

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

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## SCHWEIZER NATIONALFEIERTAG—SWISS NATIONAL DAY

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## MOVING TO SWITZERLAND

A guide for new expats

## 10 amazing places to be on Swiss National Day

From mountain-top barbecues to sunrise breakfasts and cliff walks, follow The Local's suggestions for making the most of Swiss national day on Saturday.

It's that time of year when the Swiss head to the hills to scoff sausages and cheese, politicians take to fields to give rousing speeches and apples in supermarket Manor get branded with a Swiss cross (yes really). Swiss national day, August 1st, is a great time to be in Switzerland, with special events and activities taking place across the country. While there may be fewer fireworks displays than usual this year since the [recent heatwave prompted fire restrictions](#), there are still plenty of ways to enjoy the day. The Local takes a look at some of the best places to be.

### 1. Grindelwald-First

Be the first to totter along the new Cliff Walk experience which opens on national day. Located near the Grindelwald-First summit station in the Bernese Oberland, this 260m-long suspended walkway protrudes out of the rockface at 2,000m, promising incredible views of the valley below and the Eiger mountain opposite.



*Grindelwald-First looking towards the Eiger.*

### 2. On a farm

Heading into the countryside for brunch on a farm has been a national day tradition for more than 20 years. Farms around the country open their doors on the morning of August 1st to pre-registered visitors who come to enjoy a copious buffet brunch of locally sourced and farm-grown food including meats, cheeses, homebaked bread and cakes. Though hugely popular, some places still remain – find an available brunch

*The Swiss National Park.*



### 3. Swiss National Park

The inventively named Swiss National Park in the canton of Graubünden celebrated its 100th birthday last year – on August 1st. With its untouched landscape, wildlife and hiking trails, it's a beautiful place to spend national day and a reminder of what Switzerland does best – the great outdoors.