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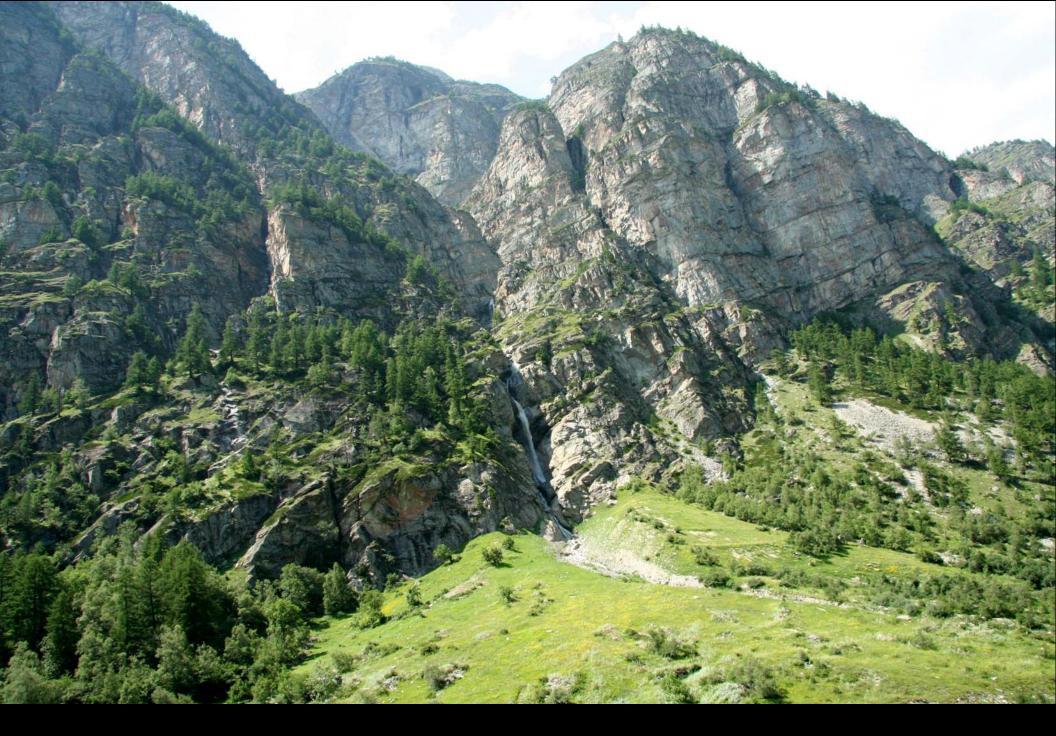
Part 2: West from Zermatt to Switzerland's French quarter, up to the capital, back into the mountains again at Lauterbrunnen, then to Lucerne and Zurich.



Tasch, between Zermatt and Visp



Near Randa, between Zermatt and Visp



Near Herrbriggen, between Zermatt and Visp



Stalden-Saas, between Zermatt and Visp



Geneva's waterfront boasts several five-star hotels.







CERN (European Council for Nuclear Research) complex, where the Large Hadron Collider was being built underground













Lake Geneva

Lenin's Chalet – his residence in 1914 while he was preparing the Russian Revolution





Lake Geneva Chateau Bartholoni, now the summer residence of the Emir of Qatar



Lake Geneva The Villa de "Rive Bleue" was the property of a 1920s prize-winning Swiss automobile engineer.



Lake Geneva

Manoir Colgate – built in 1890 by the creator of Colgate toothpaste



Lake Geneva The Château of the Rothschild family, built between 1858 and 1860



Lake Geneva

The Villa de Josephin, given by Napoleon to Empress Joséphine in 1811



Lake Geneva Geneva's international community buildings on the west shore of the Lake



Lake Geneva Palais Wilson, HQ of the League of Nations beginning in 1919, now houses the U.N. Human Rights Commission.







