

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme MAY – JULY 2024

92nd Edition

everything for birds...

Volière

Bird Cage
SEEBACH



Tuesday, May 14, 2024

behind the scenes...

Garden Center

Rafz

Hauenstein
Wo Freude wächst

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

SUMMER CONCERT

with our member Petra

HARMONIE KILCHBERG



Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Excursion

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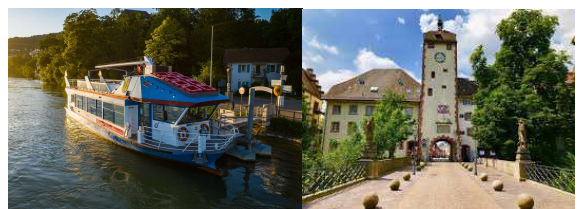
WALDSHUT

Germany

Ferry crossing on the Rhine river

English guided tour in the Old Town

Fine food at Restaurant Waldshuter Hof



Saturday, July 13, 2024

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SUMMARY

MAY

Tuesday, 7 th	Kill the Indian - Save the Man at NONAM – <i>register by May 3rd</i>
Tuesday, 14 th	Volière Seebach – <i>register by May 8th</i>
Tuesday, 28 th	Open House at the Werdguet

JUNE

Tuesday, 4 th	Neeracher Ried Birdlife Centre - <i>register by May 20th</i>
Tuesday, 11 th	Garden Center Hauenstein Rafz – <i>register by June 4th</i>
Wednesday, 26 th	Park Concert Kilchberg - <i>register by June 24th</i>

JULY

Saturday, 6 th	Brunch at Café des Amis – <i>register by June 30th</i>
Saturday, 13 th	Excursion to Waldshut (DE) - <i>register by July 9th</i>
Tuesday, 30 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. Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied</p>

A short note from the secretary

At the last AGM, from the attending members, we got splendid proposals about events which we in the Committee would like to bring into the programme. But we encounter some new difficulties with the booking procedure of individual (or private) guided tours. Often, the minimum of required participants is very high, means too high for our small Club, i.e. 15 persons at least. Some do offer guided tours **at fixed dates**, some are even in English, but **you** book yourself **individually** into such a guided tour – or we “estimate” a quote and book. But then we may have too little or too many registrations when it’s time to make the final registrations. A challenge for us in the future...

The upcoming events are various – two of them have to do with birds. Or when did the Club go abroad last time? Seems that we have rather forgotten the charming town of Waldshut which is so close to Zürich. Enjoy an excursion and guided tour with us in July. And when it’s hot on that day, jump into the Rhine River for a swim! Or let’s be **friends and girlfriends** on a brunch at a café with the same name – in the Café des Ami(e)s, but we don’t have to speak French there...

Warmest regards

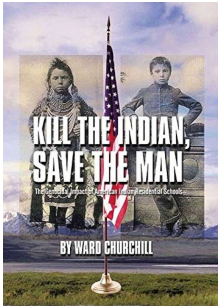
Jürg

May 3

Register with Jürg for NONAM Seefeld

May 7
15.50 h

Register



Kill the Indian – save the Man at NONAM Seefeld

“Kill the Indian - save the Man.” This was the *guiding principle* that removed thousands of Native American children and placed them in Indian boarding schools. More than a century later, will these Native American boys finally come home?

The guiding principle also deals with loss of culture, identity and residential schools. Identity – what does this actually mean?

And what does culture have to do with identity? In our 1 h English guided tour at the Indian Museum NONAM, you will also learn what TikTok, clans und boarding schools have to do with Indians.

How to get there: take tram 2 or 4 or any train to Tiefenbrunnen. Take the railway underpass towards the hillside and follow Seefeldstrasse outbound to # 317.

The entrance fee is CHF 8.00 which you please go and pay at the entrance (the owners of a museum card are asked to bring it along, for them the entrance is free). Besides the entrance fee, for the tour guide, we ask CHF 5.00 for members and CHF 10.00 for guests in cash.

Please register with Jürg no later than May 3, phone 079 580 10 81 or send ALL details to info@escz.ch

As the Museum closes at 17.00 h already, it isn’t possible to hold this event later. After the tour, for those who wish, we may go for a drink or a snack at a nearby restaurant at the lake - not for a full dinner as usual as this is too early.

May 8 Register with Heinz for Volière Seebach

May 14
16.30 h
Register



Volière (birdhouse) Seebach – everything for birds...

Did you know that a birdhouse is much more than just birds in a cage? This well-known one in Zurich-Seebach has an interesting history. You will hear a lot about different birds from all over the world, including parrots, canaries, etc. Every bird has its own story. And – interesting to know - it's also a bird hotel with many amenities. There are even suites and special menus for their clients.

Please come along to learn more, directly from the committed owner, although it's in German. As the birdhouse depends on donations we ask for CHF 10.- from members and CHF 15.- from guests. Afterwards we are discussing and eating at a very nearby restaurant. Please indicate when registering.

