



MY SWITZERLAND

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HAVING LIVED AWAY from Switzerland for over ten years, I am nonetheless lucky enough to visit at least 15 times a year because of my business. There are lots of things that I miss – the great public transport system and roads that make it easy to get about anywhere in the country, the quality of life and the balance between cosmopolitan living and the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. You can escape the rat race and just sit outside and listen to cowbells and birds singing whilst watching a tractor cutting the grass. Or find your breath taken away by the fantastic views from the mountains.

One of my favourite places is **Grindelwald** in the **Bernese Oberland**. You can enjoy skiing and sledging here in the winter and walking, biking and golfing in the summer. Make sure you try some of the local specialities here, like Roesti, Fondue or the local Game. You must also make sure you taste some Swiss wine and the local Schnapps.

I also like to visit **Fechy** (www.fechy.ch), a small village in the middle of the vignards on Lake Geneva, which offers great views and the chance to taste the local wines. Other places well worth a visit are **Chateau d'Oex** (www.chateaudoex.ch) in the Alpes Vaudois, **Grimentz** (www.grimentz.ch) in the Valais and **Ascona** (www.ascona.ch) on Lake Maggiore, a great place in the summer with a lot of trendy bars and restaurants.

Another place I really enjoy visiting is the Casa da Luzi, a fantastic restaurant in the little village of **Surcasti** in the Flims region.

Wherever you go in Switzerland, you'll find plenty to enjoy as all the areas of the country have great food and drink in common, along with an emphasis on traditional life and customs.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: COFFEE BREAK ON THE PIAZZA OF ASCONA, WITH VIEW ON THE LAGO MAGGIORE, TICINO | VIEW ONTO THE OLD TOWN OF ASCONA AND LAKE MAGGIORE | SKIING AT MAENLICHEN (2343m). EIGER, MOENCH AND JUNGFRAU CAN BE SEEN IN THE BACK | MOUNTAIN BIKERS AT GROSSE SCHEIDEGG (1962m) ABOVE GRINDELWALD | VINEYARDS AND THE VILLAGE OF FECHY IN THE LA COTE REGION OF LAKE GENEVA | CATTLE GRAZING ON A MEADOW NEAR GRINDELWALD IN THE SUMMER | SLEDDING IN GRINDELWALD (1034m). THE 15 KM SLED RUN FAULHORN (2680m) – BUSSALP (1800m) – GRINDELWALD IS EUROPE'S LONGEST



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