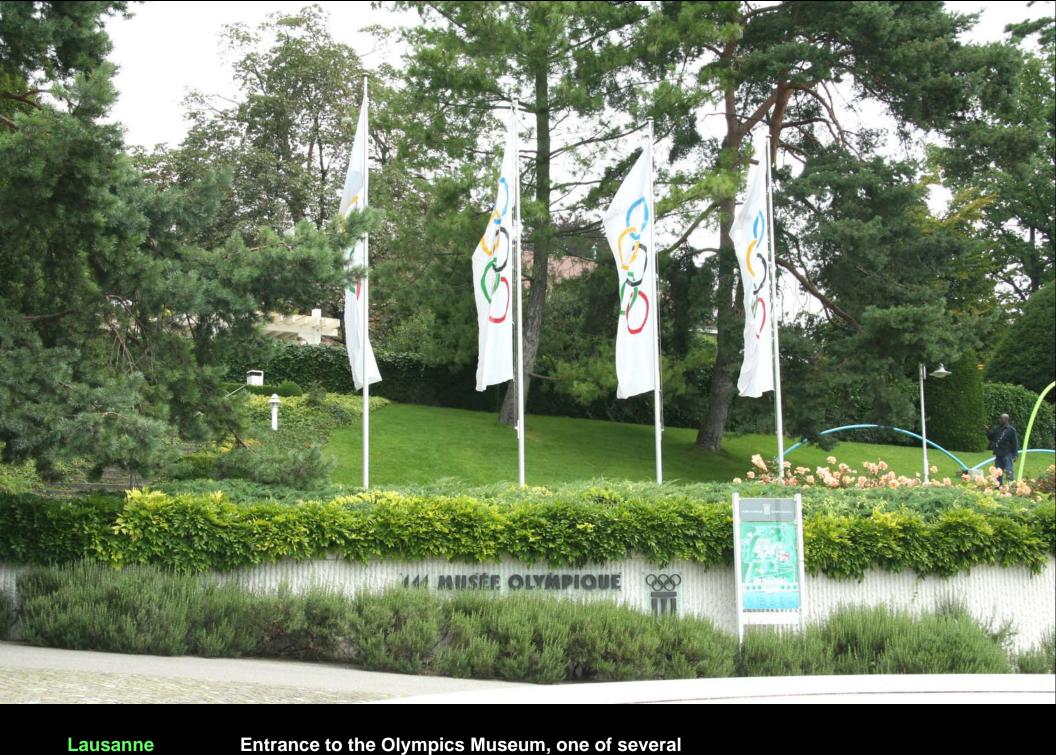
Beau-Rivage Palace Hotel on the waterfront, one of Lausanne's five-star bed-and-breakfast joints



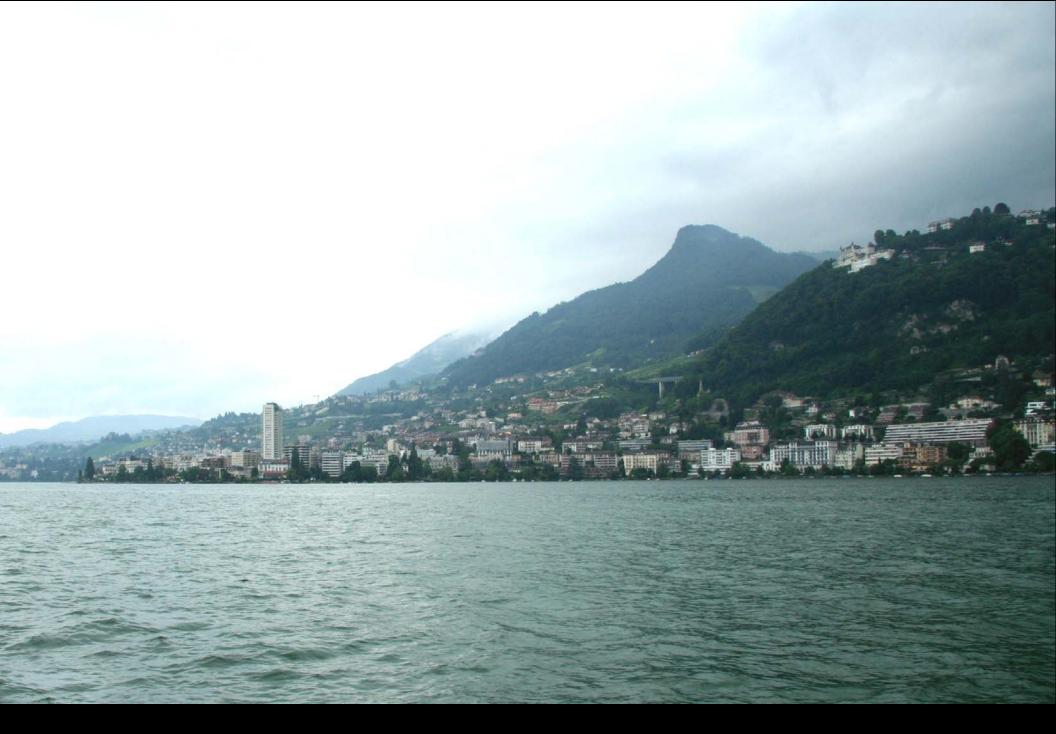


Most everything in Lausanne is uphill.





