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81. Auslandschweizer-Kongress - 81st Congress of the Swiss Abroad

I have just received notification that the 81st Congress of the Swiss Abroad will be held in Crans-Montana from the 29-31 August 2003. Should you not know where Crans-Montana is, I will try and explain it to you...having just looked at a map of Switzerland! The village is not far from the motorway that goes from Sierre to Sion in the Valais...this is a most picturesque part of Switzerland (we took a train trip through this area two years ago). Reservations need to be made by the 30th June 2003, so if you are interested, please let me know and I will send you an application form. Marianne.

Some facts about Swiss Abroad

- Approximately 600,000 Swiss Abroad have made contact with a Swiss Embassy or Consulate. Nearly 60% live in a member country of the European Union. The number of Swiss Abroad increased by 7300 this past year.
- Approximately 420,000 Swiss Abroad are double or multi nationals. The remaining 180,000 live in their country of domicile as foreigners.
- About two-thirds of emigrants are single!!!
- Nearly half of all Swiss Abroad are aged between 20 and 30.
- The majority of the 600,000 Swiss Abroad will stay overseas for between one and five years - mainly to study or for career opportunities.
- Nearly 70,000 Swiss live in Germany and about 160,000 Swiss have their official residence in France.
- Over one million Americans stated in a census that their origins were Swiss!!!

Things One Can Learn From A Dog

1. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
2. When loved ones come home always run to greet them.
3. When it's in your best interest, practise obedience.
4. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
5. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
6. Take naps often and stretch before rising.
7. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
8. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
9. Thrive on attention, and let people touch you.
10. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

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