

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme MAY – JULY 2025

96th Edition

« Hiking Shoes on ! »

Ravine Erlenbach



Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Register by May 8 latest

Let's travel back into good old times...

Alterthümer Magazine Zurich



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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« What did your first
Computer look like ? »

COMPUTER MUSEUM

Stäfa



Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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GYMNASTIC EQUIPMENT MUSEUM Ebnet-Kappel



Saturday, July 12, 2025

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SUMMARY

MAY

Tuesday, 13 ^h	Ravine Erlenbach hike - <i>register by 8th May</i>
Tuesday, 20 th	Alterthümer Magazine Zürich – <i>register by 15th May</i>
Tuesday, 27 th	Open House at the Werdguet

JUNE

Wednesday, 4 th	Computer Museum Stäfa - <i>register by 26th May</i>
Saturday, 14 th	Hearty brunch at Café des Amis– <i>register by 6th June</i>
Tuesday, 24 th	Open House at the Werdguet

JULY

Saturday, 12 th	Gymnastic Equipment Museum A&E – <i>register by 7th July</i>
Tuesday, 22 nd	Royals visiting at National Museum - <i>register by 16th July</i>
Tuesday, 29 th	Open House at the Bauschänzli /Old Fashion Bar

<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied</p>
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A short note from the secretary

Too much bad news on the radio or on TV? Switch off these devices! Too many annoying WhatsApp messages on your smart phone? Smash it towards the wall! Isn't it time to decelerate? What kind of good old times were these decades in which everything was still "analog"? Nothing got faked and no one tried to phish your personal data. But being honest: These little electronic "Helferlein" also have their preferences and we get so used to them!

At least two of our upcoming events go back into past times when the analogue world was still in order.

Zurich City and vicinity offers a very high quality of life. On the one hand, there is a City which offers everything a *City of the World* has to offer. On the other, the vicinity is often pure nature. A good example is the ravine of Erlenbach. In there, you wouldn't come to the idea that you are so close to Zurich. This is subject to our first event in this new programme – your hiking shoes will explore this ravine.

Enjoy the summer season!

Warmest regards

Jürg

May 8

Register with Barbara for ravine Erlenbach

May 13
17.45 h

Register



Walking through the ravine Erlenbach

Please join me for an unforgettable walk down the ravine and the geological nature trail of Erlenbach. After taking bus 691 from Erlenbach station to Trottgatter, we take a short walk along Forchstrasse to the beginning of the trail for the ravine.

Descending downhill for 60 - 75 minutes (not too steeply), be sure to take your walking sticks if needed and good walking shoes with a good profile to safely reach the destination of Erlenbach village. Also remember to take a drinking bottle along, wearing adequate clothing, all depending on the current weather.

There are quite a few small bridges crossing the brook and even more numerous small waterfalls, making this excursion a unique one. On the way are descriptions with photographs about how to keep a large diversity of plants in regularly cutting certain shrubs and bushes within the forest area.

To keep in mind:

Meeting point: 17.45 h Erlenbach ZH, Bahnhof, at

Bus stop 691 (on the lake-side of the building of the train station).

Departure from there is with bus 691 at 18.03 h to bus stop

"Trottgatter", arr. 18.12 h. **Everyone gets his/her own ticket**

→ Buy a return ticket to Erlenbach ZH, Trottgatter.
Recommended train ride from Zürich HB is: S16 dep. HB at 17.30 h, arr. Erlenbach at 17.45 h. **When registering, please write if you come to a nearby Swiss restaurant after the hike, leaving your full name and phone number.**

To register, contact Barbara by SMS or WhatsApp on mobile 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com

May 15

Register with Sonja for ‚Alterthümer Magazine‘

May 20
17.50 h
Register



**ALTERTHÜMER
MAGAZIN**

Cultural and historical treasures and curiosities from over 700 years of Zurich’s history

The collection of Zurich’s monument preservation in the ‚Alterthümer Magazine‘ consists of components from different centuries: Decorated parquet and plate floors, virgin oven tiles, painted toilets, colourful windows and much more. We will see the lost components from the venerable ‚Federal‘ station of Zurich’s main train station, or how a Basel station hall came to Zurich Altstetten, or the marvel at the filigree platform roofs and the impressive luggage scale from the Enge station.