How to get there: Tram 14 to Seebach terminal. Meeting point at the final stop. From there, we will walk together approx. 3 minutes to the Volière (entrance just opposite of the Freibad Seebach.)

Suggested (last) connection from Zurich HB (16:07) or Oerlikon Bhf Ost (16:22). There are parking possibilities at the terminal station.

Register with Heinz, not later than **by May 8** (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.

May 20 Register with Barbara for Neeracher Birdlifecentre (Neeracherried)

May 28
19.00 h

Open House at Restaurant Werdguet



Do you want to come out for an evening to have a drink or a meal and meet members of the English Speaking Club Zurich? Then join us for the 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 Sonja at 044 302 45 47.

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

Register with Sonja for Hauenstein AG in RafzJune 4
17.00 h**Register****Guided Tour at Neeracherried Birdlife Centre**

Please join me for an organised 1 ½ hour tour in English at the birdlife centre Neeracherried. This tour will give you an informative insight about various birds, frogs, dragon flies and plants with their habitat at Neeracherried as well as the possibility of observing them from protected platforms and pedestrian bridges especially constructed for this purpose.

On site, there are telescopes available, but if you are in possession of your own binoculars, do take them along with you on this occasion. Depending on the weather, make sure you wear adequate clothes and comfortable shoes as well as a drinking bottle. **Space is limited!**

There is a car park available for the drivers, free for 15 hours. GPS address is Dielsdorferstrasse 3, 8173 Neerach.

ÖV: Get a return ticket to Riedt b. Neerach, Riedacher. Timetable: In Zurich HB, take S15 at 16.22 h, arriving

Oberglatt Bhf. at 16.39 h. There, you change to bus 510 (direction Kaiserstuhl AG) leaving at 16.44 h, arriving 16.56 h at bus stop Riedt b. Neerach, Riedacher. I shall meet you there from where we reach the Neeracherried after a 5 minutes walk.

After the tour, the return bus leaves at either 18.30 h or 19.00 h in direction of Zürich Flughafen, Bahnhof, reaching Oberglatt ZH, Bahnhof, where we shall go and have a bite to eat or drink at the Italian restaurant Mediterraneo-Bahnhof.

When registering, please mention if you come to the restaurant after the hike, and perhaps a discussion about birds. To register, contact Barbara by SMS on mobile 079 582 19 48 (answering machine is out of order) or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com

Please leave your full name and phone number.

June 11
08.55 h**Register****Garden centre and tree nursery Hauenstein AG in Rafz**

Almost everybody loves this time of year. First of all there are spring flowers blooming, blossoms and leaves appearing on trees and later on a lot of different flowers and roses in a big variety of colours can be admired. It doesn't matter whether you have a garden, a balcony, windowsills, or you are simply a great nature lover: You will for sure like the English guided tour of about 75 to 90 minutes given at Hauenstein AG in Rafz. More than 130 years ago Walter Hauenstein founded the tree nursery, and the gardening business got added later. Nowadays the garden centre in Rafz has an area of 178'400 sqm with an additional show garden of 10'000 sqm and we get an exclusive insight!

Buy a return ticket to Rafz or a ZVV 9-o-clock day pass, and meet Sonja at 08.55 h in front of track 14 at main station Zurich. The S9 will leave at 09.07 h from track 41/42. When we arrive in Rafz it's a walk of about 10 minutes to the garden centre.

There we will first of all take a seat in the Restaurant 'Botanica' for a coffee (or tea, chocolate, Ovi) and a croissant, to be 'beefed up' for the wonderful sightseeing. Members pay for the guided tour inclusive

coffee and croissant CHF 10.00, guests CHF 15.00. Due to the limited space it's good to register as early as possible with Sonja by sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone 044 302 45 47 (preferably in the evening).

June 24

Register with Jürg for "Summer Concert of Harmonie Kilchberg"

June 26

20.00 h

Register

Wednesday

** Food
previously
available
from 19.00 h*



Summer Concert of Harmonie Kilchberg with our member Petra, at Conrad Ferdinand Meyer-Haus in Kilchberg

This month's Open House event will have a different setting. The local music society Harmonie Kilchberg invites the people of Kilchberg, music lovers and guests from near and far to attend this musical evening at the Conrad Ferdinand Meyer-Haus.

In the course of the professional park concerts in Kilchberg that take place every year the local music societies, too, have a chance to show their programme. You will find out that wind and brass orchestras not only play traditional music, like marches and polkas, but also modern arrangements and catchy tunes.

I (Petra) am very happy to be a musician in this orchestra. Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening in a beautiful surrounding.

The concert takes place in a tent in the park of C. F. Meyer-Haus and is free of charge. It starts at 20.00 and will last approx. 90 minutes.

***Most likely, there will be a catering service available so it might be nice to meet before the concert for an apéro/snack (probably starting at 19.00). When you register, you will get complete information about this.**

Please register with Jürg, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch, this in case of any last minute changes or updates. This event replaces our regular Open House event.

