

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

SCHWEIZER NATIONALFEIERTAG—SWISS NATIONAL DAY

der 1. August (1291)

4. Rütli meadow

For many Swiss, this field in central Switzerland is the place to be on national day. It's here where, in 1291, the three founding cantons of Switzerland – Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden – came together to swear the oath of the Swiss Confederation. These days politicians and patriots return to the spot on national day to make speeches and mark the event. Current Swiss President Simonetta Sommaruga will make the address this year.

5. The Schilthorn

Another new attraction opening on national day this year is this James Bond ‘walk of fame’ on the Schilthorn in the Bernese Oberland. The Piz Gloria 360 revolving restaurant on this spectacular mountain was featured in 1969 film *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, and the local tourist office has been making the most of it ever since. Close to the restaurant, the walk of fame is a series of information panels relating messages from the cast about their experience of the film, including George Lazenby in his only appearance as Bond.

The Schilthorn Piz Gloria.



6. Uetliberg

Zurich's local mountain, the Uetliberg, is a prime spot to enjoy national day. Head up the mountain in the afternoon to join Hotel Uto Kulm for a barbecue from 5pm, before fireworks at 10.30pm and dancing into the early hours. Tickets must be bought in advance.

7. Mount Titlis

Especially for national day Mount Titlis in Engelberg is opening its cableway before sunrise and inviting visitors to ascend to the summit to watch the sun come up over breakfast at the top. If you can stomach a 4am start, sign up for the special package, which includes the cable car trip, a walking tour to the summit and a buffet breakfast in the Panorama restaurant.



Mount Titlis cableway.