The ‚Alterthümer Magazine‘ opens the doors only for guided tours. We have the chance to get such a one-hour tour in English given by the Archaeologist Sandrine Keck. Members and guests have to pay CHF 5.00. Don’t miss this very interesting evening, and meet Sonja latest at 17.50 h at the **tram stop Selnu** - Tram 8 will bring you there.

Please register as early as possible with Sonja by sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening). While registering, **please state if you will after the tour come to a nearby Italian restaurant for supper.**

May 26

Register with Heinz for Computer Museum

May 27
19.00 h

Open House at Restaurant Werdguet

Why did the tomato turn red? It saw the salad dressing.



This means that you can get a really good mixed salad at our „Stammbeiz“ Restaurant Werdguet. Not enough? Then order from the menu board or enjoy a pizza.

Join us for our monthly „lazy“ evening and stay as long as you wish. Guests are cordially welcome. How to get there, see directions in the frame on next page. For any questions contact Jürg, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch

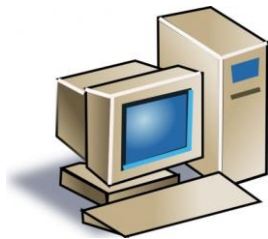
For various events like slide shows, lectures, the AGM or the so-called “Open House” events on the last Tuesday of the month, we meet as usual at the

Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. www.werdguet.ch

June 4
17.30 h

**Register
Wednesday**



Computer Museum Stäfa

Röbi Weiss is a well-known person in the Swiss computer scene since the very beginning. He was active in different charges as developer, book author, moderator, lecturer, etc. During decades, he collected all kinds of computers and technical environment, going back to the first typing or calculation machines – ending up in the maybe biggest museum in Switzerland. In his storeroom he can show and explain the development over the last 60 years. Sure you remember yourself, working with the first typing machine or personal computers. You are invited to profit from his big experience to make also complex technical wisdom understandable for everybody. We offer a guided tour of about 2 hours in a special atmosphere (partly German/English). We need a number of 10 people, max, 15. Costs are CHF 15 (guests CHF 25). More details: www.robertweiss.ch/ewcg/

Meeting point: Laubisrütistr. 44, in front of the door. After the guided tour we will go to a restaurant near the train station. While registering, please state if you join us for the restaurant. How to get there: From Zurich with S7 to Stäfa, then bus 955, stop “Laubisrütistrasse”. (E.g. Zurich HB, 16:41 h, Bus Stäfa 17:10 h)

Register with Heinz, not later than **by May 26** (H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87, or E-Mail hvifian@bluewin.ch)

When you register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.

June 6

[Register with Barbara for Café des Amis](#)

June 14
10.00 h

**Register
Saturday**

Brunch at cosy Café des Amis

If you have never been to Café des Amis, (name it Amies as well), it's high time you got to know this lovely coffee shop



at Nordstrasse 88, including a spacious area to sit outside, enjoying a delicious versatile brunch. They offer savoury dishes such as Etagère des Amis for 2 people (diverse cheeses, salmon, capers, fried egg, cucumbers, walnuts, cress, fresh fruit, Birchermuesli, chocolate hazelnut pancake, croissant, bread, butter, marmalade, honey): there is enough for 3 people. Furthermore, you can choose between a Mediterranean breakfast (vegan available), a small breakfast or a small salted breakfast to just name a few. For details please connect to www.desamis.ch, menu "Brunchkarte".

How to get there: Bus 46 and 32 take you to bus stop Nordstrasse, which is directly next to this unique restaurant.

Meeting point is directly inside Café des Amis.

Please register by June 6, 2025 with Barbara by mobile 079 582 19 48 or mail merk.barbara@gmail.com

Guests are welcome!

June 24
19.00 h



Open House at the Restaurant Werdguet

Come along to our regular monthly pub event at the Restaurant Werdguet / Zunfthaus zur Hard. Join us for a pleasant conversation and a drink, and if you are hungry, ask the waiter for the menu. Guests are always welcome! This is Sonja's event. How to get there, see directions under May 27.

July 7

Register with Jürg for Gymnastic Equipment Museum A&E

July 12
14.10 h

**Register
Saturday**

Gymnastic Equipment Museum Alder & Eisenhut factory Ebnat Kappel

In German
Afternoon excursion



Can you remember? So many decades ago? You were a pupil and it was afternoon and your school class went into the gymnastic hall (Turnhalle). What did you encounter there for sure? YES, the so called «Turngeräteböcke», manufactured by Alder & Eisenhut. Each of us used to do gymnastics on this equipment.

