

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

SCHWEIZER NATIONALFEIERTAG—SWISS NATIONAL DAY

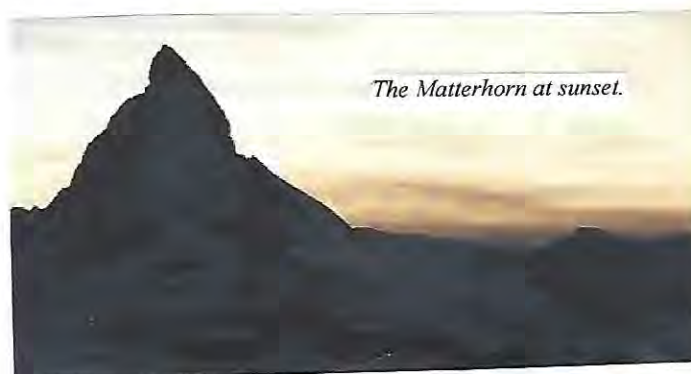
der 1. August (1291)

8. Bern

The capital's national day celebrations are suitably all-encompassing. Weather permitting, start the day with brunch on the Münsterplatz (whilst being serenaded by alphorn players and yodellers), before taking a peek inside the parliament building, which opens its doors to the public for the day. Later, head up the Gurten to scoff a sausage in front of the bonfire and enjoy the fireworks.

9. The Matterhorn

The Valais village of Zermatt is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn this year. So it's an appropriate year to spend national day on the mountain, tucking into dinner as the sun goes down. The (somewhat steep) price of its sunset dinner package includes a return trip to the Matterhorn glacier paradise, an aperitif and three-course meal. Places still available at the time of writing.



Head to Zermatt for a sunset dinner overlooking the Matterhorn.

10. Lake Lugano

In the canton of Ticino, jump aboard a boat on Lake Lugano for an evening cruise with live music and food, with the chance to watch the fireworks from the water. On shore, Lugano's celebrations include a concert by the Castagnola Philharmonic Orchestra and other live music in the Piazza della Riforma.