter has also written separate guides over the years to both Zurich and Geneva. They have also written other Frommer's guides to Europe, including Germany, Italy, Spain, and Austria, plus city and regional guides to Frankfurt, Munich, and the Bavarian Alps, Vienna and the Danube, and Berlin. Porter is a Hollywood and political biographer, a radio broadcaster, and a columnist. Prince, a former member of the Paris bureau of The New York Times, is also president of Blood Moon Productions.

Used this book to help plan a trip to Australia --- only kidding, just seeing if you are paying attention! I had never been to Switzerland and needed to come up with a vacation plan. Frommer's was a good start as they give you a great overview of all areas. Sometimes I wondered if the businesses they recommend had paid them as I found other establishments to be better than the ones recommended. Overall - it's a good place to start.

I have been using Frommers for all my leisure travel-related needs for the last 16 years, and it is becoming increasingly apparent to me that they are resting on their laurels. Don't let the year fool you. I am beginning to think that Frommers merely takes the last year's edition and slap the newest year on it to justify purchasing the 'latest' edition. Instead you get clearly outdated, overhyped information. Frommers likes to put it out there that they are 'in the know' for the best experiences, but let me tell you firsthand they overpromise in the form of their descriptions. A few examples. The 'Bear Pits' of Bern. Strongly implying that they have been at the same location for "[hundreds] of years" in the same location. "Be sure to bring a bag of carrots to feed them". Uh, WRONG. The so-called pits looks like a zoo exhibit on a hillside, complete with concrete caves, barriers, etc. In fact, when you go into Bern, you learn quickly that it has moved several times, along with the times. Oh, and forget those carrots. Total fabrication. You are not allowed to feed them. The clock tower in Bern is a bust. Save yourself travel fare and google a picture of it. The great show that is promised is a bust as well. I could go on and on about other places, such as their descriptions of Zurich, Lucerne and such. Don't get me wrong, they are fabulous cities in their own right, each with their own individual character. It's just that I consider it a complete betrayal of trust when you put out an outdated edition, resting on your laurels and never following up to see if you are current. Beware.

This book is a piece of junk.

Wonderful! Lots of great information.

We are headed for Switzerland in a few weeks and most appreciate the data in this book on places to visit, eat and stay.

What I expected.

This was a great guide for us while driving in Switzerland. Frommer's recommendations and descriptions for places to stay and site-see were fairly accurate. When they list a five star hotel as such, believe it. They also included mini walking tours in various cities ... it was great!!! What a fantastic way to get acquainted with unknown spots!!!!

This was a gift to friends who are traveling to Switzerland for the first time.....perfect travel companion! And a great gift!

Frommer is always a good guide. I haven't actually finished it yet as I'm not traveling until August. Still, it was useful in deciding where we want to spend more time on our itinerary.

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