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Titlis Rotair

Peter Marriott reviews the unique method of transport awaits visitors to the highest viewpoint in Central Switzerland.

More than 3 million people have already experienced the world's first revolving aerial cable car, the Titlis Rotair. In operation since December 1992 the two revolving cable cars are claimed to be safer and more comfortable than usual cable cars because of their aerodynamic design.

The journey from Engelberg to Mount Titlis comprises of three cable cars. Passengers are transported from the green valley floor (a few minutes walk from the LSE Engelberg station) to year round snow. The stages are;

- a 15 minute ride in a six seater gondola rising from 1000 metres to 1800 metres at Trübsee
- a 5 minute journey in an eighty person capacity cable car from Trübsee to Stand at 2450 metres
- the final part of the journey is a 5 minute ride in the Rotair revolving cable car to the lines summit at 3020 metres. During this part the cable car revolves 360° enabling passengers to watch the glacier crevasses and ice falls below them. The cable car has a static central platform for 5 passengers. The remaining

75 passengers experience the changing views from the moving cabin floor.

At Stand there are restaurant facilities and a sunterrace. At the summit there is another sunterrace, an observation lounge, souvenir shops, restaurant and a Glacier Grotto. Snow is present year round at the summit.

During 1999 the cable cars will be closed for maintenance between 8 and 19 November. The last daily ascent to Titlis is usually at 15.40pm.

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Titlis Competition

Two pairs of tickets to Mount Titlis to be won. This competition is open to all SRS current 1999 members and has been arranged with the co-operation of the Obwalden Tourist Office in Sarnen. The tickets have been kindly donated by Titlis Rotair.

The two winners will each receive two return tickets travel on this famous Engelberg to Mount Titlis excursion.

To win one of the prizes please answer the following five questions correctly and be one of the two fortunate entrants to be drawn out of the hat.

Questions;

1. Which railway links Luzern with Engelberg?
2. In which year did the above railway celebrate its centenary?
3. What is the height in feet of the summit

station of Titlis Rotair?

4. Engelberg is in which canton?
5. How many times does the Rotair cable car revolve during its five minute journey?

To enter; please send a postcard to Peter Marriott, 3 Morebath Grove, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK4 1JN no later than 10 April 1999. The postcard should include; the five answers, your name and address, telephone contact number and current membership number.

The winning entries will be drawn under the eyes of independent scrutineers. No correspondence can be entered into and the competition is open to all members except the editorial team. The winners will be announced in the June 1999 issue of SWISS EXPRESS.

Results of the Obalden competition

Are on page 41.