Entrance to the Olympics Museum, one of several International Olympics Committee sites





Montreux

Montreux's hills provide splendid locations for homes and small castles.





Montreux Montreux's new Ca

Montreux's new Casino replaces the one burned down in Deep Purple's *Smoke On The Water*.



Montreux

Fans at the monument to Queen's Freddie Mercury, who adopted Montreux as his home.



Montreux The Castle of Chillon is located on a rock just offshore from Montreux.



Montreux

Construction of the Castle stretched from the 11th to the 13th century.



Montreux

The castle was built to protect the passage between the lake and the mountains, and to collect tolls.



To Bern

Nearing Cully, north shore of Lake Geneva





To Bern

Prosperous farmland between Palézieux and Romont



The heart of Bern, Switzerland's capital, is packed onto a peninsula.



Bern Wooden buildings were not permitted when Bern was reconstructed after a fire in 1405.





Bern

Gerechtigkeitsgasse, looking towards the river





Bern

The Clock Tower was once part of a city gate (from about 1250 A.D.).



Lauterbrunnen

The small town of Lauterbrunnen lies at the bottom of a U-shaped glacial valley.



Lauterbrunnen Lauterbrun

Lauterbrunnen hosts serious hikers and mountain explorers, and is less touristy than Zermatt.



Lauterbrunnen

Lauterbrunnen has a population of only 930, but 1030 hotel beds, 53 guest apartments, 5 hostels, and 2 camp sites.



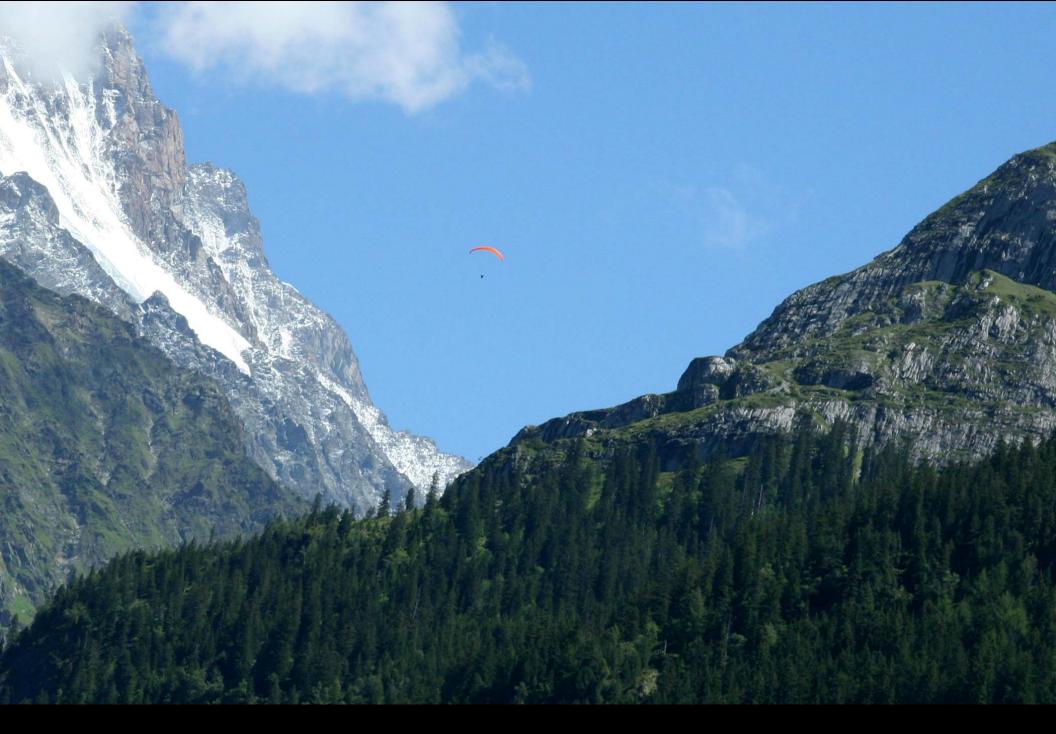
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The Lauterbrunnen Valley is regarded as one of the most spectacular glacial valleys in Europe.





Lauterbrunnen Valley The Lauterbrunnen Valley ends at the village of Stechelberg.



Lauterbrunnen Valley The surrounding mountains provide a variety of launch points for paragliding.