How to get there:

The Conrad Ferdinand Meyer-Haus is the Ortsmuseum of Kilchberg and located at Alte Landstrasse 170, 8802 Kilchberg.

Take Bus 161 (runs every 30 minutes) from Zürich Bürkliplatz to "Kilchberg Kirche" and go as far as "Auf Brunnen" (takes approx. 15 minutes). The C. F. Meyer-Haus is directly opposite the bus stop. Last bus to get to the concert in time is 19.34 arriving 19.49

June 30

Register with Barbara for Café des Amis

July 6

10.00 h

Register

Saturday



Brunching at cosy Café des Amis in Zurich Wipkingen

If you have never been to Café des Amis, it's high time for you to get to know this lovely coffee shop at Nordstrasse 88 including a spacious area to sit outside, enjoying a delicious versatile breakfast. They offer savourous dishes such as "Etagère des Amis" for 2 people for CHF 29.50 (diverse cheeses, salmon, capres, fried egg, cucumbers, walnuts, cress, fresh fruit, Birchermuesli, chocolate hazelnut pancake, croissant, bread, butter, marmelade, honey): there is enough for 3 people. Furthermore,

they offer a mediterranean breakfast (vegan available) for CHF 26.50, a small breakfast for CHF 11.50 or a small salted breakfast for CHF 14.00, to just name a few. For details and menus, please connect to www.desamis.ch

From HB, take tram 4,13, or 17 to Limmatplatz, change for 1 station to bus 32 to Nordstrasse, which is directly next to this unique restaurant. Concretely: Last tram 4 leave 09.54, change at Limmatplatz to bus 32 leaving 10.00 / arriving 10.01 Nordstrasse
Or take bus 46 leaving at main station at 09.51 / arriving Nordstrasse at 09.55

Meeting point is directly at Café des Amis. **Please register by June 30** with Barbara by mobile 079 582 19 48 (answering machine is out of order) or mail merk.barbara@gmail.com

July 9

Register with Jürg for excursion to Waldshut

July 13
15.55 h

**Register
Saturday**



An excursion to Waldshut (DE) Rhine River Ferry – Old Town – Fine Food

Waldshut? Aha! You think of shopping, the cheap € and heavy traffic. The Habsburg town on the German side of the Rhine river can be seen as a suburb of Zurich (they don't like to hear this!) but it still lies a few hills away from us. As this area can be reached by public transport pretty well, we make a varied excursion to Waldshut today.

The programme looks as followed:

- Train ride from Zürich HB to Koblenz (16.06 h – 16.43 h)
- Postauto from Koblenz to Full, Fähre (Argovia) (16.46 h – 16.49 h)
- In Full, Ferry crossing over the Rhine River and land straight in front of Waldshut Old Town. (17.00 h – 17.05 h). So, we escape from the heavy traffic which goes into Waldshut at this time of the day.
- English guided tour in the medieval town. The history of Waldshut spans almost 800 years. Our guide, Mrs. Simone Tröndle, will share with you exciting stories about places and people from the medieval past until this day. Come and explore this pearl at the foot of the Black Forest. Duration 1 hour.
- Good food at Restaurant Waldshuter Hof – at (for us) affordable prices.
- Bus /Train ride from Waldshut to Zürich HB

Additional information:

Costs: For the guided tour, we ask for a contribution of CHF 5.00 and CHF 10.00 for guests.

The ferry over the Rhine River is € 3.20 p.p.

A good physical condition is required as we have to “climb” approx. 20 meters in altitude from the ferry station up to the Old town. Take a bottle of water with you as it may be hot at this time of the year. Don't forget your passport or ID!

Please buy two tickets:

Outward journey: Zürich HB – Full, Fähre (via Baden and Koblenz)

Return journey: Waldshut Bhf – Zurich HB (via Koblenz and Baden).

½ Tax Abo is valid in the German territory! Till late, we have buses leaving Waldshut – Koblenz every 30 minutes in the evening. This bus

runs on behalf of SBB - **So there is no risk of a strike!** Don't hesitate to ask if you have problems in finding the correct ticket for you. You may also add an "A-Welle Tageskarte if you already have an all over ZVV Ticket. We meet in Zürich HB in front of track 12 at 15.55 h. The train departs at 16.06 h.

Car drivers? Not recommendable. But you may park your car at the ferry station in Full.

Please register no later than July 9. Dinner in the Restaurant is part of the programme but if you want to leave us after the guided tour already, please specify this. Phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch

More info, see also www.waldshut-tiengen.de

Open House at Bauschänzli

July 30
19.00 h



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

Suggestions beside the official programme

Kafka at Museum Strauhof – until May 12 www.strauhof.ch
(public guided tour (German), Wednesday May 8, 12:15h)

Museum Rietberg – More than Gold (until July 21)

www.rietberg.ch/en/exhibitions/morethangold

Public guided tours in **English every first Wednesday of the month**, from 18:30-19:30.

Important to be there early enough, no advance booking possible, limited number. Arrange this visit yourself – and combine it with a restaurant afterwards.