

„Bei uns ist immer etwas los!“

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TEN SPECTACULAR SPRING GETAWAYS IN SWITZERLAND

For culture lovers

Among the stranger festivals in Switzerland is [Zurich's Sechseläuten spring festival](#) which sees the city farewell the spring by the burning of a 3.4-metre high snowman-like figure known as the Böögg. This year, the special moment comes at 6pm on Monday April 16th.

One of the biggest annual events in Zurich, the Sechseläuten, takes place on the third Monday in April.

What is it?

Translated as 'the six o'clock ringing of the bells', the Sechseläuten dates back to the 16th century and relates to the working hours of Zurich's powerful trades guilds. While in winter the guilds' workers downed tools at 5pm each day due to the failing light, in summer that was extended to 6pm. To mark the change in the timetable each spring, the Grossmünster bells would ring out at 6pm on the first Monday after the spring equinox.

Why people in Zurich burn a snowman every April



Bye bye Böögg, hello summer!