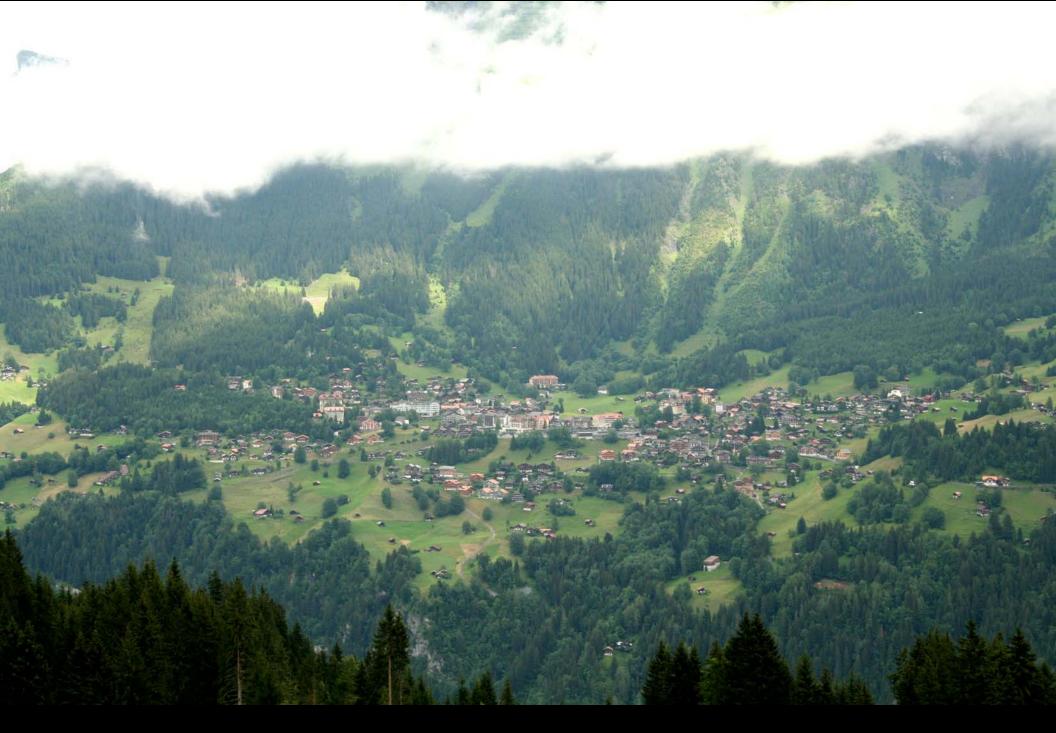
To Mürren

A cable car and rail system connects Lauterbrunnen to Mürren, which sits on a ledge 2000 ft / 610 m above the valley floor.



To Mürren

The cable car begins the ascent.



To Mürren The Lauterbrunnen Valley, on the approach to Mürren.