This afternoon, let's travel back to this good old times. Because Alder & Eisenhut in Ebnat-Kappel (Toggenburg) still exists and also hosts a museum with lots of history in it.

The afternoon programme looks as followed:

- 14.24 h – 15.39 h - train ride from Zurich HB to Ebnat Kappel
- 300 meters walk from the railway station to the museum
- 16.00 h: German guided 1h tour in the Turngerätemuseum of Alder & Eisenhut in Ebnat-Kappel

At 17.15 h straight from the museum, we have a flat and non strenuous walk down to Wattwil, always along the Thur River with

splendid views to the mountains (i.e. Churfürsten, Speer).
Duration, approx. 75 minutes. Please take sun protection and plenty of water with you.

- 18.30 h Dinner in a good restaurant near Bahnhof in Wattwil.
- afterwards: every 30 minutes good connections back to Zurich.

Members pay CHF 5.00 and guests CHF 10.00 for the guided tour. Also suitable for car drivers, plenty of parking space at the museum

In case of bad weather, extreme heat or risk of thunderstorms, we cancel the walk and proceed towards Wattwil by public transport. There is a very dense network with Bus, Postauto and SOB train. Please buy your own return ticket Zurich HB – Ebnet-Kappel, a so-called **Z-Pass Ostwind-ZVV Tageskarte** for CHF 29.00 with ½ Tax Abo. The recommended route itinerary is via Uster – Rapperswil - Uznach – Wattwil.

Rolf will be waiting for you at HB, at track 13, but for registration, please contact Jürg, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch. If your itinerary does NOT start in Zurich HB, please mention this. In case you are NOT coming to the restaurant in Wattwil, please specify this. For more info see www.turngeraetemuseum.ch

July 16

Register with Barbara for Royals visiting at Landesmuseum

July 22
18.30 h

Register



Royals visiting at Landesmuseum

Even though Switzerland is not a royal kingdom, there are numerous Royals having lived in Switzerland, such as King Ludwig II from Bavaria. Being thrilled about the Tell saga, he travelled to lake Lucerne in 1865, bought the Rütli with the plan of having a castle built on it. Charles Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, the nephew of the emperor Napoleon apparently fled to the county of Thurgau, learning Thurgauer dialect and living in the castle of Arenenberg. Just to name a few.

Hence, the English Speaking Club of Zurich would like to invite you to participate in a 1 hour English guided tour through this exciting and unique world of visiting Royals. The (reduced group) entrance fee is CHF 10.00, which you please go and pay at the entrance (the owners of a museum's card are asked to bring it along, for them the entrance is free of cost).

For the guided tour we will ask for a contribution of CHF 10.00 for members, guests contribute with CHF 20.00. To take part, please **register** with Barbara either by SMS or WhatsApp to 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com by July 16, 2025, writing your full name and phone number, **stating if you come to a nearby restaurant after the tour.**

The Landesmuseum Zürich is located just next to the main station Zürich. You reach it best via the underpass Shop-Ville.

July 29
19.00 h



Open House at Bauschänzli

This month's Open House event will (as usual in July) take place at the Bauschänzli, Stadthausquai 2, located near Bürkliplatz. If it rains and the Bauschänzli is nevertheless open, we can still sit under a huge tent, maybe not all of us immediately together at the same table. If it's officially closed (therefore check website www.bauschaenzli.com) than we will move to the nearby Old Fashion Bar at Fraumünsterstrasse 15 to find shelter. But let's keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to enjoy our get together at this special garden restaurant in downtown Zurich on a mild summer evening.

PLEASE, always check at the Bauschänzli FIRST, to see if we are there. Experience has shown that "good" and "bad" weather is a very individual perception and people have ended up in both places. In case of doubt, call Jürg (phone number below). As the Bauschänzli can be quite busy and some faces might not be familiar I will try and put some mark of identification (the Union Jack or a small English flag) on our table.

How to get there: Take any tram or bus to Bürkliplatz.

Walk across the square towards the Limmat where you will see the Bauschänzli on its island in the Limmat. This is Jürg's event.

Any questions, call 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch

We are very sad to inform you that our
longstanding and faithful member

Fritz Maurer

passed away on April 17, 2025

We will keep him in our hearts forever

The Committee

Upcoming Club events in 2025:

October 14	Einhausung Schwamendingen
December 6	Excursion to Maggi Museum Singen (DE) & Christmas Market
December 13	Christmas Dinner at Restaurant Oberes Triemli