

„Bei uns ist immer etwas los!“

FEIERTAGE UND FESTE IN DER SCHWEIZ

TEN SURE-FIRE WAYS YOU KNOW IT'S SPRING IN SWITZERLAND

Bring on the barbecues

With summer on the horizon (long may it live!), you can barely walk more than a few metres in Switzerland at the moment without tripping over a garden furniture catalogue. This is the time when Swiss people traditionally spend big on lounge sets, deck chairs and barbecues to make sure they are ready for those days when it is actually warm enough to sit outside. Those occasions also give men in Switzerland a chance to engage in two national pastimes – showing off their barbecues (the more space-age the better) and their 'grill skills'.



Classic cars

If you are looking for a sure-fire sign that it is spring in Switzerland, all you need to do is wait for that magic day when the highways are suddenly full of classic cars (known as 'oldtimers' in Switzerland). We haven't yet worked out when it is, but it appears there is an official day at the end of winter when all of these cars are taken out of their secret garages and taken for their first spin of the season. Hot tip: a proper 'oldtimer' comes with its own separate vintage number plate which is also parked away during the colder months.