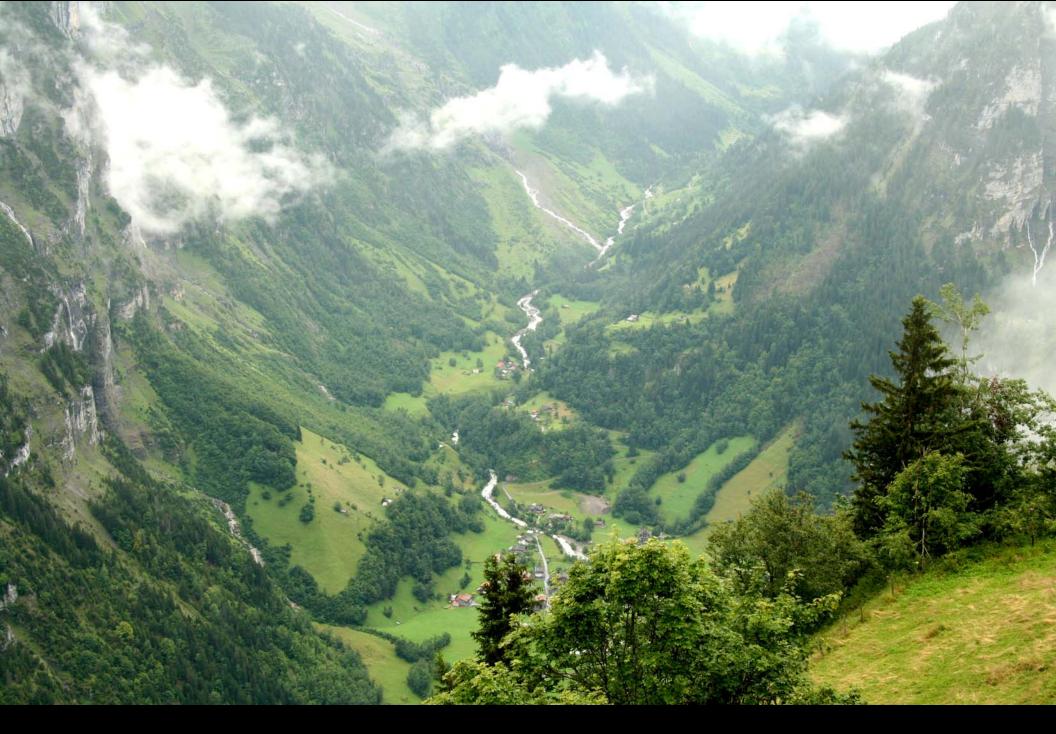






Mürren

Lauterbrunnen Valley, on a foggy day



Mürren

Lauterbrunnen Valley, as the fog clears



To Jungfrau

The Jungfraubahnen cogwheel railway climbs from Lauterbrunnen to Wengen, and then from there to the top of the Jungfrau mountain.



To Jungfrau

The Lauterbrunnen Valley, en route to Wengen





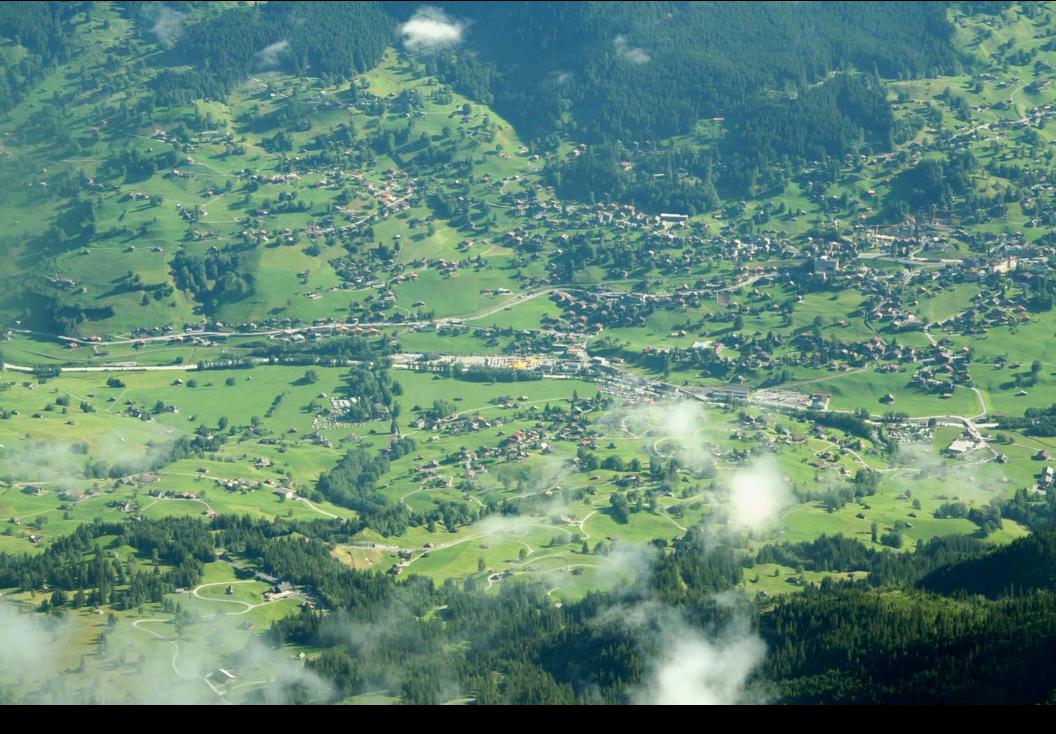




To Jungfrau Above the clouds. After Kleine Scheidegg the train travels through a tunnel in the mountain.



View from the lookout window at the Eigerwand station in the mountain tunnel



To Jungfrau Lauterbrunnen Valley floor, seen from Eigerwand lookout window



To Jungfrau Snow cascades down in front of the tunnel's Eismeer station lookout window.

