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TOURIST NEWS

New Ski Transportation Facilities in Switzerland for Winter of 1973-1974

Twelve resorts in Switzerland will offer new ski transportation facilities for the coming season (1973/74). A chairlift will link *Acquarossa* to the Alpe di Nara which, in turn, will be joined up to the Passo di Nara by a T-bar. *Andermatt* now has a ski-tow for beginners on the Nättschen and there will be a chairlift going from the lower terminus of the Carmenna up to the Tschuggen in *Arosa*. *Bergün*, on the other hand, will have a chairlift going up to the Pros da Darlux and two sections of ski tows going from there to the Piz Darlux. Two gondola cableways, a chairlift and a T-bar will link *Meiringen* to the Hasliberg. The skiing region of *Laax* now had five new ski tows. *Davos* (Pischa region), *Langenbruck*, *Lenzerheide-Valbella* (on the Rothorn), *Pruntrut* (Bernese Jura) and

Sedrun have all got one new ski-tow and *Pontresina* now had two new ones.

Important Exhibitions in Western Switzerland

The "Salon romand des antiquaires" (Swiss-French Antiques Fair) will be held for the fourth time from November 15-25 at the Palais de Beaulieu in Lausanne. Period furniture, artistic handicraft, oriental carpets and other treasures will be exhibited in the showrooms decorated with wall-paintings.

A brand-new kind of exhibition the "Salon international des inventions et techniques nouvelles" will be held at Geneva's Palais des Expositions from November 25th to December 2nd.

New Curling and Artificial Ice-Rink at Wildhaus

A new curling and skating rink will officially open its doors to the public on December 1st, 1973. Beside the actual rink (which measures 75ft. by 135ft.) and the curling rink with its three lanes, it will have a restaurant and a parking garage for a hundred cars. The first ever pre-season "Skiing and Curling Weeks of the Upper Toggenburg" will be held there from December 3rd to 24th. The price of Fr.285 upward includes six days' half board accommodation, the use of ski transportation facilities for the entire region as well as five days' ski school or curling instruction.

Pontresina - High Altitude Hiking Paths on the Piz Lagalb

Visitors to the Lagalb in Pontresina will discover a new attraction there this coming winter: two well-kept high-altitude paths. One of them goes from the upper terminus of the Vallin chairlift to the lower terminus of the Motta Bianca ski-tow and takes about 40 minutes. The other takes an hour's walk from the same departure point to the

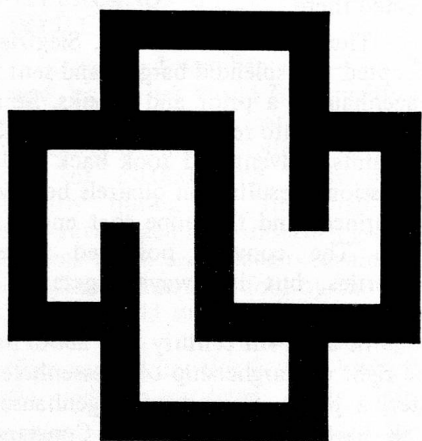
lower terminus (Curtinasch) of the Piz Lagalb aerial cableway.

Panoramic High-altitude Path from Casaccia to Soglio

Bergell, a valley on the southern boundary of the Grisons leading to Italy now boasts a high-altitude path. This climbs gradually from Casaccia (branching off to the Septimer Pass) along the right-hand valley side to Soglio. From there, you enjoy a breathtaking view of wooded hills and mountain ranges especially on a clear autumn day. It takes an easy five hour walk to cover the 8 mile long distance. It's also possible to walk down to villages in the valley which are connected by postal coach services. The Bergell valley has many cultural points of interest: the church of Nossa Donna with a medieval tower and fortress nearby, the old houses of Vicosoprano, the church of San Martino in Bondo dating back to the 15th century and Soglio with its old "Palazzi" of the Salis family.

Spend the Night in Zurich for as little as Fr.25.-

It's even possible to stay in Zurich for as little as Fr.25.- This is the cost of a room in Hotel Rütli which is centrally located on Zähringerstrasse 43. The hotel has been renovated recently and its rooms are functional and modern. In all, it possesses 37 beds in single and double rooms and there is an automatic machine supplying drinks on each floor. Restaurant prices are also modest.



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