

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

SCHWEIZER NATIONALFEIERTAG—SWISS NATIONAL DAY

der 1. August (1291)

10 BRILLIANT WAYS TO CELEBRATE SWISS NATIONAL DAY

1. 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. This year's official speaker is the Swiss chancellor Walter Thurnherr. If you haven't already got tickets, it's too late – however the whole thing is broadcast on Swiss television, so there's no need to miss out entirely.

2. On a farm



Heading into the countryside for brunch on a farm has been a national day tradition for more than 20 years. Some 350 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, you might still be able to find an available brunch – visit brunch.ch for details.

3. Zurich

Zurich's celebrations kick off at 10.20am with a parade led by the city's mayor and members of the federal parliament, accompanied by local musicians, flag wavers, alhorn players and others dressed in typically Swiss attire. After speeches and music, festivities will continue throughout the afternoon across the city.