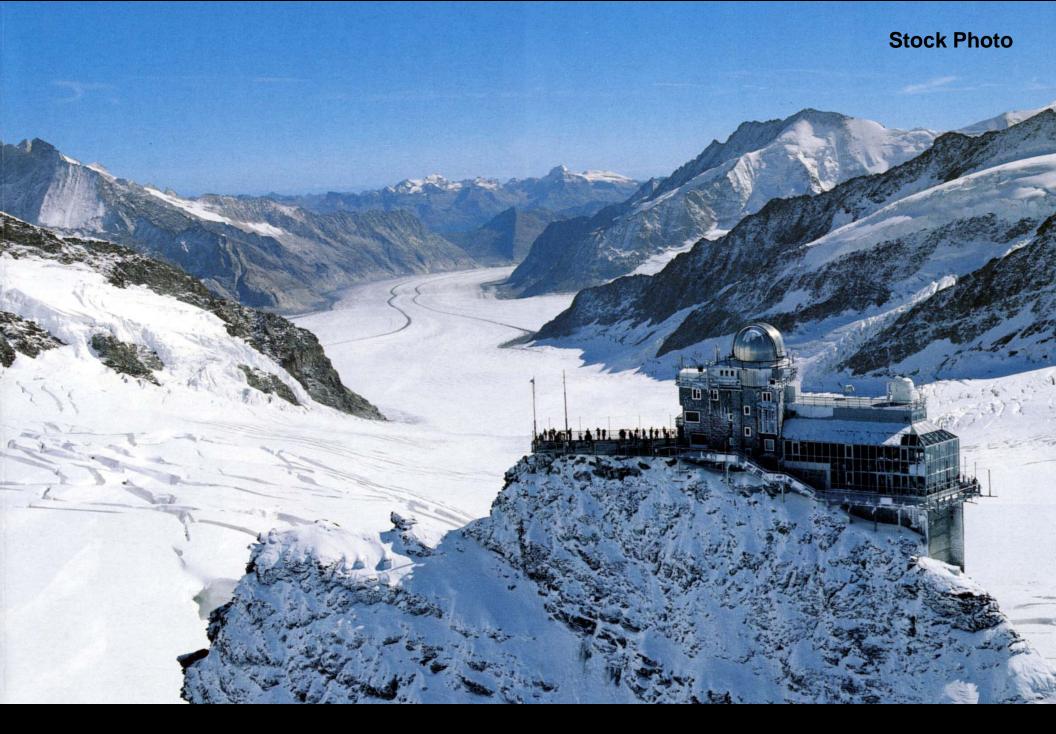


The Sphinx observation deck near the Jungfrau peak

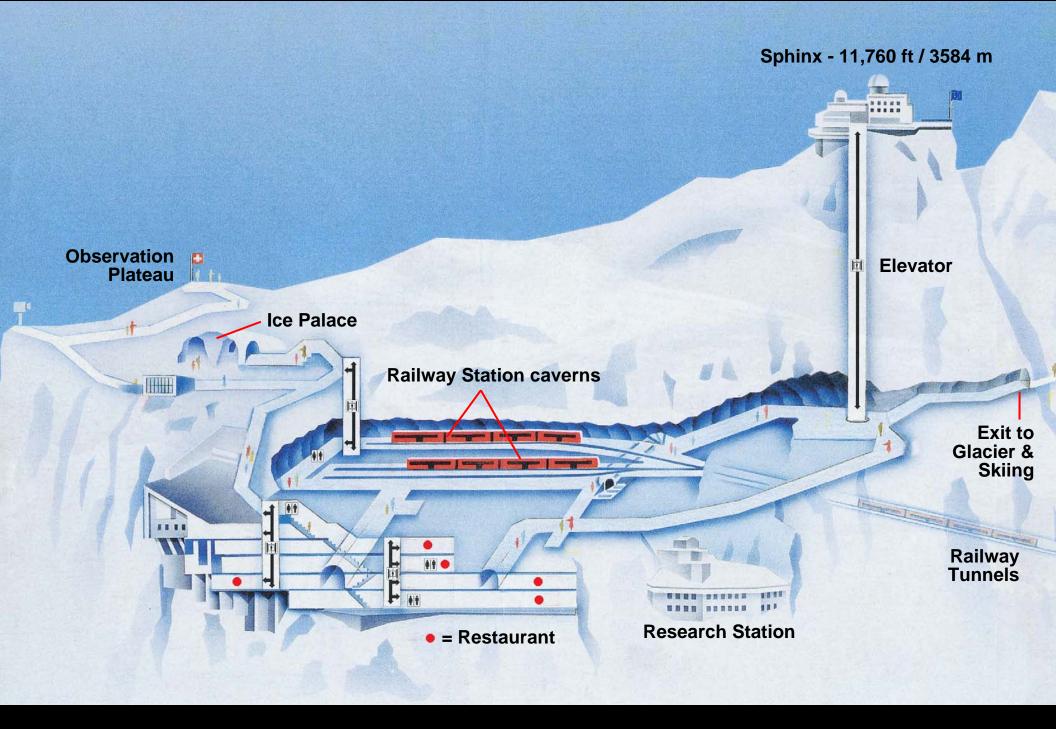








Aerial photo of the Sphinx portion of Jungfraujoch. Much of the complex is inside the mountain.





The Eiger observation point, seen from a table in the Crystal Restaurant

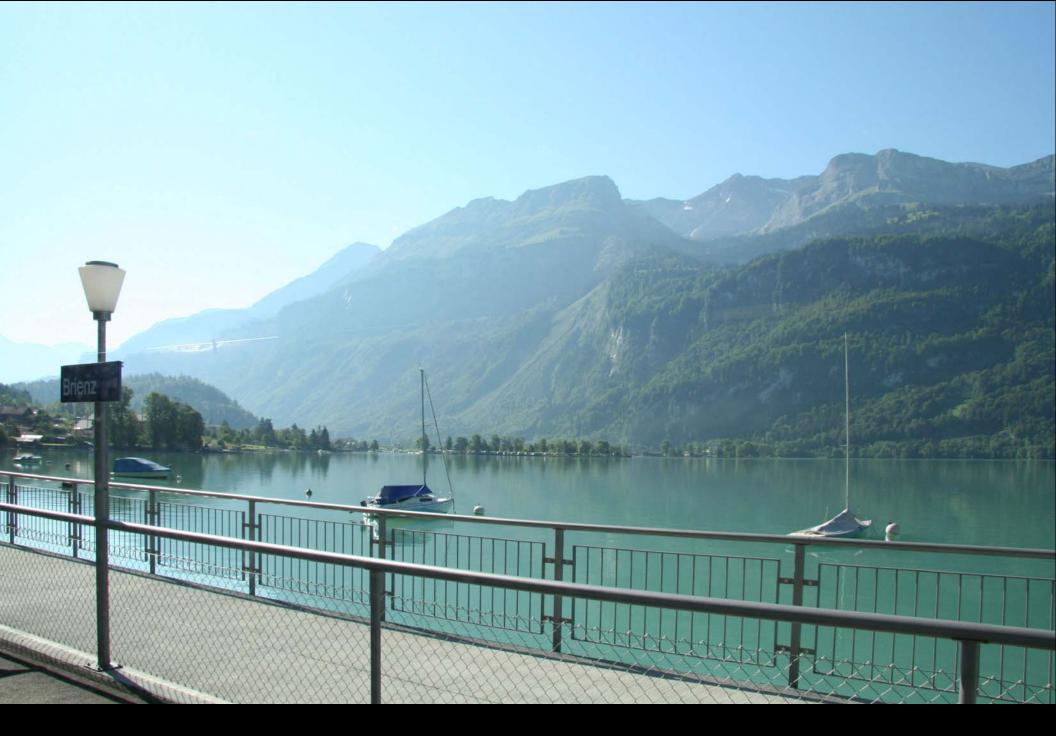






Approaching Grindelwald on the way back down





To Lucerne

Brienz, about a third of the way to Lucerne









Lucerne

Lucerne's covered wooden bridge and Water Tower



Lucerne

The Chapel Bridge was originally built in the 14th century ...





Lucerne Schwanenplatz Tower, on the right, was part of the original city fortifications.



Lucerne The Rathausquai (Town Hall Quay) is lined with restaurants with riverside patios.

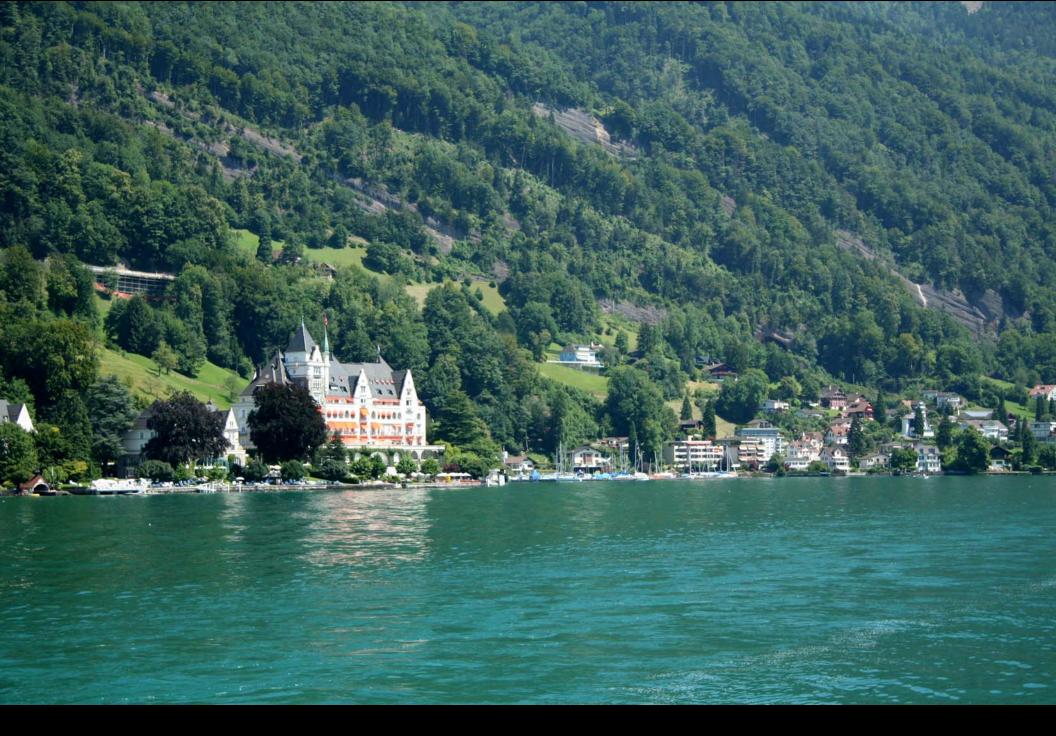






Lake Lucerne is bounded by mountains on all sides.





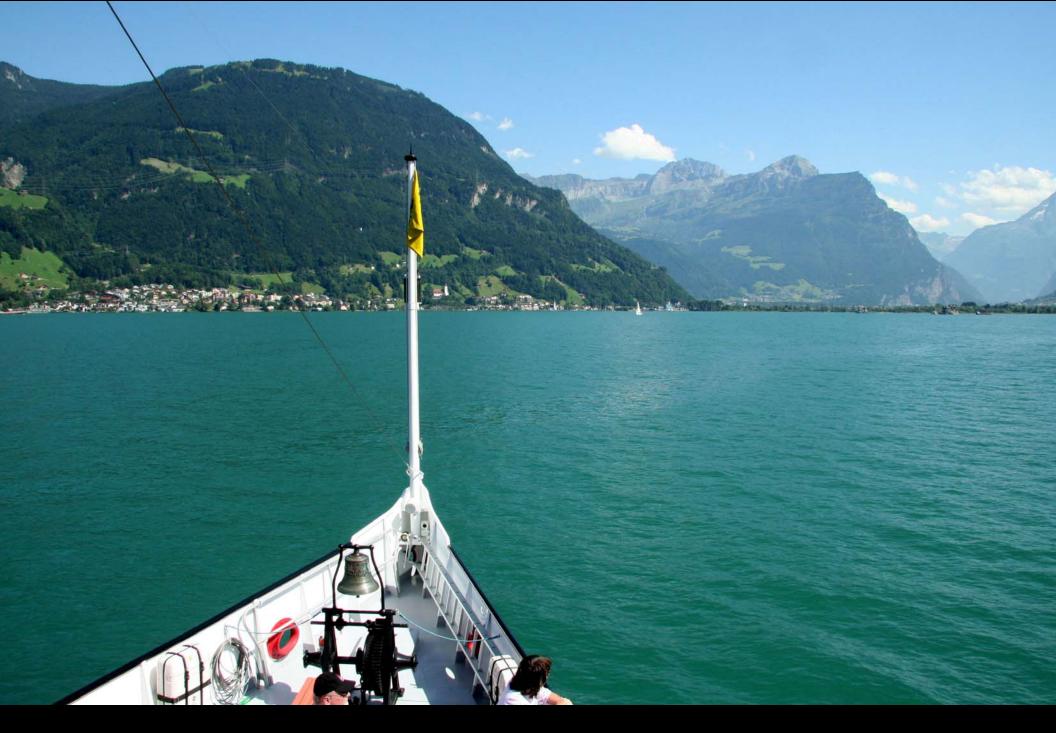


Lake Lucerne Beckenried, south shore





Lake Lucerne Brunnen, below the twin peaks of the Mythen mountains



Lake Lucerne Flüelen, end of outbound journey.
Rail trip back.



Old town Zürich, along the Limmat River



The twin spires mark Grossmünster church.



Zürich The Rathaus Brücke (Town Hall Bridge) goes back to Roman times.













The city as seen from a boat on Lake Zurich





Niederdorfstrasse, old town Zürich



Niederdorfstrasse. Time for a farewell dinner. < End >

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